



# SPARKS

## Grand Rapids YMCA Service Club Mid East Region May 13, 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

Call to Order by President Henry and the opening prayer was given by Wally Anderson and pledge to flag led by President Henry Capogna.

Happy birthday dollars were given. Grateful dollars were given. Left over gloves and a jacket from the WES was presented to find the owners.

Guests: Fred and Charlie Laage as prospective members, Martha Beal, Sande Strong and Missy McGovern.

Gary shared NPR Radio information about 86 year old former member Max Doering saying he would no longer come to Chile to fish if they dammed the river he fished at.

### Business:

- Next Board meeting is May 18 at 5:30 PM
- WES great job done by all. Be sure and thank the Wives and their friend who helped. Marilyn has done this for 34 years. Bob Smith reported that the food for the Dinner was \$303 for all of the food. Jon Lang reported that the Humidifier will be held until next year. Gary Mescher won the prize for the closest estimate. Final gross at this time was \$55497. Jon also thanked Bob Williams and Bob and Marge Smith for all they did to help. A big HAND was given for Jon as the Chair of the WES.
- The nominating committee will present at the next meeting the following: John Duiven as Pres. Pete Chadwick as Pres. Elect, Sec. Neil Topliffe, Treas. Bob Smith, Tom Johnson as Asst. Treas., Board members Jon Lang and others.
- Greg Dodd, Camp Director, gave an update on the activities at the Camp.

### Program:

Tom Lawrence introduced Sara DeMann, VP of Development and Public Policy for the YMCA, Carol Karr and Bob Williams. Sara talked about the external Changes and structure of the YMCA and the Logo change. She reviewed the Y USA and reviewed who they were. She also pointed out that we should be "True Our Mission" for all and our values. Our values are

### **Did you know!**

The last meeting of the calendar year is June 15th.

### **Thought for the day.**

Solve it. Solve it quickly, solve it right or wrong. If you solve it wrong, it will come back and slap you in the face, and then you can solve it right. Lying dead in the water and doing nothing is a comfortable alternative because it is without risk, but it is an absolutely fatal way to manage a business.

*Thomas Watson  
1874 – 1956  
American Entrepreneur  
Founder of IBM*

Honesty, Respect, Responsibilities, Health, Living and Social Responsibility.

Sara then introduced Carol Karr an Estate Planning Attorney and representing Grand Rapids Community Foundation, She described the Heritage Club for the Long Term care of the Y. She also enlightened us on the need for the increased legacy. Carol expressed the various methods of giving to the Heritage Club; one was to write a check to the foundation.

Bob Williams shared his story & how he is involved in the Heritage Club.

Closing prayer was given and the meeting adjourned

### **Next Meetings**

**May 27, 2011**

**Melissa Touralotte**

**Of West Mich. Down Syndrome association.**

**June 8, 2011**

**The College of Human Medicine/Secchia Center.**

**Directions will be given with the next Sparks.**

**Fun summer outing**

**June 15, 2011**

**Fishing at Dick Koperski's private Lake. Call 453-2341 if you plan on attending. See additional email for RSVP and direction.**

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*