



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.

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Grand Rapids Y Service Club

Y Service Clubs International - Mid East Region
March 20, 2015

Co-President Tom Lawrence called the Service Club bi-weekly meeting to order at the downtown David D. Hunting Y with the opening invocation given by Neil Topliffe, followed by the pledge.

Guests: Karin Denman (Hinton), John Price (Williams), Bill Frost (George), and Brett Butler (former member on leave!). **Birthday Recognitions:** Tom Johnson. **Grateful Dollars** were received.

Club News

- **Bill Streeter** reminded us to be at Plainfield WES site Saturday. **Site will be open Tuesday and Thursday also, 9-Noon.** Bill solicited volunteers to open site on those days. He urged club to make contacts – we need merchandise – place looks empty right now.
- **Neil Topliffe** said there would be more posters and material at the site on Saturday for folks to pick up and distribute
- **Tom Johnson** gave trivia winners Ultimate Sport Show tickets.
- **Next board meeting** 4/16/15, 5:30p – Park Church (E. entry).

NEXT MEETING – April 3

12:00 PM @ David D Hunting YMCA
Dr. Jerry Zandrstra – Co-Founder Pyramid Campus
“A Vision for the Pyramid Campus”

What do you do with the architecturally innovative pyramid office building when Steelcase moves out? Hear from one of the new creative program/education “architects, as he inspires us with the vision to transform the building for a whole new approach to educational collaboration and entrepreneurship. [Check out recent article](#) in MiBiz to learn more about Jerry’s vision

Our Motto

*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right*

*Happy
Birthday*

Lloyd Winer 4/23
Keith VanderPol 4/26



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Plainfield Site Needs Merchandise

Greg Winer and Bill Streeter have sent out the reminders – we need lots of merchandise to fill up the huge Plainfield site this year.

“We all were excited about moving back to the larger space on Plainfield compared to the tighter quarters we had in 2014,” said Greg recently in an email to members.



“However, we have **A LOT OF EMPTY SPACE** that needs to be filled up! We need donations. Do your contacting with donors! We have too much empty space and with the current amount of sales items we could be in a space ½ the size. So we need to continue to make those contacts to past, current and any new donors to fill this space up. There is a lot of empty space particularly in Hardware, Plumbing and Building supplies.

“Past experience says our contacts make a significant difference. So please let’s work at contacting potential donors so we can fill this up and have a terrific sale.”

The site is now open on Tuesday and Thursday in the mornings – 9AM to Noon, as well as Saturdays from 8:30AM to Noon. That’s when people can drop off their donations and when we can work.

BEST OPTION FOR PICK-UP REQUESTS?

Here are the TWO EASIEST-to-remember ways to have people request pick-up of WES donations:

1. **Facebook:** Go to “White Elephant Sale Grand Rapids”
 - a. Click on the tab “DONATION PICKUP”
2. **Web:** Go to our web site www.gryserviceclub.org
 - a. Click on “White Elephant Sale” logo at top left

Yes, the direct link still works but it isn’t easy to remember. If you email it to someone it will work fine: goo.gl/QGVJEF. If necessary, people can send their request to wes@gryserviceclub.org. We discourage this route because it puts a burden on Bill Smith to track down details and slows process.

2015 Y Service Club Speakers

April 17 **John Otterbacher** – Author & former state lawmaker
May 1 **Chris Wilks** – Martial Arts grand champion
May 15 **Jay Hankins** -- Habitat for Humanity
May 29 **Rev. Gary Davis** “the Jerusalem of Herod & Jesus”

SAVE THE DATES



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

Hilton Hotel Airport
28th & Patterson

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- Loyd Winer

At Large

- Jud Ross
- Pete VanHoesen



Kevin Richards Foresees Self-driving Autos

Kevin Richards (@kevinrichards), traffic reporter on radio, TV and web here in western Michigan, told club members at our last meeting that he foresees in the not too distance future that we will have automobiles programmed to do a lot of the things we now do manually when driving our cars.

“To eliminate traffic jams we need to take people out of the equation,” Richards said. He forecasts that the future holds a transportation grid that anticipates traffic flow and helps redirect vehicles to alternative routes. He noted we are closer to this than we think. Tesla will have a car road ready in the next three months that will park itself and drive on its own.

For day-to-day information on traffic, Richards suggests we download two apps. Go to www.waze.com for one app and use the Apple or Android stores to download “Total Traffic” app.

Installation of New Members Friday

Welcome to our newest members who will be installed into the club this Friday during our club meeting. John Price and Matt DenBoer have attended several meetings recently. Both John and Matt helped with Santa Claus Girls and John is becoming an experienced sorter in the WES book department. Matt is a Grand Rapids Community College student. Bob Williams is the sponsor for both new members. Thanks Bob.

CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 9, 4:30p
David D. Hunting Y – Conference Room to left of check in desk

SPECIAL 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

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