



SPARKS

**Grand Rapids Y Service Club
Y Service clubs International
Mid East Region
November 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.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Elect Pete Chadwick.

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

Guests were introduced: Jessica Huigen, Meghan Meier and Ellen Carpenter from the Bank of Holland our new Race sponsor.

Grateful Dollars were given.

Business:

- Some dues are still outstanding. Please get them to Tom Wilson as asap.
- The Endowment fund topic is delayed until January.
- The Book Barrels are filling.
- Holiday party is scheduled for Feb. 10, 2012 at the Kent Country Club. Put it on your calendar.
- Bob Smith reported on the Santa Claus Girls. To date we have 315 more families and 696 more children. Don't forget to put the delivery date on your calendar of Dec. 17th.
- Bret Butler reported that the Santa Claus Parade is tomorrow. The camp has a float ready. Theme is "All I want for Christmas is to go to Camp".
- Next Board meeting is in January 18th..
- It was reported that Don Kern was on his third leg of Marathon Journey.
- Kent Mudie shared with us the financial results of the last race which netted \$8783.89 for the cause.

Program;

Syd Baxter introduced the speaker Joe O'Brien of Classic Race Management. Twenty six years ago after many calls, requests and false starts he started on Mackinaw Island. He described on Classic Race Management started. He told how the timing of a race was in the beginning and how we have progressed to today's method of timing a race. From clocks to bar codes to digital chips and Trono Track and still is growing. There now is a Face book

Did you know?

One of

Our Objectives:

Is to

“To function primarily
as service for the
YMCA and youth”.

Thought for the day:

Always try to help a
friend in need .

Always try to see the
glass half full

Remain calm, even
when it seems hopeless .

Then

RELAX!

Next Meetings

Dec 2, 2011

Speaker

Sarah Lilly

From

New City Flats Hotel.

Come and enjoy!

showing the immediate notice of the race status. Chips now can time a race start to finish to 1/1000 of a second. He operates in several states and does 130 races per year. He also does dog sled and mountain bike races. Joe also shared with us some of the very unique experiences he has had at races. You just had to be there to enjoy them.

Closing prayer was given by Neil Topliffe

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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