



SPARKS

**Grand Rapids Y Service Club
Y Service clubs International
Mid East Region
November 4, 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
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Treasurer: Bob Smith
Asst. Treas: Tom Johnson
Chaplin: Neil Topliffe

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Mark Radtke
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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. Neil Topliffe gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were introduced: Friend Martha Beals and past member Dick Howard.

Grateful Dollars were given.

Birthdays of Mike McCarthy, Chuck Marks and Jeff Stacer were recognized.

Business:

- Bob Smith gave the schedule for the Santa Claus Girls. Delivery day 12/17/11, Sorting starts 11/10/11 Starting at 8:30 AM. Same place as last year. He also explained WES expenses.
- John Carruthers described a new method of book collections in blue barrels. First item found in a blue barrel was a nice leather jacket. He needs help to monitor the barrels at the YMCA sites.
- Bret Butler expressed the desire to have more volunteers to join the Santa Claus Parade. The float in being developed at the Camp.
- President John presented a program that the board decided to pursue called the "YMCA Service Club Fund to Benefit Camp Manitou-lin". This Fund would give individual members and opportunity to endow the camp in future years. This Fund is proposed to be part of the YMCA Heritage Club Fund. (A file attached to this email will forward the basic information for review). This will be voted on after the board makes a more details available to the members.
- Next board meetng16 at 5:30 PM at Pete Chadwick's office.

Program;

The speaker was Jonathon Bradford with the Inter City Christian Federation which was started in 1974 to assist families living in

Did you know?

The U.S. Area of Y's Men's Clubs is one of eight geographic areas of the world. The U.S.

Area of Y's Men International consists of Y's Men & Women's Clubs and Y-Service Clubs throughout the United States

Thought for the day:

“Never waste a moment, and never hold back, live every moment like it's the last”

Hannah Braxton

Next Meetings

Nov. 18, 2011
Speaker
Joe O'Brien
Of
Classic Race
Management.

substandard conditions. He reported that 3 out of 4 changes in the student body of GR Public Schools every year. ICCF still works to vitalize lives and neighborhoods within the city. ICCF provides emergency housing, rental properties, and home ownership and mortgage opportunities. ICCF helps to restore a sense of hope and dignity that God intends for all to have. ICCF believes that housing should not only be a shelter, but also a place where life happens, relationships are formed and deepened, and a place of refuge from the outside world. ICCF's programs are shaped by belief in the saving love of Jesus Christ and the conviction that all people deserve the opportunity for safe, decent and affordable housing.

Closing prayer was given by Henry Capogna.

Meeting Prayers

Chaplin Neil Topliffe still needs volunteers for the Invocation and Benediction for the year 2012.

To volunteer call Neil at 616-447-2941 or
Email at ntopliffe@comcast.net

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If you have anything I can put in the Sparks email me the information. I will be happy to include the information.

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GR Marathoner Spanning the Globe:

Good Luck to Don Kern in his pursuit of being the world record holder for running a marathon on all seven continents in the shortest amount of time.

Please help with the sorting for the Santa Claus Girls.

