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Our
Mission

DeKalb County Community Foundation promotes *community philanthropy* by offering local citizens the opportunity to *leave a charitable legacy* that will *sustain and improve life* in our county.

Zern Endowment Fund will Support Garrett Library

When Betty Zern died in 2009 she left gifts to benefit several charitable organizations that she cared about. In January 2010 her estate made a generous gift to the community foundation to support the Garrett Public Library's endowment fund.

Zern served on the Library's board for 16 years and was a "staunch supporter" says her friend Linda Miller. The Library used her gift as an opportunity to create the *Betty J. Zern Endowment Fund*. As she intended, income produced by the new fund will benefit the Garrett Public Library each year.

The Library recognizes that naming the fund for its donor offers them an additional chance to honor her memory, not just this year but every year. Both the Garrett Public Library and the community foundation will continue to celebrate her gift each time the fund makes a grant to the Library and each time the community foundation publishes a list of funds. Betty Zern's charitable legacy will serve as a continual reminder of her life and what was important to her.



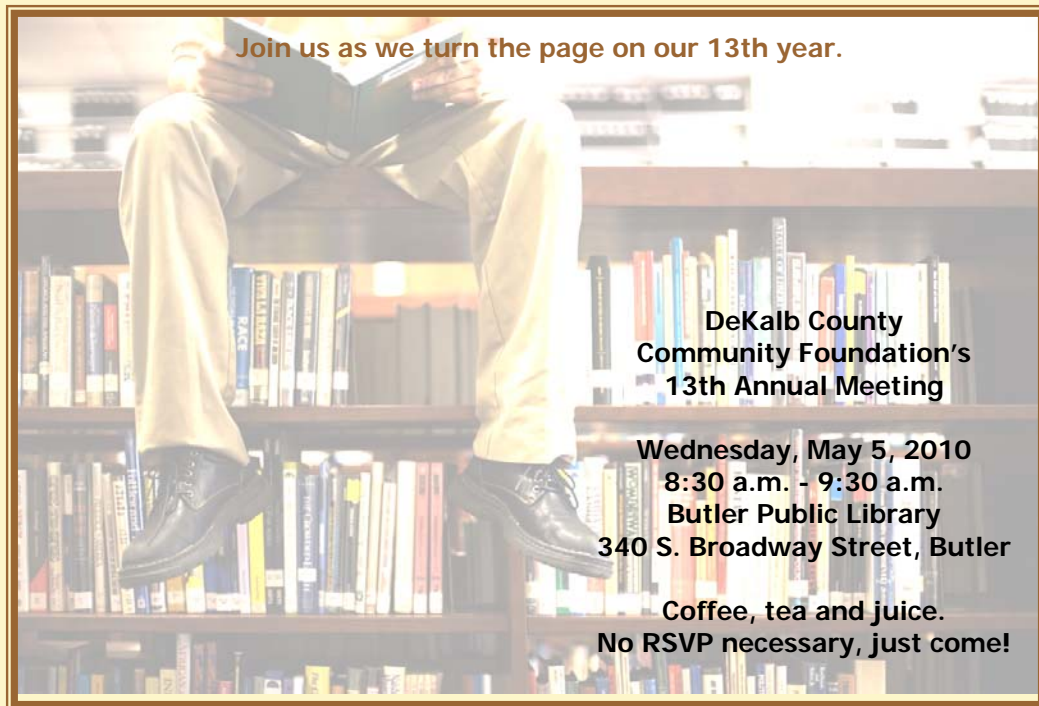
Betty J. Zern

Join us as we turn the page on our 13th year.

DeKalb County
Community Foundation's
13th Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2010
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Butler Public Library
340 S. Broadway Street, Butler

Coffee, tea and juice.
No RSVP necessary, just come!



Learning Link Shares Accomplishments

Sixty-six people met at the Garrett Middle School on March 16th for Learning Link's semi-annual community meeting. Representatives from three Learning Link action teams shared their teams' road maps to success and reported their progress on the journey.

DeKalb County Learning Link provides crucial connections between early childhood, Kindergarten - grade 12 and adult lifelong education. Three action teams, each focused on one of the three age groups, set strategies and track accomplishments toward meeting Learning Link's overall goal: Raise the level of education in DeKalb



Anita Getts, representing Alcoa Advanced Transportation, expresses her interest in business and industry partnering with schools to help prepare students for 21st century careers.

County to improve the quality of life for all.

Input from the community is crucial to Learning Link's success and the community foundation is grateful to all who attended the event. "It was good to hear the progress of each committee and fresh ideas that came out of the breakout sessions," said one guest. "It was a very positive evening," said another.

Learning Link will hold its next community event in the fall. Learn more at www.dekalblearninglink.org or contact Learning Link Director Judy Sorg at the community foundation office, (260) 925-0311.

10 Years of Leave A Legacy® Leadership



Tanya Howe Johnson and Zis Milentis (President, PGCNI) present a commemorative plaque to community foundation representatives Wendy Oberlin and Randy Deetz.

DeKalb County Community Foundation was recently honored as a partner in northeast Indiana's Leave A Legacy® campaign. The campaign's sponsor, the Planned Giving Council of Northeast Indiana (PGCNI), hosted a luncheon event

The event's speaker was Tanya Howe Johnson, CEO/President of the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, the national parent organization for PGCNI. Johnson said, "Our lives are enriched by many community organizations that are supported by charitable gifts." She noted three charitable organizations that have touched her family. "A children's hospital where my son was cared for through 26 hospitalizations, the philharmonic orchestra that provides my family with musical enlightenment and the animal shelter where we adopted two beloved family pets."

Johnson inspired us to help donors support the charities they care about by saying, "What better way is there to thank the community organizations that mean so much to us than to leave them a gift in our wills?"

to celebrate its 10th annual campaign.

1st Quarter 2010 Honorary & Memorial Gifts

Honorary Gifts

Robert Rankin

Memorial Gifts

Marvin Basse
James H. Carper
Raymond Cloud
Larry R. Jeffries

Cyrus F. Johnson
Betty L. Kleeman
Donald Ruegsegger
Melvin L. "Red" Schendel
Walter Melvin Smith

William Tyndall
Kathryn C. Winans
Melanie Ann Yarian



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