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A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF THE MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA



Celebrating 150 years of the Marshalltown Y!

The YMCA started in Marshalltown in 1876 and was known as the Railroad YMCA to be a place for those working in the railroads to spend time during layovers in town. Since then the Y has impacted tens of thousands of people.

The Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA will plan to recognize the Y's local milestone 150th anniversary this year in many ways.

"We are proud of our history and legacy in this great community but also look ahead to other amazing ways to connect our community in the future," said Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA CEO Kim Jass-Ramirez.

"It's an amazing accomplishment and a credit to all of our supporters through the years."

As we honor our past, we also remain focused on our future. We are undergoing a facilities assessment to see what areas we need to address in the near future and beyond to continue to serve our community.

We are grateful for those who donate to the Heritage Club as this ensures a lasting legacy for the Y and helps us continue our mission to serve everyone in our community for generations to come. Thank you to our faithful Heritage Club members for your ongoing support!



Our Heritage Club was founded in 1982 by visionary Y volunteers and staff who understood that the Y's work in meeting the needs of the community would be the highest priority in annual operating budgets. In short, it would be important to set aside endowment funds for facility and capital maintenance. Currently, we are approaching nearly 200 Heritage Club members, which includes individuals, families and businesses. For more information contact Andrew Potter at the Y andrew.potter@ymca-ywca.org



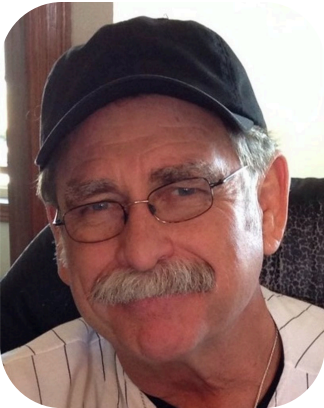
Lennox Foundation donates \$50,000 to the Heritage Club in memory of Anne Zink

The Lennox Foundation honored the memory of Anne Zink with a \$50,000 donation the Heritage Club recently. Zink was a Marshalltown teacher who along with her husband Phil were longtime supporters for the Y.

She died in 2022. Her husband Phil, who died in 2021, was an employee of Lennox during their time in Marshalltown. Anne is a descendant of the Norris family which founded Lennox.



Rick Ahn loved the Y and the feeling was mutual



Rick Ahn passed away on December 23, 2025 at the age of 74. He was a longtime member of the Y and a former lifeguard and teacher. He was beloved by so many for his positive outlook and his big smile for everyone.

He is definitely missed by his Y family as he brightened everyone's day and his positivity was infectious. Memorial donations were made in his honor to the Y for youth scholarships.

Y to host RAGBRAI riders

For the first time since 2012, Marshalltown will be an overnight stop on RAGBRAI and the Y will be heavily involved in hosting the tens of thousands of cyclists rolling through and staying on July 22, 2026.

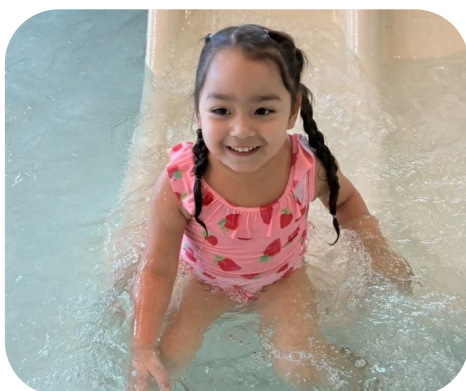
The area around the Y will be the main outdoor campsite for riders on the bike ride across Iowa.

"This is a great way to showcase our community and our wonderful Y facility," said Y CEO Kim Jass-Ramirez.

RAGBRAI stands for the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, which started in 1973.



Your gift to the Y is their bright future



By donating to the Marshalltown Y Heritage Club you are giving to a fund that benefits the community for generations to come.

Your donation provides a permanent, sustainable source of income to secure the Y's future, ensuring long-term funding for community programs, youth development and facility maintenance. Gifts can be made through outright donations, bequests in a will, or beneficiary designations on retirement (Required Minimum Distributions).

Contact Andrew Potter for more information at andrew.potter@ymca-ywca.org or call 641-753-8658. You can also talk to your financial advisor about your wishes.