

Indiana Abstract

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President Laura Ruppert, MHA

As your President, I am honored to begin the journey of representing ICRA.

It will be my intention to assure that ICRA is recognized as an organization that continues to support and promote the advancements related to the Cancer Registry profession. I am humbled to be following in the footsteps of the past presidents of ICRA.

As I prepared for the year, I continued to come back to the "key" theme that has been used by ICRA for the past two years because without the collective work of each cancer registrar, Indiana would not have the quality data for approximately 25 research studies. The Indiana State Cancer Registry would not hold the Gold Standard Certification from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries and Registry of Distinction from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention's National Program of Cancer Registries for the 4th year in a row and there would be no framework for the Indiana Cancer Control Plan.

Registrars are truly the key to success at both the hospital and state level. It is important to remember that registrars are the gate keepers that drive successful change to guide cancer planning.

As the year unfolds, I invite each one of you to feel free to reach out to me with ideas, suggestions, reminders, etc. I will rely heavily on your input and my desire is to serve you and the organization to the best of my ability.

President- Elect- JoAnn Schultz, RHIT,CTR

I'm so looking forward to spring. Lots of weather challenges in Northwest Indiana this winter. I hope everyone stayed safe with the winter weather.

I want to encourage anyone nominated for an office to please consider running. If you would like to serve on the Board or a Committee please let me know. I am busy researching locations for the 2019 Fall Conference. If you have a suggestion please let me know.

The selection of the 2018 ICRA Fall Conference has been completed. The location will be at Primos South Banquet & Conference Center, 2615 National Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227.

The Program Chair, Nancy Whipple, has been appointed for the 2018 ICRA Fall Conference. If anyone would like to help Nancy out, I am sure she would welcome the assistance!

INDIANA STATE CANCER REGISTRY Laura Ruppert, MHA

Just a reminder, the Indiana State Cancer Registry (ISCR) purchased the 2017-2018 North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) webinar series. This series is available at no cost to individual certified tumor registrars. If you would like more information, please contact Marsha Lundy at 317-233-7158.

The ISCR submitted data to both NAACCR and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries in November 14, 2017. Results of the quality, timeliness, and completeness are pending. **Both of these submissions directly reflect of the outstanding work of CTRs across Indiana.** If the data are acceptable Indiana will be included in the *Cancer Incidence in North America* and the *United States Cancer Statistics* publications.

Indiana submitted the continuation proposal for funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State, Territorial Organizations, CDC-RFA-DP17-1701. This is the federal funding for our state cancer registry.

On the Horizon

The Indiana Cancer Consortium (ICC) Annual meeting: April 26, 2018 to be held at Ivy Tech Conference Center. Look for details to be released soon by the ICC on how to register for this event. This is a wonderful event for statewide CTRs to attend as all of the data you collect is highlighted.

Utilizing cancer data collected from reporting entities in Indiana, Cancer Surveillance Section Director, Laura Ruppert, MHA submitted a success story to the National Program of Cancer Registries entitled, *Linkage of Indiana State Cancer Registry and Indiana Network for Patient Care* data. This will be on display at the annual NCRA Conference in New Orleans, LA, May 20-23, 2018.

Vice President/NCRA & CoC Liaison-Martha Hill, AAS, CTR

Happy Spring, It's been a cold winter and I like many others are ready for warm weather, long walks, and spring flowers to clear my mind and help me soak in all of the changes that we are facing in the coming year.

I wish that I could give you updates on every announced change that has been noted for the upcoming year, unfortunately that is not the case. The standard setters are busy trying to finalize the changes and to work with the software vendors to get us the keys we need to unlock our abstracting doors. To date the only update that has been posted is NAACCR Site-Specific Data Items Task Force (SSDI) posted draft versions of both the SSDI manual and the grade manuals for review and comment. Please note that these are draft versions and not the final versions. According to the release, the final version of the manual is slated for May of 2018. You may view the draft manuals at:

<https://www.naaccr.org/2018-implementation/#SSDIGRADE>

Please stay tuned more to come!

We are still awaiting the announcement of the STORE Manual release from the Commission on Cancer. It was expected to be released in February. Continue to watch for announcements from CoC and ICRA regarding the releases.

AJCC 8th edition Staging did begin with cases diagnosed beginning 1.1.2018. This will be a learning experience for all of us and I'm sure that together we will learn all of the hidden keys as we advance into this new staging system.

In other news: In December it was announced by NCRA that Registrars now have their own special Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. This has been a long time coming and will finally allow registrars to be classified by the Bureau of Labor Statistics more accurately. To learn more about classification go to

www.ncra-usa.org/Advocacy/Current-Priorities

I hope that you are all gearing up for National Cancer Registrars Association week April 9-13th. Celebrate your "Hidden Jewels" by doing something special to toot your horn. Let your facility know that you exist and the value of data that Registrars are the key holder to. Maybe put together a very simple study and present at your tumor board. Place the NCRA poster where it can be seen or have a quiet celebration among yourself and your peers, take time to enjoy and celebrate the week.

Last and not least, don't forget the NCRA 44th Annual Educational Conference May 20-23, in New Orleans. The conference agenda and information is posted on the NCRA website under conference. The agenda is packed full of opportunities to learn about the upcoming changes, do some site specific coding with the standard setters as well as attend break-out sessions geared to your interest. If you've not attended a national conference, it is a great learning experience and a great networking time.

Remember, spring is in the air and with spring comes new growth and awareness. Embrace the change, and continue to do the great work that we all do. We are making a difference.

Past President/Nominations Committee Chair – Claudia Jenkins, CTR

It is with regrets that I am submitting my resignation for the position as Past President of the Indiana Cancer Registrars Association.

As you know I resigned my position at my facility last November. In January, my husband and I purchased a home in Mississippi where we now live. Because of the changes in my situation, I feel that I can not give the attention and service that the position and the ICRA Board deserve.

Please know that I appreciate all of the support and friendship that everyone has given me while I served in my prior positions.

Even though I will no longer be a formal board member, if there is anything that I can do long distance, I would be glad to try and help.

I appreciate your understanding and your friendship. This has been a hard decision for me to make, but I think it is for the best.

Secretary-Samantha Kunz, CTR

During the height of the 'winter doldrums,' the ICRA Board held its first meeting of the year on January 22, 2018 and it was a welcome interlude to the otherwise bleak winter weather stretch. During this meeting a lot of wonderful ideas and work to be done was hashed out, but one idea in particular stands out to me. We, as a Board, have decided that we will now be posting all meeting minutes, pertinent documents, and financial reports onto the website for our membership to view. This move has two main goals. The first goal is to trim down the boxes of documents each member of the Board houses. I currently house a tote and a banker's box full of documents dating back years. I'd like to give a big 'thank you' to Martha Hill as it was all very neatly organized and trimmed down as much as possible, when I received it. However, with archiving all minutes and other documents on our website I might be able to fit it all in just the banker's box soon! The second, and most important, goal is to increase transparency and involvement with the entire membership. Now everyone will be up to date on all happenings and focuses of the Board of Directors (BOD). We will be adding these documents to the website throughout 2018, so stay tuned!

2018 Program Chair-Nancy Whipple, CTR

I hope to see you at the 40th Annual ICRA Fall Conference, "Keys to Success" on November 8-9, 2018 at Primo Conference Center South, Indianapolis, IN. The link is: www.icra-indiana.net.

Nationally recognized speaker Louanne Currence, RHIT, CTR will be featured along with physicians and other registry professionals.

If you have any special dietary needs or questions. Email at nwhipple@ecomunity.com. or lcra_indiana@yahoo.com attention Nancy, Program Chair.

Treasurer-Leslie Woodard, CHCM, CTR

**Indiana Cancer Registrars Association
Quarter 3: Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Beginning Balance					\$17,163.57
	October	November	December		
Income:					
Membership	\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00	
Conference Registration - Checks	\$ 4,482.50	\$ 1,462.50		\$ 5,945.00	
Conference Registration - Telusys	\$ 2,725.00	\$ 1,990.00		\$ 4,715.00	
Public Relations (Vendor Sponsorships)	\$ 600.00			\$ 600.00	
Ways & Means		\$ 691.00		\$ 691.00	
Total Income:	\$ 7,827.50	\$ 4,143.50	\$ -	\$ 11,971.00	
Expense:					
Website Maintance (Vessio)	\$ 49.99	\$ 49.99	\$ 49.99	\$ 149.97	
Website Domain		\$ 34.95		\$ 34.95	
2017 Conference Printing		\$ 180.40		\$ 180.40	
2017 Conference Flash Drive		\$ 7.99		\$ 7.99	
2017 Conference - Primo		\$ 6,849.80		\$ 6,849.80	
2017 Conference - NCRA CEU Hours		\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00	
Postage		\$ 49.00		\$ 49.00	
2017 Conference Speaker Travel Expenses		\$ 387.25		\$ 387.25	
2017 Speaker Meal		\$ 17.43		\$ 17.43	
2017 Conference Plaques		\$ 125.62		\$ 125.62	
2017 Historian Booth/Supplies		\$ 34.97		\$ 34.97	
2017 Conference Speakers		\$ 1,800.00		\$ 1,800.00	
Transfer to Savings for A. Fritz fund		\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	
Public Relations (Vendor Exhibit Refund)	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	
Tote for 2018 NCRA Basket		\$ 24.08		\$ 24.08	
Total Expense:	\$ 249.99	\$ 9,646.48	\$ 49.99	\$ 9,946.46	
Ending Balance					\$19,188.11
Balance Savings Account				\$ 10,160.80	
CD				\$ 10,349.39	
Total Assets for ICRA as of 12/31/17					\$ 39,698.30

Outstanding Check #1251 (\$16.49)

Respectfully submitted 1/6/2018 by:
Leslie Woodard, CHCM, CTR
2017-2018 ICRA Treasurer

Education-Lisa LaGue, CTR

For weeks now I have been trying to figure out what to write in this article. My ideas have swayed from sharing anecdotes about groundhogs, to discussing the fully developed brain, to pondering how many people secretly dream of winning an Olympic medal for curling.

No matter how inspired my rough drafts started out, I could not connect any of them to any aspect of the cancer registry profession.

As the Education Committee Chair, I am expected to keep ICRA members updated on educational activities so I should simply provide a list of upcoming trainings. Here it is:

- NAACCR Webinars, first Thursday March-Sept (except July second Thursday), Indianapolis
- NCRA Annual Educational Conference, May 20-23, 2018, New Orleans, LA

What about Indiana State Cancer Registry workshops? Several data collection changes are effective starting with 2018 diagnosed cases so there should be some ISCR workshops on the list. There will be some this year but none are currently scheduled.

As the Education and Training Coordinator, I am expected to conduct at least three ISCR workshops each year. I prefer to have training materials available prior to scheduling workshops which is the reason why none are scheduled yet.

As of today (February 14, 2018), I do not have any training materials for the 2018 data collection changes. I don't have any materials because the data collection standards have not been finalized. Without the final data standards, it is nearly impossible to create training materials, and without materials, I'm back to not being able to schedule any ISCR workshops yet.

Some of the 2018 data standards are expected to be finalized in March so hopefully by the time you read this, I will have a plan in place for the ISCR workshops. I will have updates sent by email as soon as possible.

Public Relations-LeAnn Capps, BA, CTR

Just a reminder- please contact Public Relations if you know of any member that has lost a loved one from their immediate family. ICRA would like to reach out to them to show our genuine concern and support at that time.

As always, the Public Relations Committee welcomes any ideas and articles that you would like to place in the Indiana Abstract in the future. You do not have to be a board member to submit articles.

Ways and Means- Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR

Thank you so very much for your support of the Silent Auction at the Fall Conference. We had many lovely items with some really high bids. The first 50/50 raffle was a huge success. Congratulations to Lisa LaGue our winner. The winner of the NCRA scholarship is Virginia Brooks, CTR. Virginia is employed by Franciscan Alliance in Indianapolis. She is a new CTR. This will be her first NCRA Annual Conference. Congratulations Virginia!!!

Paul & I are working on a fun idea for a fund raiser. Details will be sent out mid-summer.

By-Laws-Emily Freeman, RHIT,CTR

Bylaws committee updates: Currently, a few amendments to the Bylaws are in the works. More information will be coming soon regarding these proposed amendments.

Quick overview of By-laws committee responsibilities: Ensure that the Board of Directors meetings and Annual business meeting are in line with ICRA By-laws. Robert's Rules of Order, 11th Edition governs ICRA in all cases in which they are applicable and when they are not in conflict with our ICRA By-Laws. Serves as the ad hoc ethics committee as needed. Amendments to the By-laws can be proposed by individual voting members or the Board of Directors.

Historian-Sherry Dowling, CTR

I have gone through the tote containing the ICRA historical archives. Memories...memories it contains so many memories of years gone by. The historian booth this year will reflect this as it features past and present members of ICRA. I am trying to create an electronic photo album of

ICRA. If you are a photograph enthusiastic and have ICRA pictures that you are willing to share. Please contact me. I am working on this at home and would prefer the pictures be sent there.

If you are a long time member of ICRA, you may remember the article below "ICRA History" and how we started. I believe this was developed for our 20th anniversary celebration. It only seems right to share it again twenty years later during this our 40th year. I'm sure many of our members will be reading this for the first time. Over the years ICRA historians have documented annually ICRA highlights: association accomplishments, the past presidents, the distinguished members and presidential award winners. So we can "Watch the ICRA Seed Grow"...

ICRA History

The ICRA seed was planted in 1977 by N.D. Ewing, MD and Vesta Davis, CTR from Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Indiana; and Ardythe Hester, CTR from Welborn Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. They saw a need for a cancer registrars professional organization and contacted other southern Indiana registrars.

On April 5, 1978 the first cancer registrars meeting was held at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes.

Eight charter members established the Southern Indiana Tumor Registrars Association's charter, collected dues, elected officers, and developed the organization bylaws.

The eight charter members of the Southern Indiana Tumor Registrars Association (SITRA) were:

- Vesta Davis, RHIT, CTR, Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes
- Ardythe Hester, CTR, Welborn Hospital, Evansville
- M. Imogene Sauer, Union Hospital, Terre Haute
- Bernice Martin, Regional Hospital, Terry Haute
- Diana Carter, St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville
- Mary Fehrenbacher, Deaconess Hospital, Evansville
- Sue Schnarr, St. Joseph 's Hospital, Huntingburg
- N.D. Ewing , MD, Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes

The Seed Began to Sprout...From a Seed to a Plant...

The eight charter members planted the ICRA seed, nurtured the plant, and watched it grow larger and larger.

In 1983 the organization's title was changed to the State of Indiana Tumor Registrars Association.

In 1986 association president Valerie Brown, RN, BSN, CTR gave ICRA a “shot of Miracle Grow.” That year our organization's name was changed to its present name of Indiana Cancer Registrars Association (ICRA). ICRA became a tax-exempt organization and liaisons with the Indiana Health Information Management Association (IHIMA) and the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) were established.

Since 1986 many members have continued watering and nurturing our plant to what it is today – an outstanding professional cancer registrars association to be proud of. Without the efforts of our members working together, our ICRA plant would have wilted many years ago.

Watching the ICRA Seed Grow... 1978-2018 (40 years)

[Website-Cassie Nobbe, CTR](#)

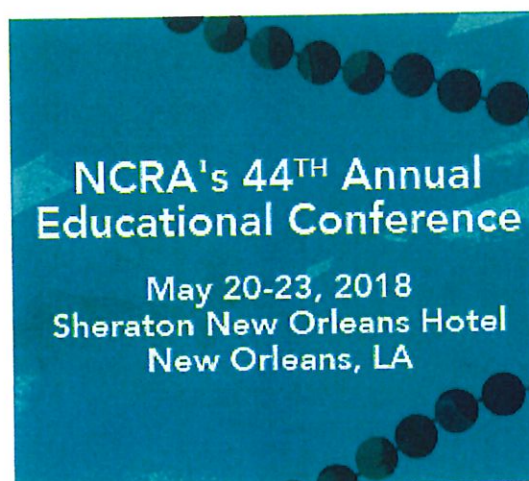
ICRA's website is located at www.icra-indiana.net. Our e-mail address is icra_indiana@yahoo.com. We are working to update the content in our Member's section. The 2017-2018 Board of Directors spent time updating our policies during their term. The updated policies and procedures will be placed on the website. The most recent Membership Roster has also been uploaded. If you notice any errors or typos on the website, please contact me.

Just a reminder, your current user identification and password will expire on **March 31, 2018**. A new identification and password will be issued with your membership renewal. This password will begin to work on April 1, 2018 and will expire on March 31, 2019.

We will be utilizing more on-line registration and payment options this year. If you have issues with launching any links from the website or downloading any contact, please contact me via ICRA's e-mail: icra_indiana@yahoo.com or my work account: Cassandra.Nobbe@mmhealth.org.



2018 National Cancer Registrars Week
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Indiana Cancer Registrars Association
Membership Application
2018 – 2019

Name _____

Credentials ☐ CTR ☐ LPN ☐ RHIA ☒ RHIT ☐ RN ☐ Other _____

Employer _____

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E-Mail Address _____

Information above will be used for all communication from ICRA. If you prefer different information be listed in the ICRA Membership Directory, please provide the information on the reverse side of this application form.

Current position _____

How long in this position? _____ How long in cancer registry field? _____

Please provide contact information for your director/manager/supervisor

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

ICRA may occasionally contact this person to encourage and/or recognize support for the cancer registry profession.

My current ICRA membership status is:

☐ Current member ☐ Former member ☐ New member (_____) *Indicate who referred you if applicable*

I am applying for the following membership:

☐ Active (\$25) ☐ Reinstated* (\$35) ☐ Associate (\$20) ☐ Student** (\$10)

**A former member whose membership has been forfeited by non-payment of dues must apply for reinstated status.*

***A person enrolled in college level curriculum and not actively employed in a cancer registry position may apply for student status.*

☐ I am interested in serving on a Committee ☐ I give permission for my information to be released to vendors

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Please make your check payable to Indiana Cancer Registrars Association or ICRA and mail to:

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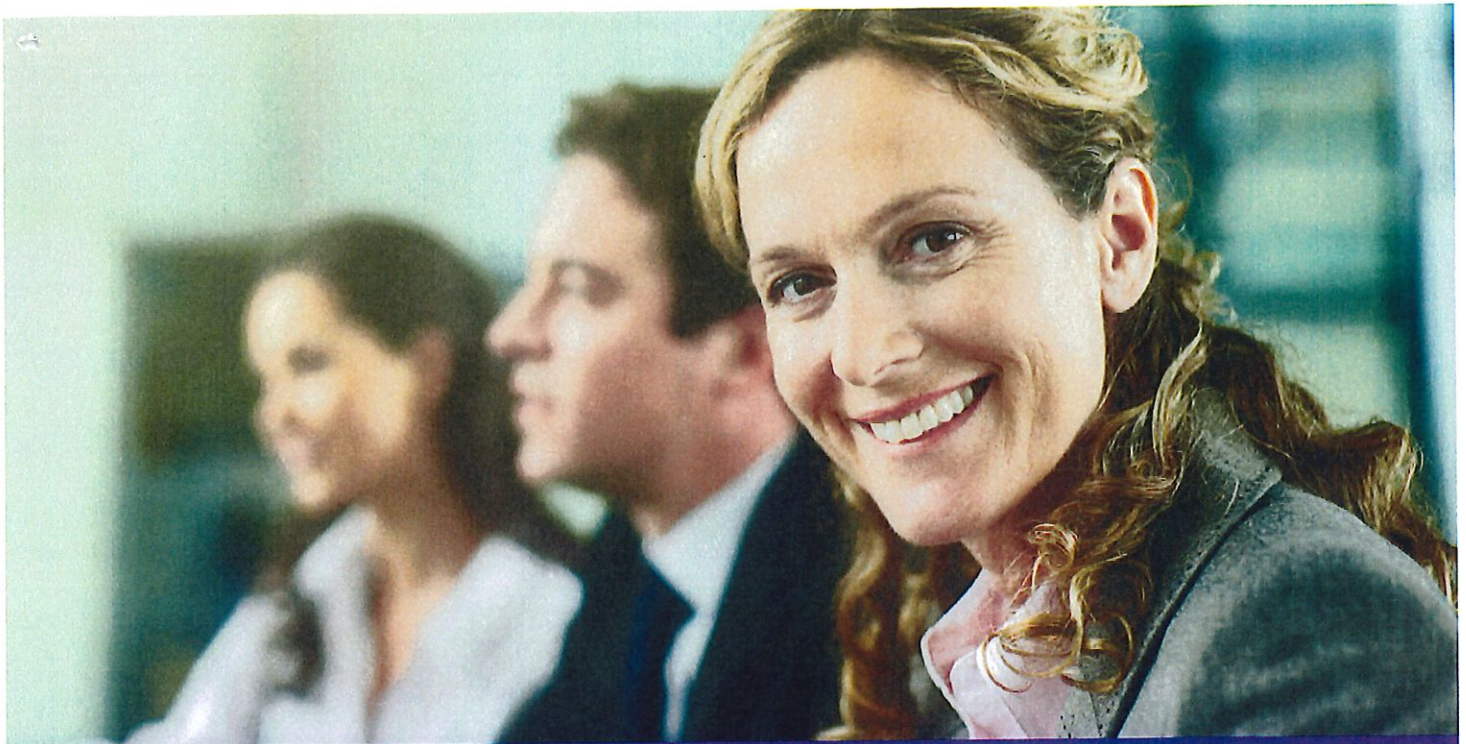
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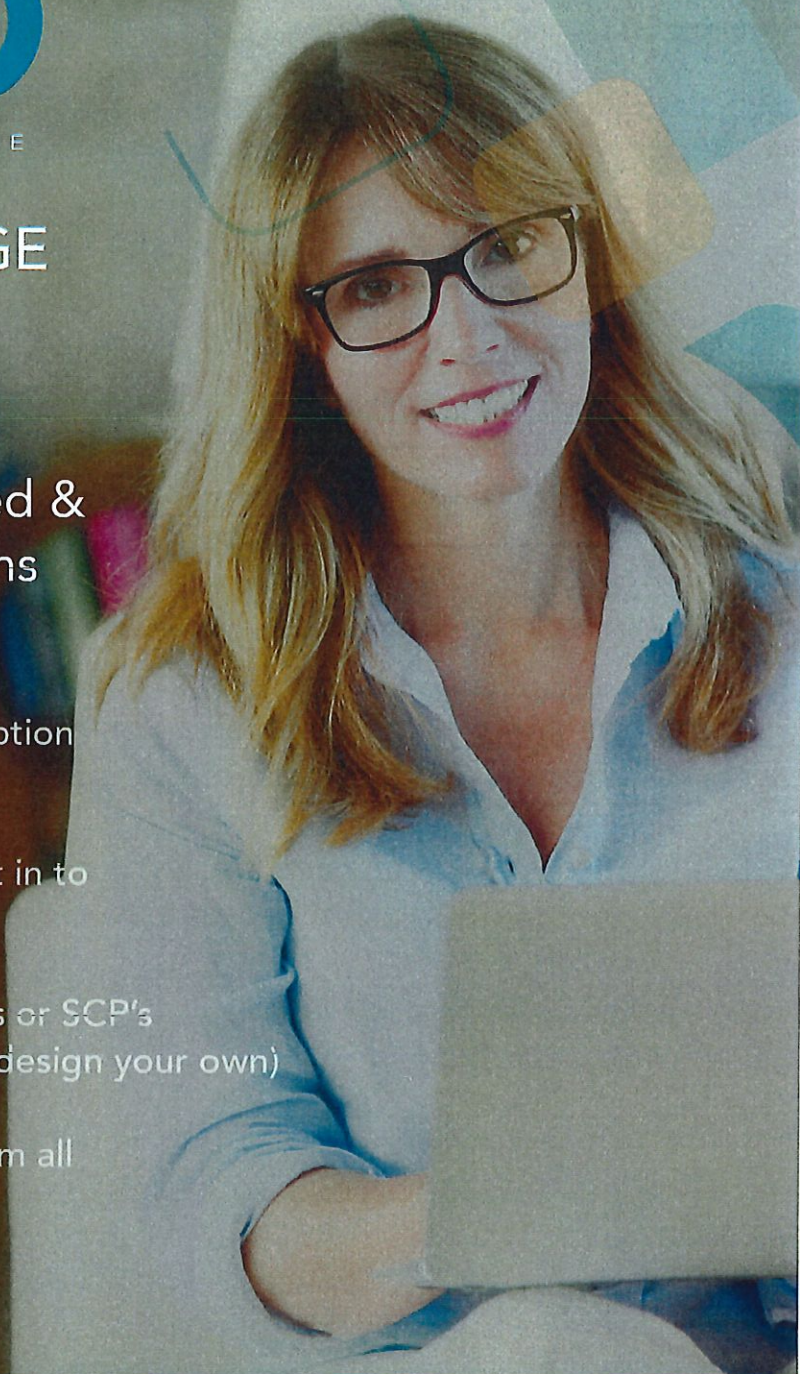


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