



## 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:** Wally Andersen & Tom Lawrence  
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## BOARD MEMBERS

Rick Bartling '18  
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John Duiven '16  
Chuck Marks '17  
Bob Smith '16  
Keith VanderPol '18

## ACTIVITY CHAIRS

**Chaplin:** Gary Davis  
**Run Thru the Rapids:**  
Syd Baxter & Kent Mudie  
**Santa Claus Girls:**  
Bob Smith  
**White Elephant Sale:**  
Bill Streeter/ Greg Winer  
**Historian:** Don McWatters  
**Sparks Editor:**  
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## Grand Rapids Y Service Club

Y Service Clubs International - Mid East Region

January 22, 2016

Co-President Tom Lawrence called the meeting to order at the downtown David D. Hunting Y followed by prayer (McWatters) and reciting of the pledge of allegiance.

**Guests:** Sue Winer (Lloyd Winer), Greg Meyer, Development Director, YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids, (Hinton) Anel Guel, Development Specialist, Hispanic Center of W. Mich. **Grateful Dollars** were received and **Birthdays** recognized.

## Club News

- **Bill Hinton** has agreed to be the "WES Donations Pick-Up Chair." He will have a Sign-up Sheet at the next meeting for willingness of members to make pick-ups with their cars, vans or trucks in their area.
- **John Duiven** and **Kent Mudie** are working on a Club Social Event. A show of hands preferred going route of \$40 restaurant venue rather than a pot-luck. **SEE ARTICLE BELOW.**
- **Gary Davis** thanked all who signed up to offer prayer at meetings. All spots are filled
- **Tom Johnson** reminded the club that January was when the "Half & Half" members need to pay the second half dues: \$125. Pay him at next meeting or mail to him @ DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave NW, 49503-2233.
- **Tom Lawrence** reported that the **Board** had met the night before and they approved a Budget for the 2016 calendar year. He said the White Elephant Sale is budgeted to produce \$95,000 this year!

**Next Board meeting** (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) – 2/17/16, 5:30p – Park Church, 10 E. Park Place NE.

## Our Motto

*To acknowledge the duty  
that accompanies every  
right*

Happy  
Birthday

Ron Bickel (1/27)



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### Grand Rapids Y Service Club

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## Upcoming Speakers

- February 19** **Lou Esposito**, Davenport University Head Football Coach  
**March 4** **Jocelyn Detloff**, Author & Mary Free Bed Foundation Annual Fund Director  
**March 18** **Lisa Rose**, author of Midwest Foraging - foraging for seasonal foods  
**April 1** **Buck Mathews**, Author "The Book in Each of Us" buckmathews946@gmail.com  
**April 15** **Tom Vilella**, Zeeland Farm Services, Green and growing at the speed of light  
**May 6** **Chris Boden**, President and CEO of GEEK Group  
**May 20** **Jamie Ryske**, Heartside Ministries GED and Literacy Coordinator  
**June 3** Installation of New Members

## Hispanic Center Serves Fast Growing Community

**Henry Capogna** introduced **Anel Guel** and **Roberto Torres** from the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan. Torres grew up in the Toledo area, a younger child of a family of 13 children. He served two tours with the Marine Corps and then served the Mayor of Toledo. He is celebrating his one-year anniversary as Executive Director of the Hispanic Center. He loves his job and he loves Grand Rapids.



Roberto thanked the club for pledging the flag . . . he is a proud American.

The Center was founded in 1978 (37 years old) and has converted a former fire station at 1204 Grandville Avenue for their headquarters. Their purpose is to "To Serve, to Educate, to Advocate."

Roberto explained they do Family Support Services (providing access to education, security and basic needs). They really emphasize education. As a cultural group, they are the largest population in the Grand Rapids schools . . . and also have the largest drop-out rate.



They also provide language services, providing interpretation for medical, legal and social work. Roberto said he came to West Michigan because of the growth of Latinos in the area.

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**QUOTE FROM  
RALPH WALDO  
EMERSON**

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

*(Offered by Don McWatters preceding Invocation)*

**WES Donation Pickup Form Links on web page:** [gryserviceclub.org/club-events/wes](http://gryserviceclub.org/club-events/wes)

**Facebook Page, [White Elephant Sale – Grand Rapids](#).** PLEASE "Like" our page, ask family and friends to do likewise and SHARE the page with our FB Friends.

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Questions asked and answered: Why can't we get more Latinos into the YMCA? Answer: Reach-out! They have assisted the White Caps; they could help us too. They aimed for 100 to come on "Hispanic Night." 500 came! They filled Houseman Field for a Soccer contest: 7,000! Fact: 90,000 migrant workers come to WM in the summer!

*(Editor Note: Thanks Bob Williams for providing meeting notes.)*



**MEETING THIS WEEK – FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5**

**12:00 PM @ David D Hunting YMCA**

**Mike Hughes – Founder, [Doorganics](#)**

Doorganics is a Grand Rapids-based, locally owned and run organic grocery company that delivers the freshest food possible from local and organic farms right to your doorstep, year-round. Mike founded Doorganics in July 2011.

**White Elephant Sale – What You Need to Know!**

**WORKDAYS:**

- Every Saturday, 9:00 am to Noon. Last trailers to be emptied this weekend. Then the setup, sorting and organizing begins

**DONATIONS/PICKUPS: Bill Hinton is the Coordinator**

- Use the **ONLINE Donation Pickup Form** (preferred) at [bit.ly/wespickup](http://bit.ly/wespickup).  
OR the print Form (see attached) for ALL donation requests
- Tell Bill ASAP what areas of GR you can be donation pickup person and if you have a Car, Van, or Pickup Truck
- [wespickup@gryserviceclub.org](mailto:wespickup@gryserviceclub.org) is HOW to make Email requests. If YOU need to talk to Bill call at 269.205.9007

**DONOR FOLLOWUPS:** A mailing to 346 donor prospects will go out by February 15. Thanks **Bill Hinton** and special needs group at Camp Manitou-Lin who will save us money by doing the folding, collating, stuffing and addressing of all those envelopes! **See INFO Sheet attached.**

**WATCH FOR your Contact Names with sample letters, Information sheet etc. via Email from Neil Topliffe in the next week.** You can do follow up phone calls, mailings, visits any time after February 15.

## CLUB DINNER

February 26

Egypt Valley Country  
Club

7333 Knapp St NE



**Make your reservations  
now to John Duiven via  
[email](#) or 616.682.2484.**

**Social Hour: 6 pm**

**Cash Bar**

**Dinner: 7:15 pm**

### Select Entrees:

Vegetable Risotto - \$26.

Roasted Pork Loin - \$35.

Chicken CordonBleu \$38

Grilled Swordfish - \$39.

Make checks out to  
**Grand Rapids Y  
Service Club (Club  
Dinner)** and give to John  
Duiven – preferably  
before the dinner.

Hosts: Duivens &  
Mudies

## Loss of Long Time Club Friend – Sandy Philips

Our Y-Service Club said good-bye to our beloved Sandy Phillips this past Tuesday. A good group from our club joined a grieving Bill Phillips and family at Wallin Congregational Church . . . where both Bill and Sandy were members of the Church Board.

Attending were: Wally Andersen, Syd Baxter, Ron and Gail Bickel, Al and Rosey George, Don and Marie McWatters, Kent and Janet Mudie, Jud Ross, Bob Williams and Delores Maichele, Loyd and Sue Winer, Donna Burgess, Dick and Joan Howard and Elaine Morris.

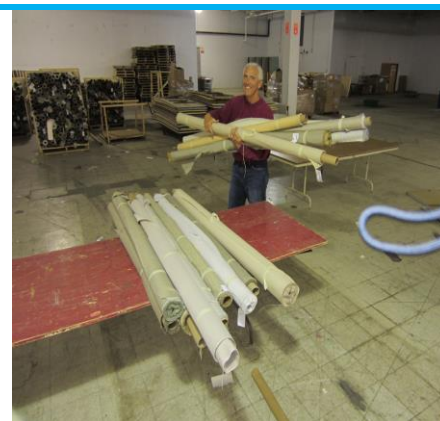
The officiating pastor was Dirk Ailts, the regular pastor at Wallin Congregational. On his first day about a year ago, he remembered that Sandy had asked him, "What can we pray for, for you?" The pastor also emphasized the local pride in her obituary, "A Lifelong Westsider."

Bill met Sandy at the former Michigan Bell Telephone Co. It was a second marriage for them both; they were married for 40 years.

- Bob Williams



*Bill Garret not only collects golf balls and packs them in egg cartons, he's also a great envelopes collator in the Office Supplies department. Bill is a past WES chair.*



*Notice the smile on Ron Nelson's face. Do you suppose even last year he was looking forward to retirement?!*