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New OCCF Board members (from top) Barbara Gilliatt, Todd Hitchcock, and Louanne Lashbrook

Orientation Held for New Board Members

A presentation to new board members was held on February 22 to orient them regarding the goals, mission, and objectives of the Orange County Community Foundation, as well as to teach Board members how the Foundation works and educate them regarding the many programs, projects, collaborations, etc. that the Foundation is involved with. Members attending included new members Barbara Gilliatt, Todd Hitchcock, and Louanne Lashbrook, as well as established

members Carolyn Clements, Linda Gerkin, and Larry Hollan. Board members are encouraged to be active and engaged in the Foundation's functions within the community of Orange County, and programs such as New Board Member Orientation prepares them for what is expected of them during their tenure on the OCCF Board of Directors. This year's orientation was a prelude to the March 1 workshop for board members held by the GIFT division of Indiana Grantmak-

ers' Alliance (see page 2). The Foundation was pleased to provide these eager and engaged members—new and “old”—with updated information regarding not just the Foundation itself, but specific topics of concern and current issues facing community foundations in general.

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Sandy Blanton, newly-elected Chairperson of the Orange County Women's Giving Circle, speaks at the group's October, 2010 kick-off meeting.

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Special points of interest:

- > Orange County Development Commission meeting April 12
- > Giving Circle regular meeting April 16
- > Giving Circle Fund-raiser at Lost River Game Farm April 26
- > OCCF Board of Directors Meeting April 26
- > 2012 Payout Letters mailed May 1

Blanton Chosen to Lead Giving Circle...

Sandy Blanton has been elected to lead the Orange County Giving Circle through its formative beginnings. The Giving Circle, created by caring, concerned women throughout Orange County, was formed last October to provide cancer patients here with health education, cards, meals, transportation, wigs, scarves, and one-on-one support through phone calls and visits. Having cited financial support for cancer diagnostics as another of the group's concerns, the Giving Circle has already granted \$1,000 to Jubilee Community Health Care Clinic to provide mammograms and other screenings for breast cancer.

Along with Blanton, who was elected Chairperson of the group, Carolyn Barnett and Carolyn Clements were chosen to serve as recording secretaries; and Lori Livingston of Springs Valley Bank was selected to serve as Treasurer for the group. The Giving Circle's financial administration is through the Orange County Community Foundation. In addition to its own commitment to raising funds for its projects, the Giving Circle will have available for sale—at Springs Valley Bank and the Orleans Dogwood Festival—t-shirts and seed packets in the form of ribbons. Lost River Game Farm is hosting a dinner to benefit the

Giving Circle on Thursday, April 26, beginning at 6 PM. The dinner is free, but a freewill offering is suggested in the amount of \$25 per person. Directions to Lost River Game Farm are available on the farm's website at www.lostrivergamefarm.com. Reservations are necessary, and may be made by calling OCCF at 812-723-4150. The Orange County Giving Circle next meets on Mon., April 16, at the Paoli Country Club at 6 PM, and anyone interested in the group's work in Orange County is invited to attend. There are no membership dues, and no membership commitment is necessary to attend the meeting.

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Secondary Education Returns to Orange County

With the coming of Ivy Tech Orange County, secondary education has returned to the area. Limited classes began in January at the new Ivy Tech facility in French Lick, located near the Springs Valley schools. An expanded curricula is expected to be available this

Spring, and residents are encouraged to watch for information regarding for-credit classes, as well as senior learning classes becoming available. Through the combined efforts of a number of county and local agencies and entities, Ivy Tech has made at least a

three-year commitment to its Orange County presence, and hopes to continue beyond the commitment period. Carol Hudelson of Paoli has been chosen to serve as the first coordinator for Ivy Tech-Orange County, and her office is located in the French Lick facility.

Board Members and Staff Attend GIFT Workshops

Seven members of the OCCF Board of Directors and Executive Director, Imojean Dedrick, attended a GIFT workshop hosted by Indiana Grantmakers' Alliance and held at the French Lick Resort earlier this month. Subjects covered at the workshop included a Board's role in community foundation work, highlighting such areas as governance, resource development, and grant-making. Following dinner break, the group reconvened for a roundtable discussion on networking and sharing, then broke out into groups

to learn about such issues as affects asset development and grant-making. Attending with Dedrick were board members Carolyn Clements, Linda Gerkin, Mary Jane Harrison, Todd Hitchcock, Kay Lynn Kaiser, Glenda Lamb and Louanne Lashbrook. The following day, GIFT also provided workshops for staff members of Indiana community foundations. Attending that workshop were the Foundation's Program Manager, Cyndi Goerres; Manager of Finance

and Administration, Cathy Hardin; and Carolyn Clements, who is assisting in the Foundation office as a part-time employee. With the world itself changing, so changes the world of non-profits and the many challenges they face in the every-changing economic climate. To meet those challenges, OCCF works diligently to keep current regarding philanthropic trends, management issues, and many other areas that influence the effectiveness of community foundations.



2012 Payout Made Available to Fund-holders

More than \$150,000 has been made available to fund-holders for payouts for 2012. Funds designated for specific non-profit organizations and programs and organizations benefiting from donor-advised funds will be receiving payouts on May 1. This year's payout is based on 3% of each eligible fund's 12-quarter rolling average, as ad-

justed for inflation. Fund-holders have the options of paying out the full amount of their fund, re-investing the full amount, or dividing the payout to provide funding now, as well as re-investing a portion for the future. The 2012 payout is the best made available since 2008, and will provide more than 30 scholarships, including eight

scholarships for non-traditional students (see page 3). Donor-advised funds may provide more than \$12,000 in funding to organizations and programs suggested by the donors, and over 30 designated funds will provide support to their designated organizations for 2012.

Hardin Attends IRS Workshop

Cathy Hardin, the Foundation's Manager of Finance and Administration, attended an IRS-sponsored workshop in February, designed specifically for non-profit organizations and the many challenges they face regarding tax compliance. Topics covered at the workshop included protection of an organiza-

tion's tax-exempt status, unrelated business income, employment issues, form 990 issues, required disclosures, and conflicts of interest policies. Attending the workshop with Hardin was Christina Morgan, Administrator for Orange County Habitat for Humanity. In the current climate of in-

creased regulation and confusion regarding IRS code definitions, it is important for every non-profit organization to remain up-to-date regarding IRS requirements and other compliance issues.



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Record Number of Non-Traditional Scholarships Available in 2012

Eight funds held with the Foundation are providing scholarships for non-traditional students this year. A non-traditional student is one who does not fit the typical definition of a college student. They may be adults pursuing post-secondary education for the first time or returning to college after a number of years. Non-traditional scholarships are created to increase employment and advancement opportunities to people in Orange County, and they apply toward a variety of purposes and criteria, including 2-4 year degrees, career development, vocational, or certification pro-

grams. More and more non-traditional students are entering the classrooms each semester, and scholarship funding helps alleviate the burden of educational expenses on already-limited budgets. Providing scholarships for non-traditional students this year are the following.

- Clarice White Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship Fund
- IU Health Paoli Hospital Foundation Scholarship Fund
- James M. Thompson Memorial Vocational Scholarship Fund
- Justin Mullis Memorial Scholar-

ship Fund

- Margaret Houston Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Smithville Charitable Foundation Non-Traditional Scholarship Fund
- Stephanie Babcock Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Orange County Child Care Co-op Scholarship Fund

For more information, call Cyndi Goerres, OCCF Program Manager, at 812-723.4150. Applications are available at the Foundation office, and at the three county libraries. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 6, by 4 PM.



OCCF Grants for Education and Local Outreach Education Available this Year

The Foundation will provide funding to assist outreach and educational programs in Orange County through the OCCF Education/CAPE Fund, created to provide partial funding to educational programs and opportunities benefitting all ages within Orange County's population. Grants from the fund are available to non-profit organizations, government agencies, schools,

and other charitable organizations within the county, and may assist in providing various areas of education, including health, non-profit, social, community awareness, general education and career development. When grant decisions are made, higher priority is given to programs that reach the largest number of people. Applications for grants to individuals are not

accepted. Applications are available at the Foundation office and online at www.orangecountycommunityfoundation.org. Deadline for submission is Friday, April 6, at 4 PM. For more information, those interested should call Cyndi Goerres, OCCF Program Manager, at 812-723-4150.

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Unrestricted Grant Opportunities Now Available

The Foundation's Unrestricted Endowment is once again offering grant opportunities to non-profits and charitable programs serving Orange County. Grants requests should be for projects that improve the quality of life for the citizens of Orange County, and should fall into one or more of the following categories.

- Arts and cultural activities
- Civic and historical affairs
- Community development

- Recreation and youth
- Health and human services
- Education

Grants from the Unrestricted Endowment are made for specific purposes and time periods, and grantees will be required to enter into a grant agreement which outlines the expectations regarding the use of grant monies. All grant-seekers are encouraged to contact the Foundation staff to discuss proposals before

submitting an application. This contact can be very helpful and will provide an opportunity for the exchange of information regarding the program's goals and unique features. Applications are available at the Foundation office, as well as at www.orangecountycommunityfoundation.org. Deadline for submission is Friday, April 6, at 4 PM. For more information, call Cyndi Goerres, OCCF Program Manager, at 812-723-4150.

