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## Pride Bag Ladies Hold Organizational Meeting

(Indianapolis) – The newly formed Pride Bag Ladies held an organizational meeting on Sunday, April 2. At the meeting, Coby Palmer, one of the founders of the original Bag Lady organization, presented a history of the Bag Lady organization, Indiana Cares and Indiana Still Cares.

After some general discussion, the group selected the name Pride Bag Ladies. The group also agreed to continue the mission of the original Bag Lady organization to raise money for organizations such as the Gregory Powers Direct Emergency Financial Assistance (DEFA) Fund and Indiana Youth Group.

The Pride Bag Ladies will be a Department within Indy Pride, Inc. Pride Bag Ladies events for 2006 will include: selling candy bars for Spotlight 2006; hosting two teams in the Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race; a Pride Bag Lady Cookout; a Pride Bag Lady Team in the AIDS Walk; the Pride Bag Ladies Bus Tour and of course several benefit shows throughout the year. The next Pride Bag Lady Meeting will be on Sunday, May 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Metro.

## IN Pride 2006 Events Planned

*Indianapolis* - Last year the Indy Pride GLBT celebration attracted more than 25,000 people to downtown Indianapolis to the annual IN Pride celebration. The IN Pride 2006 events begin on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and end on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Tuesday, June 6

#### *Pride of Indy Marching Band Concert*

The Pride of Indy Marching Band & Color Guard will kick-off the IN Pride 2006 events with a free concert at The MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts in Garfield Park. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, June 9

#### *Second Annual IN Pride Seminar*

Continuing the tradition begun last year, Indy Pride will offer an educational seminar on Friday, June 9. This year's seminar will focus on breast cancer and the GLBT community. Indy Pride will be working with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to provide an educational seminar about breast cancer. Lesbians, as a group, have a higher incidence of certain risks factors known to be linked to breast cancer. For instance, women who do not breast feed are 50% more likely to have breast cancer. Visit the Indy Pride website ([www.indyprideinc.com](http://www.indyprideinc.com)) for more details about this seminar.

### Saturday, June 10

#### *IN Pride 2006 Parade & Festival*

The IN Pride 2006 Celebration will begin with the fourth annual IN Pride Parade on Saturday, June 10. The parade will step-off at the Corner of College & Mass Avenue at 10:00 a.m. The parade continues down Mass Avenue to Vermont Street where it turns west and ends at University Park. The IN Pride 2006 Festival will kick-off at the conclusion of the Parade. The Festival will feature two entertainment stages, food, spirits and fun.

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## GLBT HISTORY

*Part of the mission and purpose of Indy Pride, Inc. is "to educate the GLBT Community about GLBT history, of the issues which affect it, both social and political and of the resources which are available to its members within the community."*

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***Agnes Moorehead***

Agnes Robertson Moorehead was born in Clinton, Massachusetts (just outside of Boston) on December 6, 1900 to Dr. and Mrs. John H. Moorehead. Her father was a Presbyterian minister and transferred several times while Agnes was in school. Agnes first appeared on stage when she was three years old. By the time she was 12, she had joined the St. Louis Municipal Opera as a dancer and a singer.

After earning her baccalaureate degree, she attended the University of Wisconsin where she earned her Masters in English and public speaking. Later, she took her savings from various stage work and teaching jobs to enroll in the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. Here, she began her long and lustrous career in radio. During this period, she met the acclaimed actor/director/writer and producer Orson Welles. Moorehead, Welles and Joseph Cotton would form the renowned Mercury Players.

Moorehead's collaboration with Orson Welles in radio soon turned into collaboration on film. When Welles decided to make a go of it in Hollywood, he remembered Agnes' talent and sent for her to debut in his masterpiece, *Citizen Kane* as Kane's mother. Agnes also appeared in Wells' *Magnificent Ambersons*, *Jane Eyre* and *Journey Into Fear*. Wells once said of Agnes, "Give the role to Agnes, she can play anything."

Welles' statement proved to be true throughout her career as she played numerous and diverse supporting roles in some of the best movies of the era. A self-proclaimed "character actress," Agnes played roles ranging from a slatternly old maid to a royal queen to a jet-set drug dealer, each with "the same aplomb and talent as the next." As a result, she received numerous awards for her roles and was nominated for five Academy Awards during her tenure.

Moorehead is perhaps best known for her role as the elegant, meddling mother-in-law on *Bewitched*. Even though she had appeared in countless television comedies, dramas, variety shows and specials, she was hesitant to commit to a regular starring role in a series. Elizabeth Montgomery, the star of the show and the wife of the director, approached Moorehead in a department store to play the role of Endora because she thought she would be perfect for the part. Moorehead agreed to do the pilot, thinking that such a bizarre premise for the show would not sell, but a month after the pilot aired, she got a call from the producer. The role of Endora was a "campy romp", with Moorehead arrayed in extravagant costumes and displaying the personality of an imperious diva.

Moorehead also had great success with a one-woman show – *The Fabulous Redhead* - in which she toured both in the United States and abroad from 1954 until 1970.

Moorehead died of cancer on April 30, 1974, just two years after *Bewitched* had ceased production. There had long been rumors in Hollywood about lesbian relationships involving Moorehead but she was consistently circumspect in commenting on her personal life. She admitted "a certain amount of aloofness on [her] part at times, because an actor can so easily be hurt by unfair criticism," adding that "an artist should ... maintain glamour and a kind of mystery." No doubt Moorehead's circumspection was also motivated by the knowledge that openness as a lesbian would have had disastrous consequences for her career.

Her *Bewitched* co-star, Paul Lynde (himself closeted) stated, "The whole world knows that Agnes was a lesbian – I mean classy, but one of the all-time Hollywood dykes." He further stated that "when one of her husbands was caught cheating, so the story goes, Agnes screamed at him that if he could have a mistress, so could she!"

*Information obtained from various websites.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Listed below are upcoming Indy Pride Events. Mark your calendars to come out and join the fun!

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

#### IN PRIDE 2006 PLANNING MEETING

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM – GREGS

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

#### INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

#### IN PRIDE 2006 PLANNING MEETING

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM – GREGS

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

#### PRIDE BAG LADIES MEETING

PLACE: METRO

TIME: 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

#### INDY PRIDE BOARD MEETING

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM – GREGS

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

#### IN PRIDE 2006 PLANNING MEETING

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM – GREGS

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

### THURSDAY, MAY 18

#### INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIOS

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

### SUNDAY, MAY 23

#### HOOSIER 250 TRICYCLE

#### RACE & SILENT AUCTION

REGISTRATION: 12:00 NOON

RACES START AT 2:00 P.M.

### *IN Pride 2006 Events -- Continued from page 1*

National recording artist RuPaul will be this year's headlining act. His debut album, 'Supermodel of the World', was released in 1993 and, the single 'Supermodel (You Better Work)' was a hit in 1994, followed by a duet with Elton John, on 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart'. RuPaul has also been seen in films such as 'The Brady Bunch Movie' and 'Crooklyn'. Local and regional musicians (scheduled to appear: Holly Petree, Brenda Williams, Jennie DeVoe, Cynthia Lane, Pride of Indy Marching Band, Crackhead Patty, Justin Ayte, the Indianapolis Men's Chorus, the Indianapolis Women's Chorus, female impersonators and more!) will be rounding out the entertainment throughout the day.

### Sunday, June 11

#### *IN Pride 2006 Picnic*

The IN Pride 2006 Family Picnic will be held at the Pagoda in Garfield Park. The picnic begins at 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 11 and will continue until 2:00 p.m. Join with Pride members for food, socializing and games! The picnic is free but donations will be requested to help defray food costs.

#### *IN Pride 2006 T-Dance*

The IN Pride 2006 weekend will wrap-up with a T-Dance at Metro. Weather permitting the dance will be held on the patio and back alley. If there is rain, the event will be held inside Metro. The D.J. is Wayne Shepard. Admission is \$5.00.

The IN Pride Band Concert, Seminar, Parade & Festival and Picnic are free to attend and open to the public. Admission to the T-Dance is \$5.00. Profits from the IN Pride celebration and other Indy Pride events are used to provide college scholarships for teens; to support educational programs at Indiana Youth Group (IYG); and to support the Gregory Powers Direct Emergency Financial Assistance (DEFA) Fund.

Current sponsors of IN Pride 2006: Budweiser/Zink Distributing, Smirnoff, Printing Partners, Sam's Club, AT&T, Chase Bank, IMC-Indy's Music Channel, Expo Designs, Red Bull, *The Word* and Agio. Sponsorships are still available. Please contact Gary Brackett at [gkbracke@iupui.edu](mailto:gkbracke@iupui.edu) or Scott Van Kirk at [svankirk@expodesigns.net](mailto:svankirk@expodesigns.net) for more information.

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### **Quote of the Month**

*"I love my gay male friends but when I was a little girl, I always wished that I would be constantly surrounded by gorgeous guys. And I am... and I should have been more specific."*  
– Margaret Cho from "I'm The One That I Want"

**Photos from Pride Bag Ladies Shimmering Shamrocks!  
The event raised over \$3,500 for Indiana Youth Group (IYG)!**



Photos taken by Indy Pride member Marcus Baxter. Thanks, Marcus!

**the HOOSIER 250!**  
indy pride's **Annual Tricycle Race** and Silent Auction  
\$100 First Place and Trophy  
Get Your Teams Ready  
**indY PRIDE**  
**Sunday, May 21st**  
Old Firehouse across from Metro  
Registration at Noon  
Race at 1pm  
Silent Auction and Cook Out Follows Race at METRO  
See Kevin at Metro to sign up or online at [www.indyprideinc.com](http://www.indyprideinc.com)

Don't forget to register your team for the Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race!! Teams are encouraged to dress in costumes! Prizes will be awarded!

If you have any items you would like to donate to the Indy Pride Silent Auction, please contact Gary Brackett at [gkbracke@iupui.edu](mailto:gkbracke@iupui.edu).

***If you would like to volunteer to help at an event, please let us know!!***