



## Sparks

### Grand Rapids YMCA Service Club Mid East Region February 18, 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  
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#### BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Parks  
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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 Capogna called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Ron Nelson. The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

Birthdays old and new were recognized. Guests were introduced. Many Grateful Dollars were given in recognition of Carl Mescher Gay's dad who had a stroke.

#### Business:

- Bob Williams reported on the upcoming surgery for Judy Smith March 1<sup>st</sup>, and to keep her in our prayers.
- Ron Nelson reported on the new Camp Director Craig Dodd. He also talked about the New Fresh Image and The Same Great Mission of the YMCA and their new logo.
- Henry reported that the Board decided that the \$1000 received last meeting from the Lambert family will be given to the camp in recognition of Mr. Lamberts.
- Special thanks were given to John Duiven for organizing the great holiday party at Kent Country Club. It was enjoyed by all.
- White Elephant Sales is started. Tomorrow is the move in and set up day. All who can attend should be there. Two tickets to the Boat Show were given to Greg Winer in recognition of his agreeing to be the Chairman of the WES in 2012.
- New member badges were given to Jon Hess and Mike Boyd. They gave us a brief history of whom they are and where they came from.
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#### Program:

Tom Wilson introduced the speaker Rick MacKeigan the manager of SMG management here in Kent County. **SMG**, formerly **Spectacor Management Group**, is a worldwide venue management group headquartered in Pennsylvania, which specializes in managing publicly owned facilities. They manage Van Andel Arena and DeVos Place for the Kent County here in Grand Rapids. They have 70 full time local employees.

**Did you know?**

The Y Service Club International started in 1920 from a single luncheon in Toledo OH to support the local YMCA.

**Thought for the day.**

Surest way to go broke is to sit around waiting for a brake.  
*Unknown*

SMG also manage major venues such as Solders Field in Chicago, the Super Dome in New Orleans, and other major, midsize and small venues throughout USA. They clean, do food and beverage and many other things at the sites. He said West Michigan and Grand Rapids were a great place to live and do business.

**Next Meeting**

**March 4, 2011**

**Jim, Sprague,**

**CEO Pregnancy Resource Center**

**Let's all get out to the WES site on Saturday and continue to set up the site for the sale.**

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*