

# The Local Council of Women

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The Local Council of Women

## President's Message

This year LCW has been busy providing education to our members and community that is timely, pertinent, and healthcare-related. We hope you have been able to join us at our recent virtual LCW events. We had great attendance and received positive feedback from our first two quarterly meetings highlighting homelessness and food insecurities. These topics came at a crucial time when the community was expressing concerns regarding homeless encampments and during a transitioning phase of Covid-19.



In June, we were able to provide scholarships to five students to help them continue their healthcare careers in the region. We take pride in helping these future healthcare providers follow their dreams. Congratulations to the recipients!

As the fall season approaches, LCW is finalizing plans for the remainder of the year. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming quarterly meeting in September as well as the annual meeting in December — the dates are listed in the latter portion of this newsletter. Our next quarterly meeting will include a presentation from the Cancer Support Community organization — we hope you can join us! We are also looking forward to the opening of the IU Regional Academic Health Center in December. Although we are hopeful that in-person meetings can resume soon, we are also monitoring the CDC and Monroe County Health Department recommendations with regard to the increasing number of delta variant Covid cases.

We want to hear from YOU! In June you should have received an email from the LCW Board of Directors requesting your participation in a membership survey. We are compiling data to better gauge your interest in meeting topics and future participation in LCW quarterly meetings. If you have already completed the survey, thank you! If not, it's not too late. The survey is enclosed with this newsletter — please return it by September 10. We appreciate your input!

We currently have two board positions vacant on the LCW Board of Directors. We are searching for individuals who are involved — or interested in becoming involved — in some way in the healthcare community and can bring new skills and insights to the board, while also being able to commit to monthly meetings and LCW events. If you are interested, please email [vmmclary@msn.com](mailto:vmmclary@msn.com).

Thank you for your membership and your continued support of the Local Council of Women. We appreciate your commitment to our mission and to our wonderful community.

In Service,

**Vanessa McClary**

*President*

*Local Council of Women — Your Voice for Community Health Since 1897*

# LCW's First Quarterly Meeting

## Members hear about homelessness issues, scholarship winners, and progress on the new hospital.

Forrest Gilmore, the Executive Director of Beacon, was the initial speaker at LCW's first quarterly meeting of 2021, held on March 10. Beacon operates at four locations, including the Shalom Community Center and Crawford Homes for the previously homeless, and Gilmore spoke about the issue of homelessness in Bloomington and Monroe County. He explained that Beacon offers those in need a range of support services and housing, with the aim of reducing hunger, poverty and homelessness. Over 50 staff members work 24/7 to serve hundreds of mostly homeless people daily, nearly all of whom have incomes at or below 30% of the area medium income, which is considered extreme poverty. Women and children make up 60% of their clients, while 11% are veterans.

Gilmore noted that because the number of homeless seemed to increase this past winter, being especially visible in the number of people congregating in Seminary Square park on Second Street and South Walnut, Beacon staff went into the streets to try to determine what the barriers were to many of the homeless going to a shelter. They identified 44 people by name who were sleeping outside, mostly in Seminary Square, and asked how they could help them to access shelter. They found there were also a number of people—more than they had thought—who were experiencing homelessness and spending the night in other locations, many of them sleeping in cars and thus harder to count. All in all, they found there were at least 65 people sleeping outside, even in the winter, either on the ground or in cars.

Reasons people gave for not going to a shelter included the desire to be with a partner or to bring a pet; not wishing to be required to take part in religious observances; and previous behavioral issues at existing shelters.

To try to make it easier for some of them to sleep inside, Gilmore and his staff were able in a very short time to open a new low-barrier winter shelter. It was difficult to find a building that was suitable, because essential codes had to be met; for example, an operational sprinkler system was a must. The City waived some building codes, due to the emergency nature of the situation. Of great help were the City's Fire Chief, and a donation of cots by the Red Cross, along with a number of funders, including the City, the County, several townships, and the Local Council of Women, which donated \$5,000 for operating costs. Gilmore thanked LCW for its "incredible generosity" in helping them to get the shelter underway – with this kind of support they were able to open it 11 days after locating the potentially viable space in a building along the B-Line trail. Unfortunately, the space is not one that they will be able to use again next winter.

On the first day after the shelter opened, 20 people made use of it; a day or so later there were 33, then 40, and within a week the space was full, sometimes with up to 70 people. However, the shelter was able to remain open only through April 15, which is generally considered the last likely frost day in this area. Gilmore noted that even in the warmer weather the problem will remain challenging.

The problem of homelessness is not only a short-term one, caused by a lack of overnight space for people to sleep, but also long-term, due to a lack of affordable housing. Gilmore pointed out that although it is easy to assume that more shelters are needed, the necessary long-term solution is affordable housing for people living in extreme poverty, along with the provision of needed social and behavioral services. Although rental housing in the area is available for \$500-\$800 a month, there is very little in the \$0-\$400 range, which is what is needed. Section 8 housing is the best model for those who don't require intensive case management, but only 20% of those who qualify are actually able to obtain it. Because there are insufficient numbers of this kind of housing available, an enormous number of people are left to search, very often unsuccessfully, for other housing.

The limited amount of housing is not the only barrier for the area's extremely poor—others include bureaucratic issues, a bad rent and/or credit history even if their rental payments are guaranteed by a support agency, and transportation issues, because affordable housing often gets located away from the main part of the community instead of being integrated into it, thus isolating the people who live there.

In response to a question about the chances for more housing similar to the Crawford apartments that were made available to homeless persons several years ago, Gilmore said there was a four to five-year timeline for this kind of housing, ideally with the necessary services located at the same site. An additional option would be to make use of more "tiny homes," which might more easily be integrated into the community. Currently, the main funding source, especially for Section 8 housing, is the federal government, but Gilmore proposed that local governments could create a replenishable funding resource, as opposed to the current funds, which can't be replenished. For that reason, the support from LCW was especially helpful, and Gilmore ended his remarks by thanking LCW again for its assistance.

Also speaking at the meeting was Brian Shockney, President, IU Health South Central Region, who noted that IU Health was supporting a number of bills being considered by the Indiana State Legislature having to do with healthcare issues, including using

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*A photo from Forrest Gilmore (far right) and others from Beacon, Inc. in appreciation of LCW's support for an emergency winter shelter.*

the proceeds of the cigarette tax to help with smoking-related healthcare expenses and for programs aiming to prevent tobacco use; reimbursing providers for telemedicine sessions after the Covid emergency ends; providing that those who care for Covid patients will be immune from lawsuits concerning that care. IU Health opposed legislation that would tie the hands of local health departments. While on this subject, Shockney praised Monroe County Health Department Administrator Penny Caudill for having done “the best job in the state” when dealing with the Covid emergency.

Shockney also gave an update on the Regional Academic Health Center, explaining that the number of workers who were on the construction site had been impacted by Covid, especially during the worst of the pandemic, but that skilled workers had been brought in from other areas, and the hospital was still on schedule to open at the end of 2021. In response to a question about whether there would be mental health facilities in the new building, he noted that there would be an eight-bed crisis unit in the Emergency Department for people with behavioral health problems, where they could stay for several days, and the sixth floor will have facilities where they can go to be cared for by behavioral health specialists. In general, the Emergency Department anticipates serving about 50,000 patients of all kinds per year and has been designed with the aim of minimizing wait time for patients.

Another part of the meeting was devoted to the recipients of LCW's 2020 scholarships. Scholarship committee chair Sally Hegeman explained that the delay in selecting the recipients was due to the exigencies of the pandemic, and she was delighted finally to be able to announce the awardees. Winners of the four \$1500 scholarships, jointly supported by LCW and the Bloomington Health Foundation, were respiratory therapy student Kayode Akinwatini, paramedic student James Boswell, and nursing students Kevin Good and Claire Phillips. Nursing student Caitlyn Arthur was the winner of the \$2500 Cecelia Wahl scholarship. All expressed their appreciation for LCW's support.

To close the meeting, president Vanessa McClary announced the winners of two door prizes that had been donated by the Kiwanis Club of South Central Indiana. Long-time member Mike Gentile and new member Kristen King were both the recipients of a \$25 gift certificate for the Riley Safety Store. Kristen later informed LCW that she was now the happy owner of a new bicycle helmet and some sunscreen to make use of while cycling.

*[Ed. note: LCW board member Nancy Richman, project director at HealthNet Bloomington Health Center, reports that HealthNet Bloomington is exploring options to bring the HealthNet Homeless Initiative Program (HIP) to Bloomington later in 2021. They hope to collaborate with other local agencies offering services to people experiencing homelessness in Bloomington.]*

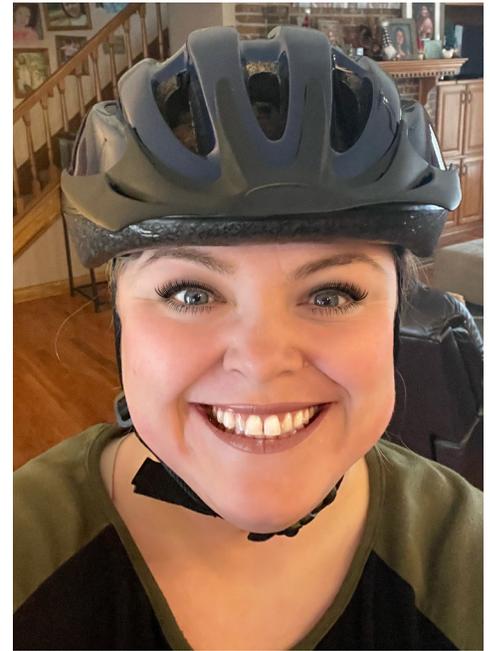
## LCW's Second Quarterly Meeting

### A discussion of area food insecurity and a hospital update.

On June 9, 2021 a panel made up of Julio Alonso, Executive Director of the Hoosier Hills Food Bank; Maritza Alvarez, Director and Health Coordinator of El Centro Communal Latino; Becky Rose, MCCSC Director of Student Services; and Vicki Pierce, Executive Director of the Community Kitchen, addressed the issue of food insecurity in our area. Julio Alonso explained that it is a significant problem with multiple causes, including poverty due to a lack of jobs that pay a living wage, illness, and a lack of access to, or possibly knowledge about, healthy food choices. He felt that in Bloomington the community has rallied behind organizations trying to alleviate the problem, such as the Food Bank, the Community Kitchen, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, and others, but there is still much to do. For the first time during the pandemic the Food Bank's expenditures have exceeded \$1,000,000, and before the prevalence of Covid the Food Bank had a robust “Meal Share” program with restaurants focusing on foods that don't have to be repacked, which is only very slowly getting started again.

Becky Rose pointed out that food insecurity is more prevalent than people realize. Currently 39 percent of the approximately 11,000 students in MCCSC schools qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch, which is up from 33 percent pre-pandemic; 4,000 of these students (which is most of them) are from extremely low-income households and thus receive free lunches.

Maritza Alvarez noted that immigrants, who often have no extended families nearby as support, are surprised to learn about food banks and similar offerings, and need to be convinced that it's all right to make use of them. She and Julio Alonso are organizing a pilot mobile food bank for Latinos, stressing that they need no documentation, such as Social Security numbers, to make use of them. She is working mainly with young males at present and having some success in trying to get them to use food banks and other resources, and not to eat only restaurant food (where many of them work), because that often causes diabetes and high blood pressure. The Food Bank has a very good “Finding Food” brochure on how to make use of the food bank, food pantries, and other food supply options; it is also available in Spanish but Alonso noted that they could use help in updating and re-translating it. *(Continued on page 7.)*



*Kristen King tries on the bicycle helmet she got at the Riley Safety Store using her \$25 gift certificate door prize from LCW's first quarterly meeting.*

# LCW Board Tours New Hospital

Wearing their LCW masks, as well as helmets and neon vests provided by IU Health, LCW board members were able in May 2021 to tour the ground floor of the new hospital on the campus of the South Central Regional Academic Health Center, where work was still proceeding on the inside of the building. In the hospital's large, attractive central atrium, where patients will check in, Brian Shockney President, IU Health South Central Region (SCR), described the layout of the building and its many special features, and then using an obstetrics patient postpartum room to illustrate some of them. All patient rooms are dual-handed, i.e. furnished with the same equipment on both sides of the bed for ease of access by both patients and staff. There is a large-sized bathroom with a shower in each patient room, as well as a foldout bed for a family member or close friend. The main level of the building will be occupied by Obstetrics and Gynecology, with Cardiology and Pulmonology on the second floor and Oncology on the third. Oncology patients will use a separate entrance to the building to keep them safe from infections. The cafeteria area on the ground floor, which includes a coffee shop that will offer soups, salads and sandwiches 24/7, links the hospital and the academic building, serving both, with a healing garden near the dining area that is visible by patients on higher floors. Near the cafeteria is a simulation lab that will be used by both IUH staff and the IU School of Health. Easily accessible are also a pharmacy, chapel, and gift shop. Art from the Eskenazi School of Art and the art museum will enhance the walls of the building on a rotating basis.

Following its tour, the board met with the IUH representatives in a classroom in the academic building, where Brian Shockney and Mary Ann Valenta, IU Health Bloomington's Regional Director of Strategic Integration, answered questions: All minor equipment, and all major equipment older than five years, will be new, with the acquisition of a T3 MRI machine making the hospital only the third location in Indiana to have access to this type of device. City and IU busses will make stops at the health campus, and there will be a walking path from the main campus to the health campus, as well. IU and city police are coordinating with INDOT and are preparing a detailed simulation plan to aid in moving staff, equipment, and patients to the new hospital by the end of the year.

Sandy DeWeese, who was recruited on the cusp of retirement from her position as Chief Operating Officer of IUH Bloomington/Southern Indiana Physicians to collaborate with Barb Berggoetz, an investigative reporter for the *Indianapolis Star* for 25 years, described their work on an illustrated history of the hospital, which had entailed four years of research and many interviews. Sandy noted that the book contained an extensive chapter on the Local Council of Women as founders of the hospital, with LCW past-president Susan Weir having contributed much information. The IU Press will publish the volume in November 2021 under the title **Building Our Promise**, to coincide with the opening stages of the new hospital. Diane Buzzell, SCR Director of the IUH Foundation, described fundraising efforts on behalf of the new hospital and presented the board with a list of possible features in the hospital for which donations could be made with a naming option. Concluding the session, Brian Shockney asked whether LCW might consider financing any of them, noting that major donations will be recognized on site electronically, probably in the atrium. The board has not yet reached a decision on this issue.

*[Ed. note: The hospital welcomes individual donations as well. Contact Diane Buzzell at 812-353-9567 for further information.]*



LCW board members masked and suited up for a visit in May to the new hospital, where work on the inside of the building was still ongoing. From left to right are Ben Niehoff, Nancy Boerner, Vanessa McClary, Elizabeth Thompson, Nancy Richman, and Susan Wier. Other board members joined in by Zoom, with Vanessa offering a hand-held tour using her phone.

# LCW Supports the Nurse Family Partnership's Diaper Dash

Among the organizations to which LCW has contributed this year is the Nurse Family Partnership, a program of the Monroe County Public Health Clinic and IU Health Bloomington Community Health, in support of its yearly Diaper Dash. Program Manager Amy Meek reports that "the funds we raise from the Diaper Dash go to support our clients at Nurse Family Partnership, which serves first-time, low-income mothers from prenatal care through baby's second birthday. We use the funds to help with small client support items such as diapers, but also for other things." In the past year, for example, they provided individual clients with a uniform for a new job; a telephone to facilitate dealing with domestic violence; test fees in order to get licensed as a teacher; a physical exam fee for a new job; and a drug test fee for a new job—as well as "lots of diapers!" Amy Meek added that "while we don't purchase large items for our clients, these small items are stepping stones to big changes."



# Member Profiles

To aid LCW members in getting to know others in the organization, at the suggestion of membership chair Victoria McClary the newsletter is featuring member profiles. We thank Mike Gentile and Linda Williamson for letting us make their acquaintance!

## Michael Gentile

**What is/was your profession?** I'm a retired engineer. I was employed at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane for 32 years and worked as an independent consultant for 10 years. My wife and I came to Bloomington in 1971, and I got involved in the community with various groups and committees, including the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, Bloomington Redevelopment Commission (14 years), and the Bloomington Hospital Board (6 years). I also participated in the startup of Volunteers in Medicine and in New Hope for Families.



**How long have you been a member of Local Council of Women?** My recollection is in the 2009 time frame.

**What made you want to join LCW?** I wanted to learn about their mission and accomplishments in starting and establishing Bloomington Hospital. Additionally, I was interested in the role they played with their continuing support of Bloomington Hospital and community health.

**What has been your favorite quarterly meeting health topic/presentation?** I have enjoyed all the quarterly meetings and topics. However, I found a presentation given by Dr. McKinley on population health particularly interesting. More insights like this, along with input from similar organizations, can provide guidance for future LCW endeavors.

**What are your health care concerns for Bloomington and our surrounding communities?** The areas of substance abuse, mental health and health initiatives for children and seniors seem especially important to me.

**What health care initiatives would you like to see LCW support in the future?** In addition to cancer support initiatives, I would like to see further emphasis on programs that emphasize healthy living, including diet and activity. I feel initiatives that focus more on prevention are the most beneficial. Whatever we choose should be leveraged and coordinated with other community organizations and programs.

**What do you like to do in your free time (hobbies, activities, etc.)?** A lot of nature walks, yoga, reading, and being a spousal caregiver. Additionally, I serve on the IU Health Bloomington Quality Improvement committee and the IU Health South Central nominating committee. Other pursuits include pre-war Lionel train restoration and repair, and antique restoration—both the result of Covid hibernation.

**Where is your favorite spot to vacation?** I have done a lot of traveling, including some international. My favorite international location is the Tuscany region of Italy, especially the smaller cities and towns. Here in the US, both Maine (Kennebunkport) and North Carolina (Blowing Rock and Boone) are my favorites. Hiking, sightseeing and learning about local history are among my favorite activities.

**Tell us something interesting about you.** I was very heavily involved (2003-2013) with the Southern Indiana Business Alliance (SIBA) and Crane Technology Inc. (CTI), which were instrumental in keeping NSA Crane from being shuttered. During that time-frame I served as the executive director for both organizations and had the opportunity to meet and work with Senators Birch Bayh (retired), Evan Bayh, and Dan Coats, as well as with our Congressional Representatives.

## Linda Williamson

**What is/was your profession?** I'm a retired Economic Development Professional.

**How long have you been a member of LCW?** Since the mid-1990s.

**What made you want to join LCW?** While working at the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation with new and existing local businesses, it was clear that the availability and quality of local healthcare was of high concern to employers. I thought that LCW would be a good place to connect with local healthcare discussions and efforts, and that has been the case.

**What has been your favorite quarterly meeting health topic/presentation?** Over time my favorite topic has always been the update from Bloomington Hospital/IU Health. It has been such a privilege to be part of the discussions regarding Bloomington Hospital, now IU Health. I also enjoy meeting and hearing from the recipients of the nursing scholarships.

**What are your healthcare concerns for Bloomington and our surrounding communities?** The availability of quality healthcare for all. The systems seem to get more complicated as time goes by, and it's important for everyone to understand the opportunities and the entry points for healthcare. In addition, there remain concerns about the lifestyle and diets of young and old and the availability of healthy foods and activities.

**What healthcare initiatives would you like to see LCW support in the future?** I think it's important for LCW to remain true to its mission of being a voice for community health, and that we continue to advocate for solutions to accessibility and the delivery of health care services. We have a huge opportunity to be an advocate for the new IU Health hospital facility and to assist with information so the community better understands the phenomenal opportunity we have in partnership and co-location with Indiana University. On another topic, I think we have an opportunity to provide information and to host discussions around the changing delivery of care for seniors, as home-based and hospice care continue to grow.

**What do you like to do in your free time?** It's true, every day is Saturday when you're retired! I love the freedom to do different things at different times. I also love to volunteer with the Monroe County History Center. I enjoy walking, reading, traveling, baseball games, and concerts.

**Where is your favorite spot for vacation?** Any and all national parks. The parks are such a treasure, and my husband Randy and I have visited so many of them from coast to coast.

**Tell us something interesting about you.** I am a lifelong resident of Monroe County and am so fortunate to have so many wonderful friends in my life. Over time many of them have been mentors, including fellow LCW members Joyce Poling and Glenda Murray, to name just a couple. I owe my health to Bloomington Hospital (and several excellent local physicians). I've been a Pink Lady at Bloomington Hospital, served on the Board for nine years, and am pleased to continue to be involved through LCW.



## Save The Date

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING DATES TO YOUR CALENDARS.

### Kiwanis Indiana Balloon Fest

**Fri - Sun, Sept. 10-12**

Kiwanis Club of South Central Indiana Balloon Fest at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, with hot air balloons, helicopter rides, pyrotechnic skydivers, entertainment, fireworks, and more. The event also includes the LCW 5K Run/Walk with the Balloons race. Visit [www.scikiwanisclub.org](http://www.scikiwanisclub.org) more information on the Balloon Fest.

### Third Quarterly LCW Meeting

**Wed, Sept. 15, 11:30-1pm**

Third quarterly LCW member meeting, with speakers from the Cancer Support Community; Tina Peterson, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County; and an update from IU Health SCR President Brian Shockney on the progress of the new Regional Academic Health Center. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

### HOC 5K

**Sat, Sept. 25**

Hoosiers Outrun Cancer 5K. See the FAQ at <https://hoosiersoutruncancer.org> for more information.

### Annual Meeting

**Wed, Dec. 8, 6-8pm**

Annual Meeting. We hope it can be held in person!

## September 2021: Next Quarterly Meeting and Hoosiers Outrun Cancer

Please join us on **SEPTEMBER 15** from 11:30 to 1:00 pm at LCW's virtual third quarterly meeting to learn about the Cancer Support Community (CSC), which recently established a location in Bloomington in conjunction with the Bloomington Health Foundation (BHF). Eric Richards, CEO of CSC Central Indiana, and Stephanie Shelton, local Development Manager for CSC South Central Indiana, will give a general overview of the organization, its mission, vision and services, how it has come to work with BHF, and the progress made so far in Bloomington. In addition Tina Peterson, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, will give a presentation regarding LCW's funds at the Community Foundation, and IU Health SCR President Brian Shockney will provide us with an update on the new hospital. The meeting will be held on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89972631984?pwd=TmFzZ0VNVNktHSjFqWGthWGRmcHhPUT09>. Or dial in by your location: 1-312-626-6799 US (Chicago). Meeting ID: 899 7263 1984, Passcode: 453545. If you have any questions about the virtual meeting, feel free to email [lcwbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:lcwbloomington@gmail.com). Please RSVP by September 10th so that we know how many participants to expect.

On **SEPTEMBER 25**, a limited number of LCW members will be able to participate in Hoosiers Outrun Cancer (HOC) without any charge. In appreciation for a \$5,000 donation from LCW to help with their crucial work, HOC has allotted us ten free participation slots, and the LCW board is glad to make them available on a first come, first served basis to LCW members. If you would like to run or walk in support of the local cancer community, please email membership chair Victoria McClary ASAP at [lcwbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:lcwbloomington@gmail.com) to register for one of these slots. The race will take place from 11:30 to 1:00 pm on the 25th.

## Scholarships now Available for Students Pursuing a Healthcare Career

The Local Council of Women (LCW) and Bloomington Health Foundation (BHF) will again this year award the \$2500 Cecelia Wahl scholarship, sponsored by LCW, and four \$1500 scholarships, co-sponsored by LCW and BHF. Please pass on the following information to anyone you think may be interested in this opportunity:

Applicants must live in one of the counties served by IU Health Bloomington Hospital—Brown, Davies, Greene, Jackson, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Morgan, Orange, Owen, and Washington—and must be currently enrolled in an accredited program of study in a healthcare field.

**To apply, ALL of the following items MUST be submitted in order to be considered for a scholarship:**

1. Applicant's name, mailing address, current phone number, and e-mail address.
2. Documentation of enrollment in the chosen accredited program.
3. A copy of the student's grades (this need not be an official copy).
4. A personal statement including especially financial needs, work and volunteer experience, why the applicant chose healthcare as a profession, and her/his goals for the future.

Completed applications should be mailed by **October 10, 2021** to:

**LCW Scholarships (S. Hegeman)  
P.O. Box 6171  
Bloomington, IN 47407**

The LCW Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship winner in November and will present the scholarships at LCW's Annual Meeting, to be held this year on December 8, 2021. Winners will be notified two weeks before presentation of the award.

Questions can be addressed to [hegemans@indiana.edu](mailto:hegemans@indiana.edu).

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Vicki Pierce stressed that she and others are working to make the Community Kitchen a welcoming place for everyone, and she would be glad to work with Maritza to make the Latino community feel more included. She pointed out that the Community Kitchen has been able to convince a number of young people that they actually like fresh foods they may not be getting at home, and she noted that Mother Hubbard's Cupboard offers classes on gardening and cooking healthily.

All of them, when asked how people can be of help to their organizations, suggested that donating both food and money are the most useful. Julio Alonso also hoped that "community voices" would speak out about the problem and tell other people about the various available resources, including those for healthcare. He also urged people to contact government representatives at all levels to urge that the root causes of food insecurity be addressed. Maritza noted that she badly needs volunteers, as right now she is the only one working with the Latino community.

Brian Shockney, President of the IU Health South Central Region, picked up on the theme of the consequences of the pandemic mentioned by Julio Alonso by urging attendees to help educate others about the fact that the Covid vaccines are "our way out" of the pandemic, adding that IU Health would be glad to send experts to spread this message at local events. He noted the recent announcement that all IUH staff are now required to have been fully vaccinated by September 1, 2021, and that anyone who comes to the hospital building must be vaccinated, as well. Deferrals or exemptions for health or religious reasons will be allowed, if needed.

Shockney also addressed recent developments related to the new hospital, reporting that in addition to the Regional Academic Health Center, a new building located on Stone Carver Drive just west of the intersection of Curry Pike and Highway 46, will house the hospital administrative offices. Also at this location will be the headquarters of the hospital's Emergency Medical Services, with space for ambulances and a large, efficient service garage, as well as the EMS Educational Department and leadership, to better serve this section of the city and county. A new response station is also being built on West First Street to continue service to the downtown area. Having the administrative/EMS complex separate from the hospital will result in a decrease in utility costs, as will moving to the new hospital; Shockney anticipates the overall cost of utilities to decrease by up to 50 percent.

The plan to move all equipment, staff, and patients to the new hospital by the end of the year is still on track. Deconstruction of the old hospital site will begin in 2022, after all services have been moved out of it. The process will take a year or more to complete.

LCW President Vanessa McClary ended the meeting with a drawing for a door prize of a gift certificate from the hospital's Gift Shop, courtesy of Kiwanis of South Central Indiana, with Iris Kiesling being the fortunate recipient.



Iris Kiesling, winner of the door prize at LCW's second quarterly meeting.

# LCW Financial Statement

June 30, 2021

## OLD NATIONAL BANK (ONB):

### ACCOUNT 1 - Business:

*Activity June 2021*

#### Checking

Balance May 31, 2021.....	\$3,122.42
Deposits .....	\$00.00
Withdrawals* .....	\$675.00
Balance on hand June 30, 2021 .....	<b>\$2,447.42</b>
*Cincinnati Insurance .....	\$675.00

### ACCOUNT 2 - Special (Philanthropy - new account est. 03/13/2020):

*Activity June 2021*

#### Checking

Balance May 31, 2021.....	\$9,447.34
Deposits .....	\$00.00
Withdrawals* .....	\$2,000.00
Balance on hand June 30, 2021 .....	<b>\$7,447.34</b>
*\$1,000 <b>Diaper Dash</b> Nurse Family Partnership	
*\$1,000 <b>Balloon Fest</b> Kiwanis So. Central Indiana	
Check outstanding \$5,000 <b>Hoosiers Outrun Cancer</b> Cancer Support	

<b>Vanguard (6/30/2021).....</b>	<b>\$14,186.21</b>
<b>Bloomington Health Foundation (6/30/2021) .....</b>	<b>\$486,090.99</b>
<b>Community Foundation (6/30/2021) .....</b>	<b>\$159,152.52</b>

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