

Kintner Family Fund established for new aquatic center

Friends of Philip and Anne Kintner have created a special fund at the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation in memory of Anne Kintner and in honor of Anne and Phil Kintner, longtime Grinnell residents.

As avid swimmers, the Kintners' example of enjoying healthy recreational activities continues to inspire others. This initiative is underway near the fifth anniversary of Anne's death on June 21, 2003. She was killed in a

bicycling accident at the age of 73. To date, over \$11,000 has been raised, with a goal of raising \$25,000 to reserve safety equipment for the new family aquatic center being built in Grinnell.

Anne and Phil Kintner came to Grinnell in 1964. Anne retired in 1998 as associate librarian and archivist at Grinnell College's Burling Library. After retirement, she worked part-time while continuing to pursue wide-ranging in-

terests in art, architecture, music and literature. Although now retired from Grinnell College as Rosenthal Professor Emeritus of history, Philip continues to research in early German history.

Anne was always physically active and took naturally to swimming, according to Phil, who learned to swim at age 40, thanks to swim coach John Pfitsch. He fondly remembers the many years when the couple arose early to swim, calling the routine "a wonderful start to our day." Phil expressed the hope that more people can learn to swim when they are young, saying that the new aquatic center will be a great resource to promote this goal.

Pfitsch recalls how Anne and Phil were inspiration for his book, "Pfitsch Tales," helping him gather notes and edit the text. "Anne was very enthused about swimming," Pfitsch remembers. "She was always so disappointed whenever the pool had to close unexpectedly."

The Kintners have three daughters: Karen, a reference art librarian at the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Mass.; Judy, who was formerly in charge of the pool and athletics at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio; and Jennifer, who works at Eastern State University in Tennessee. All three are active swimmers.

The new family aquatic center will replace Grinnell's existing municipal pool, which has deteriorated through many years of heavy use. The city of Grinnell is devoting \$3 million from local option sales tax revenue to build

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the new pool. The "SPLASH" campaign now underway is to fund the equipment and amenities that will convert the basic pool into a full-fledged aquatic center. These amenities will include lap lanes such as those enjoyed by the Kintners, as well as recreational features such as slides, geysers, and a "lazy river," as well as a new bath house and concession building. More information about the project is available at the campaign website at www.grinnelliowa.gov/splash.

When completed, the aquatic center will highlight a number of improvements planned for the adjacent area which also includes Lion's Park and the Grinnell Area Recreation Trail, as well as the campuses of Bailey Park, Grinnell High School and Iowa Valley Community College-Grinnell. For example, the Ahrens Foundation recently made a \$100,000 contribution for new playground equipment at Lion's Park. Campaign co-chairs Delphina Baumann and Wendy Ramsey have emphasized that the family aquatic center is intended for use by all area residents and visitors.

Those wishing to make donations to the Kintner Family Fund for the Aquatic Center are asked to make their gifts payable to the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, indicating "Aquatic Center-Kintner" on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible. Gifts can be mailed to the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, PO Box 344, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

"SPLASH" campaign co-chairs welcome inquires as well: you can reach Baumann at (641) 821-0303 or by email to dvbaumann@iowatelecom.net and Ramsey at (641) 821-9681 or by email at wramsey@gmrc.com.