



Heritage Club Newsletter

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY YMCA

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EDITION #9

YMCA Completes the Renew the “Y” Project



Just 14 months after the first work began, the YMCA Renew the “Y” Project had a Dedication and Open House. The 3 million dollar project included major renovations to the 38-year old facility including remodeled locker rooms and racquetball

courts, updated pool filtration systems, upgraded heating and cooling systems, offices, and replacement of the original boilers and whirlpool. Expansion of the girl’s locker room, new family locker room, parking lot, and a new youth room and multipur-

pose room were also part of this much needed renovation and expansion project.

To date, over \$2,600,000 has been raised for this important construction project. Dan Hershberger, Campaign Chair, and the Campaign Executive Committee of Dave Hanhart, Craig Rader, Randy Longacher, and Mike Fredericks continue to work to raise the additional \$400,000 needed for the project. The Renovation and Expansion Committee that designed and coordinated the project was chaired by Ken Engstrom, a member of the Board of Trustees. The Construction Chairman supervising the day-to-day construction was Brian Marsh, also a member of the Trustees.

Dedication and Open House Draws Crowd

About 100 donors and members attended the Renew the “Y” Dedication and Open House on Saturday, October 18. Speakers at the Open House included Tom Patton, past YMCA Executive Director; Nathan Vaughan, current YMCA Board President; Jane Gingrich, YMCA Board President when the campaign

started; and Dan Hershberger, Capital Campaign Chair. Rev. Jim Lewis of Grace Lutheran Church provided the prayer of dedication.

Those in attendance received a set of YMCA mugs and were given a tour of the newly renovated and expanded facility.



Keith Lands, Jane Gingrich, Nathan Vaughan, Dan Hershberger and Tom Patton prepare to cut the ribbon at the dedication ceremony.

7th Annual Jack Marsh Golf Outing

The 7th Annual Jack Marsh Golf Outing was held on Wednesday, August 20, at Oak Shadows Golf Club in New Philadelphia. Over \$9,000 was raised for the annual Strong Kids Campaign. The event was named in honor of Jack Marsh, a long time YMCA member, Heritage Club Member, and supporter of the YMCA. Jack was a successful businessman and served as president of both the

Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. He also served as Chairman of the Capital Campaign in 1999 that expanded the YMCA Wellness Center, and was a Heritage Club member. Jack's family is very active in the outing as participants and supporters. To register a foursome or to be a sponsor at next year's event, contact Sue Hummel or Karol Jones at the YMCA, 330-364-5511.



Best Over All Score:
Ed Marsh, Bill Klopfer,
Brian Klopfer, Tim Miller

YMCA to Begin 90th Year of Service in 2009

It all began on December 29, 1919 when the Dover YMCA was chartered. In its early years the YMCA was located in a number of locations, including over Bruck's Hardware. In 1928, the "old" YMCA was opened on Tuscarawas Avenue where it served the youth and families of our community for 43 years, until the "new" Tuscarawas County YMCA was opened on Monroe Street.

The YMCA was blessed with two of the most outstanding Executive Directors: Miles Durr from 1944 – 1966 and Tom Patton from 1966 – 1989. Patton also served as Physical Director from 1949 – 1966.

During the past 89 years, the YMCA has provided programs and activities for Tuscarawas County residents and has been blessed with numerous volunteers. The Heritage Club was established in 1968 under the leadership of Tom Patton and Paul Redinger and has helped ensure that memberships are affordable for everyone in our community. We are now entering our 90th year and are still making a difference in the lives of kids and families.

Berner Hog Roast Boosts Strong Kids Campaign

For the first time, the Tuscarawas County YMCA was the recipient of the proceeds of the Berner Trucking Hog Roast that was held on Saturday, September 13, 2008. Berner Trucking is located on Crown Road in Dover and is owned by the Jim Knisely family. The net proceeds, totaling nearly \$20,000, will be used to help offer financial assistance to area kids and families who cannot financially afford to participate in YMCA programs or activities. The Berner Trucking staff and the YMCA staff and board members helped serve over 400 people who attended the dinner, participated in the raffles, and watched the OSU – USC game on a Megatron television.

“Gifts to the YMCA Endowment fund help to perpetuate the YMCA’s mission of service to the youth and families of Tuscarawas County for future generations.”

YMCA MISSION STATEMENT

The Tuscarawas County YMCA is committed to enriching the lives of everyone in our community by the development of healthy spirit, mind, and body through membership services and programs based on Christian principles of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.