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Have you joined or donated to the Indy Pride AIDS Walk Team?

Indianapolis – Members of Indy Pride, The Pride of Indy Band and the Pride Bag Ladies have formed a team in the 2006 AIDS Walk & Ride. The 2006 AIDS Walk & Ride will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2006 with registration at University Park in downtown Indianapolis. To make a donation or to join our team, go to the website listed below:

<http://indianaaidswalk.kintera.org/indypride>

As of September 8, the Indy Pride team has already raised \$2,325.00. So far, our team has raised the most money! We currently have 11 members on our team. Won't you join us and help raise money for this important cause?



Indy Pride to Hold Annual General Membership Meeting September 13

Indianapolis – The Indy Pride Board of Directors has scheduled the Annual General Membership Meeting for **Wednesday, September 13** at Talbott Street. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

According to the Indy Pride Bylaws, "An annual meeting of the members for the election of the Board of Directors and transaction of other business to come before the membership shall be held each year in the first week of September or within 30 days. Time shall be set by the current board and communicated as noted in Section 4.03 (Notice). Section 4.03 Notice: Written notice of the location, date and time of any membership meeting and the reason for any special meeting, will be sent by U.S. mail or Email to each currently enrolled member at their last known address/email address not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting."

In order to vote at the annual Membership Meeting, you must be a paid Indy Pride member. If you need to renew your membership, you may do so online at www.indyprideinc.com.

During the meeting, President Brackett will provide an Annual Report to the membership and an annual

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financial statement will be distributed. In addition, members will be asked to vote for five Board members who will serve two-year terms. Current Board members who will begin the second year of their terms are: Gary Brackett, Tiffany Dow, Vivian Farris, Stephen McCoy, Eric Munsch, Brad Plunkett, Scott Van Kirk and Chad Walker.

The following candidates have been nominated for the five (5) open positions: Julie Anderton, Kevin Fyffe, Andy Gilliland, Jason Grisell, Ivan Howard, Doug Mellinger, Kevin Morgan, Anne-Marie Predovich and Brian Sirtosky. Please see below for a statement prepared by each candidate to assist you in your selections.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Julie Anderton I have spent the past 3 years working in the community with the Human Rights Campaign to make our city a better LGBT place for all. My desire is to make a difference in Indianapolis by helping to provide an equal, safe and happy place for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender citizens. I believe this can be accomplished, if we all work together. My education and community events resources at HRC National would make a wonderful pairing of our teams. I am truly excited to contribute to the education and celebration of our community via IndyPride!

Kevin Fyfe I have been a volunteer for Indy Pride the last three years. I have helped with both the publicity committee and the Pride Guide. I also served as volunteer for the last two Laugh Out Loud performances. I have seen the Pride festival grow tremendously in the last few years and I feel that I did my part to contribute to that growth and I want to see the festival continue to grow and become one of the largest in the midwest.

Andy Gilliland Advocate and Supporter of Indy Pride Since 2001 when I moved to Indianapolis. Over the course of the last five years I have continuously gained interest in a leadership position with Indy Pride. I have actively participated in this important organization through membership and corporate sponsorship. As Director of Marketing/Membership for Sam's Club, I have raised in excess of 10,000 dollars for programs such as Indy Pride, Indy Youth Group, Damien Center, and the Aids Walk. The experience, skills and passion that I encompass will be demonstrated in my partnership with the Indy Pride Board. I appreciate your vote and look forward to working for you.

Jason Grisell I have been working in the GLBT community for nearly four years through various agencies and in various capacities. I have helped with the IndyPride Pride Festival for three years – two of which as co-chair of the Operations/Logistics committee, I have served on the Development and Community Relations committee with the Damien Center – focusing on community outreach and development for two years and I have served on the steering committee for the Indiana AIDS Walk for two years as co-chair of the Operations/Logistics committee. Through my involvement in the community I have been able to see and experience how much hard work it takes to make a difference in people's lives and I wish to continue to make a difference by serving on the board of IndyPride.

Ivan Howard After serving for more than 4 years on the Indy Pride Board and as a volunteer for a few years before that I think I have a lot of experience to bring to the board. As President I lead by example, getting in the trenches and working with everyone to get done what ever need accomplished. After taking a few years off and really having a good look from the outside in, I think I could bring a fresh, but seasoned approach to the board.

Doug Mellinger Hello, my name is Doug Mellinger but most people in the community would know me as my production name of "Asia LaBouche". There are two very important components that help make "Asia LaBouche" and those are Costumes and Community. To me IndyPride is a valuable and all inclusive representative of our Community. I have been an active member of the GLBT Community for 15yrs. I have donated my time and talents to IndyPride for the last 6yrs by coordinating and participating in the Drag show/Emcee spots. I have donate both my time and money to Indiana Youth Group and Indiana Still Cares by participating in various fund raisers and shows. I am actively involved in fund raising for Indiana AIDS Fund by participating in both the SPOTLIGHT production for the past 3yrs and the AIDS Walk for the past 8yrs. I have also raised funds personally by selling "Asia LaBouche" T-shirts and Magnets with all profits being donated to IAF and IYG. I would like to be more directly and actively involved in our ever-growing IndyPride and feel I would be a valuable addition to the board.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: TALBOTT STREET

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

PRIDE BAG LADY SHOW

PLACE: VARSITY

SHOWTIME: 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO RESTAURANT

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

INDY PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

DETAILS ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INDY PRIDE WEBSITE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

PRIDE BAG LADY SHOW

PLACE: TALBOTT STREET

SHOWTIME: 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

2006 AIDS WALK & RIDE

UNIVERSITY PARK

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Quote of the Month:

"I invented the spin."

Actress Linda Carter (Wonder Woman)

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS CONTINUED

Kevin Morgan I have been a member of Indy Pride for three years. I have been a Board member of Indy Pride for three years as well. I have Co-Chaired the Liquor Area for two years, Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race Chair for three years, Elections Committee Chair held one year, served on Pride Guide Committee for three years in which I had designed the cover of the guide each year as well as advertisements in each guide. And Co-Chaired the Pride T dance each year. I enjoy my time with Indy Pride and I give 200%.

Anne Marie Pretovich It is an honor to be nominated to serve on Indy Pride's Board of Directors, and I would be pleased to do anything I can to help this thriving organization continue to prosper. By way of introduction, my professional career has centered on not-for-profit management. I currently serve as Executive Director of the INRC, an organization which seeks to strengthen, develop, and empower Indianapolis neighborhoods. Currently, I co-chair the 2007 Homeward Bound Walk (homelessness prevention), chair the Indiana NAMES Project Committee (AIDS quilt), serve as Treasurer of the Chrysalis Academy (a residential facility for at-risk youth), and serve as Secretary of the Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals. For the record, I prefer the term "fruit fly" to "fag hag," although in keeping with Pride's mission, I believe fag hags deserve to be empowered too. In order to promote organizational harmony, I promise never to refer to myself as Pride's "fairy princess," as I have no plans to upstage any of the guys! Thanks for your consideration!

Brian Sirtosky As a transgender advocate, activist, and organizer, I feel that I would bring a unique perspective to the Indy Pride Board that is currently not being represented and that could help Indy Pride become an organization that truly represents and reflects the diversity within the GLBT community. I have been a member of Indy Pride for over a year via the Pride of Indy Marching Band and Color Guard and have participated in the Indy Pride Festival every year since 1999. I am a Founding Member of Indy Boyz, a female-to-male transgender support group started in 1998 as well as a Founding Board Member and First President of the Indiana Transgender Rights Advocacy Alliance (INTRAA) started in 2002. I have also been admitted to practice law in the State of Indiana since 1993, though I am currently not in private practice. I feel that my experience and background make me a good candidate for the Indy Pride Board and I look forward to bringing some new constituencies into the organization.

Pride Bag Ladies Plan Fall Events!

The Pride Bag Ladies have planned a busy schedule. Listed below are the dates of upcoming shows/events. Be sure and come out and support the “ladies” and their causes!

Friday, September 8

Show at Illusions – 8:00 p.m.

Cover charge & performer tips donated to Step-Up. Cover: \$5.00

Thursday, September 14

Show at Varsity – 8:00 p.m.

Performer tips donated to Balding For Dollars Motorcycle Ride for Alopecia Areata in Memory of Anthony (BoBo) Salvatore – No Cover Charge!

Friday, October 13

Show at Talbott Street – 8:00 p.m.

Cover charge & performer tips donated to Indy AIDS Walk. Cover: \$5.00

Saturday, October 28

**26th Annual Bag Lady Bus Tour
Theme: Martinis & Diamonds!**

The Tradition Continues . . .

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