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Stevens Point Area YMCA Celebrates Community, Growth, and Leadership at Annual Board Meeting

STEVENS POINT, WI — On Wednesday, July 23, 2025, the Stevens Point Area YMCA hosted its Annual Board Meeting at the YMCA facility, bringing together staff, board members, donors, and community stakeholders to celebrate a year of progress and look ahead to a bright future.

Attendees heard powerful YMCA impact stories, learned about the organization's achievements over the past year, and were given a preview of strategic initiatives for the year ahead—including the exciting addition of the Waushara Community YMCA and renovation plans for the Stevens Point Area YMCA facility.

The evening also honored outstanding individuals for their commitment to the YMCA mission:

- **The Gerald M. O'Brien Leadership Award** was presented to **Erik Carlson**, recognizing his exceptional leadership and service.
- **The Copps Family Philanthropic Award** was awarded to Marg Coker-Nelson for her enduring philanthropic impact.
- **The George May Mission Award** was awarded to the late **George May**, accepted by his wife, **Phyllis May**, honoring his embodiment of the YMCA mission throughout his life.

"This event reminds us that the Y is more than a building — it's a community of people committed to making a difference," said Ryan Zietlow, CEO of the Stevens Point Area YMCA. "As we grow and evolve, our mission remains the same: to strengthen the foundations of our community through programs that encourage youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility."

For more information about the Stevens Point Area YMCA and its programs, visit spymca.org.

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About the Stevens Point Area YMCA

The Y is one of the nation's leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Currently serving Portage County, for more than 55 years, the Stevens Point Area YMCA has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver lasting personal and social change. spymca.org