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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

April 15, 2016

White Elephant Sale Sets New Records

The 78th Grand Rapids Y Service Club White Elephant Sale was a weekend filled with setting records - most sales ever, most paid Early Bird Shoppers, highest total number passing through the doors and the most books, shoes and more sold. Total gross sales were \$111,675 after removing state taxes and some pre-sale expenses (gross dollar amount at end of sale was \$115,392).



“This year’s sale should allow us to turn over a record amount of money to Camp Manitou-Lin to help build The Wilhelm Nature Center,” said Bill Streeter, sale co-chair along with Greg Winer. “That is the best record of all,” Streeter added.

The Koperski family, all four non-member volunteers, were honored this year, at the post sale dinner, with the presentation of the Green Coat for there long and devoted volunteer work to the White Elephant Sale. A special thanks goes to **all** members, spouses, friends and Y staff who spent many hours getting ready for the sale and helping manage the avalanche of buyers that we had this year.

Many stories can be told – some already shared – most funny, some challenging, that only add to the rewards experienced from all the hard work and time involved.

Once expenses have been paid for utilities, truck/transportation, printing/signage and media, supplies, new tables, etc. a check will be presented to the Grand Rapids YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin, designated toward building an education/nature center, Willem’s Discovery Place, in memory of **Syd and Mary Baxter’s** grandson.

Our Motto

*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right*

Happy
Birthday

Loyd Winer (4/23)

Keith VanderPol (4/26)

Greg Winer (5/2)

Neil Topliffe (5/6)

Gary Davis (5/8)



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April 1 Meeting

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

Guests: Marlee Radosevich (VanderPol/Topliffe). **Grateful Dollars** were received and **Birthdays** recognized.

Club News

- Tom Lawrence reported that the board approved designating a \$95,000 pledge to go toward the Wilhelm Nature Center and education building at Camp Manitou-Lin over the next two years. Construction to begin in Aug.
- **Bill Streeter & Greg Winer** reminded all that the White Elephant Sale was two weeks out. The site will be open every day and some evenings for work to be done. **Tom Lawrence** urged the group to recruit volunteers for cashiers/baggers to handle expected large crowd this year. **Syd Baxter** is heading up post-sale dinner this year.
- **Next Board meeting** (3rd Wednesday) – 5/18/16, 5:30p – Park Church, 10 E. Park Place NE.

Matthew Fisher Entertained us with Music

Matthew Fisher, a talented young self-taught musician was our luncheon guest who transformed the meeting room into a relaxing setting with his keyboard original music compositions. He has been a past winner at Art Prize with “Seasons” which he played along with three other pieces. Matthew has produced four full length instrumental albums and written music for short films, video games and royalty free music clips. [Hear more.](#)



MEETING THIS WEEK – FRIDAY April 15

12:00 PM @ David D Hunting YMCA

**Chris Boden, President and CEO
of GEEK Group**

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