



## Grand Rapids Y Service Club

Y Service Clubs International - Mid East Region

October 31, 2014

### OUR MISSION

Y Service Clubs International is a world-wide fellowship of persons of all faiths working constructively together based on Christian teachings, in partnership with and supporting the YMCA. Its mission is to strive through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all humankind.

### CLUB OFFICERS

**Pres:** Ethan Ray

**Pres. Elect:**

**Secretary:** Martha Beals

**Treasurer:** Ken Haines

**Asst. Treas:** Tom Johnson

**Past Pres:** Neil Topliffe

### BOARD MEMBERS

Henry Capogna '15

John Carruthers '17

John Duiven '16

Chuck Marks '17

Bob Smith '16

Bob Williams '15

### ACTIVITY CHAIRS

**Chaplin:** Gary Davis

**Run Thru the Rapids:**

Syd Baxter & Kent Mudie

**Santa Claus Girls:**

Bob Smith

**White Elephant Sale:**

Bill Streeter, Chair

**Sparks Editor:**

Neil Topliffe

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President Ethan Ray called the Service Club bi-weekly meeting to order at the downtown downtown David D. Hunting Y with Loyd Winer offering the prayer, followed by the pledge.

**Guests were introduced: Jay Schoettley** (Neil Topliffe)

**Grateful Dollars** were received.

### Club News

- **Ethan Ray** welcomed our newest member to the club, **Curt Weaver** (More information on page 3)
- **A Mystery Man in clown mask** (ala Tom Johnson) reminded members that club dues need to be paid now. \$250 for the year or \$125 for half the year. Give your check to Tom or mail to him, DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave NW, 49503-2233.
- **Santa Claus Girls** – **Bob Smith** handed out schedule for sorting bags beginning November 7, 8:30 am (schedule page 3)
- **Kent Mudie** handed out **Run Thru the Rapids** shirts. **Syd Baxter** announced we had most runners ever, 600, an increase of 120 over 2013. All times were recorded in real-time this year – another first. Thanks were extended for all who helped.
- **Neil Topliffe** announced dates for us hosting the **Y Service Clubs International US Area Convention, July 9-12, 2015**. Bob Williams and Neil are co-chairs of the planning committee and will be contacting other members to help advance planning. We expect 80-100 attending from Y Service Clubs across the country.

**NEXT MEETING** –



**October 24 – Terri Demeter**  
[Women's Resource Center](#)

**Next Board Meeting** – **Thursday November 21, 5:30 PM**

-- Park Congregational Church

### Our Motto

*To acknowledge the duty  
that accompanies every  
right*

*Happy  
Birthday*

Jon Hess (11/7)  
Martha Beals (11/15)  
Chuck Marks (11/18)



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### Grand Rapids Y Service Club

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## Gilmore Car Museum: Hidden Jewel in our Backyard

Henry Capogna pegged it correctly when introducing our speaker when he described the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners (north of Kalamazoo) as a “real jewel” of a museum that continues to grow and create new exhibits and special events.

Jay Follis, Director of Marketing of the [Gilmore Car Museum](#) told us how the museum began in 1963 as a gift of a 1920 Pierce Arrow to



Donald Gilmore from his wife. In short order that project to restore a classic car turned into a passion that today has become an impressive spread with historic buildings, train station, diner, and an amazing collection of more than

500 vintage automobiles, motorcycles, and memories. You’ll find it all on 90 acres just one hour south of Grand Rapids.

Follis pointed out that in recent years they have added Ford, Cadillac, Lincoln, and Franklin dealer garages with several models of the brands. Not only do they have Model A Fords but they have enough Model T’s that visitors can sign up in advance for an all-day “Model T Driver’s School” in which they learn about the car and get to drive the “Tin Lizzy” around the grounds.

“Something we have started that has been well received in the community and we are proud of,” said Follis, “is the Gilmore School for Kalamazoo area at risk students who come to school two evenings a week to learn about and work on our museum cars. It has been well received by the students who don’t have many opportunities in our community to gain trade schooling.”

The museum, often referred to as “America’s Signature Auto Collection,” is open year round with more than a half of the exhibits in one of several red barns and outbuildings connected by enclosed walkways.

## SAVE THE DATES



### Y International Service Clubs US Area CONVENTION

**JULY 9-12, 2015**

**Hilton Hotel Airport  
28<sup>th</sup> & Patterson**

**WE ARE THE HOSTS  
In partnership with  
MIDEAST REGION**

#### Co-Chairs:

- Neil Topliffe
- Bob Williams

#### We will need help with

- Registrations
- Hospitality
- Programs
- Transportation
- Greeters
- Finances



## Santa Claus Girls Work Days Schedule

Bob Smith announced the schedule for our club project of developing delivery routes and sorting the gift bags for delivery on December 20.



**Location:** 4300 36<sup>th</sup> Street SE (West of Patterson ). Park in front parking lot of Knoll building near glass tunnel entry. Look for signs.

#### **Work Days (8:30 am – Noon):**

November 11 & 13 – Tuesday & Thursday  
November 17 & 19 & 21 – Monday & Wednesday & Friday  
November 25 & 28 – Tuesday & Thursday  
December 2 & 4 – Tuesday & Thursday  
December 8 & 10 & 12 – Monday & Wednesday & Friday  
December 16 & 18 & 19 – Tuesday & Thursday & Friday

**Delivery Day: Saturday, December 20**

## Welcome New Member Curt Weaver



Dr. Curtis R. Weaver, MD, is our newest member, having joined at our October 31 meeting. Curt is sponsored by Don McWatters and comes having a long and deep relationship with Camp Manitou-Lin.

Curt was a camper for several years that led to him being a summer camp staff leader where he met his future wife, Katie, who also was a staff member. Curt is a member of Grand Rapids Gastroenterology. Drop Curt a welcome note at [Curtis.r.weaver@gmail.com](mailto:Curtis.r.weaver@gmail.com).

## Read International President eNews Letter

Learn what's happening in our International Y's Clubs  
Go to <http://bit.ly/1EfMqtx> and  
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