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DECATUR COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

1 YMCA Way, Greensburg, IN 47240

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## YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT RECAP

The annual YMCA Youth and Government conference was held in Indianapolis on March 10-12. The Decatur County Family YMCA was again very well represented by a group of talented students from Greensburg High School. Those attending were, Karigan Acton, Tyler Biddinger, Brenley Jameson, Charlie Stauffacher, and Tyler Williams. Karigan was part of the leadership team as the Lt. Governor for the State and Charlie was the Chaplain for the conference.

Each student had the task of coming up with a bill that they hoped to get passed into law while at the conference. The event starts on Friday afternoon as each student is placed in a committee with like minded bills. They each present their bills in the committee and then the bills are ranked and placed in order to be heard on the floor starting on Saturday morning.



Just like in the real world, most bills never make it out of committee and get a hearing on the floor. However, Tyler Biddinger presented his bill in the Senate to require all schools in Indiana to offer rehabilitative services for students. After several rounds of heated debate, Tyler's bill was passed but time ran out on the conference before he was able to present in the House. None of the other bills from our delegation made it to the floor for debate.

Brenley authored a bill to create Veteran Rehab and Help Centers; Charlie's bill was a proposal to establish term limits for State Senators and Representatives; and Tyler Williams was hoping to require the age of adulthood for any kind of gender manipulation. As stated above, none of those bills made it to the floor for debate. Each year our delegation is one of the smallest but always well respected. Karigan was nominated for the Spirit of the YMCA award and Charlie was one of three delegates nominated for delegate of the year award.

## SHORT-TERM MEMBERSHIPS MEMORIAL DAY thru LABOR DAY

Begins Saturday, May 27, 2023

Membership valid 100 days from date of purchase!

Individuals \$100,  
Families \$200



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## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS?

Contact Dawn Ernstes, at [dawnb@dcfymca.org](mailto:dawnb@dcfymca.org)

Sessions 4&5 Program Guide is READY!

You can stop by the Front Desk to pick up your copy or download a copy at:  
[www.decaturncountyfamiyyymca.org](http://www.decaturncountyfamiyyymca.org)

# ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

This year's Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 28th, at the YMCA! We had 58 people in attendance for this year's meeting and they were served wraps, fruit salad and a cookie catered by Deb Sellers Catering and potato salad and cole slaw donated by KB Foods. This year's meeting reflected on all the things we accomplished at both of our YMCA branches, Decatur County Family and Shelby County YMCA's during 2022.

- In March of 2022, we held a ribbon cutting for the first part of our capital improvements, the Family Changing Locker Rooms.
- The Shelby County YMCA hosted the 8 week "Summer of Growth" program sponsored by Edward Jones where we had over 180 participants take part in a different theme each week from Vacation Bible School, to arts and crafts, to sports and fitness.
- On July 26, Shelby County celebrated their first year anniversary in collaboration with MHP, with a ribbon cutting, an all-day open house with activities for the community, concluding with a live band in the evening. We had over 1,900 membership units to celebrate that day, a great achievement for our new facility. Today, they have over 2,700 membership units.
- On August 21, 2022 we saw our capital campaign come to a successful conclusion with the ribbon cutting for the expansion which included the Indoor Playground, the expanded wellness center, the family changing locker rooms, and additional conference space. In addition, the expansion included the 3000sq ft dedicated space for our collaboration with the Decatur County Memorial Hospital where they offer wellness programs, massages, and post rehab services.
- We hosted our Annual "Halloween Carnival" in October of 2022 and with the addition of the indoor playground we saw our attendance soar to over 300 people that came put to enjoy the festivities.
- Annual Campaign raised over \$101,000 and we allocated \$94,000 to families and individuals who would not otherwise be able to fully utilize our facility and programs such as, child care, youth programs and memberships.
- Our Youth and Government once again had a great showing at its annual conference held in Indianapolis. One of the delegates was acting Lt. Governor for this year's conference and two of our delegates were nominated for Awards at this year's conference.

Not only did the meeting reflect on 2022, it also set the path for our future. Brett Abplanalp is taking over as Board President and discussed our future goals.

- Refocus on Endowment, goal of \$25,000 in 2023
- Maintain a Level 3 Paths to Quality in our Preschool Program
- 21st Century Program: ensure higher achievements by our participants
- After School Program: offer parents a safe place for their children, opportunity to do homework, participate in healthy after school activities
- Grow our STEM program and offerings
- Collaborate with Flat Rock River YMCA Camp



## Honorees at the meeting were:

- Jane Sparks– DCFY and Gary Davis– SCY —Volunteer of the Year Award;
- Andrea Lee– DCFY and Jon Raison– SCY— Staff of the Year Award;
- Outgoing Board Members– Heather Corya, Bobbie Ebbing and Joe Rust
- Incoming Board Members– Stu Kaplan, Chris McClelland



**DCMH's HEALTHCONNECT has dedicated parking spaces for their patrons. Please DO NOT park in them Monday-Friday. Also, please DO NOT enter through HealthConnect to gain access to the YMCA, you MUST enter through the front doors of the YMCA to check in and gain access to the YMCA. We appreciate your help with this matter.**

# HEALTHY KIDS DAY/ COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT!

For the first time in over four years, we held an in-person Community Easter Egg Hunt in collaboration with our Healthy Kids Day and as the last stop on DCMH's Annual Easter Egg Trail. This year's event was held on Saturday, April 1st and had a large turnout with over 350 people in attendance! We had 200 kids participate in our Easter Egg Hunt which included over 2200 eggs stuffed with goodies donated from Greensburg United Methodist Church, Walmart, and the National Youth Advocacy Program. The Hunt was held on our outdoor playground, which volunteers from GECOM graciously hid eggs for each of our age groups since we had to "hunt" by age groups instead of all together, but everyone still enjoyed it! Walmart graciously donated a girl's bike and boy's bike which we raffled off at the end of the hunt! We also offered meals to everyone in attendance which were donated by GECOM and Walmart. This year's vendors included DCMH Nutrition and Pediatric Physical Therapy departments, Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, Tree City Martial Arts, Decatur County Head Start, First Financial Bank, ASPIN, Community Healthcare Clinic, Purdue Extension of Decatur County, Good Shepherd, Building Blocks, Ireland Home Based Services, Decatur County Health Department, Cub Scouts, National Youth Advocate Program, Greensburg Lion's Club and Care Source. Families also enjoyed getting to see a firetruck from the Greensburg Fire Department, an ambulance from Decatur County EMS, a tractor courtesy of Koenig Equipment, a Semi truck courtesy of Shirk's International and a Lineman Bucket Truck courtesy of REMC. Thank you again to all our vendors and Touch A Truck participants and everyone who spent time with us. We look forward to seeing everyone at our event in 2024!



## PICKLEBALL ROUND ROBIN SCRAMBLES

**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Each of the 12 players in this round robin scramble will be assigned a number and will play 11 rounds. Scores will be added and the winners will be determined by the person with the highest total score. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will receive a prize for their accomplishments. Games (rounds) will be played to 11 and win by 1. **12 players max.** Registration **CLOSES** when 12 spots are filled!

Fees: \$10 YM      \$15 PM

Saturday, July 22nd- Competitive Scramble

Saturday, July 29th- Senior Scramble ages 65+

Saturday, August 12th- Recreational Scramble



## RESERVE YOUR CARTS!

### YMCA's Annual Golf Classic at the Greensburg Country Club

Thursday, June 8th, 11:00 am,

*Check in 10:00 am - 10:45 am*

Fees: \$300 per team (must be in one payment) or \$80 per person, and includes the following:

- ◆ Green Fees
- ◆ Cart
- ◆ Fruit & Snacks (Check-In)
- ◆ Dinner (immediately after golf)
- ◆ Refreshments/Snacks on the course
- ◆ Please register by May 26th



QR Code for Silent Auction which will begin on May 25, 2023!

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## What is the HERITAGE CLUB?

It is a diverse group of people, but they are all part of one group, sharing a common goal: that goal is to build a **stronger future** for the lives of our children and families in Decatur County.

### How do I become a Heritage Club member?

Two ways - You can leave the Decatur County Family YMCA in your estate plans or you can make a donation of \$1,000 to the Endowment. It is that easy! A donation ensuring the YMCA is in our community for future generations is worth so much and will definitely ensure a **legacy** of a lifetime!

### How can I make a donation to the Endowment?

You can make a donation to the Sustaining Fund online or you can come in and speak with one of us. We would gladly accept a donation in the form of a check, cash, credit card or stock payment.

## STAY CONNECTED

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