

SEPT. 13 ICY EVENT PROMISES GOOD FOOD, FUN AND A FITTING TRIBUTE

September 13, 2017 marks the date that Pacers Sports & Entertainment will officially join the ranks of individuals and institutions who have been named International Citizen of the Year, a distinction awarded annually by The International Center to honor those who have made an outstanding contribution to the globalization of Indiana business, culture, education, government, medicine, research, media, sports or community service.

Pacers Sports & Entertainment represents much more than the Indiana Pacers, from whom the entity draws its name. It encompasses five enterprises, all of which in their own way have contributed significantly to elevating the profile of Indianapolis and Indiana on the international stage, attracting fans worldwide not only to the game of basketball and the Pacers, but also to our city and state.

The dinner and program will therefore also celebrate the WNBA Indiana Fever franchise; the Fort Wayne Mad Ants NBA G League team; Banker's Life Fieldhouse programming and operations; and the outstanding work of the Pacers Foundation.

According to ICY Board members Julie Griffith and Brian Gildea, co-chairs of this year's ICY event, the theme of the evening has been inspired in large part by the atmosphere of fun and joviality that inevitably accompanies a trip to Banker's Life Fieldhouse, whether for a ball game, concert or other major attraction.

The event will again be held at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in the historic IRT Building in downtown Indianapolis, with reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m. and program at 8 p.m. As a nod to the casual nature of most PS&E events, attire at this year's ICY will be business casual – or, as is always welcome, national dress.

For information about sponsorships, table and individual seating purchases, contact Laura Limp, development manager, or [click here](#).

BUSY MONTH OF CONVENING AND CONNECTING AT THE CENTER

The month of August was filled with opportunities for The International Center to fulfill its mission of informing, convening and connecting Hoosiers and expatriates! We kicked off August with the long-awaited return of Polo at Sunset at Hickory Hall Polo Club in Whitestown. In collaboration with our partner organization, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Indiana Chapter, our Polo at Sunset outing drew record breaking crowds and raised \$3,000 for our INTLCXN programming.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The International Center is seeking volunteers to help us honor Pacers Sports & Entertainment as the 2017 International Citizen of the Year on Wednesday, September 13.

If you would like to learn more or are interested in volunteering for International Citizen of the Year, contact Logan Charlesworth, marketing and communications manager.



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

**The International State of Indiana with Judy O'Bannon
Airs August 31
WFYI**

**Celebrating Our New Neighbors
September 1 - November 30
Eagle Branch Library**

**2017 International Citizen of the Year
September 13
Indiana Roof Ballroom**

**El Grito: Mexican Independence Day Celebration
September 15
Garfield Park Arts Center**

That same week, The Center hosted Rear Admiral Gary Mayes, a member of the U.S. Navy and a proud graduate of Purdue University, for a discussion about Indianapolis, the U.S. Navy's role in serving businesses as they transport their goods across the oceans to emerging markets, and international affairs. We were also honored to host Blair Milo, a member of Governor Holcomb's cabinet serving as secretary of career connections and talent.

The Center also participated in the Commemorative Meeting on the 30th Anniversary of Friendship Relations between the State of Indiana and Zhejiang Province (China). Martin Baier, president and CEO of The International Center, emceed the program that featured remarks from Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, Secretary of Commerce Jim Schellinger, as well as our friends from China, including Consul General to the Midwest Hong Lei and Party Secretary Che Jun.

JIM SCHELLINGER, INDIANA SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, JOINS IC BOARD

The International Center is proud to announce Jim Schellinger, Secretary of Commerce for the State of Indiana, has joined our Board of Directors. Schellinger currently serves as a member of Governor Eric Holcomb's cabinet and is responsible for leading the state's domestic and international economic development agenda.

He previously served as president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) under then-Governor Mike Pence.

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