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Recap: 2014 International Citizen of the Year Event

The International Center honored Mayor Greg Ballard and First Lady Winnie Ballard as dual recipients of its 2014 International Citizen of the Year award on September 9, 2014 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. The program featured special appearances by the Ballards' two children Erica and Greg, Jr., as well as P.E. MacAllister who presented the evening's award. Nearly 800 people were in attendance to honor Mayor and Mrs. Ballard, including the 2013 award recipient Mark Miles, CEO of Hulman & Company.



Pictured from left to right are Diane Thomas, President and CEO of The International Center; Michael Overdorf, International Center Board Chair; Mayor Greg Ballard; Mr. P.E. MacAllister; Mrs. Winnie Ballard; Robert Vane, Event Emcee; Erica Ballard; Greg Ballard, Jr.; and Melissa Proffitt Reese, Event Chair.

The International Citizen of the Year award was established in 1985 to honor 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 Ballards join an illustrious list of prominent community leaders who have been honored as past International Citizens of the Year for their contributions in one or more of these areas.

As successful as the event was, it could have not been possible without our Board members, event committee and sponsors. A special thank you to our Honorary Event Chair, James Morris, President and CEO, Pacers Sports & Entertainment, and to our Event Chair Melissa Proffitt Reese, Partner, Ice Miller, LLP.



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International Center Cultural Training Workshop

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

Cross Cultural Communications: BRAZIL

Date: October 17, 2014
Time: 8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Location: The International Center
Cost: \$95 per person, includes breakfast and materials

Questions? Contact:
Peter Kirkwood

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International Events in the Community

GermanFest
The Athenaeum
October 11

Scottish Highland Games
German Park
October 11

Taste of Liberia
Latvian Community Center
October 12

Heartland Film Festival
October 16-25

Dia de los Muertos
Indiana State Museum
October 25

The Al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here
IUPUI Symposium
November 17-18

We also would like to express our appreciation to event emcee Robert Vane, former Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Ballard as well as our Vice Chairs: Bob Brody, Michael Browning, Bob and Brandee Bryant, Raju Chinthala, James M. Danko, Dan Elsener, Nathan Feltman, Greg and Donna Fennig, Rick Fuson, Rajan Gajaria, Jane Gehlhausen, Brian Gildea, Robby Greene, Julie K. Griffith, Joyce Irwin, Bill Hansen, Kirk Hendrix, Ryan Kitchell, David Ladd, Nancy K. Langdon, Barney Levensgood, Carey Lykins, Robert L. Manuel, Jim McClelland, Thomas and Belinda Mulhern, Jackie Nytes, Michael Overdorf, Brian Payne, Steve Penny, David Resnick, Joerg and Annemarie Schreiber, Zachary B. Scott, KP and Janice Singh, Al Smith, Victor Smith, Susana Duarte de Suarez, Marsha Stone, Milton O. Thompson, Dennis A. Trinkle, and Amy Conrad Warner. In addition, much gratitude to the major support provided by our [sponsors](#).

This year's International Citizen of the Year event was a major success by any measure, and we are already looking forward to hosting and honoring next year's award recipient.

International Center Honored at Mooncake Festival

In mid September, The International Center was honored with the "Community Partner of the Year" award by the Carmel-Xiangyang Sister City Committee.

The award was presented at the 2014 City of Carmel Mooncake Festival, which featured mooncake tasting, traditional Chinese performances, and an art exhibit featuring the works of students from Carmel High School and Xiangyang Zhiyuan High School. The Center was chosen as the award recipient in recognition of and appreciation for promoting exchange to foster international cooperation and understanding within and between the cities of Carmel and Xiangyang. The Center's Protocol Officer, Peter Kirkwood, has been working with the Carmel Sister City program since its inception in 2011.



"The achievements of the Carmel-Xiangyang Sister City Committee would not be possible without the support of The International Center. Without the work of Peter Kirkwood, the Sister City Program would not be what it is today. Since coming on board, Lei Wang, Project Manager - China at The International Center, has been an invaluable resource to strengthening exchange programs with XiangYang," said Sandra Long, Chair of the Sister City Committee.

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International Guide to Central Indiana

The International Center's Relocation Services department now has available the updated 2014 International Guide to Central Indiana.

The guide is an easy-to-use, comprehensive reference tool for international newcomers. It is designed to anticipate and answer common questions about life in Indiana. You can contact The Center for purchasing information. To view an online version, [click here](#).

Save the Date!

This winter, The International Center is hosting "Jabberwocky" on behalf of Storytelling Arts of Indiana.

December 9, 2014
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
IndyFringe Basile Theatre

Mark your calendar for an evening of storytelling from International Center friends and family. More details to come!