



SPARKS

**Grand Rapids YMCA Service Club
Mid East Region
May 27, 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.

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Run Thru the Rapids:
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Bob Smith
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John Lang
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Lloyd E. Winer

The meeting was called to order by President Henry Capogna. Bob Williams gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was given.

We welcomed new member Martha Beal (Neil Topliffe).

Guests were introduced: Marilyn Lawrence and Marlene ----.

Birthdays were recognized: John Peterson, Don Kern and Jim Schneider.

Many Grateful Dollars were given.

Business:

- A special plaque was presented to Al George recognizing his 49 years for pickup and delivery of materials and good for the White elephant sale.
- Bob Williams presented the Board Nominations for the year 2011-2012. John Duiven President; Pete Chadwick Pres. Elect; Neil Topliffe Secretary; Bob Smith Treasurer; Bill Smith Asst. Treasurer; Immediate past President Henry Capogna; Board members, Dan Miller and John Carruthers (1 year), Mark Radtke and Ethan Ray (2 year), John Lang and Alex Kassel (3 years). It was moved, seconded and passed.
- Bob Williams presented a list of past presidents.
- Time of Fast sales pitch by Bob Williams was presented. The goal is \$5500. Envelopes were passed out for contributions.
- Greg Dodd Manitou-lin Camp director reported on the activities of the camp for the summer. H also noted a gift of \$15,000 was received from the Seaira Club.
- Coming events are the next meeting at MSU College of Human Medicine. The Fisk fry outing at Koperski's on June 15 , and the Steak Fry at the Camp on June 22 at 5:30PM Be sure and make your reservations.

Program:

Dan Miller introduced Melissa Tourtelotte from the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan. The organization promoting public awareness and supporting lifelong

Did you know!

3.2 million Anti-malaria kits were delivered in Sierra Leone in the space of 7 days by the Y's Men's Club and the contribution of the Red Cross, Y's Men International and the YMCA.

Thought for the day.

The reward of a thing well done is to have it done.

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Downs is thought to be a chromosome disorder. 1 in 700 births or about 5000 per year had it in the US. 80% of DS children have heart valve problems. They don't present know the cause. Life expectance in 1983 was about 25 and now it about 60. Medical and social interactions have changed a lot. Now the go to high school and college. Some are getting married. A pregnancy test is about 99.9% accurate to predict DS. They have low muscle tone and an enlarge tongue. Early intervention is important. The West Michigan Association provides Financial Assistance, recreational and therapy programs. They have organized workshops and maintain a permanent endowment fund to ensure resources will be available in the future for long term needs of individuals with Downs Syndrome in West Michigan.

Next Meeting

June 10, 2011

The College of Human Medicine/Secchia Center

A separate email will give directions to the site.

Be sure and place your reservations for the Fish fry at Koperski's and The Steak Fry at the Camp.

**This is the last Sparks until Fall.
Have a great Summer**

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*