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YMCA NAMES BOARD CHAIR AND ADDS 7 TRUSTEES

The Hunterdon County YMCA is pleased to announce the appointment of Board of Trustees Chair, Alex Van Veldhuisen. In addition, 7 more county residents have joined the Board: Sara Gibbons, Paul Gondek, Jim Imbriaco, Jason Read, Ken Sanchez, Pat Stoik and Dick Willke.

Mr. Van Veldhuisen has served on the Y's Board since 2004, most recently as Board Vice Chair and Properties Committee Chair. He also serves on the Board Development and Strategic Planning committees. He is Principal of InfoStore Online, LLC located in Frenchtown and the Vice President of

Van's Self Storage Facilities in Whitehouse Station. Mr. Van Veldhuisen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University and has held various positions, including President and Vice President, on the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Self Storage Association. A life-long Hunterdon County resident, Mr. Van Veldhuisen is a graduate of Hunterdon Central High School and currently lives in Flemington with his wife, Elizabeth, and their children, Alyssa and Jared.

Sara Gibbons has been a member of the HCY for 9 years and a Hunterdon County resident for 12 years. Both of Ms. Gibbons' children, Brinton and Rose, attended the Y's Round Valley Child Care and Learning Center and all members of the family are participants in Y activities such as gym, camp, swim lessons and swim team, ballet, and karate. In addition to her service on the Board, Ms. Gibbons serves on the Y's PR/Marketing Committee. Ms. Gibbons is the Northeast US Zone Sales Manager for The Clorox Company and has 18 years of experience in the consumer products company industry. She is a graduate of Academy of Food Marketing through Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia where she obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree. Outside of her career, Ms. Gibbons has served as Family Readiness Group Leader for the 192nd Combat Engineer Battalion US

Government Army National Guard helping spouses and family members of deployed soldiers in Iraq.

Paul Gondek returns to the Y's Board after having served for 10 years and stepping down for 1 year strictly due to term limits. During the break from Board participation, Mr. Gondek continued to serve on the Y's Properties and Strategic Planning committees. The YMCA is pleased about Mr.

Gondek's return to the Board as his dedication to and history with the Y are both instrumental in continuing to spread the good word and mission of the organization. Mr. Gondek has served as Chair of the annual Strong Kids Campaign and has volunteered many hours as a YMCA swim official. Mr. Gondek is employed as a Market Research Analyst by Genactis, Inc. of Ft. Washington, PA. He and his wife, Monica, live in Pittstown and enjoy swimming and other exercise routines at the YMCA.

Jim Imbriaco is new to the Hunterdon County Y and Board of Trustees but a long time resident of the county and highly engrained in our community.

Mr. Imbriaco and his family live in Lebanon. He is an active member of the Clinton Presbyterian Church, serves on the Board of Trustees of Hunterdon Healthcare System and is a member of the Hunterdon County Bar

Association. Mr. Imbriaco has been Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of GENTEK INC. of Parsippany for four years.

Jason Read was born and raised in Hunterdon County, currently residing in Ringoes. Mr. Read is a 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist as part of the United States Olympic Rowing Team. Having participated as a competitive team member since 1999, Mr. Read is a World Record holder and Ten Time member of the U.S. National team. Mr. Read is a graduate of Temple University School of Business studying Economics and Finance. On a local level, Mr. Read has served on the Ringoes Rescue Squad since 1993 and is presently Chief of Department. Mr. Read also serves on the Y's PR/Marketing Committee.

Lloyd (Pat) Stoik has been involved with the Y for many years, most especially as a very involved parent of his two children on the HCY Stingrays swim team and as a volunteer of the swim team committee. A competitive swimmer himself, Mr. Stoik is part of the USA Swimming Association. The Stoik children have attended the Y's summer camp programs and their Before/After School Care programs. Mr. Stoik is Vice

President at Chubb Group of Insurance Companies in Warren, NJ in the area of Worldwide Inland Marine insurance. Since 2006 Mr. Stoik has served as the Chairman of the Education Committee of the Inland Marine Underwriters Association in New York, NY. Mr. Stoik holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from Colorado State University. He has a Certified Insurance Counselor Designation and an Associate in Risk Management Designation. In addition to his new role as a Board Trustee, Mr. Stoik serves on the Y's Finance Committee and is active with the Y's Annual Strong Kids Campaign. Mr. Stoik and his wife, Jennie, and children Sydney and Grayson, reside in Whitehouse Station.

Dr. Kenneth Sanchez first joined the Hunterdon County community in 1994. In addition to his role as Board Trustee, Dr. Sanchez serves on the Y's Strategic Planning Committee. Dr. Sanchez has an extensive employment history with Merck & Co., Inc. beginning in 1989 in San Jose, Costa Rica, his native country. Since that time, Dr. Sanchez has held various positions with Merck in several different locations including Mexico City and here in Whitehouse Station, NJ. He is currently the Director of Operational Excellence, US Commercial Operations/Global at Merck's US Pharma, West Point, PA facility. Dr. Sanchez earned a Bachelor Degree in Bio

Medical Engineering from Texas A&M University and a Doctor of Medicine Degree from Autonomous University of Guadalajara. From 1987-1989 Dr. Sanchez was an Emergency Room Medical Physician in San Jose, Costa Rica. Dr. Sanchez is heavily involved with the growing Hunterdon County hispanic community through Hunterdon Hispanos , a non-profit organization of Flemington for which his wife, Flor, is employed. Dr. and Mrs. Sanchez live in Clinton with their two children.

Richard (Dick) Willke has been a Hunterdon County resident since 1999 when he relocated to our area after accepting his current position with Pfizer as Senior Director/Group Leader of Outcomes Research. Mr. Willke earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio State University and holds a PhD in Economics from Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Willke serves on the Board of Directors of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, has served as both a member and Chair of the Health Outcomes Committee, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association. In addition, Mr. Willke was Health Economist Department Director of the American Medical Association and was an Assistant Professor of Economics at Ohio State University. Mr. Willke and his wife, Brenda live in Flemington, have four children and are members of St.

Magdalen's Parish. In addition to his service as Y Board Trustee, Mr. Willke is on the Y's Finance Committee.

The YMCA is thankful to have such dedicated Hunterdon County residents join the Board of Trustees. Bruce Black, President and CEO of the YMCA says, "The strength of any YMCA can be found in its volunteer leadership. We are indeed fortunate to have these new Trustees join our YMCA and assist in carrying out our mission of providing programs and services, helping people grow in spirit, mind, and body."

For information on volunteerism, please contact Kathy Martini and 908.236.7879 ext. 14. For information on YMCA membership, please contact Linda Milo of the Deer Path branch at 908.782.1030 ext. 614 or Johnathan White of the Round Valley branch at 908.236.0055 ext. 42.