



# SPARKS

**Grand Rapids Y Service Club  
Y Service clubs International  
Mid East Region  
December 16, 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  
John Carruthers  
Ethan Ray  
Dan Miller  
Alex Kassel  
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:**  
Loyd E. Winer

Welcome by John Duiven, Invocation by Jud Ross and pledge to the flag.  
Guests: Ken Haines and Joe Edgar.

- Greg Winer gave an update on the White Elephant Sale. Possibly at the same site as last year, yet to be confirmed. Review list of donors given to members and call or email Greg (gjwiner@msn.com) on changes to make the list up to date. Al George needs helpers to pick up goods. Call Al (616-893-9381) if you can help. Sale will be the last weekend in April. More information after the first of the year. The committee would like to increase the revenue.
- Bob Smith gave a handout for tomorrow's workers. Bob thanked all the workers who helped organize the deliveries. Delivery date Dec. 17. Outside workers are to be there at 6:00 AM, inside at 7:30 AM. Salvation Army will be serving hot drink and donuts for drivers.
- President John encouraged all members to seek new members.
- Bill Garrett asked all members to save egg cartons because he has a lot of golf balls for the WES.
- Next board meeting 1/18/2012 @ Pete Chadwick's Office.
- Next meeting Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. The speaker is Lody Zwarenstein the Director of the West Michigan Health Care Alliance. Jon Hess will give the invocation and Loyd Winer will give the closing benediction.



**Santa Claus girls work**



**Bob and John organize.**

**Did you know?**

One of our objectives is to create public relations programs and develop good will for the YMCA.

**Thought for the day:**

Everyone has problems  
That's just a fact of life.  
However, positive thinkers turn their problems into opportunities. Are you a positive thinker?

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**Next Meetings**

**Jan 6, 2012**

**Speaker**

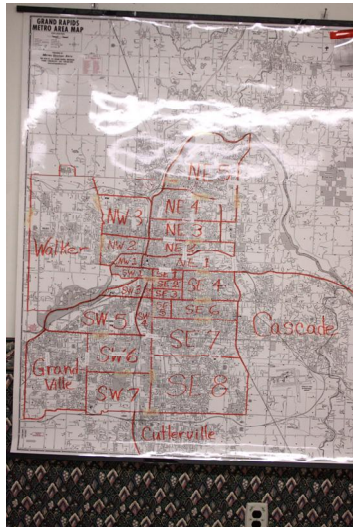
**Lody Zwarenstein**

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If you have anything I can put in the Sparks email me the

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. I will be happy to include the information



**Organizers work**



**Organize routes**



**Bob Give direction to bag carriers**



**Delivery begins**

**A special thanks to all who worked on the Santa Claus Girls this year!**