



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 18, 2016

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

Guests: Dave Wright (Hinton); Dave is a retired Y camp executive from Indiana, now living in Holland MI. **Grateful Dollars** were received and **Birthdays** recognized. **Trivia Time** for tickets for the Ultimate Sports and Fishing Show were provided by **Tom Johnson**.

Club News

- **Bill Streeter** gave an update on the White Elephant Sale. We need donations. Site is now open Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- **Neil Topliffe** passed around a sheet for volunteers to open/close the WES site on Tuesday and Thursday. More volunteers still are needed.
- **Henry Capogna** explained our speaker wasn't present due to family illness. He gave us details on upcoming speakers.

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



MEETING THIS WEEK – FRIDAY April 1

12:00 PM @ David D Hunting YMCA

**Buck Matthews, Former TV and Radio
personality & Author**

Besides entertaining us he'll have books to sign

In 2015 Matthews, 84, published his first novel, "Uncommon Women," a tale of a married couple's journey into the past. But that just reflects his diversity of talents and interests. Don't miss a truly enjoyable lunch.

Our Motto

*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right*

Happy
Birthday

Bill Garrett (4/17)



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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

We've Got a WES Donation – Needs Big Truck



The online pickup request form arrived. It was to pick up a pool table and ping pong table. Dirk and Bill high-tailed it over to Ada, worried they'd need help to load that sucker on the truck. Yep, there it was. A Fisher Price kids pool table. Thank goodness the truck was empty so it could fit in!

PICKUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Contact Bill Hinton, bhinton@grymca.org or 269.205.9007

MEMBERS - YOUR CONTACTS are important to the success of the White Elephant Sale.

White Elephant Steps Along the Way

Henry's Straw Ballot

At the last meeting, **Henry Capogna** had us engage in our own political straw poll, putting on a piece of paper who we voted for in the Michigan Primary – secret ballot of course! He said it will show us what to expect across the country! Sure it will Henry!

Kasich – 6
Trump – 2
Rubio – 1
Carson – 1
Reagan – 1
Cruz – 0
Sanders – 6
Clinton – 2
None – 2

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

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



They work so well together! Greg Winer under the control of Bill Streeter.



Sharon Marks organizes the renamed "Fashion & Style" Department



Sue Winer knows a valuable when she sees one.



Some folks think these are egg cartons. We know better – and so do the bargain-hunting golfers.



Doesn't look like anything a dentist will ever use, does it, John Duiven?!



Martha Beales, the "Bookie" ponders where to put books when we've run out of room.

Y Service Clubs International News

Time of Fast Helps YMCA Open Charity Shop in Kosovo

Time of Fast Global Project Fund

“Since the inception of the TOF-Global Project Fund program in 1973, Y Service Clubs International has contributed around US\$ 6.2 million to various YMCA and community projects and emergencies around the world.”

The charity shop that opened recently with the help of a Time of Fast grant is a project of George Williams Youth Association (GWYA), the Y in Kosovo, and the availability of goods for sale was also made possible by Y’s Men, who donated a truckload of clothes that came from Y’s Men in Denmark, organized by the Holstebro Y’s Men’s Club.

The Charity Shop in Gjakova, Kosova was opened by the Mayor of the city, Ms. Mimoza Kusari-Lila and the Kosovo Field Group members. This is not the first charitable initiative of the GWYA: around Christmas time they provide food parcels to families in need and this is highly appreciated by the community.

The GWYA is growing both in programmes and in structure. During the Field Group meeting members presented impressive projects such as ‘after-school activities for school children’ and ‘Y- Women empowerment’. These programmes are run in the premises provided by the municipality of Gjakova, a great supporter of all Y services for community.

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