

# LEGACY OF A LADY

On November 6, 2006, our YMCA lost one of our nearest and dearest supporters - Erma Agazzi Chuk. Erma volunteered for our YMCA 68 years, right up to her death at age 92. She joined our YMCA in 1938 and within one year she was conducting classes and trips as well as serving as chairperson on several committees.

Erma was a pioneer who blazed many trails. She felt strongly that women should have the same opportunities as men, including a place to socialize and exercise. For five years, she chaired the committee which raised funds for the Women's and Girl's Health Facility at the Joliet YMCA.

Erma was the first woman to be elected to the Board of Directors for the Greater Joliet Area YMCA. In 2000 she was recognized nationally as a key leader in the YMCA movement.

Erma was a dedicated community member who involved with many other local organizations, including the Joliet Business and Professional Women's Club, the Historical Society, and the Women's Investment Club.

In 1963 she purchased her own electrolysis business.

Among her many interests, Erma was an avid post card collector. She often used her talents and hobbies to promote the Greater Joliet Area YMCA. Erma was one of the most engaged members our YMCA has ever known. She supported our YMCA with her time, talents and treasures. We are blessed & eternally grateful to her for the active role she has played throughout our history.

*In memory and appreciation  
of this amazing lady,  
our YMCA has created the*

*Erma Agazzi Chuk  
History Center.*

*It is our wish that all visitors  
will be informed and inspired  
by the rich history of both  
our local and National YMCA.*

*Erma Agazzi Chuk*

January 2, 1914 - November 6, 2006