



# SPARKS

Grand Rapids YMCA Service Club  
Mid East Region  
February 04, 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 Gary Mescher. The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

Birthdays were past and future recognized and Guests were introduced:

Many Grateful Dollars were given.

## Business:

- The Ed Lambert family thanked the club for what they do and donated \$1000 to the Club.
- Bret passed out parking lot passes to be used at the city lot. The cost to the club is \$2 each time one is used.
- Bob Williams and Dan Milleer passed out tickets to the Auto Show.
- The White Elephant Sale will be held in the same building next year. Al George is soliciting names to help pick up products on Saturday's. If you can help call Al's cell 616-893-9381.
- Henry reported that the Strong Kids Campaign still could use more gifts. Marathon Don Kern presented a check a \$7000 from the Grand Rapids Marathon to the Strong Kids Campaign.
- A new Camp Director was announced named Kevin Dodd.
- Camp board meeting on 2/26/-27/11 a father daughter outing.

## Program:

Dan Miller introduced the speaker Sister Sue Tracy OP who told us about the Grand Rapids Dominican Sisters. She works at Spectrum Hospital as a Chaplin. She explained everything you wanted to know about Sisters but didn't have a chance to ask. She explained the terms: Clergy, Laity, Sister, Nun and Brother. She described the Vows...serious promises made to God in front of an authorized superior such as Poverty, Celibacy, and Obedience. The difference between a Diocesan Priest, Religious

**Did you know?**

You can reduce your load on the earth's limited resources by taking simple conservation steps that actually save you money. Cutting back on energy usage at home even by small amount can reap large benefits.

**Thought for the day.**

America is addicted to Oil

*George W Bush*

Order Priest, Seminarian and Novice were explained. The terms Mission, Ministry and Community were described. The Vocation Climate has changed because of the Cultural trend is away from permanency. Ministry Options are multiplying and the application process is more extensive today. The Church issues add to the challenges and family structures are changing and long with the social climate. The church is becoming more multicultural but is still predominantly caucasian.

Henry thanked all the new people for coming to the meeting. The closing prayer was given by Bob Williams.

**Next Meeting**

**February 18, 2011**

**Rich MacKeigan**

**Executive Director SMG /Kent Co. Convention Authority**

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*