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September is Recovery Month!

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RECOVERY COOKOUT

The IAIC 2nd annual Recovery Cookout is September 5th from 1—6pm at Park Tudor School Shelter Pavilion in Indianapolis. Last year over 150 people gathered for food, fun, and fellowship and more are expected this year. So grab a covered dish and a couple friends and come celebrate recovery. RSVP preferred but not required.

RECOVERY RIDE

The 2009 Recovery Ride is September 19th at the Indiana State Capitol, west steps. Registration begins at 8:30am with the ride around I-465 starting at 10:00am. This free event promotes public awareness that recovery from addiction is possible.

For a listing of other upcoming events go to the IAIC web site. http://www.recoveryindiana.org.
IAIC Board Chair Deborah Richmond has been selected to represent the state of Indiana at the national rally for recovery on Saturday September 12. Delegates from all 50 states will lead the procession of thousands of recovery supporters across the historic Brooklyn Bridge and then share their stories of recovery with others in attendance, including local and national media. The rally in NYC stems from a partnership between, Faces and Voices of Recovery, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, A & E Network and the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors. All nominees were required be in recovery for at least 10 years, be active in the promotion of addiction awareness in their community, and share their personal biography and road to recovery with the media to be considered for the role. Richmond has worked in a variety of positions within the addictions field including the Governor’s Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. This is her second year at the helm of the IAIC. Director Jill Matheny says, “I’m grateful to Deb for her leadership and the wisdom she has shared about the nature of coalition building.” Richmond resides in Indianapolis with her husband Jay.

The IAIC website has been redesigned!

In July, 2009 the IAIC launched its newly redesigned website: www.recoveryindiana.org. The site was designed by Steve Salter and modeled after the Mental Health of America theme. The site’s navigation, look, and feel have been completely restructured. We evaluated our website and spoke with members of our key audience including consumers, treatment providers, and IAIC members. We made changes and improvements in order to make our website easier and more satisfying to use. We have created new features that will make our website more useful including an IAIC news section to feature articles and information about the coalition and its members. This redesign is part of an ongoing process and soon we will be adding a blog spot and online polls. We will continue to evaluate our site regularly and incorporate feedback from our users. Please give us comments on our new website, we would love to hear from you!

The Advocate goes green!
Starting this fall you can now have the Advocate sent directly to your email through the new E-Advocate online newsletter. We can save tree’s and costs by viewing the newsletter online rather than print form. The new E-Advocate will have additional stories and links as well as up to the minute legislative and advocacy events. You can still receive the print Advocate that will now be four pages in length. Access the online newsletter at: www.recoveryindiana.org on the publications page.
Welcome new members

Bob Vogler, James Ryser, Cindy Wilson, Judy Hauth
Tim Willoughby, Brendia Willoughby, Andrea Wood
Mechelle Burnett, Vicenta Muniz, Joanne Green
Brenda Gardner, Sue Gerrish, Susan Speer, Lula Lee,
Annie Johnson, , Fred Drain, Stephen L. Rush,
Sandra Ralph, Dotaphelin Green, Beth Crook
Mariea Strader, Gary Sexton, John B. Ross, Bob Koch
Phillip Blomeke, Snider Page, Benetta Squires, Darlene
Brown, Sandra Ralph, Marissa Miller, Desi Thurman,
Zachary George, Jaime Reust, Betsy Robbins

IAIC Annual membership meeting held in June

On Wednesday, June 24th around 75 people gathered at the Broadway Methodist Church in Indianapolis for the IAIC general membership meeting and presentation on “Relationships in Recovery”. The IAIC board chair welcomed the crowd made up of long time members, new members, board members, and people from all across the state including NW Indiana. Pat Sheehan whose work centers on helping people love themselves and each other, gave an interactive presentation to the group on relationships in recovery. The presentation was fantastic according to participants who were polled after the event. Pat can be reached at www.patsheehan.org.

Working together, RECOVERY from addiction will be REALITY!

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
___ Community member (no fee)
___ Supporting member $10.
___ Partner $30.
___ Advocate $100.+

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP (annual)
___ Corporate $100.
___ Silver $250.
___ Gold $500.
___ Platinum $1000.+

___ Gift: I wish to give a membership to the individual or family designated below

I wish to support the September Public Awareness campaign $_____

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