

A CAUSE-DRIVEN YMCA...

Each year, our YMCA hosts an Annual Recognition and Celebration (ARC) banquet to honor many special friends. This gives our YMCA a chance to tell our story and unveil our 2019 Champions. With Covid-19 we were unable to meet to announce our CHAMPIONS.

This event is highlighted with our Mission Impact Program which features all the stories of the Champions and our monthly mission moment winners. It is devoted to a special person every year and Darlene Mathias was our

2019 Book Champion! Last year we lost Darlene who was a 32-year volunteer in our Aquatics department teaching water aerobics. Another spotlight at the meeting is our Story Board Champions for our Annual Support Campaign (ASC). This year, our winners are Marie Sue and Stephanie Arteaga, Miguel Rios and David Amaro. These stories are displayed on a poster size easel in the hallways of the YMCA and in all of our marketing materials for our ASC. Here is our 2019 CHAMPIONS:

Youth Development: Chris Vargas

Healthy Living: Marvin Alvarez

Social Responsibility: Max Owen

Committee: David Fox

"Mac Foreman" Courage: Doug Keller

"Dana Polson" Employee: Krystal Richardson

Program: Riley Ewing

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Family: James Carlson

Partner in Health: Destiny Supports

Humanitarian: Joey Ramos

Member: Daniel Herrada

YMCA Ambassador: Miguel Rodriguez

"Darlene Mathias" Volunteer: Mike Popejoy

SMB (Coach of the Year): Matthew Guerrero

Community Health: Kearny County Bank

Character Development:

Child Care: Bella Lynch & Jackson Cott

Sports: Twila Murray

Mission: Seven individuals and one business went above and beyond their volunteerism at the Y!

Merit: Four members won this award for a special achievement throughout the year!

Team: 24 team members were identified for going the extra mile for exceptional service!

Healthy Heart: 67 members used the YMCA over 200 times in 2019 as Quang Nguyen topped the list for the fourth year in a row with 430 visits!

Board: Lance Fulton, Ray Fira and Kelly Drees!

Service: Chad Knight (20 yrs) Amanda Mitchell and Roni Knight (15 yrs), Scott Selee and Rosie Perales (10 yrs)

A copy of the program can be emailed to you upon request!

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"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders,
not followers "

Ralph Nader

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FROM THE CEO...

Dear YMCA member and supporter, Welcome to our first edition of the YScoop. This is a bi-annual newsletter to our members to keep everyone abreast of what is happening at the YMCA. We want you to know the “inside scoop”. I salute and thank each of you for your helping us put our mission into action.

We are in uncharted territory and who knows what the future holds for our local economy, state and nation. It will be a challenge to get back into our

normal daily lives, but we are stronger together and it will take everyone doing their part. At the YMCA, we have continued to do our part and hopefully make a difference for our community. I know people will be wary coming out of this pandemic and I can assure you, the YMCA will do our best to keep our facility clean, sanitized and safe for everyone to enjoy. It is imperative we help people get back on track!

I hope you enjoy the YScoop. There are many lives we touch and transform that are truly magical, but it all starts with you. The YMCA has had a rich heritage and built a strong foundation through the years, but I believe our most important chapters are yet to be written. Help us continue this quest! I encourage you to inspire others to provide opportunities for our three focus areas to come to life; youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Stay safe, be healthy, keep the faith and yours in Y Spirit, Chad Knight!

A NEW MEMBERSHIP MODEL...

We have been working diligently to streamline all of our membership types and more importantly lower our prices to enable the community to bounce back from Covid-19. New initiatives have already been implemented with the 24-hr access card and changes in our membership process. There will be many more services and privileges coming your way! The most critical change will be pricing, subsidies and discounts. We will work closely with our Corporate Partners to ensure our members get a better benefit. We want to create a true partnership with our Corporates and save members more money! The bottom line is to put money back into your pockets and ease the burden of a YMCA membership. Although, a YMCA membership is priceless, having you on our team and riding the YMCA bus is the relationship we want!

IN THE KNOW...

Every month: The first full week is “Bring a Friend Free” to the YMCA or Dome.

Ambassadors: If you have been with us five or more years, you get 1/2 price shakes!

May 4: YMCA & Dome will open with new hours & restrictions! New YMCA Prayer Room opening. Also, FREE giveaways and prizes will be set-up for members to take home!

May 23 –25: YMCA closed for Memorial Day

July: Kickoff our NFL raffle ticket fundraiser!

July 4: Closed for Independence Day

August: Founder’s Day Special Event

September: Corporate Membership Drive

September 5—7: YMCA closed for Labor Day

YMCA is hoping to resume all of our normal programs and operations ASAP. The May opening is contingent on state mandates.

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER...

Since January, our YMCA has invested over \$75,000 in Capital improvements, building fixtures and equipment. During our Covid-19 shutdown, we have accomplished many renovation projects and additions:

- **Girls Locker Room:** It has been renovated. Looks AWESOME! This was repainted and new tile put in over the concrete blocks. *(See third picture)*
- **Birthday Party Room:** Completely repainted the walls, floor and deep cleaned. *(See second picture)*
- **Concrete Parking Lot:** Replaced another large section of the parking lot. *(See fourth picture)*
- **Family Pool:** Drained and cleaned the pool. Cleaned and waxed the tiles. Re-caulked around the entire pool. Cleaned and painted the walls. Cleaned the HVAC sock.
- **Lap Pool:** Drained and completely repainted. Cleaned the gutters, steps and ladders. Drained and cleaned the sand filter. Added new sand. Cleaned the boiler room. Replaced the drain covers. Scrubbed and cleaned the deck. *(See top picture)*
- **Storage rooms:** Cleaned and organized lap and family pool storage rooms, Maintenance shop, pool boiler rooms & two other storage rooms.
- **Ceiling Tiles:** Replaced over 70 tiles that were stained, broke, damaged or whatever. Cleaned the light tiles.
- **Men's LR:** Cleaned out all the lockers. Replaced loose tile in front of the Steam Room and fixed Men’s Sauna.
- **Women's LR:** Cleaned out all the lockers. Fixed shower head. Deep cleaned the showers. Replaced the shower curtains. Removed old TV and stand and hung new TV. Replaced sitting area with a smaller couch.
- **Cardio Fitness Center:** Replaced all the lights with LED lights. Deep cleaned each cardio machine to make it shine like it came off the showroom floor. Cleaned all the rafters and deep cleaned & sanitized the entire room.
- **Strength Fitness Center:** Replaced all the lights with LED lights. Deep cleaned each machine. Reupholstered many of the benches. Added a couple of mirrors.
- **Bleachers:** Replaced new carpet sliders on bottom.
- ♦ **Family Locker Room:** Added a base to the each set of lockers. *(See bottom picture)*
- ♦ *And much, much more! Come check it out!*

