

## RAMONA (RICHLI) CLARK '57



Ramona's devotion to Monterey Bay Academy (MBA) began at the age of 14. With her missionary parents living in the Philippines, She had to adapt to early independence. Graduating from MBA in 1957, she headed off to La Sierra University. From her earliest remembrance, she wanted to be a doctor. Her educational journey—from MBA to becoming a board-certified radiologist—is nothing short of inspirational. One of only two women among 75 men in medical school in the early 1960s, she paved the path for women in this career field.

A large portion of Ramona's adult life has included service to MBA as a volunteer. In addition to sending all five of her children to MBA (16 years as an active, involved parent

from the late 1970s to mid-1990s), she served on the alumni board for three years (1991–1994). She has served on the MBA Board of Trustees since 1992—a current total of 21 years as a trustee. Additionally, she is also serving on the MBA Alumni Endowment Board. When you put it all together, once she completed her education and training journey in becoming a physician, not long thereafter she began serving as a volunteer to MBA and has never stopped. Her loyalty, her dedication, her service is unquestioned.

Her philanthropic leadership, however, goes far beyond a few hundred dollars here and there. Twelve years ago, Ramona established the Lillith Newball Richli Endowment Fund. This endowment honors both her mother and her grandfather, Pastor Newball, who was also a dedicated Christian teacher. The endowment is for the sole purpose of providing continuing education courses for the MBA faculty. "To have an excellent school, one must have dedicated, excellent teachers," says Dr. Clark. "The fund helps to keep teachers abreast of new developments in their field." This area is often lacking in our Adventist school budgets. The Richli Endowment is a blessing to the MBA faculty as a resource in maintaining the latest methodologies and techniques in education. Several thousand dollars per year provides this opportunity to our faculty. Of the many endowments MBA has been blessed by, this is the only one directed to this purpose.

MBA is proud to recognize Ramona's pioneer spirit and her unfailing determination to help MBA be all it can be.