



Sparks

Grand Rapids Y Service Club Y Service clubs International Mid East Region September 9, 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: John Duiven
Secretary: Neil Topliffe
Treasurer: Bob Smith
Asst. Treas: Tom Johnson
Chaplin: Neil Topliffe

BOARD MEMBERS

Mark Radtke
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John Lang
Past Pres: Henry Capogna
Pres. Elect: Pete Chadwick

ACTIVITY CHAIRS

Run Thru the Rapids:
Syd Baxter & Kent Mudie
Santa Claus Girls:
Bob Smith
White Elephant Sale:
Gregory Winer, Chair
Sparks Editor:
Lloyd E. Winer

The meeting was called to order by President John Duiven who gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced: Birthdays were recognized and many Grateful Dollars were given.

Business:

- Members were reminded that the annual dues were due. \$250 for the year or \$125 now and again in January. Give them to Tom Johnson or Bob Smith.
- President John reported on the board meeting. They transferred \$25000 to the Camp and were still solvent. Under consideration is the club becoming involved in the Santa Claus Parade. WES Chairman Greg Winer, Jon Lang and John Duiven are considering changes to the WES to increase the income from the Sale. Work sessions are being considered for fall or spring at Camp Manitou-lin. A Club Endowment Fund is being considered.
- Bob Williams reported that the Time of Fast this year raised a record \$5600 exceeding our goal of \$5500.
- Mid East Regional is scheduled for October 8th at Muskegon.
- Run Thru the Rapids is scheduled for 9:00 AM on October 15th keep this date open and be prepared to come early. Kent and Syd will keep us informed. Kent needs 4 volunteers to help handle the kids.
- Gary Mescher gave a moment of appreciation for Past President Henry Capogna as he was recognized for his dedicated service to the Club during the past year as president of the club. Special gifts were presented to him.

Program:

- New member induction was preformed. Inductees: Mike Boyd, Greg Dodd, Jon Hess, Bill Peterson and Bill Streeter. Only Bill Peterson was present to partake in the ceremony.

Did you know?

That the first Club outside of North America was in 1924 when the organization took a great stride and opened a club in Shanghai China

Thought for the day:

Truth may be stranger than fiction, goes the old saw, but it is never as strange as lies.

*Actor-writer
John Hodgeman*

Next Meetings

Sept 23, 2011

At the Y
Speaker

Pat Folkersma on
Organ donation

Oct. 7, 2011

At Cornerstone Univ.
1001 E. Beltline

Speaker
Pres. Joe Stowell

A great time was had this past summer with get together and a fishing trip to Dick and Dolores Koperski's cottage on their private lake. It couldn't have been more fun visiting with fellow members and their wives. Then we had a special fish fry with all of the small fish. It was topped off with soft ice cream from Dick's personal machine.



Y-Camp Manitou-lin Steak Fry

This annual event is always a great time to visit the camp that we all care so much about. This year we invited all the White Elephant volunteers. A great time was had by all.

