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Grand Rapids Y Service Club

Y Service Clubs International - Mid East Region

October 23 2015

Co-President-Elect **Wally Andersen** called the meeting to order at the downtown David D. Hunting Y with the opening invocation given by **Bob Williams**, followed by the pledge.

Guests: Bret Butler (Williams), **Jess Larson** (Ross) and **Angie Hoffman** who is taking **Lorrie Jayne's** place as YSC bookkeeper. **Grateful Dollars** were received.

Club News

- **NOVEMBER 6 MEETING** will be at **Cross Creek Condos Community Room**, Breton near 32nd Street, **Tom Lawrence** announced. Dinner at 6 pm will be catered. BYOB. Spouses/Friend are included. Speaker will be **Betsy Ford Maine** - "Monuments Men."
- **Board Meeting:** Approval given to purchase another WES storage trailer – storage trucks are now filled; Approved budget for 11/6 dinner; Reviewed 2016 Budget; Named Don McWatters chapter Historian.
- **Kent Mudie** and **Syd Baxter** thanked all **Run Thru the Rapids** volunteers, especially **Kathy Gillette**. Approximately \$11,000 was raised, going to camp scholarships after expenses.
- **Bob Smith** noted **Santa Claus Girls** dates for help at Knoll building on 36th Street SE – **November 9** begin sorting and routing bags; **December 19** is delivery day.
- **Tom Johnson** reminded us that **Member Dues** should be sent to him this month - \$250 for the year or \$125 for the first half. Give your check to Tom or mail to him, DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave NW, 49503-2233.

Next Board meeting (3rd Wednesday) – 11/18/15, 5:30p – Park Church, 10 E. Park Place NE.

Our Motto

*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right*

Happy
Birthday

Jon Hess (11/7)
Martha Beals (11/15)
Rick Bartling (11/17)
Chuck Marks (11/18)



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MEETING THIS WEEK – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

6:00 PM @ Cross Creek Condos Community Room
Off Breton – South of 32nd – [click for map](#)
Catered Dinner - INCLUDES Spouse or Friend

Betsy Ford Maine – “The Monuments Men”

Don't miss this evening – great setting, food and friends
AND

A delightful story of a dad who was one of the WWII soldiers who discovered hidden art treasures – told in a 2014 movie. Read more in on page 3 and in MLive – [click here](#).

New Tangers Outlet has great success

We heard from a pro when it comes to finding and establishing new commercial businesses in West Michigan, all of Michigan for that matter. Earl Clements has been in the commercial real estate market of Michigan since 1980, representing Cabella's, Panera Bread and now Chik fil A's property development.



Clements told of the journey in bringing the Tanger Outlet Mall from start to finish in just 13 months, with Rockford Construcion being key in helping it happen. “This is the most profitable Tanger Outlet in the U.S.,” he noted. “It’s not hard to sell Grand Rapids, given that it has only 3.4% unemployment,” he added. Tanger is a publicly traded company with 75 outlets across the country and 10 more in the planning stage.



Clements shared that the five hot retail zones currently are Alpine Ave, 28th Street, Rivertown, East Beltline & Knapp, and 68th Street & Kalamazoo.

DID YOU KNOW?

As depicted in the 2014 movie *Monuments Men* starring George Clooney, we have our own GR Monuments Man!

During World War II a group of men and women, from more than a dozen countries, were charged with finding art works hidden in mines and other places by Nazi Germany and seeing to the massive task of returning them to the rightful owners. Dale Ford, a graduate of Lowell High School and Kendall College was a young officer in the U.S. Army when his orders took him to Germany and an assignment as a Monuments Man. Mr. Ford's daughter will share his story using his letters, photographs and mementos this Friday.

About the Speaker: Betsy Ford Maine graduated from East Grand Rapids High School, Albion College and a law degree from Wayne State University. She practiced law for 25 years before retiring. She is also a certified Advanced Master Gardener.

2015-2016 Club Speaker Schedule

- November 20 Cathy Weirich & Angie Brown - Child Adult Services Advocates of Kent County.
- December 4 Lunch with the Grillin' Guys (Joe & Barbecue Bob)
- December 18 Ron Nelson - CEO GR YMCA
- January 8 Lisa Rose - author of *Midwest Foraging* (how to forage for fresh seasonal vegetables)
- January 22 Roberto Torres - Grand Rapids Hispanic Center
- February 5 Mike Hughes - owner of Doorganics, door to door delivery of organic vegetables
- February 19 Lou Esposito – Davenport University Head Football coach
- March 4 Jocelyn Dettloff – Mary Free Bed Foundation Annual Fund Director
- March 18 Col. Denny Gillem - Talk Show Host, National Security, Iran Treaty, Benghazi, etc;
- April 1 (Still open)
- April 15 Tom Vilella, Zeeland Farm Services—Green and growing at the speed of light



Dave Kommer of Belmont, the dapper new owner of the Shay Model A replica Ford sold last April at the 2015 White Elephant Sale shows off his new "toy". Thanks Keith VanerPol for getting photo.