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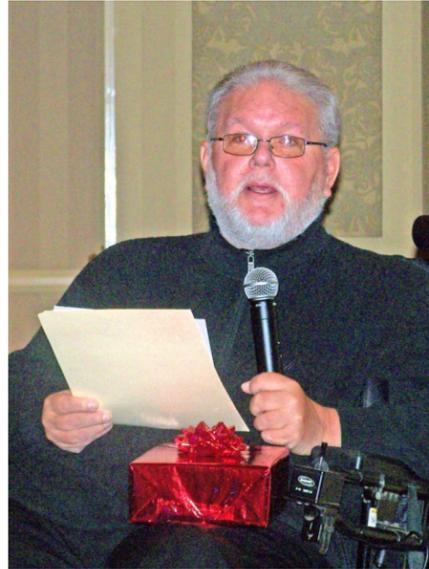
## Aylsworth honored as 2010 Male Philanthropist of the Year

John Aylsworth of French Lick was honored with the title of 2010 Male Philanthropist of the Year at OCCF's annual meeting on December 7 at the French Lick Resort.

Recognized for his many years of service to the youth of the Springs Valley area, Aylsworth spoke about the value of teamwork and making every member of the team realize that he or she is a necessary and integral part of the team.

Other highlights of the evening included recognition of Martha Lambdin and April Knieriem, 2010's Woman Philanthropist and Emerging Philanthropist. All the year's philanthropist honorees were presented with certificates from the Indiana General Assembly by the district's incumbent State Representative, Sandy Blanton.

Outgoing members of the OCCF Board of Directors—Doug Pittman, Don Renner and Bill Tegarden, each spoke regarding his service on that body, as well as the Foundation's meaning to Orange County.



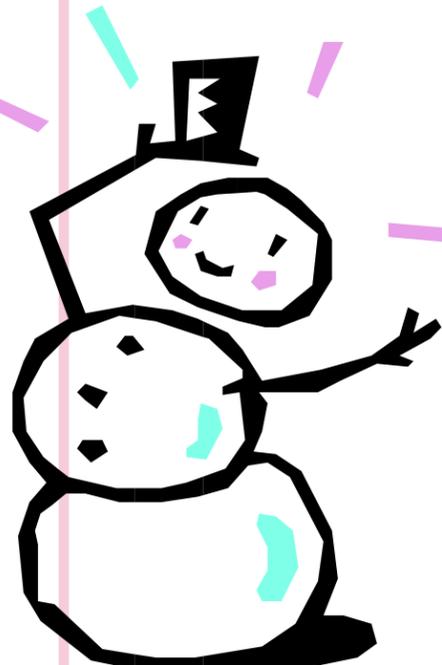
porting organizations, including Bob Lindley, President of the Orange County Commissioners Supporting Organization; Judge Larry Blanton, Chairman of the Sol Strauss Trust Fund; and Terry Cornwell, President of Saving Historic Orange County, each gave updates regarding their organizations and accomplishments over the past year. John Harrison, Chairman of Orange County Development Commission, for which OCCF serves as administrator, also offered a report on that organization's progress, as well.

Business portion of the meeting was conducted by Janet Farlow Perry, new President of the OCCF Board of Directors. Also making presentations were Leslie Vidra, legal counsel; Rich Robinson of Rodefer Moss CPAs, auditor; and Amanda Sweet of Capital Cities, the Foundation's investment consulting firm. Leaders from the three sup-

Attended by more than 120 individuals, the meeting's focus was on recognition of donors and the funds they have created to serve Orange County through the community foundation. Donor attending were recognized with special gifts.

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## Thank you, Orange County...

Times have been difficult economically, and many have had to cut back dramatically. But even in an environment of economic distress, the good people of Orange County have given generously to a number of charitable causes through-

out 2010.

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, contributions to funds held with the OCCF totaled more than \$1 million.

Thank you, Orange County!

For being so very giving and caring to such a great degree for your community and the people who call it home.



## OCCF Board welcomes new members

Starting the new fiscal year as members of the OCCF Board of Directors are Brett Busick, Larry Hollan and Tim Leehe.

Busick, of Orleans, is owner of Busick Insurance Agency and Hoosier Express car wash and an active member of the Orleans Masonic Lodge. "I am very grateful and honored to be selected for this position," Busick stated. "I will do my best to see that many good things are done for Orange County by the community foundation." Busick represents the Town of Orleans.

Also newly appointed and serving as at-large member representing the Paoli School District is Larry Hollan, an administrator for Paoli schools. Hollan serves as president of the Paoli Library Board of

Trustees, artistic director for Orange County Players, music director at Paoli 1st Presbyterian Church, and a mentor with the OCCF Youth Council. Hollan states, "This position will enable me to help assist interested folks in making life better in Orange County."

Joining Busick and Hollan is Tim Leehe, a resident of the Springs Valley area. Leehe is owner and operator of Springs Valley Supply, and brings with him many years of community service. He is appointed to serve as an at-large member representing the Springs Valley School District.

New members replace Doug Pittman, Don Renner, and Bill Tegarden, whose terms expired September 30.



Brett Busick



Larry Hollan



Tim Leehe

## New Board officers elected to serve OCCF

For the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010, the OCCF Board of Directors has elected new officers.

Taking the seat of Treasurer once again is Carolyn Clements, Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Paoli and a member of the Board of Directors since 2005.

Mary Jane Harrison has been selected to serve as Secretary, a post new to

her. She has served on the OCCF Board since 2007.

Stepping up to the post of Vice-President is Peter Grigsby, a member of the organization's governing body since 2009.

Janet Farlow Perry, who has served the community foundation since its inception in 1996, has been elected to lead the organization as its president.

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## Good Neighbor welcomes donors

Good Neighbor Larry Hollan hosted a holiday open house for the Orange County Community Foundation on Sunday, December 19, opening his home and entertaining guests with music and refreshments. All proceeds from Mr. Hollan's afternoon event benefit funds held with the Orange County Community Foundation, including the foundation's own operating endowment.

The event, the third annual open house Mr. Hollan has hosted on behalf of the Foundation, netted nearly \$3,000 in contributions, and showcased his lovely vintage home in all its Christmas splendor.

At right: John and Evelyn Noblitt of Orleans enjoy the Hollan "Good Neighbor" open house on Dec. 19.





## SVEF receives matching funds

Springs Valley Education Foundation has once again conducted an annual fund drive, matched by a grant from the Springs Valley School Corporation. The group, dedicated to providing educational assistance for students in the Springs Valley school system, raised nearly \$16,000 over the past year from more than 150 donors. From the graduating classes of 1979 and 1963, donors gave the most, with gifts of \$1848 and \$1530 respectively. Contributions were not just from graduates of Springs Valley High School, but French Lick and West Baden Springs High Schools, as well. Numerous gifts were

given in honor or memory of classmates, educators, and friends. Todd Marshall, President of the Springs Valley Education Foundation and a member of the Springs Valley School Board, spear-headed the fund-raising efforts. While disappointed that this year's contributions fell somewhat short of the previous year's, he noted that "I'm very proud of the way in which our donors have stepped up and met the challenge while facing difficult economic times such as these." In December, the Springs Valley School Board agreed to once again match contributions—up to \$25,000—that come in for

the coming year. Gifts can be made to the Springs Valley Education Foundation fund through the Orange County Community Foundation. For more details, contact the foundation at 812-723-4150 or visit us through our website.



## Campfire Ministries fund set up to help others

Seeing a need in Orange County, Stanley and Cindy Stewart, along with a group of concerned donors, have opened the Campfire Ministries fund. The new fund is being built upon in order to provide funding for families throughout Orange County who are facing crisis or catastrophe, and is a labor of love for the Stewarts and the many others whose beliefs follow theirs. Now in its infancy, Campfire Ministries'

fund is open to contributions from anyone, and will eventually grow to assist many in need throughout Orange County with assistance for basic fundamentals such as food, clothing, and temporary shelter. To give to the fund, and in doing so make a difference for many of your fellow Orange Countians, checks can be made to the Orange County Community Foundation, with Campfire Ministries noted in the "memo" section of the check. Cash and credit cards are also acceptable, but the name of the fund must be specified when your gift is made.

**"If service is the rent you pay  
for your existence on this earth,  
are you behind in your rent?"**

**Robert G. Allen**

## Year-end giving...what does your tax bill look like?

Nobody likes paying income taxes, and contributions to charitable organizations are one way to hedge against excess tax bills. Charitable contributions are tax-deductible if you keep your receipts and stay up-to-date on IRS regulations regarding charitable gifts. Contributions to the funds held with the

Orange County Community Foundation, including those for the foundation itself, are tax deductible to the fullest extent of IRS tax law, as we are classified as a charitable organization under IRS definitions, under Section 501c3 of the IRS tax code. Would you rather see your money do some good in Orange County than hand it

over to the government? We can help you give to a charitable cause and make a difference here in your own back yard. It's safe; it's easy; and it helps others. For more information, call us at 812-723-4150 or visit our website at [www.orangecountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.orangecountycommunityfoundation.org).

## Many support victims of recent fire

When fire wiped out businesses and apartments on the Paoli Square, many were left homeless. The outpouring of support for the victims of that fire from Orange County residents, and from many outside the county, has been astonishing. On November 13, less than two weeks before the holiday season began, the former Old National Bank building and its nine apartment were consumed by a raging conflagration that firefighters battled for many hours. Nothing was saved of the homes of 17 people, who stood helplessly and watched as everything they owned was destroyed by the catastrophe. Many were children. Hearing of the sad situation, countless concerned people throughout Orange County immediately sprang into action. Many churches began collecting clothing and food items, as well as furniture and household goods. The Good Samaritans of Orange County established a fund specifically for victims of the fire, and has to date provided more than \$38,000 in re-

lief monies to help re-establish homes and provide some semblance of normality to the victims' uprooted lives. Individuals, businesses and organizations joined in the effort to provide funds for the families affected by the fire to pay for new housing, immediate needs, and to let them know they are not alone or forgotten. As news of the fire and its aftermath spread, many came forward to assist in the efforts—from as far away as Canada and California. Carried by the news programs of Louisville's three network stations, many from that metro area gave gifts, as well. The true meaning of Thanksgiving is our gratitude for what we have been given, and the Christmas spirit dictates that we give freely and willingly to other. These are attributes found throughout the year in areas such as ours, where people give from the bottoms of their hearts to those in need, often to people whom they may

never meet or know. Efforts continue, with a benefit hymn sing being held in January, and contributions still being received. As a response to the need witnessed, Campfire Ministries is establishing a fund for those who face crisis situations (see story inside), so that Orange County will always be prepared to assist and to provide a vehicle through which all of us can give to those whose way has grown difficult. For more information, or to give a gift of love this holiday season—or any time—call or visit us at 812-723-4150 or 112 West Water Street in Paoli. The Orange County Community Foundation's mission is "connecting people who care with causes that matter to Orange County." We know how the good people of Orange County give to one another, and we are very pleased to provide the opportunity for many to give as one.