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The Annual International Citizen of the Year Event Approaches

Mayor Greg Ballard and First Lady Winnie Ballard will be dual recipients of the 2014 International Citizen of the Year award. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard will be honored at a dinner and program on September 9, 2014 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis.

The International Citizen of the Year award honors individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the globalization of Indiana in business, culture, education, government, medicine, research, media, sports or community service.

The International Center staff has already begun preparation for the event, including seeking sponsors and notifying friends and supporters of the Ballards. To learn more about how you can get involved contact Billie Fouts bfouts@internationalcenter.org.



Pictured above: Mayor Greg Ballard and his wife, First Lady Winnie Ballard.

The Center Hosts an International Woman of Courage

The International Center was proud to host International Woman of Courage honoree Judge Iris Yassmin Barrios of Guatemala in early March. Judge Barrios was one of ten women recognized by the U.S. Department of State and First Lady Michelle Obama in Washington, D.C. before visiting Indianapolis through the Center's International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP).

Judge Barrios is the President of one of two of Guatemala's High Risk Court Tribunals. Many of Judge Barrios' cases confronted high-profile corruption, organized crime and drug trafficking and human rights abuses occurring during Guatemala's 36-year internal armed conflict (1960-1996). In 2013 she was the presiding judge in the genocide trial of former Guatemalan dictator Efraim Rios Montt. This case marked the first time a former head of state was tried for genocide in his home country by the national judiciary.

While in Indianapolis, Judge Barrios met with the Indiana Commission of Women, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and Judge Sarah Evans Barker along with other high-ranking members of the Indiana judiciary and members of the Indiana University McKinney School of Law. She also volunteered at the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic and participated in a roundtable discussion concerning women's empowerment and equity.



Pictured above: Judge Barrios with Judge Sarah Evans Barker, appointed judge of the United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana.

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International Events in the Community

"Night of the Americas"

La Plaza
April 11, 5:45 p.m.
The Indiana Roof Ballroom

Italian Film Festival

IUPUI
April 12-May 10
Lilly Auditorium and
Campus Theatre Center

Venezuela Gala

The Association of
Venezuela Indiana
April 19, 5:30 p.m.
The JW Marriot Hotel

"Holi Dhamaka"

India Association of Indianapolis
April 20, 11 a.m.
The India Community Center

IVLP News

Spring has been a busy time for our International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). IVLP brings distinguished visitors to our community through the Department of State. In addition to Judge Barrios, The Center hosted several groups during the month of March including:

- English Curriculum Innovation: Leading Change in Education (Brazil)
- U.S. Foreign Policy Changes (Europe)
- Women's Innovations in Science (a multi-regional group of female scientists)

The Center Welcomes New Staff and Board Members

Recently, The International Center has made several additions to both staff and the board of directors. The following individuals have joined The Center's staff:

- **Kaitlyn Neel, Marketing and Communications Coordinator**, is responsible for The International Center's Festival Fund program as well as assisting in creation of marketing materials and communications.
- **Peggy Poindexter, Executive Assistant**, provides executive support to the CEO and maintains and supports relationships between The Center and its key stakeholders.
- **Lei Wang, Project Manager - China**, is responsible for planning and coordinating global strategic development programs and special projects, focused primarily on China, on behalf of The International Center.

The following community members have joined The Center's board of directors:

- **Gerry Dick**, President, Grow INdiana Media Ventures;
- **Thomas Mulhern**, Strategic Analyst and Project Manager - Corporate Responsibility, Cummins, Inc.; and
- **Victor Smith**, Secretary of Commerce, State of Indiana, Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

To learn more about the mission of The International Center as well as the programs and services we offer, please visit our website at internationalcenter.org.

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Upcoming International Center Workshops

Looking to learn more about the cultural training programs available through The Center? Register for our upcoming workshop:

Cross Cultural Communications: INDIA

Date: June 13, 2014

Time: 8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Location: The International Center

Cost: \$95 per person, includes breakfast and materials

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