



# SPARKS

Grand Rapids YMCA Service Club  
Mid East Region  
January 7, 2011

## 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:**  
Loyd E. Winer

President Henry called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Judd Ross. The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

Birthdays were recognized.

Guests were introduced: Adrian and Karen from Camp.

Many Grateful Dollars were given.

## Business:

- Bob Smith reported on the Santa Claus Girls and thanked all who served. 350 cars and 363 routes. Complete in 1 hour and 59 minutes.
- Past member is celebrating his 100th birthday at Heather Hills. Cards would be welcome.
- Condolences were given to the Baxter and the McDonald Family for the recent passing of family members.
- John Duiven reported on Holiday party in February at the Kent Country Club. He described the food and the cost will be \$30 per person.
- Loyd is taking orders for the Member Shirt. Orders and sizes are needed at the next meeting.
- Ethan gave an update on the Web site.
- Jon Lang gave an update on the WES date of 4/29/11
- Henry gave an update on the Strong Kids Campaign and introduced Karen and Adrian from the Camp. The search continues for the next director.

## Program:

Henry introduced Ben Thompson of Thompson Remodeling. He talked about green buildings. Their firm does remodeling only. The business has been here in town for two generations. He talked about energy resource efficiency, comfort of moisture and temperature as well as health and air irritations. The importance of durability, maintenance, life cycle and quality in your home. He had information on Life cycle of a home and being sure your home fits your life style.

The benediction was given.

**Did you know?**

Y's Alliance is working on a project to Roll Back Malaria. There are 300-500 cases every year and 3 million deaths every year from malaria.

**Thought for the day.**

Success...  
Seems to be connected with action. Successful men keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.

*Conrad Hilton*

**Next Meeting**

**Alan Headbloom will talk about Cross Cultural Communication**

Y's men Shirt are going to be ordered soon. Get your order and The size you wish to have to Loyd soon.

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*