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A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF THE MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA

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MOURNING THE LOSS OF TWO LONGTIME Y SUPPORTERS



Nan Ryden

We lost two big community advocates who also had a soft spot in their heart for the YMCA-YWCA in recent months in the passing of Nan Ryden and Anne Zink.

Nan Ryden

Nan Ryden died December 11, 2022 and was a huge influence in the community along with her husband Rex.

The Y Heritage Club annual service award is named after the Rydens in recognition of the impact they have had on the community. Former Y CEO Carol Hibbs said Nan was an integral part of the Y and its success through the years.

"As the mother of five daughters, she had a passion for the mission of the YWCA and ensuring that women and girls had opportunities to succeed," Hibbs said. Hibbs noted Nan was involved in several Y leadership committees and was always moving the organization forward.

"She was a mentor and a trusted friend to me, as well as many other women during her life," Hibbs said. "Marshalltown is a better community because of her impact."

Anne Zink

Y supporter Anne Zink died on July 25, 2022. Ann was a math teacher and tennis coach during her time in Marshalltown.

Anne and her husband Phil were fervent supporters of the Y and longtime Heritage Club members, even as they retired in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Phil preceded Ann in death as the couple was married for an amazing 64 years.

Marshalltown resident Nancy Peterson said her friend Anne was "an amazing lady and well liked. She was multi-talented and showed care and concern for others." Nancy said Anne embodied many of the pillars of the Y including social responsibility and youth development.

"She did so much to help youth," Peterson said

The Y in Marshalltown was special to the Zinks and it was evident as they continued their financial support even after they left the community.

"They didn't forget about the Y even after they moved away," Peterson said. "The Y was very important to them."

YMCA-YWCA CEO Kim Jass-Ramirez said both will be missed but their impact is still felt at the Y now and into the future.

"Both Nan and Anne will be missed and their legacy of community service and commitment to the Y continues to live on," Jass-Ramirez said.



Anne Zink

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE Y FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



Individuals, families and companies who have made a meaningful gift to the Y through their estate plan, or made an outright cash gift of any amount to the Y endowment program, are recognized for their generosity and become members of the Heritage Club.

Gift options: Outright Gift of Cash, Bequests, Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable

Trusts, Appreciated Assets, Life Insurance, Endow Iowa tax credits.



You can make a difference both now and for future generations to enjoy a vital part of their community—the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA. The Heritage Club is vital for

the long term success of this community jewel.

For more information, contact Andrew Potter, Y Marketing & Communications Director, at 641-752-8658 or email at

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information about the Heritage Club, or to make an online gift, visit www.ymca-ywca.org/support-y.

New leadership pushes the Y into the next era

When Kim Jass-Ramirez took the reins as the new CEO, it marked a new phase, but not a new face, for the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA.

Kim is familiar to all as she arrived in Marshalltown in 2016 and has worked at the Y here for seven years.

As she takes on the leadership role, Kim has been inspired by the support of the Y community.

"The board, staff and members have been very supportive during this transition," Jass-Ramirez said. "Retired CEO Carol Hibbs continues to serve as a mentor to me. I also have a strong network of Y professionals around the state and across the country."

Kim noted it's also good timing for the Y board and leadership to undergo the strategic planning process which will help guide the future of the organization. The Y is in the beginning stages of collecting data and has scheduled a board retreat in May as part of this process.

"Although I've been an active part of the community since 2016, I am getting out in my new role as CEO to ask leaders about the Y's strengths and opportunities in the years to come," she said.

Kim said her initial goals are to build upon the strengths of the Y, maintain and enhance facilities and grow programming, especially in sports.

"We also want to support our awesome staff who make the Y a welcoming place for all," she said.



GET TO KNOW OUR CEO KIM JASS-RAMIREZ

B.A. from Wartburg College, M.A. from Ball State University

Originally from north central Iowa. Moved to Marshalltown and started working at the Y in 2016.

First Y job was at the McGaw YMCA in Evanston, IL in 2001. Since then have worked at YMCAs in DeKalb, IL and Cedar Rapids / Marion

Husband Abel and daughter Sally, age 11



Martin grows career at the Y

Tariq Martin first started working at the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA as a lifeguard while he was in high school in 2017.

Fast forward six years later and Martin has moved his career quickly forward to being the Facility and Property Director at the Y.

"I like the long term impact we have on people," Martin said of his job.

He moved up the ranks quickly in the aquatics department at the Y, eventually reaching the role of assistant aquatics director, before landing his current role managing the entire Y facility and property last year.

Even more impressive was how he was able to accelerate his career all while working toward his bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology at Iowa State University. He will graduate from Iowa State this May.

"You've got to have determination for it," Martin said of balancing his college work and a full-time job. "And I like to keep busy."

The 2019 Marshalltown High School graduate said what's kept him at the Y for six years is the positive culture and camaraderie with his co-workers. "We are a tight knit family," he said.

ABOUT THE Y's HERITAGE CLUB

The Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA's Endowment Fund supports critical Y programs and services each year. The donors who contribute ensure their philanthropic legacy will provide opportunities throughout Central Iowa for future generations. An endowment gift aligns an individual or family's passion with our cause – strengthening the foundations of our community.

There is no minimum amount to make a gift to the Endowment Fund. It may be a memorial, one-time gift, a series of gifts, a pledge paid over a period of time, wills, trust, gifts of appreciated assets or a combination of funding mechanisms. Donors who choose to support the Y in this way become members of the Y's Heritage Club.