

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



PAULA H. PENEBAKER

Paula is the former President & CEO of the YWCA Southeast Wisconsin. She served the organization for over 20 years. After retirement, she served as an Executive Advisor.

Penebaker has extensive leadership and human resources experience having earned both Professional (PHR) and Senior Professional Human Resources (SPHR) certifications. During her career she developed diversity strategies, facilitated management training sessions infused with diversity principles and co-developed racial justice curriculum.

Paula has served on several local Boards of Directors including the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Professional Dimensions, Renaissance Theaterworks, and the Milwaukee County Federated Library System to name a few. Nationally, she served as Vice President and President of the Board of YWCA USA. She has also received numerous awards.

On a personal note, she is a member of the international service organizations Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated and The Milwaukee Chapter of The Links Incorporated. Paula has a son, daughter, three grandchildren and her beloved Covid companion a Labradoodle named Chestnut. She loves sports, especially Milwaukee Bucks basketball and enjoys live music, theater, travel, television and movies among other things.