



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

February 19, 2016

Co-President Wally Andersen called the meeting to order at the downtown David D. Hunting Y followed by prayer (Chuck Marks) and reciting of the pledge of allegiance.

Guests: Scott Lewis, CEO of GR YMCA (Baxter), Charlie Hess (Jon Hess), Scott Kowolock (McWatters), Rick Berky (Capogna). **Grateful Dollars** were received and **Birthdays** recognized. **Trivia Time** for tickets to the Boat Show were provided by **Tom Johnson**.

Club News

- **Kent Mudie** said it wasn't too late to sign up today for the "Night Out" dinner planned for members and spouses on February 26 at Egypt Valley Country Club
- **Bill Streeter** reminded everyone that the WES site will be open every Saturday from 8:30 am to Noon for unpacking, sorting and setting up items for the sale. Soon it will be open during the week also. People can drop off at the site on Saturday morning.
- **Neil Topliffe** urged everyone to use the White Elephant Sale **online** Pickup Request Form, www.bit.ly/wespickup to request someone to pickup donations by auto, van, SUV, truck. He also had extra copies of forms, letters, envelopes and postcards to use when contacting your donors. Material also is at the sale site.
- **Second Half Membership Dues (\$125)** need to be given to **Tom Johnson**. Pay him at next meeting or mail to him @ DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave NW, 49503-2233.

Next Board meeting (3rd Wednesday) – 3/16/16, 5:30p – Park Church, 10 E. Park Place NE.

Our Motto

*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right*

Happy
Birthday

Ethan Ray (2/28)



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White Elephant Sale – What You Need to Know!

WORKDAYS:

- Every Saturday, 8:30 am to Noon. Setup, sorting and organizing has begun. Join the comradery and bring family and friends to help.

DONATIONS/PICKUPS: Bill Hinton is the Coordinator

- Use the **ONLINE Donation Pickup Form** (preferred) at bit.ly/wespickup.
OR the print Form for ALL donation requests
- wespickup@gryserviceclub.org is HOW to make Email requests.
If YOU need to talk to Bill call at 269.205.9007

PICKUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Bill Hinton needs YOU to pickup donations when requests come in. NOTIFY Bill, telling in what area of town you live, if you have a car, van, SUV or pickup, and/or IF you can help on the WES truck pickups. Also, provide email and cell phone. GIVE HIM the information at bhinton@gryserviceclub.org or 269.205.9007.

DONOR FOLLOWUPS: Have you contacted your donor prospects yet? IT IS TIME – they were told YOU would be contacting them. PLEASE, let's not let them down or leave egg on our faces for not doing so.

All MEMBERS - YOUR CONTACTS are important to the success of the White Elephant Sale. Make your phone calls, mailings, and visits NOW. Lost your contact list, material, letters etc.? See Neil Topliffe or contact him, ntopliffe@comcast.net, 317.727.9310.



The Gales admire the White Elephant Sale sign installed last week at 3450 Plainfield NE. Thanks to Greg Winer and Bill Streeter for the installation.

WES Donation Pickup Form Links also are available at our web page:
gryserviceclub.org/club-events/wes

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Rick Bartling



Rick is a West Michigan native having been born into a Traverse Bay area family of fruit farming and clothing stores.

It was at MSU that he found his life profession in the information technology world, initially as a programmer for Honeywell and ADP. His last 20+ years were with Herman Miller in IT and management positions, retiring in the past couple of years.

His hobbies include skiing and golf but his real passion is singing. To prove the point, Rick currently is part of five choirs, including those at his home church, Park Congregational.

Rick's wife of 43 years, Mary, joins him in their love of music and singing.



MEETING THIS WEEK – FRIDAY FEB. 19

12:00 PM @ David D Hunting YMCA

Jocelyn Dettloff

Fund Raiser & Author of “It Rained in the Desert”

Jocelyn is an author with an inspiring story – but so much more. Her memoir is about her life after a spinal cord injury. She is Annual Fund Director of Mary Free Bed Rehab Hospital Foundation. Last fall she drove a race car at Berlin Raceway. She remains a competitive tennis player. Don't miss this opportunity to be both challenged and inspired.

Davenport University Football – A Team to Watch

Rick Berky, play-by-play announcer for Davenport University sports introduced our speaker, **Lou Esposito**, coach of the fledgling football team set to begin conference play this fall.

The former WMU and Ferris State assistant coach noted that he had other offers before accepting the Davenport U position.

“I made my choice because the Davenport opportunity set itself apart from all the others” he said. “The administration was completely behind the new sport launch and Western Michigan is rich with talent for Division Two programs. My goal is to make a lasting imprint for Davenport in that program.”



Davenport Football players made quick time loading and unloading tables for the White Elephant Sale. Thanks guys – our backs are very appreciative!

The coach has been in a building program the past year as the university begins the football program. Last fall was the ribbon cutting for their new stadium and five game scrimmages for the first year recruiting class of student players. No one was red shirted so the past year has allowed the coaching staff to evaluate and work one-on-one with each player.

League play for the new team will begin this fall.

**Y SERVICE CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL
New Officers as of
July 1, 2016-17**



**President – Joan Wilson
Canada**



**President-Elect – Henry
Grindheim, Norway**



**USA Council Member
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Upcoming Speakers

- 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
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Our annual mid-winter dinner was enjoyed by 16 members and partners at Egypt Valley Country Club on February 26.



Now they can see our location. We ARE next to Harbor Freight and Big Lots at 3450 Plainfield. Now we need YOU to fill up the place!