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A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF THE MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA

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The mission of the YMCA-YWCA Heritage Club is to assure a stable, long-term financial base for the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA so that the missions of both the YMCA and YWCA can be secured.



Shari & Ed Cox and Teri & Bob Anson

## PICKLEBALL FUN FOR ALL

Pickleball is a sport that's growing in popularity in America - and at the Marshalltown Y. For Ed & Shari Cox and Bob & Teri Anson, Pickleball has created opportunities for fun competition and friendships.

Pickleball is described as a combination of ping-pong, badminton and tennis. The game is played by two or four people using paddles and a wiffle ball. Ed & Shari's children bought them paddles a few years ago and encouraged them to play. Soon after, they invited the Ansons to join them and their network of players has continued to grow. "I'm a tennis player," said Bob, "this sport is similar but easier on my arms because of the shorter paddle."

When the Y added Pickleball courts in 2018, the foursome were some of the first participants. "We started with about 4-6 people and now we have five nets going at one time," said Ed. "We have all ages, all levels. Everybody plays with everybody. We have had players as young as 10 and as old as 85." Shari noted, "The Y has been so accommodating to our group," and added that the Y is meeting a community need through this program. An easy set-up net, paddles and balls are available for check-out at the Welcome Center Desk.

This philosophy of welcoming everyone fits well with the Y's mission. Nicki Reynolds, Y Member Services Director, said the Pickleball players have a reputation for encouraging one other, especially new players. Teri agrees, "Just this week someone told me how welcoming the group is and how much they appreciate it."



# STOVER CONTROLS EXPANDS ITS SUPPORT

Stover Controls has been a longtime supporter of the Y’s charitable mission as a donor to the Annual Campaign. In 2018, the company expanded its support by joining Heritage Club and sponsoring the Annual Campaign “Pedal for a Purpose” Bike-A-Thon event.

Jill Bidwell, Organizational Development Manager at Stover Controls said, “Stover Controls is proud to support the Y. We believe this is a good partnership because as a company, we help our customers ‘Run at PEAK UPTIME.’ Through the Y’s various program offerings from exercise classes, to child care, swimming lessons and even emergency disaster recovery and support, the Y is really a place that helps the members of the Marshalltown community reach their PEAK. The Y is an icon in Marshalltown and definitely an organization that has made a long-term impact to the community!”

Y CEO Carol Hibbs added, “We appreciate the support that Stover Controls has provided over the years and we are thrilled they have joined Heritage Club. When businesses understand that they can support our endowment, it becomes a great way to create a lasting effect on the community.”



Chris Roberts and Jill Bidwell are Y members who also work at Stover Controls.



Former Y Board Member John Dinsmore and CEO Carol Hibbs ride in the Bike-A-Thon in October 2018.

## ABOUT THE Y’S HERITAGE CLUB

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.

For more information, contact Kim Jass-Ramirez, Y Financial Development Director, at 641-752-8658. Or visit our website at [www.ymca-ywca.org](http://www.ymca-ywca.org) to learn more about our mission and how you can provide support.



2018 Annual Campaign co-chairs, Kim Hagen and David Barajas, Jr.

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN EXCEEDS GOAL

293 Individuals, companies and foundations contributed \$140,316 to the YMCA-YWCA 2018 Annual Campaign, exceeding the goal set by organizers. Campaign co-chairs Kim Hagen and David Barajas, Jr. had this to say: “We believe the Y is, and always has been a place of possibility and promise for all. Every day, in Central Iowa the Y supports kids, adults, seniors and families with programs that protect, teach, connect, heal, nourish and encourage. Everything the Y does helps empower communities and the “us” who live in them to thrive.”

**Thank you for your support!**