

SPARKS

Grand Rapids YMCA Service Club
Mid East Region
October 22, 2010



OUR MISSION

As Y's Men International is a world-wide fellowship of persons of all faiths working constructively together based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, 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: Henry Capogna II
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Dan Parks
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ACTIVITY CHAIRS

Run Thru the Rapids:
Syd Baxter & Kent Mudie
Santa Claus Girls:
Bob Smith
White Elephant Sale:
John Lang
Sparks Editor:
Lloyd E. Winer

President Henry called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Neil Topliffe with words from a Mitch Alban Book. The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

Birthdays were recognized.

Guests: Bill Streeter and George Mica.

Many Grateful Dollars were given.

Business:

- Syd reported the Run had 646 runners and that we made money. A special thanks to Syd and Kent for operating the race.
- Bob Smith reported that the Santa Claus Girls work will start on November 10 and start about 8:30 to 9 AM. The delivery will be on 12/19.
- Al George reported on the truck repair \$750.
- John Lang reported on the White Elephant Sale. If needed donations will be accepted now. Contact Al George for pickups.
- Ethan Ray reported on his Google set up for the Club.
- Henry told about the lunch at Meijer Gardens for the Camps "Strong Kids Campaign" on Nov 3rd.
- Dues still need to be paid. Send Checks to Bill Smith.
- Neil Topliffe needs volunteers for invocation and prayers for the year.
- John Carruthers reported on the Regional meeting.
- Henry reported that under discussion is whether to invest the money in the bank for greater return or not.

Program:

Dan Miller introduced guest speaker Stan Green from Home Repair Services. Stan told us about the services they perform and the material available from Home Repair Service for the Community. They help people sustain ownership of their home. They also help them retain value, and dignity. They have classes to help in the process. Everyone pays something for the service.

Did you know?

One of Y's Dom's objectives is:
To encourage justice in civic and international affairs, abstaining always from party politics.

Thought for the day.

In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do in nothing.

Theodore Roosevelt

He also gave a detailed example of a couple who remodeled their home using Home Repair Services. He said they offered financial counseling and help with for people facing foreclosure. They also offer "Chill Out" service to help seniors with heating.

The benediction was given by Bob Williams and we adjourned.

Bob Smith reported that Chuck Aldridge is sort of under the weather and could use some calls or cards. Please send or call at :

Chuck Aldridge,
Rose Garden Homes LLC,
3391Prairie.
Grandville, MI 49418
Phone 831-2278.

Next Meeting

November 3rd and the speaker will be Chip Emery and Dave DeYoung who will speak on the WWI memorial project.

If you have anything you would like to have in the Sparks or suggestions for the Sparks please let me know. I would welcome the information. *Loyd*