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Indy Pride Scholarship Program DEADLINE – OCTOBER 1, 2007

Each year, Indy Pride, Inc. provides scholarships to students who have worked to make Indiana a better place for the GLBT community. Monies for the scholarship are obtained through fundraising events such as Laugh Out Loud, the Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race & Silent Auction and the annual IN Pride Festival.

The scholarship deadline this year is October 1st. Scholarships are awarded in November at the annual Indy Pride Community Thanksgiving Event.

Scholarship applications are available through the website at www.indyprideinc.com. Once the application has been completed, mail applications to:

Indy Pride, Inc Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 44403
Indianapolis, IN 46244-0403

All applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2007 to be considered. Applications will be reviewed/awarded by the Scholarship Committee.



Front Row (left to right): Chad Walker, Tiffany Dow, Anne-Marie Predovich, Vivian Farris, Julie Anderton, Scott Vankirk, Nicole Griffin and Gary Brackett. Back Row (left to right): Brad Plunkett, Andy Gilliland, Nic Hensley, Dan Maxwell, Jason Grisell, Steve Turner. Not pictured: Doug Mellinger

Members Elect New Board

Indianapolis - Ten Board members were elected for two-year terms at the Indy Pride Annual General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, September 19. The 2007-2008 Indy Pride Board of Directors are: Scott Vankirk (President), Tiffany Dow (Vice President), Chad Walker (Treasurer), Anne-Marie Predovich (Assistant Treasurer), Julie Anderton, Gary Brackett, Vivian Farris, Andy Gilliland, Nicole Griffin, Jason Grisell, Nic Hensley, Dan Maxwell, Doug Mellinger, Brad Plunkett, and Steve Turner.

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Old Centrum. In addition to the election, former President Gary Brackett presented the 2006-2007 Annual Report. Brackett recapped the Pride events, Pride of Indy Band events and Pride Bag Lady events. Listed below are some highlights of the report.

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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."



Lesley Gore (born May 2, 1946 in New York City as **Lesley Sue Goldstein**) is an American singer-songwriter of the "girl group era." She is perhaps best known for her 1963 pop hit, *It's My Party*," which she recorded at the age of 16. Following the hit, she became one of the most recognized teen pop singers of 1963-1967.

Gore was raised in Tenafly, New Jersey, in a Jewish family. She was a junior at the Dwight School for Girls in nearby Englewood when "It's My Party" became a #1 hit.

Her first hit was followed by many others, including *Judy's Turn to Cry* (the sequel to *It's My Party*), *She's A Fool*, the proto-feminist *You Don't Own Me*, *That's The Way Boys Are*, *Maybe I Know*, *The Look Of Love and Sunshine*, *Lollipops and Rainbows*. Her record producer was Quincy Jones, who would later become one of the most famous producers in American music.

Instead of accepting the television and movie contracts that came her way, Gore chose to attend Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York. This limited her public career to weekends and summer vacations, and undoubtedly hurt her career. Nevertheless, throughout the mid-1960s, Gore continued to be one of the most popular female singers in the United States and Canada.

Gore was given first shot at recording "A Groovy Kind of Love", but her then-producer Shelby Singleton refused to let her record a song with the

word "groovy" in it; The Mindbenders went on to record the song, and it went to #2 on the Billboard charts. Gore also released *Wedding Bell Blues* as a single in 1969, but her version flopped, while the Fifth Dimension's version spent three weeks at #1.

By the late 1960s, her popularity had decreased with the advent of harder-edged "psychedelic" music. Her last major hit was the Bob Crewe-produced *California Nights*, which she performed on a 1967, episode of the Batman TV series, in which she guest-starred as Pink Pussycat, one of Catwoman's friends. Afterwards, she maintained a lower profile in the music industry, performing at concerts and in cabarets. She also kept busy writing songs, including composing songs for the soundtrack of the 1980 film, *Fame*, for which she received an Academy Award nomination for *Out Here on My Own*, written with her brother Michael. The song was a Top 20 hit for Irene Cara.

Gore played concerts and appeared on television throughout the 1980s and 1990s. In 2005, she recorded her first album of new material since 1976 (*Love Me By Name*) — *Ever Since* — with producer/songwriter Blake Morgan for Engine Company Records (a small independent label). In addition to extensive national radio coverage and critical acclaim from The New York Times, Rolling Stone, Billboard Magazine, and other national press, three songs from *Ever Since* have been used in television shows and a film: "Better Angels", in *CSI: Miami*'s fourth season premiere episode, "Words We Don't Say", in an episode of *The L Word*, and "It's Gone", in the Jeff Lipsky-directed film *Flannel Pajamas*.

Gore announced in 2005 that she is a lesbian. She stated further that she did not know her own orientation until she was in her twenties, and after she discovered that she was a lesbian, she never gave much thought to exposing it publicly, but at the same time she took no great lengths to hide it. Some commentators consider the lyric content of some albums, notably *Someplace Else Now*, to contain implicit references to Gore's sexuality. Her altering of known song lyrics was also thought to have implied her orientation as in her album *The Canvas Can Do Miracles*. Beginning in 2004, Gore could be seen hosting the PBS television series, *In The Life*, which focused on GLBT issues. Gore currently lives with her partner of over 23 years.

Information obtained from various internet websites.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

INDY PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

INDY PRIDE BOARD MEETING

PLACE: INDY PRIDE OFFICE – OLD CENTRUM

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

PRIDE BAG LADY FUNDRAISING SHOW

PLACE: TALBOTT STREET

DOORS OPEN: 7:00 P.M.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 P.M.

COVER CHARGE: \$5.00 DONATION TO AIDS WALK & RIDE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

PRIDE BAG LADY QUEEN PAGEANT

PLACE: TALBOTT STREET

TIME: 8:00 P.M. DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

27TH ANNUAL PRIDE BAG LADY BUS TOUR ONE NIGHT ONLY! – WATCH FOR DETAILS!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

PRIDE OF INDY CONCERT

PLACE: BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

Quote of the Month:

I just kind of lived my life naturally and did what I wanted to do.

~Singer/Composer Leslie Gore

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Laugh OUT Loud – Income was \$7,035.00. Expenses were \$2,566.68. Total profit was \$4,969.32. This was a significant increase in profit from the previous year.

Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race & Silent Auction – The Turbo Twinks won the grand prize again this past year. The profit from the event was \$1,054.10.

IN Pride 2007 - A new event was added – a Skating Party. Traditional events included and Indiana Youth Group (IYG) Open House, a Pride of Indy Band Concert, an educational seminar, the Parade, the Festival, a cookout and the T-Dance. Attendance at the Festival has grown from 6,000 in 2002 to over 30,000 in 2007. This year's profit from the Pride Celebration events was \$36,392.50.

Donations – The Indy Pride Board of Directors authorized the following donations during the 2006-2007 year: \$7,500.00 in scholarships to GLBT and allied-student leaders; \$4,610.00 to the Gregory Powers Direct Emergency Financial Assistance (DEFA) Fund; \$4,610.00 to the American Heart Association; and \$10,000.00 to Indiana Youth Group (IYG); \$3,038 to the Indiana AIDS Walk & Ride.

Pride Bag Ladies – Held the 26th annual Bus Tour in October 2006. The *Martinis & Diamonds* Tour raised \$4,942.21 which was donated to the Gregory Powers Direct Financial Assistance (DEFA) Fund. The Bag Ladies held a holiday show in December and raised \$1,920.00. The annual Shimmering Shamrock show was held in March and raised \$3,124.00. Funds raised from both the holiday show and the Shimmering Shamrocks show were donated to Indiana Youth Group (IYG). The Pride Bag Ladies held a show in May to help raise funds for the Indianapolis Choruses. The show raised \$1,359.00.

Pride of Indy Band – In a short period of time, the Pride of Indy Band has grown to 50 performing musicians. The Band was asked to provide two paid concerts as part of the Indy Parks Concert Series. In addition, the Pride of Indy Band opened for the Indianapolis Symphony at Conner Prairie. The band will perform a kid's concert on Halloween (Oct. 31) at Broadway United Methodist Church.

Special Thanks!

The Indy Pride Board of Directors would like to thank

Eric Munsch

***for his dedication and service to Indy Pride as a Board Member
for the past 10 years and former Treasurer for eight years.
Eric is currently President of the Pride of Indy Band!***

Thanks so much, Eric!



**Join the
Indy Pride & Talbott Street Team
AIDS Walk & Ride 2007
Sunday, October 14, 2007
University Park, Downtown Indianapolis**

Now is the time to get involved and make a difference in the lives of fellow Hoosiers that are afflicted with HIV/AIDS. This year's walk will be held at University Park, Indianapolis. Please register to join the Indy Pride & Talbott Street Team. To join: <http://AIDSWALK2007.kintera.org/indypride>. As of Monday, September 24, we only have three members on our team. Our goal is to have at least 25 team members. Last year, our team received awards for the amount of money raised! Come on and join the team and help make this year's AIDS Walk & Ride the best year ever!

The AIDS Walk & Ride is an annual event that supports services and programs serving the more than 10,000 Hoosiers with HIV/AIDS. The pandemic is far from over – infection rates are increasing among women, youth and minorities. Indiana remains above the national average of young people under 25 who are living with AIDS. Individual participants and teams solicit pledges from family, friends, co-workers, employers and others to benefit the Greg Powers/Direct Emergency Financial Assistance Fund (DEFA). DEFA provides funds for those with HIV/AIDS who need assistance with emergency shelter, utilities, food, medicine, and other daily living needs.

27th Annual

Pride Bag Lady Bus Tour

Saturday, October 27

Theme & Bus Tour Registration Information
will be available on the Indy Pride website
www.indyprideinc.com



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Upcoming Pride Bag Lady Shows:

Thursday, October 11

Join the Pride Bag Ladies & The Ladies of Legends for
a night of entertainment to raise money for the AIDS Walk

Sunday, October 21

2nd Annual Pride Bag Lady Queen Pageant!

All individuals who wish to be considered for the honor
of Queen will need to participate in the pageant.

Individuals will need to:

- 1) Be introduced in some type of evening wear
 - 2) Be asked an interview question
 - 3) Raise as much money as possible for the Pride Bag Lady Bus Tour
- A point system will be used to award points towards becoming Queen.

The FINAL Queen selection will be determined by
the former Bag Lady Queens during the Bus Tour!

Everyone is encouraged to try to become the Pride Bag Lady Queen!