



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 4, 2016

President-Elect Jon Hess called the meeting to order at the downtown David D. Hunting Y followed by prayer (Al George) and reciting of the pledge of allegiance.

Grateful Dollars were received and **Birthdays** recognized. **Trivia Time** for tickets for Lawn & Garden Show were provided by **Tom Johnson**.

Club News

- **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.
- **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.
- **Tom Johnson** reported that all members have paid their dues for the year. Congrats to everyone.

Next Board meeting (3rd Wednesday) – 4/13/16, 5:30p – Park Church, 10 E. Park Place NE.



MEETING THIS WEEK – FRIDAY March 18

12:00 PM @ David D Hunting YMCA

Lisa Rose, Herbalist, Forager, Author of

“Midwest Foraging”

Foraging for seasonal foods

Lisa has gathered her food, farming, and wild plant knowledge from many people and places along a very delicious journey.

Our Motto

*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right*

Happy
Birthday

Henry Capogna (3/12)
Tom Johnson (3/28)



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White Elephant Sale – What You Need to Know!

WORKDAYS:

- Every Saturday, 8:30 am to Noon. Setup, sorting and organizing.
- Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am-Noon. Receive donations and work

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 NOW:

Contact Bill Hinton, bhinton@grymca.org or 269.205.9007

Tell him: 1. You have a car, SUV, van, pickup

2. Where you live – NW, SW, NE, SE

3. Days/Times available, if needed, between now & the sale.

His plan is to use non WES truck as much as possible to keep costs down. You are KEY to this happening.



The Look! What we do when something new shows up on the WES floor. These men know what it is. Do you? Why, of course, it's an industrial sized band saw!

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.

WES Donation Pickup Form Links also are available at our web page:

gryserviceclub.org/club-events/wes

Finding Positives in Life Today

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
Ministires GED &
Literacy Coordinator

June 3

Installation of New Members

There's no question but that a major life-changing event does “force you to consider how you will choose to look at things the rest of your life” ... and in the end “I find myself more positive in how I live my life today.” So said our speaker, Jocelyn Dettloff, a dynamic, athletic, community activist and author who has written a memoir of her life after a spinal cord injury that has limited her mobility from the chest down.

Dettloff identified her perspective on life as similar to our club approach of offering “Grateful Dollars” at our meetings, expressing things for which we are grateful. The speaker shared photos and descriptions of the accident that left her paralyzed. “I graduated from U of Michigan and was free so joined a group to travel on the African continent which eventually took us to Namibia,” she explained. The group went sledding down a 50-100 yard sand dune. All went well until Jocelyn hit dirt near the bottom, throwing her off the board.



The former staffer at Disability Advocates of Kent County, she remains a community activist. “Often we are an afterthought,” Jocelyn said. “Awhile back I got a phone call from Ron Nelson who wanted to talk to me as they planned for the Mary Free Bed YMCA.” He shared their plans and Dettloff’s first reaction was “Wow, they are thinking of us first ... that never happens!” She noted that once concrete is poured and buildings built it is extremely expensive to add handicap accessibility.

She also noted that hotels are some of the worst accessible facilities, even the accessible rooms. “Why would you build a shower and then put the faucet controls up high on the far wall. They assume all of us with disabilities travel with a companion and that isn’t always the case,” she noted.

The native of Kalamazoo came to Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital for recovery and eventually returned a few years ago to join the staff of the Foundation as Annual Funds director. She remains active in sports, having competed nationally in wheel chair tennis and locally in kayaking, and snowmobiling. Last fall she had the thrill of driving a stock car at the Berlin Speedway.

