

YWCA *of* Greater Lawrence

Winter 2003

A United Way Member Agency

YWCA Annual Meeting and Wine Tasting Attended by 250

Friends raise glasses and resources to support programs for women and children

The YWCA combined the 2002 Annual Meeting with a Wine Tasting in November to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the YWCA's founding and to raise resources for women's and children's programming.

The YWCA was joined by more than 250 supporters and sponsors, including First Essex Bank, Quota International of Andover, Susan Garth Stott, Native Sun, Inc. and Tallman Eye Associates.

The event included an awards program where the YWCA's 2002 Community Partners were honored for their charitable and volunteer contributions to YWCA programs. Honorees included Adrienne Pappadopolous, owner of Glory Restaurant in Andover and Kristina Saltzman, owner of Native Sun clothing



L to R, Marsha Cohen, Barbara Biondo and Francesca Frazier, of Quota International of Andover, which was a sponsor of the evening.



L to R, Juan Burgos, Alexandra Luciano, Cristina Lopez, Vilma Lora, Josefina Fernandez and Yoselyn Chalas. *photo: Dalia Diaz, Rumbo*

stores in Andover and Newburyport, recognized for their efforts to support the YWCA OASIS Project. Attorney Camille Miragliotta Daly was honored for her help with the YWCA's new housing initiative, and Cristina Lopez of Cristina's Professional Hair Center in Lawrence was honored for her contributions to the YWCA's Women's Health Advocacy program.

Proceeds of the evening will underwrite the YWCA after school, child care, domestic violence, sexual assault, health and housing programs for women, children and families.

Special thanks to event co-chairs Wilma Breiland and Jane McCrill for their enthusiasm and hard work. If you'd like to help them coordinate next year's event, please contact Christine Doherty at the YWCA at 978-687-0331 x21.

Susan King Scholarship Funded

Women In Leadership at Lucent / Merrimack Valley has partnered with the YWCA of Greater Lawrence to administer the Susan L. King Scholarship Award in memory of a long-time Lucent engineer, who lost a five-year battle against cancer. Sue was a graduate of Northeastern University, attended Boston University and had served in the Army Corps of Engineers. She held many technical and leadership positions at Lucent Technologies. She was a mother, wife and avid golfer with a wonderful sense of humor.

"Sue was especially proud to be an engineer," said WILL-MV spokeswoman Kelly McVey. "Her innovation, commitment and love of learning made her a role model for young women entering a technical career."

The scholarship will be granted to a female who has been accepted at an accredited, degree-granting college in an Engineering or Science-related curriculum and who is entering her first year. The \$3,000 annual scholarship has been funded for ten years and will be awarded on the basis of scholastic ability, character and activities of the candidate.

"The YWCA is honored to be asked to help remember Susan with such a wonderful legacy program," said YWCA Executive Director, Rebecca Hall.

Applications are available from the Susan L. King Scholarship Committee representative Kelly McVey at 978-887-7483 or kmcvey@atbi.com. Applications are due April 1, 2003.

Donations of Time, Talent and Compassion

Many YWCA programs are supported in part by volunteers -- in the classroom, on the hotline, at special events and behind the scenes. Some of our volunteers are featured below. We'll introduce more volunteers in our next issue.

The YWCA is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the Tribute to Women luncheon committee and to help organize the YWCA's first Walk Against Violence, scheduled for October 5, 2003. Please contact Kathy Dixon at 978-687-0331 x12 or Christine Doherty at x21 if you'd like to explore volunteer opportunities at the YWCA.

In the classroom

Volunteering knows no age limits. **John Joaquim** of Lawrence, a 76-year-old member of the Merrimack Valley Volunteer Senior Service Corps, has been helping with art, reading and learning projects for more than a year.

This fall he was joined by 9-year-old **Emily Moreno** of Andover, whose love of reading was contagious in the classroom. Emily, a third grader, is the daughter of **Bernie** and **Bridget Moreno** of Andover.

"Emily lights up the room," said kindergarten teacher Angie Garcia. "The children were so happy with Emily's reading and her enthusiasm. She is a great role model."

Other special readers include **Beth Puolo** and **Kiki Schneider** of **Quota International of Andover**, which started a library and reading program at the YWCA in 2001. Quota International of Andover also frequently sponsors special drives and funding efforts for YWCA programs, especially the YWCA OASIS Project.

Eighth grade Pike School student **Courtney Fiske**, daughter of **Philip** and **Linda Fiske** of Andover, will be returning to the YWCA this summer to help again in the Fleet Technology and Tutoring Center. Courtney dedicated three days a week this summer to the center, coaching children in reading and math.

In YWCA Housing

The YWCA Teen Living Program for teen mothers and their pre-school children has been the beneficiary of a compassionate team of **Merrimack College** students who tutor moms to pass their GED exams and babysit children in the program during the moms' study times and group sessions. The team includes **Shawna Leavitt, Sarah Muraco, Mary Cotter, Noella Sannella, Kristina Hanney, Stephanie Schmidt, Colleen McGuire, Renee Botticelli, Rebecca Harrington, Katelyn Jarvis, Michelle Gage, Kathleen Donnelly, Emily Ford, Sarah Noftsker, Ellen Patnode** and **Elizabeth Elliott**. Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical School student, **Amanda Basilliere**, is also a volunteer babysitter.

Andover Girl Scout Troup 914 has been helping the Teen Living Program for more than four years, especially at the holiday season. The troop, led by **Susan Casey Bourland** and **Patsy Gaj**, has conducted several service projects on behalf of the Teen Living Program. Members of the troop, including **Hannah Bourland, Elizabeth Cremin, Caroline Cusick, Ellen DeLisio, Bonnie Domigan, Jill Dun, Kerry and Maureen Gaj**, and **Leslie Walker** recently participated in a educational session about healthy dating relationships at the YWCA.

In the Girls Center

Karen Kline, former Tribute to Women Honoree, has dedicated one afternoon weekly to the girls in the Girls Center, bringing creative exercises in writing, reading and art to the afterschool Girls Center members. Karen has conducted poetry and writing workshops and other exercises to "help the girls think broadly about their community, the world and their potential."

Karen has brought several talented high school and college students into the Girls Center as volunteers. **Adele and Anne Galebach** of Andover, daughters of Tribute honoree **Diane Galebach**, spent the summer in the Girls Center with friend **Tara Carlson**, helping the girls with several projects. Adele is now a freshman at Boston University, Anne is a junior in high school and Tara is a senior at Austin Prep.

Ian and Duncan Barton, sons of honoree **Bob** and honoree **Denise Coulson Barton** of North Andover are regular visitors and volunteers in the Girls Center, sharing their creative talents. Duncan is an accomplished cartoonist who attends Ringling School of Art and Design and Ian, a sophomore, is musician and juggler.



Senior volunteer John Joaquim of Lawrence with YWCA kindergarteners.



Volunteer Emily Moreno (top right), her brother Kevin (bottom left) and YWCA kindergarteners.

On the hotline

The YWCA rape crisis hotline is staffed in part by a team of dedicated and specially trained volunteers who work with YWCA staff to respond to emergencies and help survivors.

Rape Crisis volunteers also work on public and corporate education campaigns. Current volunteers include **Linda Johnson, Kathy Lambalot, Paula Montero, Helen Torres Rodriguez, Kathy Fitzgibbons, Jessica Cavarretta, Yvonne Boulay, Anna Checo, Teresa DeJesus, Angie Garcia, Minerva Grullon, Maricelis Ortiz, Diana Purpora** and **Johanna Rivera**.

In the spotlight

YWCA special events committees for The Tribute to Women in May and the Walk Against Violence in October need many volunteers and all are welcome. The Tribute to Women committee currently seeks volunteers to recruit sponsors, advertisers, nominations and to serve on the decorations committee.

To volunteer, please call Christine Doherty at 978-687-0331 x21.

Holiday Helpers

Corporations, volunteers, anonymous donors and long-time YWCA friends helped many hundreds of children and families celebrate the holidays with healthy food, warm clothes and gifts for old and young alike. The YWCA extends special thanks to:

Mia Antognoni & Mia Bambini
Virginia Barrelle
Lori Barrett
Maria Bartlett
Nancy & James Bergeron
Louise Bevilacqua
Les Chapeaux Rouges (The Red Hat Club) at Andover Senior Center
Margaret Crockett
Tina Cummings and Havurat Shalom
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Kathleen Fitzgibbons, Kathleen Fitzgerald and Friends
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Kathy Skala

Special thanks to: Sons of Italy, Greater Lawrence Chapter, for hosting the YWCA holiday party.



L to R, YWCA Advocate Andy Polanco accepts holiday gifts from Kathleen Fitzgerald of Mann Orchards and Kathleen Fitzgibbons of the District Attorney's Office

YWCA Member Celebrates 100th Birthday

Marion Barker shares recollections of early YWCA efforts

Marion Barker, retired school teacher and long-time YWCA member, celebrated her 100th birthday in November at Berkeley Retirement Home in Lawrence. Hosted by her family and the staff at the Berkeley, Marion was joined by more than 50 guests, including Lawrence Mayor Michael J. Sullivan, YWCA Executive Director



L to R, Marion Barker of the Berkeley Retirement Home in Lawrence invited Becky Hall to join her at her 100th birthday celebration. Marion is a former YWCA board member and the oldest living member of the YWCA.

Rebecca Hall and Rev. Paul Clinton of Lawrence United Methodist Church, where Marion is also the oldest living member.

Marion was enrolled at the YWCA as a young girl for cooking lessons by her mother, Rose, who herself had been instrumental in founding the YWCA in Lawrence and once served as Secretary of the Board.

The Barkers lived in Lawrence on Prospect Street and were active in many civic and church efforts in the City of Lawrence.

Marion graduated from Lawrence High School in 1919 at 16, and was in the first class at Mt. Holyoke which had been required to take

entrance exams. She decided to become a teacher and began her career in her hometown of Lawrence. While she waited for a full-time teaching appointment in Lawrence, she also worked with girls at the YWCA, teaching and volunteering in various social, academic and recreational programs.

She remained involved at the YWCA as a girls club volunteer during her career as a biology teacher and throughout her service at other organizations as well. Marion also served on the Board of Trustees at Lawrence General Hospital, was active in her church and is a founding member of the Essex County branch of the Retired Educators Association of Massachusetts.

"In its early days the YWCA was a one-of-a-kind place for women," said Marion. "The men had many places for improvement, and we wanted something similar to bring opportunities to women and girls of the city and for the foreign women of different backgrounds to mix and be acquainted."

Eventually, after many years of membership and volunteerism, Marion was recruited into YWCA Board service by Dr. Nina Scarito in the 1960s and, like her mother, she also served as Secretary.

Although "not much of a swimmer," Marion donated personally and helped to raise community support for the YWCA swimming pool, which is still a marvelous asset for area residents. She also served on the Board of Directors when extensive renovations were made to the facility and evening programs were instituted to help working families.

"I've always thought that the YWCA was very good at working with other organizations for the benefit of the children of the city," she said. "The YWCA has been a good influence in the City and I've always been glad of it."

The YWCA is pleased to report that Marion's memories and her legacy of service stand true today as the YWCA serves nearly 13,000 women, children and families in many recreational, emergency, transitional and preventive programs.

Cisco Systems and City Year Visit YWCA



A Cisco Systems volunteer does a high wire balancing act to paint the YWCA gymnasium.

More than 100 employees of Cisco Systems, joined by City Year collaborators, spent a full day in Lawrence in May to kick-off a new service venture where Cisco employees dedicated a full day of service to community volunteer projects.

The volunteers fully painted the YWCA gymnasium and stage, scraped and painted the iron fence at the front of the YWCA, and joined kindergarten and preschool classrooms as 'buddies'.

Their efforts saved the YWCA many thousands of dollars and lifted the spirits of many hundreds of children. In addition, scaffolding was donated by Carpenters Local 218, based in Medford.

Come by and visit the bright new gymnasium and the gleaming YWCA fence, improved by the time, talent and compassion of Cisco employees.



A Cisco volunteer spends time in the classroom.

RYKÄ Funds YWCA Health, Fitness & Fun

Do you feel your New Year's fitness resolution already too overwhelming to accomplish? Don't despair! Join the YWCA's improved fitness program designed for women aged 25 and older who want a comfortable, casual and friendly place to help them meet their fitness goals.

RYKÄ, the only performance athletic footwear company in the world dedicated exclusively to women, has funded the YWCA with a special grant that will help us keep fees low and your energy high.

The grant is administered by the Women's Sports Foundation and is one of 13 nationwide funded by RYKÄ to empower and enhance the self-esteem of women through fitness and health education. Three other YWCAs were also funded in Plainfield, NJ; Salt Lake City, UT and Lancaster, PA.

"RYKÄ is proud to recognize these organizations which share our commitment to inspire, empower and educate women to create healthier lives," said RYKÄ President Mary Taylor. "The grant recipients represent a great cross section of the kinds of grass roots efforts that are making a real difference in the lives of thousands of women." The program will kick off at the YWCA on February 19th, beginning with Wednesday night programs of Aerobics in the gymnasium and Water Aerobics in the pool.

Wednesday Sessions, beginning February 19th:

Aerobics 1st Session: 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Water Aerobics 1st Session: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aerobics 2nd Session: 8 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Water Aerobics 2nd Session: 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Depending on the interests of participants, the YWCA is planning to expand to add other sessions. Classes will be on-going and participants buy 'passes' to cover participation per night: 5 nights for \$15, 10 nights for \$25 and 20 nights for \$40. When you participate in both sessions in the same night, it 'counts' as only one night!

To register in English, contact Michael Jordan at 978-687-0331 extension 28 or to register in Spanish, contact Diana Purpora, extension 34.



Are you a YWCA supporter? Join Now!

A YWCA membership gift is one way of showing your support for women, girls and families who need your help. Your tax-deductible gift will be put to work in Domestic Violence, Rape Crisis, Child Care, Women's Health, Afterschool and Housing programs serving local families in need. Thank you!

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- Friend \$25 - \$49
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- Benefactor: \$250 - \$500
- Leadership Circle: \$500+



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Kindergarteners celebrate the dedication of a reading chair in memory of Barbara Doran, Quota member and YWCA Tribute honoree. L to R, Quota President Nancy Dube, Barbara's husband Dennis Duran, Sue Adams of Quota, the YWCA's Mary O'Brien and Quota's Beth Puolo, who is also a volunteer reader.



Mike Walsh of Walsh & Co. and Jane Walsh of Northmark Bank at the YWCA's 2002 Annual Meeting & Wine Tasting with YWCA Exec. Director Becky Hall.

Letourneau, Marilyn Madden & Candi McCuen, Barbara & James Massey, Mary McAlary, Jane & Mark McCrill, Kenna McLeod, Lisa Mead, Francis Melaragni, Lauren Mell in memory of Mary Evans, Helene Andersen Michel & Alan Michel, Paul & Carol Miller, Carolyn Morse-Finn, Maureen & John Mulcahy, Nancy Mulvey, Barbara Murphy, Alison & Peter Novello, Christian O'Brien, David & Martha O'Brien, Maria O'Brien & Kevin Beckwith, Mary O'Brien, Shannon O'Brien, Margaret O'Connor, Mary O'Donoghue, Susan & Eugene O'Neill, Janice Paleo, Paul & Irene Paresky, Maureen Pasek, Janice Pawlick, Eleanor & John Pearlman, Robert & Teresa Petrucelli, Jennifer Pickett, Maureen Pollard, Beth & Louis Poulo, M.J. Powell, Maren Powell, Anne Racer & Thomas Rice, Jessica Reines, Judy Richmond, Peter Riddle, Johanna Rivera, Peg Roberts, Anna Rossi, Louise Rullie, Kathy SanAntonio, Janet Santa Anna, Arlene Santangelo, Gracinda Santos, Margaret & Daniel Schneider, John & Carol Schutz, Laura & David Schweizer, Richard Shafer, William & Nancy Shaheen, Lorraine & Arthur Sharon, Megan Shea, Brian Shorey, Ann Sico, Susan Siegel, Kathy Skala in memory of Katherine Dunphy, Margaret & William Smith, Mary Smith, Roger Smith, Virginia Soule, Susan Garth Stott, The Estate of Evelyn Stults, Amelia Stundza, John & Mary Sullivan, Hon. Micheal J. Sullivan, Sandra Sullivan, Carolyn Temmallo, Julie Tetreault, David Tibbets, Dianne & Gary Traynor, Liz Trovato, Liz Veilleux, Catherine Walsh, Eugene & Jean Walsh, Jane & Michael Walsh, Marie Weatherbee, Beth & Andrew Wescott, Maureen Weisner, Martha Williams, Alice Wimer, Lee Woodbury, Evon Yameen, William Yameen, Kevin Yorke, Raymond & Nancy Zemlin, Cynthia Zylkuski-Norris

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month Efforts

Many community friends stepped up their efforts to help the Women's Health Advocacy Program this past October, organizing fundraising drives and the first annual YWCA Halloween Dance. The costume dance, hosted by Galaxia Night Club



LFDCS staff and students display their recent certificate of thanks from the YWCA. L to R: Angel Morse, Teri Pouliot, Crystal Santell, YWCA Women's Health Advocacy Director Vilma Lora, Sujaliz Dominguez, Rony Valdez, Jennifer Novick and Jody Dominguez.

in Lawrence and sponsored by El Morro Autobody, Lawrence Training School, Lawrence United Express Corporation and Mega Transportation drew more than 100 guests.

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In addition, staff and students at Greater Lawrence Family Development Charter School joined forces to help raise resources and

awareness about breast cancer during the month of October. The team, whose leaders are pictured above, held bake sales, ribbon sales and a raffle raising more than \$600 for the program.

For more information about the program, contact Vilma Lora at 978-687-0331.

WHN Training Institute Calendar

The Women's Health Network Training Institute, a Mass. DPH-funded effort to train clinicians and outreach workers in its Women's Health Network, offers the following trainings this winter and spring. Programs are free to DPH providers and open to all for a small fee.

For more information, contact Peg Roberts at 978-687-0331 x44.

Challenges of Outreach to Diverse Cultures: February 27th, 9:30 to 12:30, Saints Memorial Hospital, Lowell, MA

Collaboration Among Organizations, March 19th, 9:30 to 12:30, VNA Care Network, Southborough, MA

Developing a Regional Social Marketing Plan, April 4th, 9:30 to 12:30, YWCA of Southeastern MA, New Bedford, MA

Cervical Health: Getting the Word Out About HPV, May 16th, 9:30 to 12:30, Waltham Hospital, Waltham