

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet & Awakening Community Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

What an incredible spring of Banquets we have had under Sue Anderson and Corlin Stein's Spirit filled leadership! Thirty-four (34) men from weekend #75 and thirty-nine (39) women from weekend #76 were added to our membership. Praise God for His faithfulness in our Great Banquet efforts! I hope you had the opportunity to share in the Blessings during their weekend experiences.

This fall Ryan Phillips (men's weekend #77) and Sandy Mangel (women's weekend #78) will be our Lay Directors. Please pray for the Holy spirit to indwell them as they begin the Team formation process, meet with their Teams and prepare for the weekends, and finally during their weekends so that His Love will once again be made known to His guests at His Banquets, #77 & #78. Should our Lord put it on their heart to call you to serve on one of the Team weekend positions or the Alpha & Omega Team, please prayerfully consider the opportunity our Lord is giving you to participate at His Banquet Table.

This spring we added a new opportunity for "Staying Power" with the "4th Night Meeting" May 9th at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso. The meeting was well attended by guests and their sponsors and many new & current members were able to connect and participate in new or existing reunion groups. If you would like to join or start a reunion group, please contact Lolly Dogan, lollydogan@doqanlaw.com, for information concerning reunion group membership or go to our website, www.idgb.net, for additional reunion group contacts.

The Indiana Dunes Great Banquet Community continues to flourish and serve our Lord through His Cursillo weekends. It is because of your dedication to showing His Love through our weekend experiences that we continue to flourish, financially as well as Spiritually. This past winter you probably received a letter requesting your participation in "IDGB \$10 Transformation". I am humbled to tell you that you responded with over \$11,000.00 of donations as a result of this request! On behalf of the entire Community, I thank you for your generosity in participating in this effort!

May God richly Bless your summers and may He put upon your heart the name(s) of someone who needs to better know His Grace and Love through the IDGB fall weekends. Peace to you All.

De Colores,
Rick Oliver



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Upcoming Events:

- **Sept 26-29—Men's Banquet #77**
- **Oct 3-6—Women's Banquet #78**
- **Oct 10—4th Day Meeting, TBA**
- **Oct 11-13— KONI #15**
- **Oct 18— Gathering, TBA**
- **Nov 1-3— Awakening #23**

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

My Dear Christian Friends,

I am grateful for this opportunity to serve this community and to introduce myself to many of you for the first time. I thought I would share with you a series of prayers that I wrote not long after I attended my banquet (#35 Table of James). The prayers are based on the 'Fruit of the Spirit' which is found in Galatians 5:22-23 "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*" I got the idea to write these prayers in the middle of a rough sleepless night. Trying to take my mind off my problems I decided to play a game of naming all nine fruits of the spirit. I was able to name all but one. "What was the one I couldn't think of?" I had to get up and find out. When I discovered which one it was... Well it was so appropriate given the circumstances of the night. The one I couldn't think of was.... JOY! The next day I began the task of writing these three prayers.



Love, Patience and Peace

Love: Because my hands clench into fist far more often than do they reach out to help.

Patience: Because my mouth forms foul words far more often than it forms words of encouragement.

Peace: If I have Love and Patience, then Peace will come when at the end of the day I know I helped ease more burdens than I created. Amen

Faithfulness, Self-Control and Joy

Faithfulness: Great God Almighty let me live forever in this New Covenant of faithfulness. For as You have never abandoned me, mold my life to always be in oneness with You in my mind, heart and everything that is me in this earthly world.

Self-Control: By the power of Your Holy and Perfect Spirit, strengthen me to tame my wild and immature will. Left to my own desires and ideas, I separate myself from Your wondrous Love and plan for my life.

Joy: Let my new essence in this New Covenant run into the fields of Your vineyard. There I will find the task that only I can do. The task You selected just for me the day you formed me in my mother's womb. Only then will I truly discover myself and sing the song hidden within my heart. Amen

He is Gentleness, Goodness, and Kindness

Thrown from a car window, I survived. No shade from the heat. No shelter from the cold, rain or ice. Hungry and very tired. He took me in. He saved me. He cleaned me. He fed me. He taught me the rules of His house. I obey them, because I love Him.

He accepted me as I was and brought me to a better place. I changed. The world didn't want me or love me. Now I care nothing for the ways of the world. Every night I sleep at the foot of His bed in perfect peace. Jesus alone is my Master.

And Jesus said to us all in John 15:15-17, "*I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.*"

Blessings,

Tim Reyna

IDGB Community Spiritual Director

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Men's Fall Banquet #75 – April 25-28, 2013

Lay Director – Corlin Stein

Steve Aardema, Luis Acuna, Ryan Bambrick, Kenneth Brewer, Daniel Bruss, James Burch, James Cable, Matt Carmichael, Forrest Christian, Brandon Christy, Jeff Deardorff, John Dominikovich Jr., Francisco Encinas, Michael Erickson, David Fisk, Gerid Forste, Tony Gatewood, Michael Gluth, Frank Guzzo, Todd Laczynski, Nate Lewallen, Jessie Majka, Todd Marsh, Steve Miller, Charles Murray, Michael Noble, Dean Phillips, Justin Price, Gary Sienkiewicz, Don Sison, Jeffery Smar, Alfred Thayer, Keith Wilson, David Wood

“The same Jesus who turned water into wine can transform your home, your life, your family, and your future. He is still in the miracle-working business, and His business is the business of transformation.”

- Adrian Rogers

Women's Fall Banquet #76 – May 2-5, 2013

Lay Director – Sue Anderson

Shannon Aardema, Rebecca Bluhm, Kelly Brough, Kimberly Burkhart, Michelle Cable, Amanda Christensen, Maria Cockroft, Tara Curtis, Mary Cutter, Susan Dominikovich, Mallorie Erickson, Melissa Estrada, Lydia Fleming, Gina Gabe, Gina Giese-Hurst, Tanya Gluth, Annette Greene, Jill Hasiak, Jacqueline Hausoul, Tammy Hinrichs, Theresa Jennings, Julie Kissinger, Lee Krone, Cindy Laczynski, Lorrie Laffoon, Janet Marsh, Charlene Maule, Jennifer Miller, Cathy Patterson, Jeannetta Rennick, Lisa Scheller, Anna Sherer, Delores Smith, Elizabeth Villarreal, Sara Vince, Taryn White, Trudy Wille, Rose Wood, Gail Zurek

"Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." Isaiah 64:8

Thank you to our TEAM MEMBERS!

Men's Spring Banquet #75:

Lay Director: Corlin Stein

Assistant Lay Directors: Skip Hankins & Fred Carpenter

Speakers: Leonard Higgins, Vinnie Nowarita, Jack Walter, Randy Wilgus, Dave Mangel, Dan Breed, Troy Manago

Table Leaders: Barry Cummins, Hubert Hausoul, Joey Johnson, Andy Goodpaster, Ray Ison, Jeff Schroeder, Nicholas Syetich, Jim Smith, Don Olson

Music Team: Don Riddell (Head Music), Doug Riddell, Jon Clendenin

Kitchen Team: Ryan Phillips (Head Kitchen), Doug Buuck, Jeff Coe, Treavor Mahle, Jim Peyton, Don Yowell

Agape: Dan Ball (Head Agape), Matt Ball, Pete Goodpaster, Barry Hughes, Kurt O'Connor, Scott Oswald, Tyler Ball (Floater)

Table Decs: Bryan Mecca & Bill Darrah

Spiritual Team: Tim Reyna (Head Spiritual), Wayne Rhodes, Brian Harding, Harry Karabel

Alpha & Omega: Dave Noble, Jim Pachin, Tom Medley, Shawn Blank, Hank Cook, Tony Fisk, Dan Ragon

Women's Spring Banquet #76:

Lay Director: Sue Anderson

Assistant Lay Directors: Tanya Parker & Sharon Merrifield

Speakers: Tracy Goodpaster, Jesica Savich, Betsy Zimmer, Germaine Smith, Sharon Morris, Kim Croarkin, Terri Brown

Table Leaders: Donna Pleasant, LaTonja Ellis, Michelle Corrigan, Cathy Hall, Nancy Pachin, Kathy Wahlman, Kelli Ellis, Sandy Mangel

Music Team: Jeri Kris (Head Music), Valerie Adams

Kitchen Team: Norma Ozelie (Head Kitchen), Jennie Bender, Monica Ball, Susan Treble, Kristie Palomo

Agape: Jennifer Puskac (Head Agape), Ellen Somers, Carolyn Hughes, Lydia Frazier, Tanya Buff

Table Decs: Jamie Clendenin, Wendy Smith

Spiritual Team: Lou Ann Karabel (Head Spiritual), Jean Oliver, Nancy Becker, Olga Koch, Jeannie Rhodes

Alpha & Omega: Lisa Pavlopolous



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IDEAS?

SUGGESTIONS?

If you have a suggestion or an idea for the next IDGB newsletter, please contact the website administrator under IDEAS at www.idgb.net.

IDGB Board of Directors

- Community Lay Director** – Rick Oliver
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- Community Spiritual Director** – Tim Reyna
- Asst Community Spiritual Director** – LouAnn Karabel
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- Asst Awakening Lay Director** – Sue Goodpastor
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- Reservations Coordinator** – Alice & Jack Wisely
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- Community Agape Team Coordinators:**
 - Men’s Team—Jack Walter
 - Women’s Team- Lynni Bainbridge
- Community Kitchen Coordinator** – Pam Hay
- 4th Day Coordinator** – Lori Hanaway

Fall 2013 Banquet Directors and KONI Directors



IDGB #77
Ryan
Phillips



IDGB #78
Sandy
Mangel



KONI #15
Nancy
Walter

When I Say I am Christian

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.

I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible
But, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou,
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, somehow!

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