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## President's Message

*Jaris Hammond, LCSW  
Co-President*

Happy Spring to all of you social work leaders in health care. Our Society is alive with great opportunities for you!

Our Education Committee under the direction of Michelle Meer and intern, Jill Conley, has organized a tremendous spring conference. Please join us May 16 and 17 for networking, fun and of course those needed CEU's. Invite a colleague so we can introduce them to the rewards of becoming a member. Visit the ISSWLHC committee booths during the annual meeting and choose to serve on the committee of your choice.

Krystal and I will be attending the Chapter Presidents' meeting before the national conference in Albuquerque April 24-27 and will be sharing information with you at our conference.

Our board plans to do strategic planning at our July meeting and would like everyone's input. You will have the opportunity to complete a survey at our conference.

The Advocacy Committee has been awesome this year. Are you receiving *AHA News Now* daily reports by e-mail? For more information, contact Beth Petrucce.

Looking forward to seeing all of you May 16.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**May 16 & 17, 2002**

**Indiana Society for Social Work  
Leadership in Healthcare  
Spring 2002 Conference**

**Keynote Speaker:  
Pam Wright**

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**PASARR Panel Town Hall Meeting**

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## Social Worker Spotlight

Phyllis Applegate shines in our Social Worker Spotlight for April. Phyllis Applegate, LSW, ACBSW, graduated from Ball State University with a bachelors in social work. She is currently employed at St. Johns Health System in Anderson where she serves as supervisor of social services in the case management department. She oversees six other employees as well as carrying a full caseload of patients herself. She has been a member of ISSWLHC two times for a total of nine plus years and currently serves as a Board Member at Large.

Phyllis has been married almost twenty-five years to her husband

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## Board Meetings

### May 15

All society members are invited to attend our board meetings. Our next meeting is **May 15, 2002, 5:30 p.m.** at the Marten House. For further information, please contact Jaris Hammond or Crystal Angevine.

## Newsletter Submissions

### Next Deadline: July 12

Newsletter submissions should be directed to Elaine Rhetts, Newsletter Chair. If possible, email your articles on Word to Elaine at Elaine.Rhetts@mgh.net. The 2002 deadlines are: April 12, July 12 and October 11. If you have any questions, contact Elaine at 765-662-4678.

## Special Notice

Communications: The board of directors is working to establish a host site for the society so we can email all members at one time. This would further enhance the communication among members. In addition to being able to email all members, the communication would reach the members in a more timely fashion. We will keep you posted.

Anyone interested in serving on the Communications Committee, please contact Donna Lacy Beyl at 317-845-4256.

## Membership Matters

We would like to welcome four new members into the society. We hope you can join us at the conference so we can all get acquainted. Welcome to:

### Amy Noonan

Progressive Infusion Therapy and Home Care Services  
Indianapolis, Indiana

### Anne Amberger

Margaret Mary Community Hospital  
Batesville, Indiana

### Stacey Hanrahan

Parkwood Health Care  
Lebanon, Indiana

### Amy Harbison

St. Mary's Medical Center  
Evansville, Indiana

A reminder to everyone to please send any changes in address, phone (with new area code) or fax numbers to Deb Arnold. Remember we can't send you vital society information if we can't find you! Deb's e-mail address is darnold@chs.cami3.com or her new fax number is 260-726-1982.

The prestigious Indianapolis Business Journal honored **Donna Lacy Beyl**, President and Owner of Lacy Beyl and Co. Inc. as one of 40 top successful entrepreneurs under 40 years of age. Donna was nominated by several of her clients and won the award as voted on by a panel of judges selected by the *Indianapolis Business Journal*. An article telling her story appeared in the February 11 issue of 2002. An excerpt from the article is as follows: "Beyl is hard-working and focused. She still spends time learning and listening to other experts in the field to keep her business on the cutting edge. She stays positive." What great attributes!! Way to go Donna.

The Marion County Health Department recognized **Frankye Johnson** as Employee of the Month for February. Frankye serves as the Social Services Clinical Coordinator for the social services department. She has been with the Health and Hospital Corporation for more than six years. Her nominator concluded with "She is the true picture of the social work profession and is a gifted supervisor." What else could be said!! Congratulations, Frankye.

So how did you celebrate Social Work Month, March 2002? The Social Services Dept of the Marion County Health Department celebrated S.W. month in a big way!! A workshop entitled "Isn't It Time to Focus on YOU" was held on March 15 at the Ashanti Ballroom for social workers and counselors employed through the social services dept, as well as for social workers employed in other departments of the Marion County Health Dept. Carol Juergensen-Sheets, ACSW, LCSW encouraged everyone to "learn to develop us personally, and nurture ourselves daily." A wonderful buffet lunch was served followed by Phil Hess, LCSW teaching us applicable skills towards taking care of us. Staff being presented awards and certificates with special appreciation to Delois Dilworth-Berry for her "tireless" efforts as administrator topped off the afternoon. Flowers were presented to both Delois and Frankye.



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Doug. They will celebrate this milestone on July 2, 2002. They have three children ages 22, 20 and 17. The youngest son graduates from high school this May, which means they will have three children in college this coming year. I think Phyllis may be looking to do a little moonlighting! To round out their family, they enjoy one dog and a cat with five new kittens.

Phyllis is involved at Willow Branch United Methodist Church. She has also served on the Parent Advisory Committee at Eastern Hancock High School. Phyllis enjoys gardening and ice skating as well as spending time with her family. She is also a BIG basketball fan! This summer will busy for Phyllis as her and Doug have just built a new home in Greenfield and she will be the decorating committee for this endeavor.

Phyllis shares that she enjoys her participation in ISSWLHC. "It is so good to see others at the meetings to exchange ideas," she states. Thank you Phyllis for your years of service and active participation in ISSWLHC.

## Attention Members

**Join us for our next  
Board Meeting**

**Wednesday  
May 15, 2002**

**Marten House  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

*Hope to see you there!*

## Board Meeting Highlights - February 22, 2002

Welcome to all members. Special recognition given to Polly Jones for participation on National Board. John Boguslawski presented minutes

### Treasurer's Report

The projected budget and actual year-to-date budget were very close. Fiscal year will end March 31, 2002 and accounts related to membership and to annual conference will be available for next Board meeting. The majority of income is provided from vendor support at the annual meeting.

### Committee Reports

#### Nominations

Polly Jones presented the goals for committee. They are as follows: 1. complete the process for ISSWLHC awards; 2. develop slate of officers for 2003 and complete election process; 3. prepare new board member notebooks by December 2002; 4. provide communication re: nomination activities through newsletter and direct mailings.

#### Membership

Board presented with updated membership list. ISSWLHC up to 86 members. Assignments given to board members to contact those who had not yet paid their dues.

#### Advocacy

Many issues addressed by Committee. Board requested to participate with State House Legislation Day as well as Hospital Day. Little progress made in resolving PASSAR issues. Indiana's program being looked at as a "role model" by Federal Government. Focus on how process differs throughout the state.

#### Education

ISSWLHC Conference agenda presented including keynote speaker Pam Wright's topic. Vendors' response has been good for conference. Discussion re: joint ventures with NASW.

#### Communications

Newsletter now on Nat'l website with membership application. Review quicker ways to get information to members. Discussion re: selling advertisement in newsletter; employment ads. Recognition of Donna Lacy Beyl's achievement (see Membership Matters)

#### By-Laws

Bylaws now complete and up to date.

#### **Old Business**

Discussion held re: master and strategic plans for ISSWLHC

#### **New Business**

- Structure of the SSWLHC has changed. No longer affiliated with AHA. Finances of new organization limited by the Board's ability to relate directly with each state with meetings being phone conferences. AHA wishes to continue relationship with us regarding advocacy efforts. National's first conference is April 3-5 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Mr. Bernard Kirsch was replaced in his appointment to the State License Board for S.W. A letter will be written to the Governor requesting our assistance if new representation is considered for S.W. Board in future.

Next board meeting: May 15 at the Marten House.

## Advocacy Committee Report

As noted in the President's Message, many of us have been receiving the *AHA News Now*. Here are just a few highlights from those notices.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced a final regulation creating a new ambulance fee schedule. Under the rule ambulance service providers will be paid a pre-established fee for each service provided similar to those paid to hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and other providers. The rule also requires ambulance service providers to accept the Medicare approved fee as their full payment, meaning beneficiaries will not have to pay more than 20% of the approved amount after meeting their annual \$100 Medicare Part B deductible. The rule will be phased in over five years beginning April 1.

A notice in the Federal Register solicits proposals for disease management projects for Medicare beneficiaries with advanced-stage CHF, diabetes, or coronary heart disease. The three-year project of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services seeks to identify how well disease management programs work to improve the lives of people with chronic illnesses and how best to make such services available to Medicare patients. Organizations will be paid a monthly premium for coordinating the care of patients in the studies and for the cost of prescription drugs. The demonstration will require each organization to improve health outcomes and re-

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duce Medicare program expenditures.

Last from the *HFMA Express News*

For the first time in four years, the percentage of children in the U.S. lacking health insurance coverage has declined, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's annual national survey on insurance coverage. Based on data collected from January to June 2002, 11.2 % of children under age 18 were without insurance coverage, down from 13.9% in 1997. The survey also found that the percentage of children with public coverage rose from 20% in 1998 to 23.1% during the first six months of 2001, and children were more than twice as likely to have public coverage than adults aged 18-64. Working-age adults were more likely than seniors and children to be uninsured. Overall, 14.1% of the population, or 38.9 million Americans, were without health insurance coverage during the first half of 2001, down from 15.4% or roughly 41 million, in 1997.

The ISSWLHC PASARR subcommittee met with a representative from Medicaid and with two people from the Bureau of Aging on March 19. They are asking for help in distributing new Medicaid info about expanded waiver programs to help some Medicaid recipients stay in their homes instead of in ECF's. Since this meeting, a town hall meeting has been scheduled for May 16, the first day of the ISSWLHC conference, following the wine and cheese reception, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 pm. The panel will include Evelyn Murphy and Pat Cassanova. We hope to see ALL of you there.



## Spring 2002 Conference May 16 - 17

**Marten House  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

*Life Lessons. . . A Outlook for  
Patient Care and Self*

### Conference Highlights

Effective Psychosocial Methods with Aging  
The Role of Social Work in Disasters  
How to Deal with Difficult Employees  
Support Groups for Chronic Illnesses  
Case Management Model  
Wellness Care  
Palliative Care  
HIV Update  
CPS Panel  
HIPPA

**Keynote Speaker: Pam Wright  
A Response to Terrorism & Reflections on Ground Zero**

### **PASARR Panel Town Hall Meeting**

**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**  
*(immediately following the wine  
and cheese reception)*

**Panel will include Evelyn Murphy  
and Pat Cassanova**

**Questions, contact:  
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# Upcoming Meetings

## **Board Meeting**

May 15, 2002

Marten House

*All members are invited to attend.*

## **Annual ISSWLHC Spring Conference**

May 16 - 17, 2002

Marten House

Indianapolis, Indiana

Frontline breakouts (Thursday)

Administrative breakouts (Friday)

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