



SPARKS

**Grand Rapids YMCA Service Club
Mid East Region
December 3, 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.

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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 Syd Baxter. The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

Birthdays were recognized.

Guests were introduced: Jon Hess and Mike Reno.

Many Grateful Dollars were given.

Business:

- Bob Smith reported that the Santa Claus Girls work is underway and starts about 7:30 to 9 AM Every day. The delivery will be on 12/18. Last minute information will be at the next meeting.
- Some dues still need to be paid. Send Checks to Bill Smith.
- Ethan Ray "The Web Master" reported on the "gryserviceclub.org web site status.
- White Elephant Sale will be 4/29-4/30/2011.
- Holiday party In February at the Kent Country Club, details to follow.
- Ron Nelson reported that the new Camp Director should be announced soon.
- Bob Smith reported on Chuck Alderich Cards and phone calls would be nice.
- Bill Smith reported on the status of the new name tags.

Program:

Henry introduced Elaine Sterrett Isely Project manager of the Green Infrastructure Initiative, which is part of the West Michigan Strategic Alliance. Green Infrastructure is an interconnected network of green space and other environmental assets that conserves the functions of the natural ecosystem and provides associated benefits to people. Ms Isely told us about Their Mission and information on Green Infrastructure Zones, Committed Green Space Lands, Special Agricultural Zones and Urbanization/land use change and their vision for the future. She also talked about Regional Priorities and their partnerships and collaborations.

Did you know?

One of Y's Dom's objectives is to:

Provide personal and financial resources for community outreach to disadvantaged youth

Thought for the day.

I never failed once. It just happened to be a 20001-step process.

Thomas Edison

The benediction was given and we adjourned.

New Member Information:

We Introduce William (Bill) Streeter:

Born and raised in Grand Rapids, the son of Carroll and Fran Streeter, husband to Marcia Streeter and step-dad to Tiffany Lentz.

I own Street Wear Incorporated, an advertising specialty company. There are over 700,000 thousand items that I can place your corporate logo on. Currently I am doing a clothing program for a VFW Post in Hawaii. It is more cost effective for me to print the shirts here and ship them to Hawaii than for the post to have them produced there.

My strangest project was taking core samples from the runway of Gerald R. Ford International Airport and having them encased in Lucite with the new runway designation imprinted on them.

My wife and I are starting to get set up to purchase a r.v. trailer so that we can go camping.

You may find this rare, but I am a member of Park Church.

I look forward to becoming involved with the group.

Bill

Next Meeting

Glenn Del Vecchio will talk about the Grand Rapids Ballet

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*