



IN Our Circle

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This has been an exciting and busy fall, full of growth-both with our community expanding and opportunities for individual growth. We completed the first Guide Training and the first Facilitation Practice Session led by Michelle McCarty. Both provided excellent opportunities for personal

special and sacred gifts for the participants. These are ways that women of our community can be involved and support our weekends. Anyone desiring to be involved with supplies for the next weekend, please call Tara McDowell or myself.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

growth. We are very fortunate to have Michelle in our community and to provide these opportunities for us. Thanks Michelle!

We just completed our 7th Woman Within Training weekend at our new site-FAA Leadership Center at Trafalgar. It is a beautiful place to have a weekend. Many thanks to all the women who spent many hours in preparation for the weekend - especially to Jana Lovick for planning the Open Houses; Cheri Goll for arranging for the Empowerment Series training and arranging for the new women to connect in the interim; Tara McDowell, who is mentoring as Supplies Coordinator; and the committee who purchased and arranged for supplies (Dorothy Claire, Joyce Bailey-Pendleton, Judy Stasek, Judy Donovan, and Donna Richardson).

Also, thanks and much appreciation to Cheri Goll for bringing back all of the items needing laundering. Many thanks to Dorothy Claire for hosting the Pouch Party and to all who participated in the making of these very

I want to welcome and honor the women new to our community. We had 13 women from Indiana and 13 women from Kentucky on the Weekend, with the other 4 being from Ohio, Illinois and Tennessee.



Now, I would like to encourage each woman in our community to concentrate on our April Woman Within Training weekend. You can be involved and support this weekend by bringing family and friends to our upcoming Open Houses, which are planned for January 15 at Judy Donovan's, a Joint Open House on January 21 at Church of Our Savior, and February 11th at Church Within. For more information, please contact Jana Lovick at (317) 852-7103.

This is a great opportunity to connect with women you do not see very often, to meet new women, and to reflect on how your life has changed since the weekend. An exercise is presented each time, which is one of the reasons I enjoy these meetings so much and leave feeling so enriched. We need E-Circles to sponsor these - which means bringing simple food and sharing about the weekend and how it has impacted your life. Please contact Jana if your group is available to do this.

We provided financial support to 8 women for the November, 2001 weekend. We are finding that more women are requesting financial support during these economically challenging times and would like to invite women from both Indiana and Louisville communities to make a contribution so that other women may experience growth and healing. We welcome donations in any amount. Please make checks payable to IN Our Circle and mail to our Treasurer, Dana Creek.

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IN Our Circle has set up a fund for women who are in need of financial assistance in order to continue their personal growth work.

If you are a woman in need of financial assistance, please contact Ann Bevilacqua, preferably by email, at abevilacqua@imcpl.lib.in.us. You will need to submit a Financial Assistance Application, along with a letter stating your reason(s) for requesting assistance, including any special circumstances which impact your finances.

NEW WEBSITE

The IN Our Circle Board is thrilled to announce that the IN Our Circle community now has an AWESOME new web site! The address is www.inourcircle.org. Many many thanks to those who were involved in creation and definition of the site and it's content!!!!

Information on the site includes announcements of upcoming events, community contacts, e-circle information, staffing information, calendar of events, weekend information, personal announcements, services available, etc., etc., etc.

Please take advantage of using this space to get the information that is important to you read and published. If you have suggestions, or want something added to the site, please use the links and email links included on the site to submit them.

Please remember that this is a 'working' site, so things that you see may not be completed yet, and may change as time goes on. Refer to it often, and refer it to women who may be thinking about going through the weekend.

The goal is to provide YOU with the information you need and want about the community, and give you a place to share.

Blessings,
Sue Daniel
Communications Coordinator

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Here are some guidelines to consider when applying:

- ⊙ Applications are open to women in the Indianapolis and Louisville communities, no matter which training weekend the woman attends.
 - ⊙ The priority for Financial Assistance is for Woman Within Training Weekends.
 - ⊙ The Financial Assistance Committee will review the application and letter in the order in which they are received.
 - ⊙ In order for the Committee to process applications in a timely manner, all applications need to be submitted 6 weeks prior to the training or workshop.
 - ⊙ Discounts and loans are available for Trainings: Woman Within Training Weekend, Women Empowering Women, and Woman Within Level II.
 - ⊙ Loans are available for sanctioned workshops, including, but not limited to: Intellect and Accountability, Healing the Wounds of Shame, Your Sexual Self.
 - ⊙ Loans and discounts shall not exceed 1/2 the amount of the cost of the Training or Workshop.
 - ⊙ An agreement between the loan recipient and IN Our Circle must be in writing.
 - ⊙ The nonrefundable deposit must be submitted to the Registrar prior to Financial Assistance approval.
- For more information, contact Ann Bevilacqua, at (317) 253-7948 or abevilacqua@imcpl.lib.in.us.

Looking for a New E-Circle Challenge?

The Mixed Gender Group is open to new members. If you want more information on dates, times, discussion topics, etc., call Cheri Goll at (317) 925-7612.



ANNUAL DUES (Jan - Dec 2002)

Dues for IN Our Circle are essential for this organization to continue. In order to better serve our community, we have begun new outreach programs, started an E-Circle Council, and a Mixed Gender Group. All of these programs, along with our existing programs, would not be successful if it weren't for dues collected from all of you.

Please help to continue this passionate work by sending in your dues. We ask for \$25 annually. (Give as much as you can.)

Makes checks payable to: IN Our Circle

Send to: Dana Creek, 10202 Woods Edge Drive, Fishers, IN 46058

WELCOME!

Let's give a big welcome to the ladies who recently finished the Woman Within Training Weekend in Indianapolis.

- Robyn Ash
- Suzanne Bertuleit
- Emma Cadden
- Ann Clingerman
- Maureen Connors
- Brenda Ernst
- Jan Fourman
- Marilyn Gallagher
- Julie Goodman
- Carolyn Hayes
- Brenda Hildebrandt
- Salome Isbell
- Lisa Kaplan
- Cathy Maxey
- LaVerne Newton
- Pamela Nickell
- Rose Ogren
- Debbie Owens
- Marsha Pappas
- Nikki Rosen
- Dana Schultz
- Cindee Sherlock

- Meri Lee Taylor
- Beth Tobin
- Patti Torp
- Betsy Voyles
- Lissa Wathen
- Yvonne Wenger
- Paula Williams
- Catharine Young

JANUARY

- 1992 Delavan Marsha Kite
- 1994 Delavan Judy Coutinho
- 1999 Indy Sue Daniel
- 1999 Indy Linda Melick
- 1999 Indy Joyce Bailey-Pendleton
- 1999 Indy Cindy Stevenson
- 1999 Indy Emily Land
- 1999 Indy Jill McGregor
- 1999 Indy Katherine Lawrence
- 1999 Indy Libby Cosgray
- 1999 Indy Sherry Hanafee
- 1999 Indy Sherry Romano
- 1999 Indy Tara McDowell
- 1999 Indy Tess Davidson
- 1999 Indy Janet Kazimir
- 1999 Indy Anne Hopkins
- 1999 Indy Angel Happel
- 1999 Indy Julie Harvey
- 1999 Indy Ellen Bruner
- 1999 Indy Karen Flitz
- 1999 Indy Rebecca Ham
- 1999 Indy Nancy Kent
- 1999 Indy Sara Lynch
- 1999 Indy Peggy Mark
- 1999 Indy Vicky Payton
- 1999 Indy Judy Perry Meyer
- 1999 Indy Mary Rankin
- 1999 Indy Deborah Saas
- 1999 Indy Becky Schupbach
- 1999 Indy Janet Steimel
- 1999 Indy Heather Morgan

NOVEMBER

- 1988 Delavan Judith Pauly
- 1993 Delavan Maryellen Bein
- 1994 Delavan Leslie Gray
- 1994 Delavan Michelle McCarty
- 1995 Delavan Barbara Cox
- 1995 Delavan Kathleen Russell
- 1995 Delavan Susan Whitney Alley
- 1995 Delavan Peg Cifizzari
- 1996 Delavan Laurel Izard
- 1998 Delavan Lynn Trowbridge
- 1998 Delavan Julie Baker
- 1999 Indy Angela Slattery
- 1999 Indy Anne Steele
- 1999 Indy Beverly Blankenbaker
- 1999 Indy Cheri Goll
- 1999 Indy Chriss Griffin
- 1999 Indy Cindy Cheikh
- 1999 Indy Dorothy Claire
- 1999 Indy Gail Larsen
- 1999 Indy Hannah Hopkins-Maupin
- 1999 Indy Helen Heddens
- 1999 Indy Joyce Racine
- 1999 Indy Karen Gould
- 1999 Indy Karen Kendrick
- 1999 Indy Kathleen Ranek
- 1999 Indy Kathy Adams
- 1999 Indy Linda Neese
- 1999 Indy Linda Kirchoff
- 1999 Indy Luann Bodarko
- 1999 Indy Patricia Dunn
- 1999 Indy Phyllis Donahue
- 1999 Indy Susan Dillon
- 1999 Indy Tobey Burton
- 1999 Indy Tracy Ralston
- 1999 Indy Victoria Smith
- 1999 Indy Kathy Bourus
- 1999 Indy Susann Stephenson
- 1999 Delavan Aileen Wilkins

DECEMBER

- 1993 Delavan Jan Petty
- 1994 Delavan Mary Cook Nocon
- 1996 Delavan Janice Shisler
- 1996 Delavan Kelly Tobe
- 1996 Delavan LaDema Poppa
- 1996 Delavan Lynn T. Raiger
- 1996 Delavan Melinda McKeague
- 1996 Delavan Sandra Ford



“How would your life be different if you could sit in a circle of women....?”
 It all comes back to that question. How IS your life different? Open Circles are more than information about weekends! It’s about being in a community!
 COME, RE-CONNECT, SHARE, MEET NEW WOMEN, EAT SNACKS, HAVE FUN, JUST BE! Bring a friend or two...

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

- 3 - Jana Lovick
- 5 - Bobbie Austin
- 7 - Carol Juergensen
- 7 - Paula Baker
- 15 - Sherry Hanafee
- 15 - Marsha Pappas
- 24 - Pat Fletcher

DECEMBER

- 3 - Barb Rath
- 6 - Anne Hopkins
- 7 - Lynne Scarborough
- 9 - Sue Daniel
- 9 - Delane Diller
- 10 - Kathy Adams
- 10 - Julie Goodman
- 14 - Cheri Goll
- 14 - Karon Gray
- 15 - Ann Bevilacqua
- 15 - Kate Miller
- 15 - Kathi Coutinho
- 16 - Justine Thompson
- 17 - Janet Steimel
- 18 - Karen Snyder
- 25 - Sydney Smith
- 29 - Susann Stephenson

JANUARY

- 1 - Char Tosi
- 2 - Ann Hart
- 7 - Morgan Joy Edwards
- 9 - Marsha Kite
- 14 - Linda Melick
- 18 - Lynn T. Raiger
- 18 - Brenda Ernst
- 20 - Diane Baumer
- 24 - Lynn Osborn
- 28 - Linda Callaway
- 28 - Monica Robinson
- 31 - Maryann Sullivan-Fritz

NEW LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT TOWN

Tues. Jan. 15 7PM – 9PM
 South - Home of Judy Donovan
 3312 Babbette Court, Indianapolis, IN
 Contact : Judy Donovan (317) 882-3874

Mon. Jan. 21 7PM – 9PM
 Northeast – Church of the Savior
 5400 East 72nd Street, Indianapolis, IN
 Joint Open House with Indy MKP
 Contact for MKP: David Bird (317)293-8044
 Contact for WWI: Jana Lovick (317) 852-7103

Mon. Feb. 11 7PM – 9PM
 Northwest - The Church Within
 5226 West 79th Street, Indianapolis, IN
 Contact: Jana Lovick (317) 852-7103

Mon. Mar. 18 7PM – 9PM
 Central - Irvington United Methodist Church
 30 North Audubon, Indianapolis, IN
 Contact: Jana Lovick (317) 852-7103

Women Empowering Women (WEW) Training

- WHERE:** Indianapolis, Indiana
 Days Inn at the Airport
- WHEN:** February 1-3, 2002
 Fri 7PM – 10PM; Sat 9AM – 7PM; Sun 9AM – 2PM
- WHO:** Judith Pauly, Facilitator

This workshop is required to staff the Woman Within Training Weekend. To reserve your space, send a \$100 nonrefundable deposit to Woman Within International, Ltd., P.O. Box 441494, Detroit, MI 48244-1494 (Phone: 800-732-0890)

Since this training was not in Indy last year, it may fill up quickly. This is an excellent training to learn and practice various skills including: listening from the heart, stages of group development, safety for groups, how to speak your truth when in conflict with a woman, direct and clear communication, theory model of Woman Within Training, ritual and ceremony, protection, owning your shadow side, owning your golden essence, and anchoring.

Woman Within Guided Empowerment Training

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Meeting regularly with an Empowerment Circle of other initiated women can help you maintain and strengthen the positive changes begun on your weekend. The first step is the Guided Empowerment Training, which will help you gain skills you need to make your E-Circle participation healthy and useful.

The training (which is not therapy) provides:

- ~ Insight into group dynamics
- ~ Communication skills to use in your E-Circle
- ~ Techniques to deal with conflict, shame, fear, etc.

The Indianapolis Community will be conducting this training as a weekend intensive. This is not a residential weekend...you will need to arrange for your own housing, or call Cheri Goll (317) 925-7612 to get help arranging housing with a woman in the community.

IN OUR CIRCLE EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE INTENSIVE

Date: January 11-13, 2002
Schedule: Fri 7PM - 10PM; Sat 8:30AM - 7PM; Sun 8:30AM - 2PM
Location: Irvington United Methodist Church
40 N. Audubon, Indianapolis, IN
Cost: \$110 (Make check payable to IN Our Circle.)

Snacks will be provided; meals are on your own.

Call Cheri Goll at (317) 925-7612 or mail registration to: Cheri Goll, 440 West 44th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208. Registrations must be received by January 4, 2002.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

DAY PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

WHEN AND WHERE YOU ATTENDED THE WOMAN WITHIN WEEKEND

LET'S CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE!

At the home of Mc Call Wirth - 13788 Flintridge Pass, Carmel
RSVP (317) 569-9650 - (Party begins at 8pm)

Invitation open to both WWI and MKP communities.

Bring your favorite party dish to share, your beverage of choice and any trays to carry plates & drinks around, for easy mingling.

Dress as your spirit moves you!

Let's PLAY

Bring friends, games, fun conversation,

Drums, guitars, voices, any musical instruments

Sleep Option

Bring your own pillow & blanket, if you choose to stay over, there's plenty of room.

Directions

Head East from Keystone on 131st, through the "roundabout" at Hazeldell Pkwy (between Allisonville & Gray Road).

Continue East to the 2nd addition - See the sign for "Haverstick"

Turn left (North) and go to the 3rd street (at Poolhouse)

This is FLINTRIDGE PASS

Curve around until you reach a stop sign, see the house on left.

2 story, with green shutters, and green door. # 13788



Multi-Cultural Circle

There is a group of women who attended the Philadelphia Conference this summer and joined the MKP group doing Multi-Cultural work. We have been active on-line since July and have realized that we need/want to have two things. We view this multi-cultural work to include mixed gender work and same-sex work, as well as, racism and sexism.

We want/need to have the right to officially represent our community to take actions along with the men, rather than riding on their wave.

We need to open this group up to the entire community in order to find those women with the energy to work on this. Those of us who joined at the conference are mostly already involved with the community to the maximum of our ability at this time, so there is no leadership amongst us to join in with the men's. We feel there will be members of our community who may not have chosen to put their energies towards the board or regional areas but who do have the energy for this kind of work. We want them to know about this group so that they may join in, and maybe even lead us.

SO, HERE'S YOUR INVITATION. We want to start a multi-cultural group here in Indy. Interested? Contact Joyce Bailey-Pendleton at (317) 255-3277 for more information.

President's Corner (Continued)

Our Financial Support Committee consists of Ann Bevilacqua as Chairman, along with Dana Creek, Mary Beth Minick, Kristin Lively, and Sandy Ernst. I appreciate the quickness of your responses on each request and the compassion with which you handled each situation. You are a tremendous group and I am very grateful to each of you.

I want to express my appreciation to each member of the Board who is so committed to this community. Each has spent many hours working in their areas of responsibility as well as attending monthly Board Meetings showing their deep commitment to this work. The current Board is: Sandy Ernst - President Joyce Bailey-Pendleton - President-Elect Sherry Romano - Vice-President Dana Creek - Treasurer Cheri Goll - E-Circle Coordinator Jana Lovick - Open Circle Coordinator Sue Daniel - Communications Coordinator Linda Neese - Liaison with MKP. Susann Stephenson is the NFP Coordinator and Ann Bevilacqua is the Financial Support Chairman. Mentors are Michelle McCarty and Judy Donovan. Many thanks to each of you. Open Positions are Secretary and Internal Fund-raising. Anyone interested in stepping up to one of these positions, please contact me. We welcome all women to attend the meetings, which are the first Tuesday of the month at Irvington United Methodist Church. Please join us!

My heartfelt thanks to each woman in this community who has contributed to the physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual growth of this community. I am very grateful to each of you and to be a part of this community.

**Love and Blessing to you all,
Sandy Ernst
President, IN Our Circle**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY, 2002

New Year's Eve Party
McCall Wirth's House
8PM - ?
Open to WWI community

8 Tuesday
Board Meeting
Irvington U.M. Church
Open to WWI community

15 Tuesday
Open Circle Meeting
Judy Donovan's House
Open to public

21 Monday
Joint Open Circle Meeting
with MKP
Church of the Savior
Open to public

FEBRUARY, 2002

1-3 Friday-Sunday
WEW Training
Days Inn Airport
Open to WWI community
(Must Register)

11 Monday
Open Circle Meeting
Church Within
Open to Public

18 Monday
Open Circle Meeting
Irvington U.M. Church
Open to public

20 Wednesday
Deadline for submitting
articles to newsletter

MARCH, 2002

18 Monday
Info Meeting (Open Circle)
Irvington U.M. Church
Open to public

APRIL, 2002

5-7 Friday-Sunday
WWI Training Weekend
Trafalgar, IN

13 Saturday
WWI Honoring Ceremony
Church of the Savior
Open to public

15 Monday
Open Circle Meeting
Irvington U.M. Church
Open to public

BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Treasurer - Current balance is \$5435.00.
Discussion centered on preparation of the 2002 budget.

Vice President Report - The job description was reviewed and approved after adding the additional responsibility of overseeing all details of special celebrations, i.e., Honoring Ceremony, Drum Wash for President, Birthday Party, Pouch Party, and Christmas Party. A motion was approved to have one Vice President instead of two since we now have both a President and President-Elect.

E-Circle Council - The combined I/E Group, consisting of 4 women and 4 men, remains open to members and are currently meeting every other Tuesday.

OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

Financial Support Committee - Ann Bevelacqua presented the revised Financial Support Policy and Procedures, letter and application. Applications will continue to be due 6 weeks before the training.

Treasurer - The current balance is \$5908.46. The Board approved making the permanent address for IN Our Circle Dana Creek's address. A reminder for the

lead person of an event at the Irvington United Methodist Church site to inform Dana of the number in attendance so she can pay the Church. Discussion continued on the 2002 budget.

Internal Fundraiser position is still open.

NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Communication Report - Sue Daniel presented a preview of IN Our Circle web page made by Jana Lovick, Sue Daniel and Dave Daniel. The goal of this web site is to be professional looking, clean, clear, yet warm and supportive.

Fundraising - It was suggested the merchandise be put on the web site for sale. Sylvia Gray is interested in putting the heart from IN our Circle logo on scarves. It was decided that In Our Circle will trademark our logo.

Advertising - Each person wanting to advertise in the roster will be charged \$3.00 to do so. Those wanting to be in the MKP & WW resource book will be charged \$10.00.

IN Our Circle would like enough money to rent a center for our group to store all our supplies and hold all our activities.

EMPOWERMENT-GROUP INFO

BADASS BUTTERFLIES

Meets every Tuesday at 7 PM downtown. Cost is \$2 per person. Has 7 members and is OPEN to new members. Contact: Barb Rath

WONDERFUL NEW E-GROUP

Meets every Tuesday at 7 PM in Irvington. Cost is \$1 per person. Has 5 members and is OPEN to new members. Contact: Linda Lee

ROSE WITHIN

Meets every other Tuesday at 6 PM downtown. Cost is \$1 per person. Has 7 members and is closed to new members. Contact: Kathy Bourus

DIAMOND GIRLS

Meets twice monthly on Sunday evenings in Fishers. There is no cost. Has 10 members and is OPEN to new members. Contact: Sylvia Gray

E-GROUP COORDINATOR

Cheri Goll (317) 925-7612

SOUTH SIDE E-GROUP

Meets every Monday at 7 PM on the South side. Cost is \$1 per person. Has 6 members and is OPEN to new members. Contact: Sandy Ernst.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT

Meets every Thursday on the North side. Contact: Joyce Bailey-Pendleton

WHITE BUFFALO

Meets every other Monday. Contact: Tricia O'Connor

LOUISVILLE - Meets every Thursday. Contact: Mary Lou Finewood

LEXINGTON - Meets every Tuesday. Contact: Janet Kazimir



Sue Daniel

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We would like to keep you up-to-date about our events and activities. However, if you prefer not to receive mail from IN Our Circle or Woman to Woman Midwest, contact us and your name will be removed from our list.
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