



September Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2026
Evansville Country Club
Networking begins at 11:30 am
Program begins at noon

Join ANEW for a powerful and eye-opening panel discussion featuring community leaders who have participated in "48 Hours in the Life," an immersive awareness experience designed to provide a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by individuals experiencing homelessness.

Through realistic scenarios and firsthand reflections, panelists will share what they learned while navigating situations that many in our community face every day. This candid conversation will explore the realities of housing insecurity, barriers to stability, and the importance of compassion, advocacy, and community support.

Our panel includes:

- Lisa Vaughan, Commission on Food Security, Evansville, Indiana
- Chaz Halsell, Senior Vice President, Fifth Third Bank
- Taylor Merriss, Special Projects Coordinator, Evansville Police Department
- Nick Iaccarino, CEO, Keep Evansville Beautiful
- Hope Fussner, IT Customer Relationship Manager/Project Manager, Deaconess

This meaningful discussion will challenge perspectives, inspire empathy, and encourage action as we work together to strengthen our community. Join us for this important conversation and gain a deeper understanding of homelessness and its impact in our community.

MENU:

Regular: Chicken and Fried Rice
Gluten: House Salad with chicken
Veggie: House Salad (no meat)

Dessert: Lemon Bar

Non-Profits joining us are Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center and YWCA

Guest Door Prize donated by Kemper CPA

Membership Door Prize donated by The Only Facial

[Register now for the September Membership Meeting](#)

Remember: If you follow the link, you must be signed in to the website to register.

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2026 Membership Meeting Dates

Feb 25
March 18*
April 15*
May 27

June 24
July 22
August 19*

September 23
October 28
November 18*
December 9*

*Not held the normal 4th week of the month

President's Letter



Happy September!

The kids are back in school and fall is just around the corner. Hopefully that will mean some cooler days. This has been a pretty hot summer. Be sure to sign up for the September 23rd meeting. It will be an interesting meeting with a panel of individuals who participated in the 48 hour

project. This event focuses on the issue of homelessness in our community.

As Fall approaches, it brings with it our Annual Dinner. The Special Events Committee has been working hard to make sure a lot of fun is had by all. Join us under the Big Top on October 28th. We will be awarding the Woman of Action as well as electing next year's board of directors. Don't miss this very special event.

See you all soon!

Michelle Smith

Michelle Smith
ANEW President 2026

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Save-the-Dates!

A promotional poster for ANew Member Appreciation Night. The background is a dark, moody photograph of a table set for an evening event. On the table are several cocktails in different glasses, a large charcuterie board with various meats, cheeses, and fruits, and a small framed sign that reads "Stronger. Together. Better. Together." with a heart symbol. The ANew logo is at the top, and the event title is in the center. The bottom of the poster has a dark purple bar with event details.

ANew
A Network of Evansville Women

**Member
Appreciation
Night**

Join us for mixology, charcuterie, good company, and a few surprises.

 **September 30** **5-7 PM** **217 Main Event (downtown)**

Register now for the Member Appreciation Event!



Register now for the Big Top Bash!

A blue rectangular poster for an ANEW Recruitment Event. At the top center is the ANEW logo, featuring a stylized orange and yellow flame-like graphic followed by the text "ANew" in white, and "A Network of Evansville Women" in a smaller white font below it. Below the logo, the text "RECRUITMENT EVENT" is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. To the left of the date and time information is a white icon of a calendar with a clock face. To the right of the date and time information is a white location pin icon. The date and time are displayed in white text inside white-bordered boxes: "October 29" and "4:30 p.m." are in one box, and "Northside" and "Primetime" are in another. Below these, the address "12301 US-HWY 41" is written in white. At the bottom left, there is a white-bordered box containing the text "www://" and a white cursor icon pointing at it. To the right of this box, the text "Register online at evansvilleanew.org" is written in white.

Register now!

Advertisers for 2026

January

Featured Advertiser: Healthy Living Choices - Alohana Jackson

Monthly Advertiser: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

Guest Door Prize:

Membership Attendance Prize: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

February

Featured Advertiser: Missy Singer On Style

Monthly Advertiser:

Door Prize: Missy Singer On Style

Membership Attendance Prize: The

Only Facial - Alyson Rider

March

Featured Advertiser:

Monthly Advertiser:

Door Prize:

Membership Attendance Prize: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

April

Featured Advertiser: Fusion Spa - Stacey Kerley

Monthly Advertiser:

Door Prize: Fusion Spa - Stacey Kerley

Membership Attendance Prize: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

May

Featured Advertiser: Becky Kasha

Monthly Advertiser:

Door Prize: Banterra Bank - MaNissa Coon

Membership Attendance Prize: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

June

Featured Advertiser: The Scout Guide - Brandy Cooley

Monthly Advertiser: Slade Print - Emily Manzo

Door Prize: Board Basket

Membership Attendance Prize: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

July

Featured Advertiser: Amelia Aesthetics - Sarah Mutter

Monthly Advertiser: Banterra Bank - MaNissa Coon

Door Prize: Healthy Living Choices - Alohana Jackson

Membership Attendance Prize: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

August

Featured Advertiser: West Side Chiropractic - Dr. Jessica Ignacio

Monthly Advertiser: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

Door Prize: Missy Singer On-Style - Missy Singer

Membership Attendance Prize: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

September

Featured Advertiser: Within Sight - Caron Leader

Monthly Advertiser: Slade Print - Emily Manzo

Door Prize: Kemper CPA

Membership Attendance Prize: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

October

Underwriter: Charles & Charles - Lindsay Charles

Door Prize: Charles & Charles - Lindsay Charles

Membership Attendance Prize: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

November

Featured Advertiser: Bison Financial - Tammy Schuler

Monthly Advertiser: Fusion Spa - Stacey Kerley

Door Prize: Affinity Insurance - Rhoda Mattingly

Membership Attendance Prize: The Only Facial - Alyson Rider

December

Underwriter: Kemper CPA - Michelle Smith

Door Prize: Kemper CPA - Michelle Smith

Member Highlight

Katrinka Rydner Chemo Buddies

Achievements

Personal:

My greatest personal achievement is the family I have built. I am incredibly proud of my husband, my daughters, my stepsons, and my perfect grandchildren. They are my greatest blessings and the people who inspire me every day to be a better person. Watching my children grow, build their own lives, and become amazing parents has been one of the greatest joys of my life. Being “Mimi” to my grandchildren is a role I treasure more than I could ever put into words.

Professional:

My greatest professional achievement has been moving to Evansville more than 10 years ago knowing no one except my husband and building a career, reputation, and network that I am incredibly proud of today. Starting over in a new community pushed me outside of my comfort zone and taught me the importance of being willing to introduce yourself, build relationships, and get involved.

I believe joining ANEW played a significant role in that journey. Through ANEW, I have met so many amazing women who have encouraged, supported, and inspired me both personally and professionally. The relationships I have built throughout the Evansville community have become some of the most meaningful parts of my career, and I am proud of the network and friendships I have created along the way.

Career Path

My career path has been centered around building relationships, serving my community, and helping organizations make a meaningful impact. I began my career in the staffing industry, where I developed strong skills in communication, relationship management, business development, and connecting people with opportunities. I later transitioned to the nonprofit sector, where I gained valuable experience in fundraising, community engagement, event planning, and working directly with individuals and families affected by cancer. Faith led me to Chemo Buddies where I currently serve as Development Director. In this role, I oversee fundraising, grants, sponsorships, donor relationships, community partnerships, communications, and special events. My career has ultimately brought together my passion for people, fundraising experience, and commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families.

When I was little...

When I was little, I was convinced I would grow up to become a marine biologist. As a Pisces, I was drawn to the ocean like it was calling my name, imagining myself living in Florida, studying for a degree in Marine Biology, and coming face-to-face with Great White Sharks. Although my career eventually pulled me in a very



different direction, that fascination never fully faded. Even now, it remains on my bucket list to go shark-cage diving and see Great White Sharks up close.

What ANEW Means to Me

To me, ANEW means connection, encouragement, and the opportunity to grow alongside an incredible group of women. Moving to Evansville over 10 years ago, I didn't know anyone other than my husband, so finding a community like ANEW has been incredibly meaningful. It has introduced me to amazing women who have become friends, mentors, supporters, and champions for one another.

ANEW reminds me that we don't have to navigate our personal or professional journeys alone. It is a place where women lift each other up, celebrate each other's successes, open doors, and encourage one another to step outside of our comfort zones. I am grateful for the relationships I have built through ANEW and for the women who continue to inspire me to be better, dream bigger, and give back to the community I now proudly call home.

Maximize your Membership!

- When corresponding with ANEW, please use info@evansvilleanew.org for your email.
- The deadline for registering for all monthly meetings is the Friday before the meeting at 2 pm. This allows time to calculate attendance and notify ECC with reservation numbers.
- Please join in on after-hours networking on the [ANEW Facebook](#) page.



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