



SPARKS

Grand Rapids YMCA Service Club
Mid East Region
January 21, 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:
Lloyd E. Winer

President Henry Capogna called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Al George. Neil Topliffe encouraged members to volunteer for the invocation. The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

Birthdays of Paul Wagenmaker, Kent Mudie and John Carruthers were recognized.

Guests were introduced: Jon Hess (who said he was going to become a member).

Many Grateful Dollars were given.

Business:

- Ed Lamberts will celebrate his 100th birthday on Feb 1st. a card to him would be nice. Address to him at Heather Hills Care Center, Room 247, 1157 Medical Park Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.
- John Duiven reported on Holiday party in February 11th at the Kent Country Club. He described the food and the cost will be \$30 per person. Entertainment will be supplies. Jackets required by the men. No tie required.
- Loyd is taking orders for the Member Shirt. Orders and sizes are needed by Jan. 27th. at a cost of \$23.00...
- Ethan gave an update on the Web site.
- Jon Lang gave an up date on the WES 99% chance of same site as last year.
- Henry gave an update on the Strong Kids Campaign. We are ahead of last year but still more is welcome.
- Ron Nelson reported that the camp director should be selected by next Monday. He also noted that the Y has the largest members in the last two years.
- Board met and authorized giving \$5000 to the camp.
- Membership campaign is still led by Greg Winer and Bob Smith. The winner gets special accommodations.

Program:

Speaker Al Headbloom was introduced by Dan Miller. He has spent his lifetime putting strange languages into his mouth and.

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Thought for the day.

The man who makes no mistake does not usually make anything.

Edward Phelps

hospitals, universities, and industry, helping them acculturate to American English and American ways. He gave samples via a power point presentation of your current thinking about different groups and tribes and how they look and what we think. He mentioned that you need to go where you are comfortable. Watch out for negative assumptions from clothing and appearances. Ethnocentrism: (a belief in or assumption of the superiority of the social or cultural group that a person belongs to). He helps people understand other people.

Closing benediction was given.

Next Meeting

February 4

Sister Sue Tracy a Dominican Nun

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*

himself into dozens of foreign locales interacting with people “Not From Here.” He works with foreign-born professionals in