

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet & Awakening Community Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



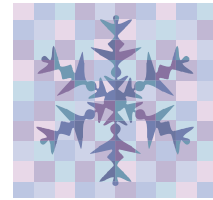
2013 was a very Blessed year for our Indiana Dunes Great Banquet Community. Between our Spring, Fall, and Awakening weekends there were 199 new members added to our Community ranks! How wonderful – how marvelous it is to see His Mighty Hands upon our Community, bringing His children to us to learn of His Saving Grace! Praise God for His Faithfulness to His Ministry through us!!

I hope your Christmas and New Year's were wonderful celebrations with many family and friends because it was in our household. The time made even better by celebrating our 40th Wedding Anniversary with my dear wife, Jean. The years have gone by so quickly. When I think back to all of the milestones we have shared together – the birth of our three children and eventually our six grandchildren, the deaths of family members, the ups and downs of business, the treasured friendships that have endured over decades – I can't help but be incredibly humbled by seeing how God has been with me through each circumstance. We are reminded that He is always with us even we aren't able to recognize it in the moment, like the famous Footprints poem so vividly describes.

In thinking of this, I realize that I could never repay our Lord for what he has done for me. I know that Christmas has passed and will return in just 11 short months, but I can't help but think of one of my very favorite carols - "The Little Drummer Boy". I think the reason I like this carol so much is because I can really relate to the Little Drummer Boy standing in front of the King without a gift suitable for Him. As he marvels at the presence of the Infant King, he realizes his own unworthiness and he begins to do the only thing he can, which is to play his drum for the King of Kings. I too realize that I am unworthy to stand before our King and I can't even manage to beat out a tune on a drum, unless I play the drum of my life for Him. Will He hear my drum as I live my life for Him? Will He be pleased with what He hears and sees? In this carol, the Little Drummer plays his very best for Him. Will I do my best for Him and will He smile at me?

Within the Indiana Dunes Great Banquet community we all have the opportunity to stand before our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, and play the drum of our life for Him. To humbly serve our guests with the time, talents, and treasure with which we each have uniquely been blessed. To play our drum with humility, love, and the understanding that His Gracious Presence in us is the true gift. Yes, I know I am unworthy to even look at the King. But I also know that because of the Righteous Gift of His life He SMILES at me while I play the drum of my life the very best that I can for Him. And He SMILES at you too! So keep playing your drums to His Glory and let's all continue to humbly serve through His Ministry of the Indiana Dunes Great Banquet Community and make 2014 an even more miraculous year!

DeColores – Rick Oliver



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Upcoming Events:

- **February 15, 2014 -Annual Meeting and Gathering at 1st Pres Crown Point**
- **April 11-13, 2014– KONI #16**
- **April 24-27–Men's Banquet #79**
- **May 1-4–Women's Banquet #80**
- **May 10–BOD Mtg and 4th Day Gathering, Location TBA**

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



1 Timothy 2: 1-4 "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

I'm going to throw out a few names here: Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Nancy Pelosi, and John Boehner. Anybody wince? Paul says to pray for everyone, even people that we disagree with. The culture that we are living in is changing and like so many of you, I am not in love with some changes in our culture, but I am listening and thinking. I used to be someone who used to hide away from certain issues. If I don't talk about it or listen to those who are talking about it, then I do not have to think about it. Maybe that's how some of you are. You can surround yourselves with ONLY points of view that you agree with, but should we? We are in the midst of cultural shift, you have a choice to engage the conversation or avoid it. However the Apostle Paul says: Not in prayer! Pray for Everyone.² Pray for the Democrats as well as the Republicans. Pray for the Christians and pray for those who are not. Pray for blessing for them to have a quiet and peaceful life. The world is going to change – It always has. Your side is winning right now – It may not tomorrow. Let me throw out some more names: Roosevelt – Eisenhower, Kennedy – Nixon, Carter – Reagan, Clinton – Bush, Obama. Anyone see a pattern here? The world is going to change – It always has.

My Christian friends, I urge you to not hide from the conversation but rather to learn how to engage it in a righteous way. Listen to other points of view. You do not have to agree, but make sure you truly know what the other person is saying. In a personal conversation, repeat back to them what you heard them say. You may be very surprised at the result: "Did I say that? No that's not what I mean." Then share your point of view calmly and remind the other person that you deserve the same respect that you showed them. This is how to have a righteous conversation. A conversation that is pleasing to God. The person you disagree with is not an enemy, and you are not theirs. What if we as Christians can start engaging the conversation with respect and dignity for all? Wouldn't that be a change in the culture that everyone would welcome? So, let's listen to Paul, and listen to one another. Amen.

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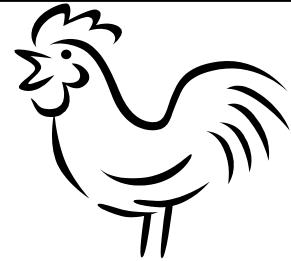
Tim Reyna

Community Spiritual Director

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Men's Fall Banquet #77

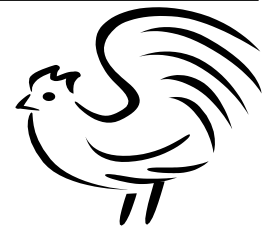
Lay Director – Ryan Phillips



Tom Albertson, Gary Brown, Lars Christensen, Rick Dragoo, Ronald Edwards, Mike Foster, Rick Fuller, Bob Gabe Jr., Larry Galia, Dave Gallardo, Brian Gerstenberger, Gary Green, Ryan Groceman, Hubert Hausoul, Rick Hill, Jay Honsa, Phillip Hritz, Bob Jennings, Justin Kissinger, Luis Maceo, Dave Massnet, Cory McCammon, Steve Pazanin, Terrence Pierce, John Pio, Melvin Pumphrey Jr., Tom Rogers, Gene Rush, Shaun Sanchez, Zach Simmons, Shane Stillman, Brian Stump, David Thornberry, Allan Urbanczyk, James Vadas II, Steve Wilson

Women's Fall Banquet #78

Lay Director – Sandy Mangel



Vicki Ashe-Wright, Kelli Baker, Pamela Baldwin, Jan Bays, Denise Beck, Karen Breezley, Summer Carrion, Sheila Chelf, Lori Cooper, Kat Cory, Lynn Decker, Natalie Denomme, Natalie Edwards, Mary Flauto, Patricia Gilbert, Barb Green, Kym Groceman, Linda Hamilton, Veronica Hill, Cheryl Honsa, Tiffany McCammon, Linda Mendez, Dee Dee Michaels, Mikki Moak, Rosaless Roberts, Cathy Schramer, Anne Stillman, Toy Strick, Stephanie Stump, Sarah Thurman, Bonnie Tugurian, Rhea Vadas

Thank you to our TEAM MEMBERS!

Men's Fall Banquet #77:

Lay Director: Ryan Phillips

Assistant Lay Directors: Justin Savich and Pete Goodpaster

Table Leaders: Tim Johnson, Dan Ball, Corlin Stein, Dennis Sutton, Steve Smith, Kevin Birky, Ken Crews, Nick Svetich and Jim Pachin

Speakers: Todd Laczyinski, Doug Buuck, Ron Izynski, Jeff Coe, Don Yowell, Adam Puskac, Jim Peyton

Music Team: Jonathon (JP) Parker, Kyle Treble, Steve Aardema

Kitchen Team: Kelly Goodpaster, Todd Marsh, Dion Arndt, Jeff Riley, Scott Jessen

Table Decs: Daniel Lang and Bill Darrah

Agape: Dave Mangel, James Cable, Shawn Blank, Try Manago, Vinnie Nowarita

Spiritual Team: Mike Becker, Jack Walter, Doug Riddell, Thomas Rick

Alpha & Omega: Dave Noble, Hank Cook, Tom Medley

Floater: Barry Cummins

Women's Fall Banquet #78:

Lay Director: Sandy Mangel

Assistant Lay Directors: Kim Croarkin and Sheya Bennett

Table Leaders: Alina Kilarski, Julie Kissinger, Sharon Merrifield, Jesica Savich, Mary Lou DiCostanzo, Sue Dominikovich, Kathleen Jeanor, Maria Cockroft, Ruth Ann Johnson

Speakers: Sheila Matney, Penny Luchene, Tiffany Newberry, Kimmy Dawson, Sharon Morris, Jeannie Nowarita, Kathy Stein

Music Team: Susan Treble and Liz Crouch

Kitchen Team: Kathy Ragon, Lisa Pavlopoulos, Shannon Aardema, Debby Ragon, Debby Atsas

Table Decs: Marlo Harding and Tanya Parker

Agape: Kristin Mahle, Jennifer Richey, Christina Ramirez, Jennifer LaFevre, Chris Kern, Lynni Bainbridge

Spiritual Team: Olga Koch, Judy Elwood, Michele Stolpe, Barb Vinson

Alpha & Omega: Karen Noble, Jean Sutton, Sue Goodpaster

Floater: Germaine Smith

From the Community!

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet is a beautiful community because it is filled with beautiful people who have accepted Christ as their Savior. As heard on the Indiana Dunes Great Banquet Community Facebook page:

Thank you IDGB Community for your response in supporting St. Andrews first gathering. It was a pleasure opening our "House" to all you wonderful folks. A special thanks to JP and Brian for the music, and Santa for the surprise visit. This community is such a blessing. All the way home Julie and I were talking about how much the Spirit was moving in there tonight. Thank you God for putting us together. And just so everyone knows...the guys were louder again.

-Bob Chandler

The Registration Forms for the 2014 Banquets are now on the website. Hand out as many as you want - THEY'RE FREE!

-Dan Ball

Now here are some lyrics to think about and live ones life by...
Holy Spirit You are welcome here...Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere...Your glory God is what our hearts long for...To be overcome by your presence Lord...

-Adam Puskac

I had a great weekend at Awakening #23! It is amazing to see how God moves in our young people. Thanks Kathy Urbanczyk Stein for giving me the opportunity to witness the miracles of God in person.

-LaTonja Ellis

Just wanted to share with all my sisters and brothers of IDGB that I accepted a call today to serve as Pastor of the Prince of Peace United Church of Christ in Bargersville, IN. It's just south of Indianapolis. I will continue to serve as a chaplain at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana and I will continue to live in Indianapolis. I want to thank all of you for your continued support, prayers and encouragement but above all I want to thank God for all His continued blessings.

-Joan Dell

Someone asked me last night, "What happened this weekend?" I said, "You all asked Him to come. He came."

-Tim Reyna

Thank you God, thank you team, thank you guests, We are blessed by his Grace and when we work hard in His name, Grace falls like rain. (Thanks, Chris Tomlin.) Let's make it a priority to love one another as He loves us. Peace to all.

-Harry Karabel

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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.

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SPRING 2014 BANQUET AND KONI DIRECTORS



IDGB #79

Daniel
Ball



IDGB #80

Sue
Goodpaster



KONI #16

Sonia
Fabbri

The Footprints Prayer

One night I had a dream... I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life, There was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in my life This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, You would walk with me all the way; But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, There is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why in times when I needed you the most, you should leave me. The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you. - Anonymous