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# YMCA OF THE GOLDEN CRESCENT HISTORY

# 1900

### 1899

Henry Schultz traveled to Greenville, SC for YMCA charter and came home empty handed.

# **April 1906**

Membership reached its highest in April when it numbered 190.

Of these, 60 were under 17 years of age.

The Association seeks to meet this demand. The average daily attendance at the rooms during the year was 26.



# **September 15, 1906**

Active work in the YMCA will begin next week. The junior physical culture classes will begin on the 17th at 4 p. m., and the men's classes will begin two weeks later. Now is the time to enroll for our classes.

### 1908

YMCA building on corner of Main and Goodwin was leased to John and Helen Krapf.

This was the beginning of the Delaware Hotel.

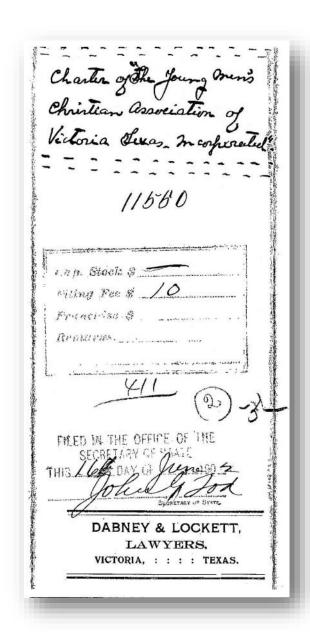


# June 16, 1902

Charter for the YMCA of Victoria, Texas was purchased for \$10.

# Founding Members:

J.C. Wilson, J.M. Brownson, F.B. Lander, W.C. Barnes, G.W.L Fly, J.F. Hart, J.F. Morris, S.G. Reed, C.C. Zirjacks, J.L. Lockett, Jr. and J.L. Hunter, General Secretary.





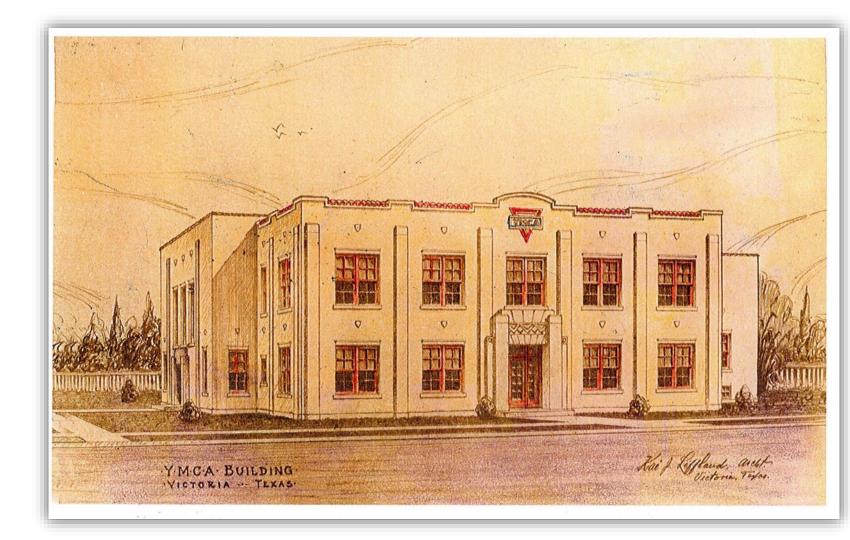
# 1907

Join us for a men's meeting at the YMCA. Last Sunday was the largest since they began four weeks ago.

General Secretary: J.D. Brasington

# 1912

Located at 107 E. Commercial/ 111 Commercial and Liberty



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# 1930

# May 31, 1933

Fifty-six boys and girls attend swim lessons at Pleasure Island.

Red Cross swimming buttons will be handed out by Mayor, Ben Jordan.



# July 7, 1941

Soldiers entertained at the YMCA.

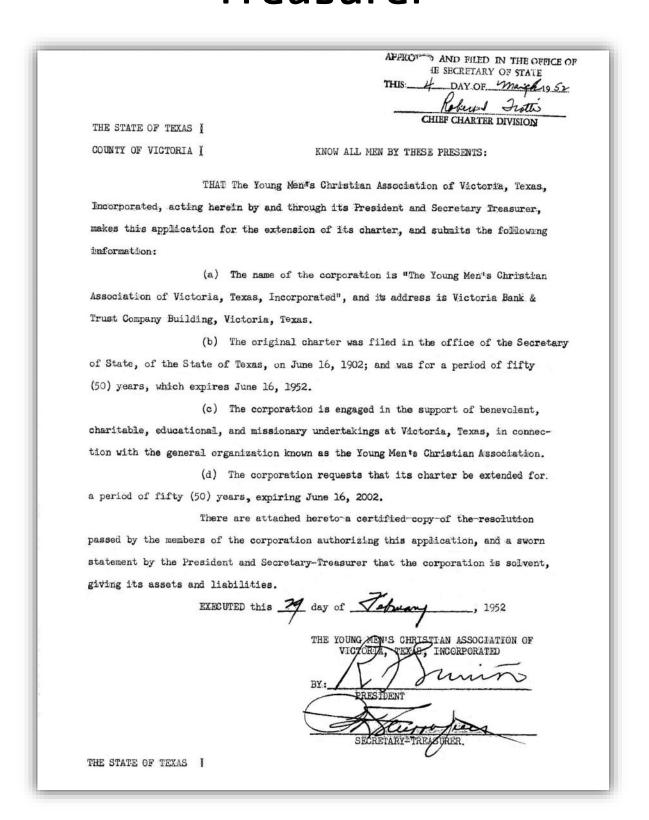




# June 16, 1952

Extension of YMCA charter. Charter purchased in 1902 was good for 50 years.

R.F. Smith, President
P.K. Stubblefield, SecretaryTreasurer



# March 20, 1932

Committees named for YMCA work.

General Secretary:
Dr. Allan Shields

# COMMITTEES FOR Y M C A WORK ARE NAMED BY SHIELDS The following committees have been appointed by Dr. Allan Shields, president of the Victoria County Y. M. C. A. Finance—J. R. Levy, W. C. Erwin, V. Mercer, Chester Evans, Dr. Allan Shields. Physical—Wm. Erwin, chairman. Boys: W. C. Erwin, Ed Wagner, J. E. Pickering, Girls: Fred Schneider and H. A. Lawrence, Men: W. R. McCright, Chester Evans, John Stofer, Women: J. R. Levy, Rural Children: J. L. Moore, Club Room: Lawrence O'Connor, chairman,

Membership-V. Mercer. Publicity-Chester Evans.

Swimming and Life Saving-V

## 1930s-1940s

YMCA hosted many Fight Nights for wrestling and boxing.



### 1946

August - 107 E. Commercial building previous occupied by the USO is requested by City Recreational Council for it's recreational programs.

October - Victoria City Council tentatively approved the building for use as a Youth Recreation Center but "considerable amount of work is necessary before it will be acceptable to the city".

### 1953-1963?

Located at 3400 N. Ben Jordan.

### 1955

Presbyterian Youth Center and Teen Haven Gym use 107 E. Commercial building.



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# 1960

### 1960-1964

YMCA membership grows 158%

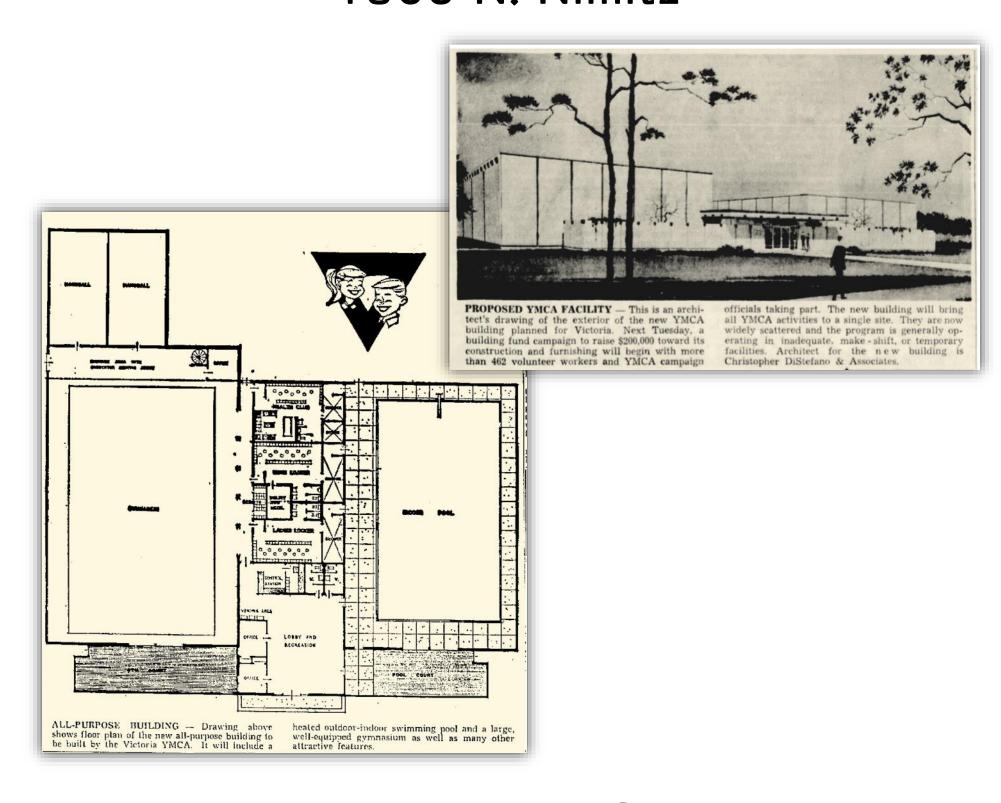
# April 16, 1961

Second membership campaign kicks off with the announcement that the YMCA has acquired a swimming pool at Foster Field.



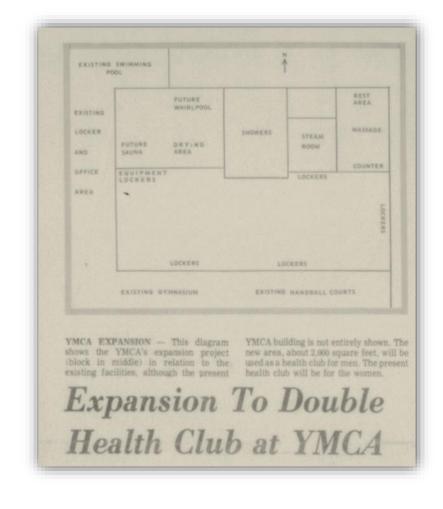
# 1965

Plans for new YMCA building at 1806 N. Nimitz



# January 4, 1975

Victoria YMCA is more than doubling the size of its health club adding about 2,000 square feet.



# August 7, 1960

President, C.M. Ferguson reports Manuel Corey as new General Secretary.



# 1962

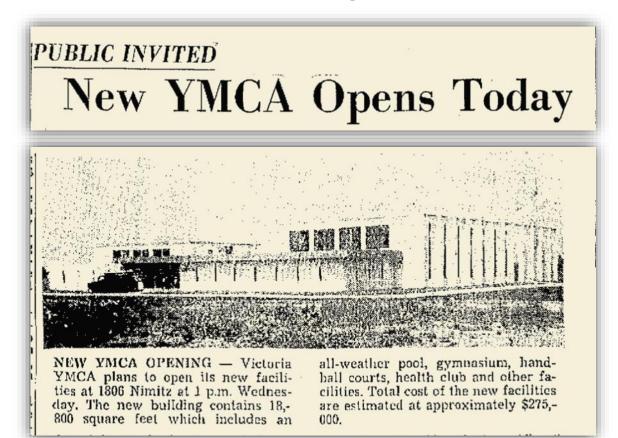
Groundbreaking on 4.5 acres of land donated by Corrine Woods and Woods Family Memorial Trust.

General Secretary: Wallace Gill



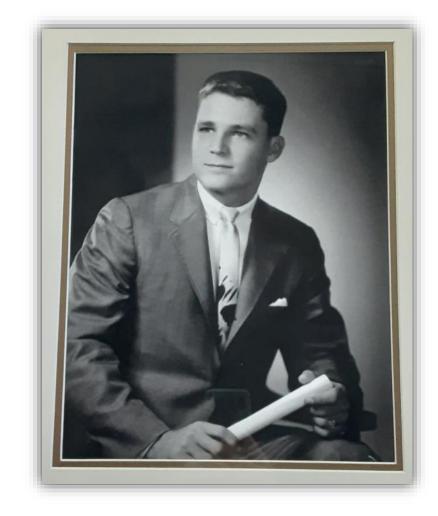
# August 25, 1966

New YMCA facility at 1806 N. Nimitz opens.



### 1978

Tommy Bauer Wing of administrative offices added.





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# 1990

### 1984-2001

Executive Director:
Larry Koonce

1996

Calhoun County YMCA began

### 1997

Purchased adjacent Junior Achievement building to become YMCA Youth Development Office.

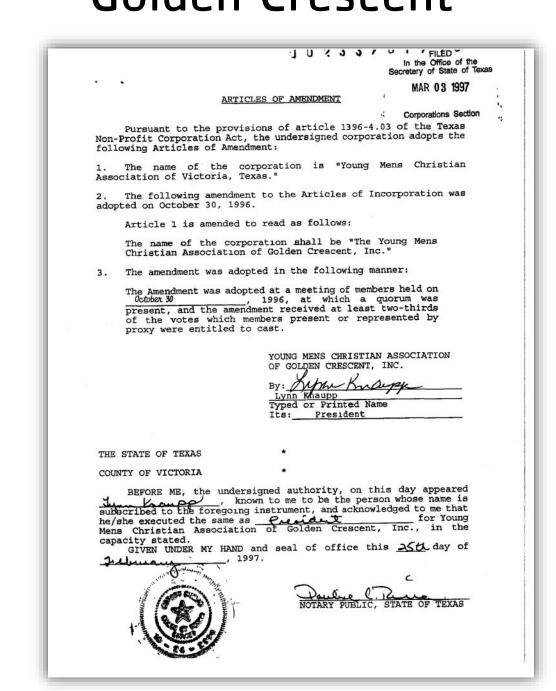


Calhoun County YMCA received its National YMCA Charter as a branch of the YMCA of the Golden Crescent



# 1999

Calhoun County YMCA serves 30% of all residents in county and provides 6,000 square foot wellness facility with only indoor pool in the county.



# 1999-2000

Significant growth in after school programs as the YMCA expands to 14 schools in Victoria, 2 schools in Calhoun, 1 in Cuero and Edna.



Three of the six racquetball courts are converted to an aerobics studio.







# 2006

"Membership For All" policy adopted. We strive to turn no one away because of their inability to pay.

**CEO:** Kevin Fiorillo

### 2008

7.3 acres purchased in Port Lavaca as future home of Calhoun County YMCA.







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# 2010

2014

City pool plans in the works.





2015

Groundbreaking for new Victoria pool, building renovations.







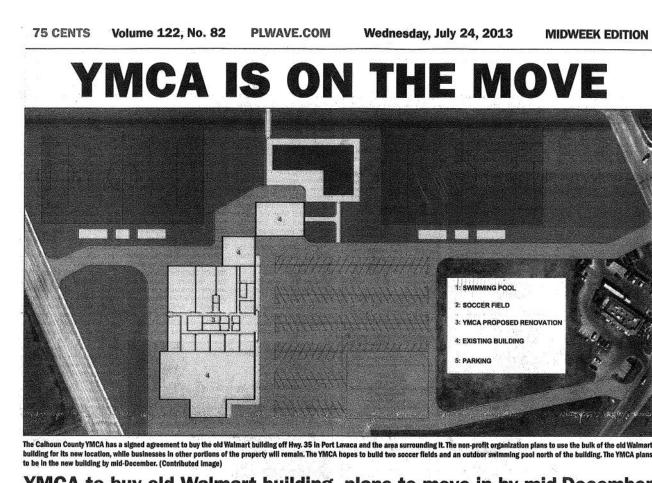
2011-2018

CEO: Chris Seilkop



2014

Calhoun County YMCA moves to new location



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2017

Victoria County YMCA renamed the Barbara Bauer Briggs Family YMCA.

New outdoor pool opens.

2019

Renovations complete at the Briggs Branch. 24 hour access now available at both branches.

CEO: William "Bud" Oliver

