



# SPARKS

Grand Rapids YMCA Service Club  
Mid East Region  
December 17, 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  
**Secretary:** Bill Phillips  
**Treasurer:** Bob Smith  
**Asst. Treas.:** Bill Smith  
**Chaplin:** Neil Topliffe

## BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Parks  
Mark Radtke  
John Carruthers  
Pete Chadwick  
Dan Miller  
Past Pres: Bob Williams  
Pres. Elect: John Duiven

## 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. The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

Birthdays for Bob Williams, Syd Baxter, Tom Lawrence, Wally Anderson and Jud Ross were recognized.

Guests were introduced: Paul Elderkin and Bill Peterson. Many Grateful Dollars were given.

## Business:

- Bob Smith gave a detailed report for the work schedule for the Santa Claus Girls. 1500+/- families served with 14000+/- children. Syd Baxter gave a report for those working outdoors.
- Bill Smith reported that the dues are in.
- Ethan Ray "The Web Master" reported on the "gryserviceclub.org web site status.
- White Elephant Sale items have been picked up already by Al George. The sale will be 4/29-4/30/2011. Kent Mudie has sent letters to past donors.
- John Duiven reported on Holiday party in February at the Kent Country Club. The facility is free to use and the cost will be about \$30+/- per person.
- It was asked of the members to pray for Bud Baxter's wife Arlene.
- Ron Nelson said the search for the new camp director was progressing and a new director should be appointed soon.

## Program:

Henry introduced Glenn DeVecchio who came from Philadelphia to the Ballet via many stops. Grand Rapids Ballet is celebrating its thirty-ninth season as the Grand Rapids Ballet Company (GRBC) and remains committed to its mission, to lift the human spirit through the art of dance. Art contributes to the community. 50,000 people attend program but on by the

**Did you know?**

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

Participate in campaigns for new members

**Thought for the day.**

Always try to help a friend in need,  
Always try to see the glass half full,  
Remain calm,  
even when it seems hopeless

RELAX

company. Grand Rapids Ballet is Michigan's only professional ballet. They received Michigan Governor's Arts Award for Outstanding Cultural Organization. The company has a rich history marked by steady growth, a commitment to excellence, and strong community support.

For almost four decades the Grand Rapids Ballet Company has gone beyond ballet by serving more the 60,000 children and adults each year, they are Michigan's only professional ballet company.

Their Community Partners in Dance feel the excitement each year as the professional company takes the stages in more than 60 performances, more then 700 kids enjoy free classes through our Steps in a New Direction program and our Professional Trainee and Open Division Classes fill with eager students.

The benediction was given by Wally Anderson and we adjourned.

**Next Meeting**

**Ben Thompson of Thomson Remodeling will talk about Green Buildings**

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*