



## **Join us in Grand Rapids, Michigan!**

### **Y Service Clubs International**

**2015 US Area Convention. July 9 - 12, 2015**

### **Speakers Announced**

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**

#### **Dinner Presentation**

***Debbie Redmond, Immediate Past President***

Our opening dinner and plenary will include the installation of new Area Council members with outgoing President Debbie Redmond providing a Years-in-Review and challenge moving forward for the US Area International Y Service Clubs. Debbie is Senior Program Director at the Carondelet YMCA in St. Louis.

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**

#### **Lunch Presentation**

***Be Ready to Laugh a Lot!***

***Sister Sue Page***

Sister Sue, a Roman Catholic Nun, hospital chaplain, 4 time cancer survivor, and one of the best humorists around will have you doubled over in laughter, even when she makes significant points about living your life and serving others.

#### **Banquet**

***Universal By Design***

***Ron Nelson, CEO, YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids***

Slated to open in December, Ron will tell us all about the Mary Free Bed YMCA - a fully accessible health and wellness vision. This one-of-a-kind Y is designed explicitly for all to experience and will host new programs in youth leadership, healthy aging, adaptive fitness, and nutrition education. This Y is the first of a kind universal design.

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

#### **Dinner Presentation**

***Charley Redmond, U.S. Area President***

As our new president Charley will focus our attention on the next two years, providing the insightful analysis of his scientific background. Charley is Principal Scientist at Sigma Chemical Company in St. Louis. We also will hear via SKYPE video link from our ***International President Elect, Wichian Boonmapajorn*** from Bangkok, Thailand.

## Forum Leaders

Forums are still being finalized – here's the scoop for now - more to come!

### How To Get More Members

#### **Patrick Murphy**

This Clovis-Fresno Y Service Club member is serious about getting new members and has stories to tell of his success. His energy alone will give you renewed hope.

### So You Want To Start A 'Fundraising' Project?

#### **William J. Weitzel**

William is an expert in fundraising, has taught others how to do it, and has long experience as a Kiwanian.

### Engaging Youth in Y Service Communities

#### **Matt Stuckel**

An area youth representative and active member in St. Louis, with other youth at the convention, Matt will draw upon YSC international youth training events that will engage and challenge us with how we can most effectively connect young people with the power of Y Service Clubs culture.



## TAKE THESE TWO STEPS TODAY:

### 1. MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**Deadline is June 22. Reserve a room at the DoubleTree/Hilton, Grand Rapids, MI**

\$107/night, breakfast included

[Click here to make your reservations online](#) or call 616.957.0100 and tell them you're with our convention.

### 2. MAKE CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS

**Deadline is June 15 for \$275**

[Click here to print out the registration form](#) and submit with payment to:

Charles Marks

1352 Thornberry Ct West, SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

#### **ADULTS**

- \$275 / person if registered on or before June 15
- \$300 / person after June 15

#### **SPECIAL RATE FOR YOUTH (ages 15-30)**

- \$150 / person if registered on or before June 15
- \$175 / person if registered after June 15

Registration includes 5 meals, 2 receptions, entertainment, programs, and workshops.

## QUESTIONS?

Please send us an [email](#)!

We are looking forward to seeing you in July!

[Neil Topliffe](#) & [Bob Williams](#), Co-Convention Chairs