



Grand Rapids Y Service Club

Y Service Clubs International - Mid East Region

February 20, 2015

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: Wally Andersen & Tom Lawrence
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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Past President Neil Topliffe called the Service Club bi-weekly meeting to order at the downtown David D. Hunting Y with the opening invocation given by Jon Hess, followed by the pledge.

Guests: Lorrie Jaynes.

Grateful Dollars were received.

Club News

- **Tom Johnson** had 3 sets of boat show tickets for winners of trivia.
- **Greg Winer** explained that trailers were iced in so a small crew at the site Saturday can unload truck and clean building. Bring brooms. February 27 will need a full crew of volunteers to unload trailers.
- **Neil Topliffe** passed out WES donor lists for revisions with final copies being sent to members in next few days. A letter will be sent to all donors March 4 saying they will be contacted.
- Board highlights: Approved up to \$2,000 toward purchase of trailer for WES; John Duiven is collecting names of kids to consider for receiving a Camp Manitou-Lin scholarship.
- Bob Williams is taking orders for YSC shirts of various types. Contact him to order a shirt - rcwcfre@aol.com
- **Next board meeting** 3/26/15, 5:30p – Park Church (E. entry).

NEXT MEETING – February 20

12:00 PM @ David D Hunting YMCA

Gerilyn May

Managing Director of Ele's Place – GR



Ele's Place is a healing center for grieving children and teens. Opened in 2013, Gerilyn May has given leadership to this program in Grand Rapids that has youth helping other youth, following the personal loss of a son a few years earlier. Hear what has happened to help transform lives. Check out their [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Or [watch video clip](#).

Our Motto
*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right*

*Happy
Birthday*

Ethan Ray 2/28
Ben Lundquist 3/1
Henry Capogna 3/12



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Time to Contact White Elephant Sale Donors

Yes, friends, that time has arrived. We all need to get into the active mode of contacting our donor prospects and others to generate donations to the 2015 White Elephant Sale. We are back at the Plainfield site with a huge area to fill. We can't do it without all of us making our contacts and generating good useable merchandise.

Club members have received via email their contact lists for 2015 plus general information, sample letters and a Pick-up Request Form. A letter from Bill Streeter will go to all 360 prospective donors the first week of March, encouraging them to donate again this year. It also tells them that one of we members will be contacting them in the next couple weeks. Let's not let Bill's word go unheeded.



Bill Smith is our WES Pick-Up Coordinator

again this year. Please **DO NOT** contact Al George or Bill Streeter to arrange a pick-up. Bill Smith is the one who gets the information, determines if we need to send a car, a van/SUV or the truck. He will set up the arrangements and make sure someone contacts the donor in a timely manner. If you need information send an email to wes@gryserviceclub.org or call Bill S. at 616.977.0030.

BEST OPTION FOR PICK-UP REQUESTS?

The most efficient way to have donors request a WES pick-up is to go to the online Request Form at <http://goo.gl/QGVJEF> ([click here to go to form](#)). Or you can go to our club web site at www.gryserviceclub.org - White Elephant Sale page, or the [White Elephant Sale GR Facebook Page](#). Both places will have a direct link to the online Pick-Up Request Form.

Why do we urge you to use this method? For three reasons: it collects the needed details of who/what/where/how; it automatically is forwarded to Bill Smith our WES Pick-Up Coordinator who decides if the pick-up needs the truck or not; it provides details for drivers to know what is being donated and where to go, including a Google map icon to find the place.

2015 Y Service Club Speakers

March 20 **Kevin Richards** - How to navigate and avoid West Michigan Traffic Jams

April 3 Open

April 17 **John Otterbacher** – Author & former state lawmaker

May 1 **Chris Wilks** – Martial Arts grand champion

SAVE THE DATES



Y International Service Clubs US Area CONVENTION JULY 9-12, 2015

Hilton Hotel Airport
28th & Patterson

WE ARE THE HOSTS
In partnership with
MIDEAST REGION

**SPECIAL REGISTRATON
PACKAGE FOR YOU
(See form page 5)**

Co-Chairs:

- Neil Topliffe
- Bob Williams

Treasurer

- Tom Lawrence

Registrar

- Chuck Marks

Program

- Henry Capogna

Hospitality

- Loyd Winer

At Large

- Jud Ross
- Pete VanHoesen



A Scoop from Lee “The News Man” Van Ameyede

Twenty-eight years at one media station is almost unheard of. But that’s the tenure Lee Ameyede has had at WZZM13 and still counting. Yet, the longtime news anchor now is in process of changing from being on-air anchor to being named Managing News Editor focusing on special investigative feature stories.

Lee caught listeners off guard in his opening remarks, suggesting he was in the midst of the huge auto pile-up on I94 a few weeks ago, and helped save a life while reporting another incident. None of it was true but it was a powerful way to make his point that the only thing a news reporter has, particularly a TV news anchor is his/her credibility – something keen on people’s minds since the Brian Williams incident a few weeks ago.



VanAmeyde took us on a journey of his years in radio and television news reporting, sharing the major changes that he has experienced over the years. After a stint in Saginaw/Bay City where reporters did everything with little or no equipment, improvising all the time, “I felt like I had died and gone to heaven when I got to WZZM13 28 years ago,” said VanAmeyde. “They had a non-ending stock of film for cameras, even cars with automatic drive that didn’t keep breaking down,” he said to laughter by the audience.

The newsman still believes that television is the most powerful medium in the world, noting that local and national news programs still have millions of viewers, depending on their news reports. Positive things are happening with the news media, he noted, even when segments of the public are very critical.

At the same time Lee expressed concern with the impact of social media and the tendency of the large corporations that control ownership of media, focusing on new ways to reach audiences. His point was that we still want the truth, the news, the facts, particularly what impacts us.

While VanAmeyde was not looking to lose his position as news anchor, he noted that what he likes best about his new responsibilities is being able to decide what stories he wants to work on and be able to cover them in depth.

2015 Member Roster Available

Download 2015 GR YSC Member directory [click here](#)

Lansing Couple Make Major Gift to International YSC

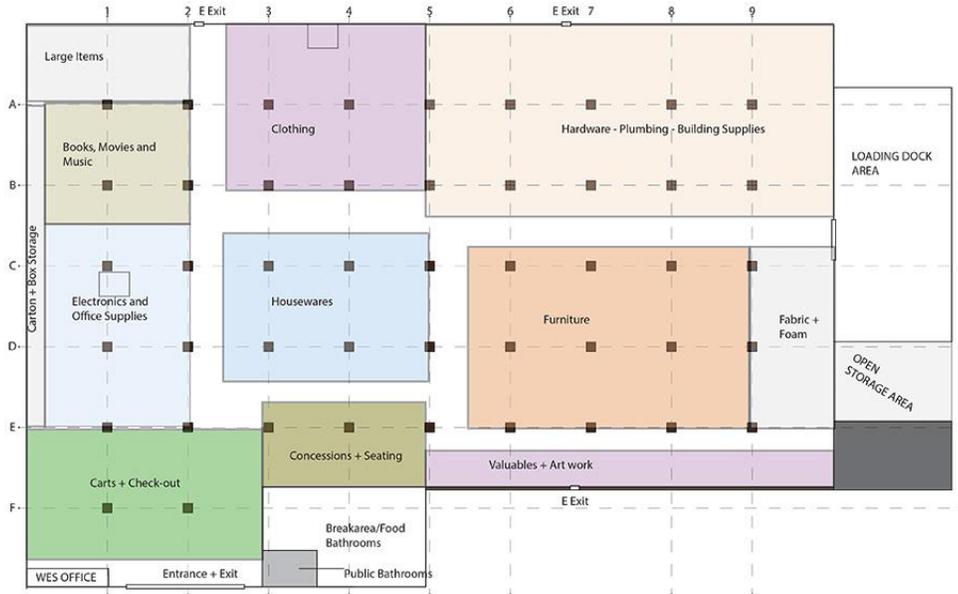
Word has just been received that George Stowe, a longtime member of the Lansing Y's Men and former president of the Y's Men International left in his estate a gift of more than \$13,000 to the International Y's Men's Endowment Fund. What a significant example of giving back to a organization that focuses on others.

SPECIAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FOR OUR CLUB MEMBERS

Club members, we need you to register for our US Area Convention July 9-12. There will be special forums as well as key speakers and entertainment at dinners. Save \$75 for the whole event or register for one or two days at \$40 a block.

Download LOCAL Registration Form [Click Here](#)

2015 White Elephant Sale Layout & Schedule



White Elephant Sale - Saturday Work Schedule

Saturday 2/14/15	Saturday 2/21/15	Saturday 2/28/15	Saturday 3/7/15
Morning Opener/Closer:	Morning Opener/Closer:	Morning Opener/Closer:	Morning Opener/Closer:
Work Time: 8:30 - Noon			
NO WORK PLANNED	Activity: Set-up	Activity: Set-up	Activity: Set-up
Saturday 3/14/15	Saturday 3/21/15	Saturday 3/28/15	Saturday 4/4/15
Morning Opener/Closer:	Morning Opener/Closer:	Morning Opener/Closer:	Morning Opener/Closer:
Work Time: 8:30 - Noon			
Activity: Set-up	Activity: Set-up	Activity: Set-up	Activity: Set-up
Saturday 4/11/15	Saturday 4/18/15	Saturday 4/25/15	Saturday 5/2/15
Morning Opener/Closer:	Morning Opener/Closer:	Morning Opener/Closer:	Morning Opener/Closer:
Work Time: 8:30 - Noon	Work Time: 8:30 - Noon	SALE DAY- 9AM to 4PM	Work Time: 8:30 - Noon
Activity: Set-up	Activity: Set-up	SALE DAY	Activity: Clean-up
Saturday 5/9/15	Saturday 5/16/15		
Morning Opener/Closer:	Morning Opener/Closer:		
Work Time: 8:30 - Noon	Work Time: 8:30 - Noon		
Activity: Clean-up	Activity: Clean-up		