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## September is Recovery Month!

### 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 Cookout

"Together we learn together we heal"

September 5, 2009

Park Tudor School

7200 N. College Ave

Indianapolis, IN 46240

1:00pm-6:00pm



Join us for food, fun and fellowship

Learn about advocacy for addiction recovery

Please bring a covered dish

Everyone is welcome!

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## RECOVERY RIDE

Promoting public awareness that recovery from addiction is possible. Add to an recovery happens.

**Date:**  
Saturday, September 19, 2009

**Times:**  
Registration: 8:30-9:30 AM  
Event Start: 10:00 AM

**Address:**  
Indiana State Capitol, West Steps, Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN. Ride will consist of one lap around I-465 ending back at the State Capitol.

**Registrations:**  
Participation in Indiana's Recovery Ride is Free.  
Please contact IAIC at 317-638-3501 ext 231 to RSVP. Or visit online at [www.recoveryindiana.org](http://www.recoveryindiana.org) to register yourself or corporate team.

Always wear your seat belt and please don't drink and drive.

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 to Represent the State in NYC

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](http://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!

Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition  
because Recovery IS A Reality

Welcome to Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition

The Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition is a broad-based, diverse, not-for-profit organization focused on creating and taking advantage of opportunities to bring all interested individuals and entities together, projecting a unified voice educating, informing and advocating for addictions issues with the goal of changing attitudes, beliefs and confusion about addiction and improving the lives of those affected by addiction. Our Mission is to promote recovery through advocacy, public education and service.

*Addiction, whether to drugs, alcohol, tobacco or involving other substances or actions, is a disease that can be effectively treated, allowing individuals and those around them to recover their lives.*

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IAIC 2nd Annual Recovery Cookout Celebration  
**REGISTER NOW FOR RECOVERY RIDE 2009**  
[The Recovery Project](#)

**Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs News**

- D.C.'s Needle Exchange Funding in Jeopardy Again
- 'Zavo' Emerges as Devastating Drug Problem in Argentina
- E-Cigarettes Targeted in Oregon
- U.S. House Committee Passes Cocaine Sentencing Equalization Bill
- Greater Controversy on TV Drug Ads Sought

## 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 trees 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](http://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  
Mariae 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](http://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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You can pay online through Mental Health America of Indiana's web site. <http://www.mhai.net>

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**The IAIC always accepting submissions for our quarterly newsletter. Please send articles, poetry or photos to: Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition, 1431 North Delaware Street Indianapolis, IN 46202 or electronically to [jmatheny@mhai.net](mailto:jmatheny@mhai.net).**



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