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INDIANAPOLIS

A YOUNG PROFESSIONAL'S GUIDE

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST AND ONLY GUIDE TO INDIANAPOLIS FOR THE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL.

Whether you are considering moving to Indianapolis, new to the city, or just trying to find better ways to connect, this book written by a young professional of Indy for other young professionals will help you plug in with several different alternatives, groups, businesses, and orgs, including :

- ARTS & CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS
- AWARDS FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
- BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- BUSINESS ORGS FOR WOMEN AND ENTREPRENEURS
- COFFEE & CAKE
- DATING ORGANIZATIONS
- DINING
- DIVERSITY ORGANIZATIONS
- THE DOMESTIC ARTS
- FARMERS' MARKETS
- LIFE SCIENCES
- PHILANTHROPY
- LEADERSHIP TRAINING
- RETRO FINDS
- SINGLES/YOUNG ADULT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
- THIRD SPACES WITH WI-FI
- WINE
- WRITERS & WRITING

AND MANY, MANY MORE!

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*In memory of my grandmother--Fannie,
who taught me that anything is possible.
Also, to my friend and original yuspie at heart--Eva, who has always
inspired me and others to live with passion and tenacity.*

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Introduction

The feeling I have about writing introductions is similar to how I feel about Indianapolis at times: difficult to know where to start, but worth figuring out (and I'm from Indiana, so I can say this even as an insider). If any of the following applies to you, this would be a handy book for you to own:

You are:

- a. new to Indianapolis.
- b. a yuspie (a young, urban single professional of Indiana).
- c. thinking about moving to Indianapolis.
- d. a young professional.
- e. living or working already in Indy as a young professional, but too busy working and living to have a lot of time to figure out how to get connected to the city.

Why was this book written? First, Indianapolis tends to be very hard on itself. Although Indianapolis is the 12th or 13th largest city in the country, (based upon population and which poll you review) it is consistently ranked as one of the worst cities for young professionals and singles in the entire country in list after list in the past. Also, Indy has a problem with brain drain. One really can't turn on the news or read the paper without the buzz term of 'brain drain' coming from all directions,

yet nothing much has been done about it, particularly for singles. Although I understand why many young/single professionals fled Indiana after college graduation (myself included), I personally believe Indianapolis is turning itself around and undergoing a Renaissance of mindset. The city is also lucky to have an increasing number 'boomerang' Hoosiers coming back to Indiana after spending some time out of state. In the past, we have been slow to change, but progress is happening, and those with the passion for Indy are slowly but surely dusting off stodgy, stoic mindsets and shaking things up.

Secondly, I selected more than one answer in the multiple-choice question above. Four years ago, I was working for an east coast based company in which I traveled more than half of my week, every week, but lived in Indy. One morning (while traveling for work) I woke up in a strange hotel environment not quite remembering where I was initially (not unusual if one travels extensively) and suddenly had an epiphany: What was I doing with my life? What was I doing to give back? What have I done for my city lately? What have I done for the people that have given me so much? Honestly, at the time, I had no really good answers for these tough questions, and being between quarter and mid-life crises, decided it was time to do something about it.

So, I quit my day job, took some time off, and decided to start a company called Yuspie® (Young, urban single professionals of Indiana) with a simple mission: to connect young single professionals - either to each other (via social networking) or more importantly, to the city of Indianapolis. This is my small way of helping plug the brain drain and give back to the city I love, but at the time, knew very little about. Yuspie has now been in business since 2006 and is one of several options for young single professionals in Indy to get connected. This book will also share the other organizations that we know about with you.

The experience of opening a company led me to the discovery of an entire level existing in Indy of what I call 'second stream' opportunities and information for young professionals. First stream is all the stuff one hears in traditional media - newspapers, books, radio, and television. After reviewing the first stream in Indy, frankly, I didn't learn much about how to get connected to the city. After not finding answers on how to get involved through this first stream, I then went to the second stream - word of mouth, buzz, the internet, and my personal network, which could tell me much more about opportunities for young and/or single professionals. This stream was much more revealing and helpful, but building a network in a city that one didn't spend a lot of time in was also a daunting challenge. Without investing time in construction of a strong personal network, learning about these opportunities would have been nearly impossible.

Here is the good news for you after building my network and extensively researching Indy: believe it or not, there actually *is* a lot going on in the city for young professionals. Here was the opportunity for me and the great news for you: this book! With it, you can skip over the time it took me to compile the info and get straight to the connecting part, which is the best part about getting involved in Indy.

Welcome to the first and only young professional's guide on Indianapolis, with tons of second stream info jammed within it. My goal is to share ways for you to get connected to the city of Indianapolis that might not be initially top of mind if you are new, unconnected (for whatever reason), or just too busy to connect. My culminating research and toil is now in one handy guide for you to easily get out there and attach yourself to the city in the fashion you would prefer. There is a joke that Indy is known as "India-no-place," but I am now hereby calling it along with this guide, "India-KNOW-place." You, by having this

book, will have the knowledge of how to connect to the city right in your hands without the hassle of having to seek all the wonderful ways to get connected in Indy. (But I'm guessing along the way in your own personal journey to get connected, you will find some great opportunities to get involved AND great people, just as I did.)

Finally, just a note on some technicalities: I use the word 'we' throughout this book, and when I say 'we,' I mean my collective social network in Indy of young professionals and yuspies. Several people made this book come to life by providing their feedback and comments, and there is no way this book could have been written without their support and encouragement. Please review the acknowledgements section of this book and if you or someone you know helped create this book in any way, thank you (and them) for helping to make Indy a little more user friendly to all. Also, if I used quotations on any descriptions or paragraphs, I took them directly off the company's website or marketing materials. Since I am including web addresses, I will consider the citations duly noted (the science geek in me needed to insert a citation disclaimer).

What This Book Is Not

It is also important for me to share with you what this book is not. It is not an encyclopedia on the history of our city, nor is it a tour guidebook for someone that wants to visit for a week or two or someone attending a convention. There aren't going to be a bunch of pictures of Indianapolis, nor a lot of sports history or hotel reviews. If you want any of the aforementioned, a good bibliography on books about Indiana and Indianapolis is included for further exploration at the end of this book - please review those options. There is also a listing of periodicals in the media section of this book.

If you seek a book on philanthropic organizations, business development, meeting others, leadership training, or just want to find a restaurant with a communal table, you've got the right book in your hands. Also, if you get through this book and feel I have missed something, please let me know. Email me at: info@yuspie.com and let me know your thoughts, as I want to help you get connected to Indy in any way that I can and improve this guide so others can also get connected. Future editions are planned. If you are new to the city and find this helpful, I am glad and also want to hear from you on how it can be improved. We need your feedback! Although we have tried to do our best and try out as much as possible, we couldn't meet with absolutely everyone and every organization mentioned in this book.

Indianapolis really is a great city, it can just be a little hard to get to know at first...or, at least it was until now.

Blah Blah Basics

We will try not to bore you with too many of the no-brainers, because Indy really is a pretty user-friendly city. However, if you by chance landed from another planet, here are a few basics to get you acclimated quickly to our fair circular city:

- Depending upon what list you look at, Indy is the 12th or 13th largest city in the country, with 6 cultural districts - Mass Ave, Broad Ripple, Canal/White River State Park, Fountain Square, Indiana Avenue, and the Wholesale district. There are a lot of people that commute from outside Indianapolis proper into the city now as well, from SoKo (everything between Indy's northern boundary and Kokomo on the north side), to Greenwood, Southport, and even as far away as Bloomington and Lafayette.
- The people here have Midwestern hospitality and are generally nice, but the city also has a notorious side, as well as a very conservative side (to which I will refer you to history books on Indianapolis, most notably *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* by David Bodenhamer).
- The phone area code for Indianapolis is 317. Outer rim area codes start with 765.

- The origin of the nickname for Indianapolis - The Circle City - is up for debate, but it in part is probably due to Monument Circle being in the center of the city and the fact that the loop around the city, 465, is circular as well. Although many live outside the 465 circle now, the Indianapolis proper boundaries generally lie on the inside of the loop.
- It's pretty easy to get around Indy if you have a car. The east/west streets are numbered on the north side starting with the circle going north (for example, 49th Street is further south than 96th Street.)

Five Sites to Hit the Indianapolis Ground Running

If you need a quick start on Indy, here are a few sites that can give you a lot of information in a little bit of time:

1. *The Indianapolis Star* - **www.indystar.com** - local largest newspaper. A free weekly publication (**Indy.com**, formerly **InTake**) is also available on newsstands throughout the city on Thursdays.
2. Indy Arts Council - **www.indyarts.org** - the hub of all things artistic in Indy. If you are new to Indy, check out the 'Discover Indy' section of the portal, and get your free **Indy Arts Card** for discounts at the art venues.
3. Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association - **www.indianapolis.org** - although we promised this would not be a visitor's guide, this site has a good list of basics on the city.

4. Indianapolis Downtown Incorporated - www.indydt.com - The best site to look for parking in Indianapolis, economic development projects, and the cultural districts.
5. Nuvo - www.nuvo.net - Indy's "alternative voice" lists original stories and has a lot of coverage on Indy's live music scene. Also has a free weekly publication all over the city. (The best column in it is the legendary Steve Hammer's commentary.)

Five Publications to Hit the Ground Running in Indianapolis (Besides the Book in Your Hands):

Ditto per above, except with paper:

1. *The Indianapolis Star*, Sunday Edition - The local paper with all the goodies on Sunday. *The Star* also publishes the Sunday edition early on Saturday afternoon, and both are under \$2.00.
2. *The Indianapolis Business Journal's 2008 Book of Lists* - There are a lot of references to this handy little guide throughout this book, and more on it is to come.
3. *ICVA's Official Visitor's Guide to Indianapolis* - Solid, bi-annual publication from the Indianapolis Convention & Visitor's Association at hotel rooms or at the airport and it is free.
4. *Indianapolis Downtown Inc.'s Cultural Districts Guide* - If you are new to the city and trying to figure out the six cultural districts, this is the 411 guide. You can also pick it up at the airport and it is free.

5. *The Indianapolis Monthly City Guide* - Indianapolis monthly typically puts the city guide out sometime during the year, in the past has been in late spring.

Arts & Cultural

A common complaint among young professionals is that there is a lack of arts & cultural events in Indy. However, it may be due to a lack of *knowledge* of all the great things that do exist in Indy rather than a lack of things to do. Not only does Indy have a great set of museums, but there is a thriving arts & cultural calendar of events and theatres that one can obtain a slice of culture from just about any night of the week. What we found is below, so if you are feeling starved for some eye or ear candy, grab an event and go! The best culminating website for the arts in Indianapolis is the Arts Council of Indianapolis, **www.indyarts.org**. At this site, you can register for your own free **Indy Arts Card**, which can get you discounts on tickets and information. Also, **Indyhub** (www.indyhub.org) has a Passport to the Arts where for \$85, you can sample 5 different arts venues.

For a taste of all live theatre, a great show to attend is the **Kiwanis International's** annual fundraiser, **Spotlight**. This program (in the past held at Clowes Hall on Butler University's campus) features all the live arts programs throughout the city. It is a veritable pu-pu platter of the theatre arts here in Indy. (Watch www.indykiwanis.org for details.) Also, **www.INCulture.org** is a good site to purchase Indiana made products and learn more about cultural organizations in town.

Note that we have organized the organizations or initiatives by name, website, contact info (if available) and an about section. We have done

our best to keep everything updated, but printing times obviously lag.

Art

Big Car

www.bigcar.org

Big car is a not for profit with a gallery and performance venue in the Fountain Square neighborhood (in the Murphy Art Center) that helps other not for profits in the arts promote their work. They host a new art show every month.

The Harrison Center for the Arts

<http://www.harrisoncenter.org>

317.396.3886

“The Harrison Center for the Arts seeks to be a catalyst for renewal in the city of Indianapolis by fostering awareness, appreciation, and community for arts and culture.”

Indianapolis Art Center

<http://indplsartcenter.org/>

317.255.2464

“Started in 1934, the Indianapolis Art Center is a not-for-profit community arts organization that strives to make art accessible to all people and enhance people’s lives through art.” They have great classes on different types of art media, from painting to glass blowing.

Indianapolis Downtown Artists & Dealers Association (IDADA)

<http://www.idada.info/about.html>

317.332.5612

“IDADA, the Indianapolis Downtown Artists and Dealers Association, is a non-profit membership based organization of studio artists, art galleries and arts-related businesses within the 20 block square of the center of Indianapolis.” Also sponsors **First Fridays**, which is an arts open house at a gallery and usually enjoyed by a lot of young professionals.

Indianapolis Museum of Art

<http://www.ima-art.org/>

317.923.1331

“The Indianapolis Museum of Art is among the largest and oldest general art museums in the United States. Founded in 1883, the Museum now boasts a permanent collection of more than 50,000 works of art that span the range and scope of art history.”

Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art (iMOCA)

<http://www.indymoca.org/public/index.asp>

317.631.Moca

“iMOCA will bring contemporary exhibitions and programs to our community to stimulate minds, inspire new discoveries and demonstrate the vital connections between visual culture and life.”

Southside Art League

<http://www.southsideartleague.org/>

“Instructional classes are offered in oils, watercolors, acrylic, drawing, portraiture and pottery. One day and weeklong workshops are also offered. The Southside Art League currently has eight instructors teaching 15 classes. Classes are available for both adults and children.”

Dance

Dance Kaleidoscope

<http://www.dancekal.org/>

Mission:

- To create, produce and maintain a repertoire of outstanding dance by internationally recognized choreographers.
- To strengthen and broaden the understanding and appreciation of contemporary dance.
- To develop and sustain diverse audiences.”

Motus Dance Theatre

<http://www.motusdance.com>

“Motus Dance Theatre is Indy’s groundbreaking new modern dance company.”

Naptown Stomp Lindy Hop Society

<http://www.naptownstomp.org/>

“The place for Indy hop and east coast swing dancing in the Indianapolis, IN area.”

Film

The Heartland Film Festival/Truly Moving Pictures

<http://www.heartlandfilmfestival.org/2005/>

317.465.9405

“Heartland Film Festival, a non-profit organization, was established in 1991 to recognize and honor filmmakers whose work explores the human journey by artistically expressing hope and respect for the positive values of life.”

General

Art with a Heart

<http://www.koart.us/awah/>

“Art With a Heart is the premier not-for-profit visual arts organization in Indianapolis, who with its collaborative partners, provides excellent, innovative, visual arts programming resulting in measurable positive impact on the personal development of at-risk urban youth in becoming creative, productive, successful members of their communities.”

Arts Council of Indianapolis

<http://www.indyarts.org/index.aspx>

317.631.3301

The Arts Council of Indianapolis has a mission to, “advance and promote the arts through funding, advocacy, business, artistic and technical assistance, public and private support, and technology.” This is the place to also obtain your FREE IndyArts Card, which can get

you discounts to arts events all over the city. You can also see a listing of the discounts the arts card will get you at any given time.

Circle City Chess Club

<http://www.circlecitychess.org>

info@circlecitychess.org

Club that plays chess in tournaments for anyone interested in chess. Trust me when I say, playing chess well is an art form in and of itself!

Clowes Memorial Hall

<http://www.cloweshall.org>

317.940.6444

“For 40 years, Clowes Memorial Hall has remained one of the Midwest’s premiere performing arts facilities. Keeping in line with our mission of lifelong learning in and through the arts, Clowes hosts several programs throughout the year for the community in music, performing arts, and cultural events.”

The Indiana Humanities Council

<http://www.indianahumanities.org/>

317.638.1500

“The Indiana Humanities Council strengthens communities through targeted initiatives in leadership, education, and culture.”

Indianapolis Artsgarden

<http://www.indyarts.org/artsgarden.aspx>

317.624.2565

“The Indianapolis Artsgarden provides a magnificent environment for more than 300 free performances and exhibits each year, and houses the city’s only centralized cultural concierge information service.”

Indianapolis Bridge Center

<http://www.indianapolisbridge.com>

317.845.5587

Playing Bridge is awesome - just ask Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, who have spent millions on getting young people engaged in the game. Just like Chess, playing good Bridge is an art form.

Indianapolis Cultural Development Commission

<http://www.bsu.edu/capic/culturalindy/>

317.262.4440

“The Indianapolis Cultural Development Commission was created in 2002 to support and encourage an environment where arts and culture flourish and to let the world know about the city’s vibrant cultural scene.”

Madame Walker Theatre Center

<http://www.walkertheatre.com/>

317.236.2099

“Our vision is to become the primary provider of African-American arts in central Indiana presenting new or lesser-known art forms to the community at large.”

Spirit and Place Festival

<http://www.spiritandplace.org/>

“Spirit & Place is an annual festival of the arts, humanities and religion. Organizations around Central Indiana collaborate to produce 17 days of programs—dialogues, exhibits, performances, worship services, tours, and more—that create a citywide celebration.” Awesome festival unlike any other in the country!

Storytelling Arts of Indiana

<http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

“Storytelling Arts of Indiana was founded in 1987 as Stories Inc.. The name was changed to Storytelling Arts of Indiana on January 1, 2001 to better reflect who we are and what we do.”

SullivanMunce Cultural Center

<http://www.sullivanmunce.org/>

“The SullivanMunce Cultural Center features a wide range of exhibits, events and programs designed for anyone interested in celebrating the culture of a historic town where the past is preserved and the future is embraced.”

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VSA Arts of Indiana

<http://www.vsai.org/>

317.974.4123

“VSA arts of Indiana has a mission to educate through quality arts experiences, advocate for children with disabilities, and provide access to the arts to all individuals.”

Young Audiences of Indiana

<http://www.yaindy.org/>

“Young Audiences of Indiana values the right of every child to have access to the arts and the participatory arts experiences that unlock minds, expand lives, and fulfill creative and intellectual potential.”

Museums

The American Muscle Car Museum

12024 Exit Five Parkway, Fishers, IN 46037

http://www.rpmcollection.com/Museum_FAQs.aspx

The museum is not currently open to the public yet; however, you can contact them about special arrangements.

The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis

3000 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, 46208

<http://childrensmuseum.org>

Their mission is, “To create extraordinary learning experiences that have the power to transform the lives of children and families.” One of the biggest and best children’s museums in the country, this museum is good for big kids too.

Colonel Eli Lilly Civil War Museum

www.in.gov/iwm

Civil War Museum that features locals from Indiana.

Conner Prairie-Fishers, IN

www.connerprairie.org

317.776.6006

Open-air living history museum.

The Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art

<http://www.eiteljorg.org/>

317.636.WEST

“The Eiteljorg Museum is the only museum of its kind in the Midwest, and one of only two museums east of the Mississippi that showcase both Native American and Western art, culture and history.” Eiteljorg also has a young professionals group called **Agave**.

Freetown Living History Museum

<http://www.freetown.org/>

317.631.1870

“Freetown Village’s mission is to educate the public about African American lives and culture in Indiana through living history performances, the collection and preservation of artifacts, exhibits and allied programs.”

Indiana Historical Society

<http://www.indianahistory.org/>

317.232.1882

“Since 1830, the Indiana Historical Society has been Indiana’s storyteller, connecting people to the past by collecting, preserving, interpreting and disseminating Indiana history.”

Indiana State Museum

<http://www.in.gov/ism/>

317.232.1637

“The Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites preserves, interprets and presents material evidence of Indiana’s cultural and natural history in a context that encourages people to actively participate in discovering their world.”

Indiana War Memorial Museum

<http://www.in.gov/iwm/2290.htm>

This museum contains the names of all Hoosiers who participated in WW I and all Hoosiers killed or missing in action from WW II, Korea, and Vietnam, and a free military museum that portrays the history of Indiana’s gallant veterans from the Battle of Tippecanoe, through the several wars in which we have been engaged, to the present.

Indianapolis Zoo

<http://www.indyzoo.com/>

317.630.2001

“The Indianapolis Zoo inspires local and global communities to celebrate, protect, and preserve our natural world through conservation, education, and research, and by providing an enriching and wondrous environment for our visitors and the animals in our care.”

National Art Museum of Sport

<http://www.namos.iupui.edu>

317.274.3627

The museum contains the largest collection of sports related art.

NCAA Hall of Champions

http://www.ncaa.org/hall_of_champions/global/home.htm

800.735.NCAA

“The NCAA Hall of Champions is designed to create an appreciation for the trials and triumphs of the student-athlete.”

Music

Bands of America

<http://www.bands.org> or <http://www.musicforall.org>

317.636.2263

Music For All’s mission is, “to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all.” You can volunteer to serve at their competitions, donate, or be a music advocate. They have a podcast too.

Birdy's

www.birdyslive.com

A good place to catch live music (must be 21 to enter).

The Ensemble Music Society

<http://www.ensemblemusic.org/>

c/o The Indiana Historical Society

450 West Ohio Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202

317.232.1882

Chamber music and increasing music education in public schools.

The Festival Music Society of Indiana

<http://www.emindy.org/>

317.251.5190

“Founded in 1966, we were the second U.S. early music organization. Today we have the distinction of being the nation’s oldest early music presenter in continuous operation.”

Fine Arts Society of Indianapolis

<http://www.fasindy.org/>

PO Box 1706, Indianapolis, IN 46206

The mission of the FASI is to, “promote the understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of classical music in Central Indiana through radio broadcasting, education, and community events.”

Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra

<http://www.icomusic.org/>

“The Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra serves today’s diverse audience and builds tomorrow’s audience with professional performances of music for the small orchestra and meaningful educational programs.”

Indianapolis Children’s Choir

<http://www.icchoir.org/>

“The goal of the Indianapolis Children’s Choir is to provide high quality choral music instruction and performance opportunities for children

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of all backgrounds, while fostering personal and social growth and promoting a sense of self-esteem.”

Indianapolis Opera

<http://www.indyopera.org/>

317.283.3470

“With a strong artistic and educational vision, Indianapolis Opera advances its mission to produce and present opera in performances of the highest quality and to develop and sustain audiences for opera.” They also have **Opera Lite** for younger adults.

The Indianapolis Symphonic Band, Inc.

<http://www.indyband.org/>

317.726.1607

“The Indianapolis Symphonic Band, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation formed by Bob Phillips, our founder, to ensure the continuation of the musical endeavors he began in the 1950’s.”

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

<http://www.indianapolissymphony.org/>

317.639.4300

“As one of America’s leading orchestras, our mission is: To advance the enjoyment and appreciation of symphonic music through performances at the highest artistic level and innovative programs that challenge, educate, enrich, and entertain.” The symphony also has a pre-show for young professionals on occasion.

Indianapolis Women’s/Men’s Choruses

<http://www.indychoruses.org/>

“Indy Choruses is a nonprofit musical organization whose members join together to strengthen the spirit of pride within the gay and lesbian community, to build bridges of understanding with all people of Indiana, and to enable their audiences and the general public to perceive the gay and lesbian community and its members in a positive way.”

Indy Jazz Fest

<http://www.indyjazzfest.net/>

info@indyjazzfest.net

“Indy Jazz Fest became a not for profit organization and began formulating and implementing educational outreach initiatives throughout Indianapolis Public Schools leading up to the second-annual festival.”

Verizon Wireless Music Center - Noblesville

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/venue/41099>

317.776.8181

Outdoor musical venue with major concert acts playing during the summer months.

The Vogue

<http://www.thevogue.ws/inside.html>

317.259.7029

Dance club and live musical events.

Theatre

Asante Children’s Theatre

<http://www.asatechildrenstheatre.org>

317.652.3727 or

ACT is a “community-based, professional theater organization committed to preserving African American theater. The ACT uses performing arts to develop young people age 8-21 years of age.”

The Children’s Theatre Institute

<http://childrenstheatreinstitute.org/index.htm/>

317.423.2999

“CTI exists to educate and inspire young people through theatre arts.”

The Indiana Repertory Theatre

<http://www.indianarep.com>

317.635.5252

“The Indiana Repertory Theatre (IRT) values live theatre as an entertaining and educational event created by professional artists especially for our audience.”

Indianapolis Civic Theatre

<http://www.civictheatre.org/>

The mission of the ICT is “To foster a love of theatre through imagination, education, and participation.”

Indianapolis Fringe Festival

<http://indyfringe.org/index2.php>

“48 performers. 216 shows. Five stages. And 10 days of splashy spectacle, provocative pageantry and outrageous outbursts of off-beat theatrical fun.” The Fringe actors also meet the last week of the month to socialize year round, called **Fringe Fridays**.

The Phoenix Theatre

<http://www.phoenixtheatre.org/flash.html>

317.635.PLAY

Brings plays to the community. Also have classes for budding artists.

ShadowApe Theatre Company

<http://www.shadowape.com/>

“Through collaborative exploration, ShadowApe Theatre Company, in alliance with the audience, seeks a shared experience that is innovative, stimulating, entertaining, enlightening and extraordinary.”

Theatre on the Square

<http://www.tots.org>

317.685.TOTS

“Theatre on the Square is a professionally managed theatre started in September 1988 by the theatre’s current Executive Artistic Director Ron Spencer and a group of friends.”

Awards for (Young) Professionals in Indianapolis & Indiana

Not all the awards below are just for young professionals, but we included them because they were interesting and fun to aspire to when we grow up (if that ever happens). After reading them, if you know someone that fits the bill, please nominate them....we want to honor our young professionals that care enough to try and make Indianapolis and Indiana a better place to live, work and play.

40 Under 40 - The *Indianapolis Business Journal's* annual awards for 40 Indianapolis area young talented individuals that have achieved professional success at a young age. This award program is open to men and women under the age of 40, and a call for nominations typically occurs in late fall, with an announcement, publication, and live event near the beginning of each year. For details and past winners, review www.ibj.com.

Indiana Pharmacists' Alliance Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award - Awards are distributed during the Indiana Pharmacists Alliance (IPA) Annual Convention in the fall. For details, logon to: www.indianapharmacists.org.

Lake Michigan Area's Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year[®] Award - For over 20 years, Ernst & Young LLP has honored young professionals (selected from an independent panel of judges) in the Lake Michigan area regarding different categories. Categories include: Turnaround, Energy & Environmental Services, Health Sciences, Technology, Retail/Consumer Products, Financial Services, Services, Emerging, Automotive & Transportation, and Manufacturing &

Distribution and others. E&Y also has a national awards program for young entrepreneurs: www.ey.com.

Governor's Award for Tomorrow's Leaders - The Indiana Humanities Council and the Office of the Governor honor 12 finalists that promote civic engagement each year. The 2007 recipients were honored at a luncheon in September. For the 2007 list, review: http://www.indianahumanities.org/RegionalRetreat/2007/GATL_Awards.html.

Health Care Heroes - This has traditionally been an annual awards program via the *Indianapolis Business Journal*, honoring those in healthcare that go above and beyond the call of duty and are leaders in their chosen healthcare professions. For details, logon to www.ibj.com.

Healthcare Businesswomen's Association, Indiana Chapter Rising Star - The Healthcare Businesswomen's Association, Indiana Chapter nominates and annual rising star or up and coming young professional woman in healthcare. For details, logon to: www.hbanet.org.

Influential Woman Award - Award program sponsored by the *Indianapolis Business Journal* that was skipped for a few years, but now is back. Nominations in 2007 were in summer with a large (sold out) awards breakfast in November and a supplement of the multiple winners in the *IBJ* weekly publication. This is not an award for young professionals per se, but one worth watching: www.ibj.com.

Junior Achievement's Annual Best and Brightest - Each year, Junior Achievement teams up with local business sponsors to present one of their biggest benefits, which also honors ten young professionals in 10 different professional categories (accounting, banking & financial services, education & non-profit, government, health & life sciences, law, manufacturing, retail & services, media, entertainment & sports, real estate development & construction, and technology. The dinner program also announces one winner of 10 in each of the categories. Nominations are typically made in the summer. In 2007, the dinner program held in September held over 900 people. For details and lists of past winners, check out: www.indysbestandbrightest.com or Junior Achievement's website at: www.jaindy.org.

NAWBO Indy's Awards - The National Association of Women Business Owners, Indiana Chapter hosted their annual holiday luncheon and award program in December, 2007. They honor a member of the year, a woman business owner of the year, and the Indianapolis Choice Award, who achieves his or her potential, improves the business climate for women, and fulfills the potential of their economic and social contributions to Indiana - www.nawboindy.org.

NOWIB's Networker of the Year - The Network of Women in Business (NOWIB) honors a businesswoman of the year, but also has a Networker of the Year. Winners were announced in September, 2007 - www.nowib.com.

Rose Awards - Annual awards program that honors hospitality industry workers throughout the city of Indianapolis. Award ceremony in 2008 will be held in March. Nominations are due by mid-January. For details, logon to: www.roseawards.com.

Sagamore of the Wabash - The award is typically given to the rock stars of Indiana--astronauts, presidents, artists, musicians, politicians, and healthcare professionals that have contributed greatly to Hoosier heritage. (If you have never heard the term 'Hoosier' before, that is the name for someone from Indiana.) The award, while prestigious, can be bestowed upon anyone by the governor at anytime, and the same person can win the award more than once. In 2006, Mitch Daniels (the current governor of the state of Indiana) also created the **Sachem Award**, which goes to only one person per year in the state. Neither award is exactly for young professionals, but we wanted to give you something to aspire to. A press release on the creation of the Sachem award can be found here: http://www.in.gov/apps/utills/calendar/presscal?PF=gov2&Clist=1_3_4_6_11_16_61&Elist=85959.

Starkey Entrepreneurial Woman Award - This award was inspired by Helen E. Marschke, an entrepreneur and restaurateur who lived until age 97 and managed her own financial affairs well into her 90s--things everyone should aspire to be and do! Logon to either: www.starkey-law.com or www.harrisonmoberly.com to submit an application. Winners in the past have been announced at the live awards event, as well as published in *Indianapolis Woman* magazine.

The Next Awards (The Indianapolis Urban League Young Professionals & The Talented) - According to the website, the Next Awards are, “A salute to young urban professionals changing the community through service and leadership.” Twenty recipients were honored in May, 2007. For more information, logon to The Indianapolis Urban League’s website at: www.indplsul.org.

Torchbearer Awards (Indiana Commission for Women) - Not really an award for young professionals, this award instead is for women in the state of Indiana in various categories regarding professional achievement in the state. Nominations started in October, 2007 and the live awards event occurred in January, 2008. Check out: www.in.gov/icw/ for details.

Young Professionals of Central Indiana’s Young Professional of the Year - Each year, YPCI holds a call for nominations for a young professional of the year. For details, check out: www.ypci.net.

Business & Professional Development

Economic development is evolving in Indiana. In this section, we share with you some of the organizations that are helping to keep Indiana competitive in the global marketplace. We also have a section for women in business, as well as a listing of resources just for budding and new entrepreneurs (Indiana in the past has been ranked as one of the best cities in the country to start a business). For a list of the largest public and private companies in Indiana, you can check out the *Indianapolis Business Journal's 2008 Book of Lists*.

Central Indiana Chapter of the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA™)

<http://central-indiana.theiiba.org/>

“The IIBA™ is the independent non-profit professional association serving the growing field of Business Analysis.”

Economic Club of Indianapolis

<http://www.indychamber.com/economicClub.asp>

sjohnson@indylink.com

“For over 30 years, the Economic Club of Indianapolis has been central Indiana’s most important forum for discussion of important public issues by leading national luminaries.”

Fishers Chamber

<http://www.fisherschamber.com>

info@fisherschamber.com

“The Fishers Chamber of Commerce (FCC) is an ultimate business resource in Hamilton County. As a member-driven organization, the

Chamber regularly assesses the needs of local business owners and executives.”

Indiana Chamber

<http://www.indianachamber.com>

317.264.3110

“The mission of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce is to work proactively on behalf of its members and constituents.”

Indiana CPA Society

<http://incpas.org/>

info@incpas.org

“Our mission is to enhance the professional success of our members while promoting the public interest; to encourage and facilitate the adherence to high ethical and professional standards; and to facilitate relationships that will benefit our members.”

Indiana Innovation Network

http://www.indianainnovation.com/about_us.asp

“The Indiana Innovation Network (IIN) is a network created by ATAIN, a non-profit organization established to enhance technology transfer in the state of Indiana,” with a mission to, “accelerate technology transfer and commercialization in the state by strengthening the connections between and within Indiana’s research institutions and the marketplace.” Sign up at their site for event notifications.

Indiana InternNet

<http://www.indianaintern.net/home.asp>

866.646.3434

A one stop matching shop for interns and internships in Indiana (high school and college).

Indiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section

<http://www.inbar.org/content/committees/sections/YLS/ylspage.htm>

“The mission of the Young Lawyers Section is, among other things, to serve the community and the legal profession through furtherance of the ISBA’s goals and purposes.”

Indianapolis Chamber

<http://www.indychamber.com>

317.464.2200

Indianapolis Jaycees

<http://www.indyjaycees.org>

“The Indianapolis chapter of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) was created to help develop personal skills in our members, such as team building and leadership, through serving our community.”

Lacy Leadership Association

<http://www.sklla.org/About/Index.cfm?details=72>

317.634.3423

“The Lacy Leadership Association develops, engages and mobilizes current and future leaders to encourage philanthropic involvement that helps our community thrive.” (See the Leadership section of this book for more details on what the LLA offers.)

Organizational Development Breakfast Group - Northside

They typically meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 am at LePeep’s Restaurant, 2258 West 86th Street (across from St. Vincent Hospital), discuss and network regarding organizational development issues. To get on their listserv for meeting notifications, email Rush Yelverton at ryelverton@iquest.net.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

<http://www.sba.gov/in/>

317.226.7272

“The Indiana SBA District Office delivers a variety of programs and services, including startup and operational assistance through small business training and counseling.”

Small Business Development Center, Indiana

<http://www.isbdc.org>

317.234.2082

“The Indiana Small Business Development Center is a state based organization offering a wealth of free and low cost information, management counseling, and educational services designed to support Indiana small business owners and potential entrepreneurs.”

SCORE

<http://www.indyscore.org>

score@indyscore.org

“SCORE “Counselors to America’s Small Business” is a non-profit organization dedicated to the formation, growth, and success of small businesses nationwide.”

The Professional Association for Design (AIGA)

<http://www.indianapolis.aiga.org/>

317.636.0396

“AIGA, the professional association for design, is committed to furthering excellence in design as a broadly-defined discipline, strategic tool for business and cultural force.”

Toastmasters

<http://www.toastmasters.org/find/searchresults.asp?ZipCodeProximity=46220&imageField.x=75&imageField.y=9>

Too many to count - there are 69 chapters of Toastmasters in the Indy area! St. Luke’s UMC has a singles Toastmasters group.

“At Toastmasters, members learn by speaking to groups and working with others in a supportive environment. A typical Toastmasters club is made up of 20 to 30 people who meet once a week for about an hour.”

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Venture Club of Indiana

<http://www.ventureclub.org>

“Creating an entrepreneurial, business-friendly environment attractive to investors is critical to the continued success of Indiana’s emerging companies and established businesses.”

YPCI

<http://www.ypci.net>

“Young Professionals of Central Indiana (YPCI) was founded in 2002 to attract young professionals from diverse professions and organizational types.”

Business Organizations For Women

Association for Women in Science

<http://www.science.iupui.edu/awis/default.htm>

“AWIS is a national organization that promotes equity and full participation for women in science, mathematics, engineering and technology.”

Central Indiana Women’s Business Center (CIWBC)

<http://www.nsibiz.org/index.php?id=2>

317.917.3266

This organization helps women and minority business owners start, grow or expand their businesses.

Healthcare Businesswomen’s Association (HBA)

<http://www.hbanet.org>

info@hba-indiana.org

“Today, the HBA serves its members in a variety of posts and diverse areas, but remains true to its roots: firmly committed to helping women in healthcare advance their careers.”

National Association of Women Business Owners

<http://www.nawboindy.org>

info@nawboindy.org

“NAWBO is a non-profit organization and is the only dues-based national organization representing the interests of all women business owners.”

Network of Women in Business

<http://www.NOWIB.com>

info@nowib.com

The Network of Women in Business is a businesswoman’s networking group serving women in Central Indiana. The Network is dedicated to the development and advancement of women as leaders and valued resources in business.

Society of Women Engineers

<http://www.swe-ci.com/>

central_indiana@swe.org

“The Society of Women Engineers stimulates women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders.”

Women & Hi Tech

<http://www.womenandhitech.com/>

deb.hallberg@btlaw.com

“When you join Women & Hi Tech, you become part of an organization committed to making a difference for people in Central Indiana, especially women interested in the world of technology.”



THE NETWORK OF WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Supporting Women. Supporting Indianapolis.

Connect with women in our community to foster growth for you and your business.

It is our mission to facilitate the development and advancement of women in the local business community by offering networking and educational programming its members deserve.

- **Monthly Forum meetings held the 3rd Thursday of the month**
- **Special Interest Group meetings held monthly**
 - **Sales Builders**
 - **Entrepreneurs**
 - **Life/Balance**
 - **Northside Networking Lunch**

Come check us out!

**For detailed event information visit our website:
www.nowib.com**

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Women in Business
NOWIB.com

Just for the Current & Future Entrepreneurs of Indianapolis

First of all, if you are thinking about becoming or already started as an entrepreneur, congratulations. You've managed to take on a really tough but equally rewarding role, and frankly, we need more people in central Indiana with an entrepreneurial mindset. Although it can be argued one can act and think like an entrepreneur in any job, we wanted to focus one part in the business and professional development section of this book just for the bold, the daring, and the slightly crazy future and current entrepreneur.

When I started my first business in 2005, I had absolutely no idea what I was doing. Furthermore, although I had a nice MBA in marketing degree in my back pocket, I didn't have a lot of places to go and seek out practical, real world help on how to start up a business here in Indianapolis. It took awhile for me to not only get acclimated to the process of starting a business, but it was also a challenge to learn where I could find good help locally.

Fast-forward 3 years, and now there are a lot of fabulous resources to help the individual get started on a business. In fact, there is almost an overwhelming array of places to get help. Some places specialize in certain aspects of the business development process, while others can assist with nearly every stage of the business lifecycle. One of my personal goals was to make this process a little easier for current and future

entrepreneurial peers in Indy, as many people and organizations helped me along the way. There is a lot of talk about economic development in Indiana and Indianapolis, and I am in hopes that I can help others by providing what I have uncovered on the **next** page of this text: by providing to you the organizations that can help you throughout the business lifecycle.

The diagram I am providing is not industry specific; only you know your particular industry and therefore you will have a much better idea about professional organizations relevant to the industry in which you may want to start a business. However, if you want the nuts and bolts of running a business, below are explanations of organizations in central Indiana (some may be a repeat of the business section), how they help throughout the business lifecycle, and how they can potentially help you start and grow your business.

Finally, as a side note, if you have been thinking about starting a business, I would strongly encourage you to stop merely thinking about it, grab a pen, and get busy! As my father always stresses (a native Hoosier and entrepreneur himself), we only get one life and one chance to do what we love. Consider taking an educated chance and employ these great groups and organizations to assist you on your journey. I have listed the organizations on the following diagram in alphabetical order after the diagram so you can obtain a few more details on each. You can visually see where they fit into the lifecycle of a business on the diagram itself:

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The Business Lifecycle & Where to Get Support In Indianapolis



General:
 *There are several city chambers, including Indianapolis, Carmel, Fishers, etc. Google your city to see if you have one. Also, there is an Indiana chamber, the Indiana Black Chamber of Commerce, The Indiana State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a Rainbow Chamber, and national chambers of commerce. **Online: see descriptions in listing section of book
 Media Resources: Indianapolis Business Journal's 2008 Book of Lists - www.ibj.com, Indiana Small Business Resource Guide - <http://maags.ibj.com/active/magazine/welcome/html/sbrg.htm>, <http://www.Indianaentrepreneur.tv>.

ACG Indiana - Association for Corporate Growth Indiana

<http://chapters.acg.org/indiana/>

“ACG - Indiana is dedicated to helping professionals create deals and grow businesses. ACG members are leaders driving much of the strategic corporate growth and mergers & acquisitions in the world today. Their titles - CEO, CFO, senior corporate development officer, equity partner, banker, lawyer, accountant - reflect significant levels of leadership and professional achievement.”

BBA - Butler Business Accelerator

317.940.6500

<http://www.butler.edu/bba/>

The BBA is a relatively new organization, but helping businesses in central Indiana in a niche area: companies with \$5-50 million in annual sales grow their already existing businesses. Also, the program uniquely pairs students up with businesses to work on projects that will challenge and stimulate the students, and hopefully retain them in Indiana.

BNI - Business Network International, Indiana

<http://www.bni-indiana.com/>

PO Box 19827

Indianapolis, IN 46219

317.891.0355

hazel@bni.com

BNI is a referral marketing and professional networking organization. If your business relies heavily on referrals, you might want to check this organization out, which has several different city chapters. Also, Hazel Walker who heads the BNI Indiana chapters is the queen of networking, and teaches her techniques in several different classes and through organizations in the city. Look under Online Networking Sources** below to read more about Hazel.



Need Referrals?

Want A System?

Belonging to BNI is like having dozens of sales people working for you...We offer members the opportunity to share ideas, contacts and most importantly, business referrals.



www.BNI-Indiana.com

hazel@bni.com **317-891-0355**



The World's Leading Referral Organization!

BOI - Business Ownership Initiative - Formerly NSI - The Neighborhood Self Employment Initiative

<http://www.nsibiz.org>

4755 Kingsway Dr., Suite 314

Indianapolis, IN

317.917.3266

information@nsibiz.org

If, for some reason, someone told you that you could only go to one place to get educated on the entrepreneurial process in Indy, this is the place. The classes and workshops here are reasonably priced and they host some of the best professionals in the city to share their knowledge. Their Business Beginnings and Life Skills courses are amazing, real world, and practical. They also provide business counseling, and many other great classes that are worth every penny. If I had to do it all over again, I would have started right here to learn about how to plan, set up, and run a business.

BWC - Business Women Connect

<http://www.businesswomenconnect.com>

120 E. Market Street, Suite 930

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317.634.8006

info@businesswomenconnect.com

Organization with a mission to develop women in business via mentoring, connections and resources for growth professionally. Group also meets for live events. Thus through their mission, this is a possible organization to network and provide mentoring.

Center for Entrepreneurship - Ball State University

<http://www.bsu.edu/entrepreneurship/>

2000 W. University Ave.,

Muncie, IN 47306

800.382.8540

For the, “ultimate entrepreneurial experience” (according to their website) you can consider learning more from the Miller College of Business Entrepreneurship Center. They can assist businesses with consulting and internship programs. Or, if you have been thinking

about a MBA, you can earn one in entrepreneurship. They through this program also study intrapreneurship, which is something equally valuable for the state of Indiana and the people that live and work here.

Chambers of Commerce* - there are several chambers in the vicinity of central Indiana. Here are a few of probably many more (and to find one, just Google™ with the city name you desire...). Some chambers do more networking, some do more legislative work, and others support leadership programs and marketing efforts of small business owners. Each has slightly different missions, so check out the ones of interest and find out if they are a good fit for you.

Carmel Chamber – <http://www.carmelchamber.com/Home.asp>

Fishers Chamber – <http://www.fisherschamber.com>

Greater Greenwood Chamber – <http://www.greenwood-chamber.com/>

Greater Indianapolis Chamber – <http://www.indychamber.com/>

Indiana Christian Chamber – <http://www.indianachristianchamber.com/>

Indiana State Chamber – <http://www.ishcc.org>

Indianapolis Black Chamber – <http://www.indianapolisbcc.org/>

Rainbow Chamber - <http://www.indyrainbowchamber.org/>

Economic ClubSM of Indiana

<http://www.economicclubofindiana.com>

In conjunction with the Indiana state chamber, this organization's mission is, "to promote an interest in, and enlighten its membership on, important governmental, economic and social issues." They bring in some phenomenal speakers for their meetings as well.

EWI - Executive Women International: Indianapolis Chapter

<http://www.indyewi.org/>

This women's networking organization allows members to meet and exchange ideas & information.

eWomenNetwork

<https://events.ewomennetwork.com/event/calendar.php?lid=137>

The Indianapolis chapter is part of a national organization that has "Accelerated Networking™" monthly lunches at the Skyline Club.

HBA - The HealthCare Businesswomen's Association: Indiana Chapter

<http://www.hbanet.org/group.aspx?arctype=c&arcid=1003>

Although the HBA is for people in healthcare and life sciences, they do offer a mentoring program, which may be particularly useful for women in the entrepreneurial arena. They also have live events and networking opportunities.

IBJ - The Indianapolis Business Journal

<http://www.ibj.com>

Although the *IBJ* is a publication, it still has a wonderful resource called the *Book of Lists*, which includes tables in the *2008 Book of Lists* for biggest Indiana Venture Capital firms and biggest business incubators in the state. (See the media section for more details on the book of lists and how to get it.)

IEDC - The Indiana Economic Development Corporation

One North Capitol, Suite 700
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317.232.8800

<http://www.in.gov/iedc/>

This site has a section just for entrepreneurs - with subsections on funding of a business and starting a business. This is a good site to start with before you even take your first class or write your first business plan. Keep your eye on it for some big, great changes in 2008 to make starting a business even easier!

IHIF - The Indiana Health Industry Forum

351 W 10th Street, Suite 216
Indianapolis, IN 46202
317.278.9970

<http://www.ihif.org/>

This not for profit organization is great for networking if your business is in the life sciences sector. Also, they have a great online resource of companies in Indiana in life sciences, and a company state map.

IMCPL - Central Library

40 E. St. Clair Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317.275.4100

Believe it or not, the central library now has classes on entrepreneurship, as well as grant writing for not for profits (we heart the library)! Just check out their calendar of events: <http://www.imcpl.org/events/index.php?action=search>.

IN.gov - Official Website of the State of Indiana

<http://www.in.gov/business.htm>

This is another good site just starting out as a business owner, which includes the Secretary of State's Guide to Starting a Business (<http://www.in.gov/sos/business/corps/guide.html>), and other forms for starting a business with the state. Also, this is the place to learn more about becoming a certified minority and/or women's business enterprise (MBE/WBE) with the state of Indiana. Here is the specific page for that process: <http://www.in.gov/idoa/2867.htm>.

Incubicity

c/o Indiana Venture Center
902 N Capitol Ave., Suite 302
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317.684.6700

<http://www.incubicity.com>

Incubicity is specifically for north central Indiana. However, they hold seminars and events to help entrepreneurs turn great ideas into businesses.

Indiana Entrepreneurship Week

<http://www.indianaentrepreneurship.com>

A bunch of really cool organizations and people gather in November for Indiana Entrepreneurship week. (The organizations included are a few of the not for profit organizations we mention in this section, along with some for profit businesses, including Bitwise Solutions) to host a fabulous, all-things-entrepreneurial week. World renowned speakers have been in, there is a long calendar of events on the website for entrepreneurs around the state to attend, and a Collegiate Idol competition where students can get their business plans out into the universe. If you haven't been but have the entrepreneurial bug, consider attending in 2008.

Indiana Venture Center

902 N Capitol Ave., Suite 302

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317.684.6700

<http://www.indianaventurecenter.org/>

The Venture Center can assist with a range of work along the business lifecycle, from an entrepreneur self assessment online, all the way through to funding and accelerating a business. The organization also hosts SmallBizU, an online tutorial, and AngelNet, which brings investors and businesses together.

Indianapolis Downtown, Inc.

111 Monument Circle, Suite 1900

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317.237.2222

<http://www.indydt.com>

IDI is a not-for-profit organization that manages, markets and develops downtown Indianapolis and the cultural districts. They also have a groovy database of ongoing construction projects and parking for downtown (when events make it a challenge to find a decent space). Also, they have a free newsletter with things to do and places to go in downtown Indianapolis, which is a must for small business owners marketing in the downtown area. For their members, they also have a calendar of events coming up in downtown Indy.

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Indianapolis Enterprise Center

55 South State Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46201
317.634.7393

<http://www.IndyIncubator.com>

In October 2007, this firm was purchased by an undisclosed California company. Prior to purchase, the incubator assisted small businesses to prosper during early stages of business development.

Indy CREW - The Indianapolis Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women

450 E. 96th Street, Suite 500
Indianapolis, IN 46240
317.581.6155

<http://www.indycrew.org>

Networking organization for people in and around commercial real estate.

Indy Partnership

111 Monument Circle, Suite 1800
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317.236.6262

<http://www.iedc.com>

Not for profit organization that helps businesses in Marion and surrounding counties by providing research in key sectors of business (like life sciences, manufacturing, IT, logistics, and motorsports). They have an information warehouse on their website.

Indygov.org - City of Indianapolis website

This is the site for WBE/MBE certification with the city of Indianapolis. Specific details are found here: <http://www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DOA/MBE-WBE/home.htm>. (If you seek a certification with the state, it is a separate certification from the city's certification process. Why? Not sure. It would appear to make more sense to have the same application with a box to check for both certifications, but then again, when did the government ever make logical sense?)

inVenture

501 N. Morton St., Suite 100
Bloomington, IN 47404
812-335-7356

<http://www.inventuretech.com>

This is Bloomington's business incubator/office park. As a side note, Bloomington is a great place to start a business too. There are a lot of great entrepreneurial minds in this seemingly small college town. This facility has a lot of great monthly events and leases office space and resources to business owners.

ISBDC - Indiana Small Business Development Center

<http://www.isbdc.org/>

This organization provides business information resources to the small business owner, and classes/workshops on business development. Has a "small biz toolbox" on its site for the start up.

ISCDC - Indiana Statewide Certified Development Corporation

<http://www.cambridgecapitalmgmt.com/iscdc.html>

ISCDC is Indiana's "largest lender of funds from the US Small Business Administration 504 loan program."

Main Street Institute

<http://www.mainstreetinstitute.com/>

The Main Street Institute is a partnership project between the IU Kelley School of Business and the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. This partnership program hosts classes and workshops for the small business owner on topics ranging from HR, to technology, and marketing.

Online Networking Sources**

I listed this in the flow chart under networking generically, but there are hundreds if not thousands of online networking organizations. Indianapolis has some **Meetups** just for entrepreneurs (www.meetup.com). **LinkedIn, Plaxo, Ryze, Orkut, Jigsaw, Spoke, Ecademy, Fast Pitch**, and social sites can be utilized for business as well, such as **Facebook, MySpace, Second Life, Cyworld** and **Friendster**, among

others. There are several different types of networking organizations here in central Indiana and online (like smallerindiana.com), but frankly, the best place in town to learn networking professionally is from Hazel Walker at **The Referral Institute**. The website is: <http://www.referralinstitute.com/franchise/index.php?SessionID=b0e2512f3a1f1dcb33dd5b35e28dd070> or you can Google Hazel. Tell her we referred you.

NAWBO - The National Association of Women Business Owners: Indiana Chapter

<http://www.nawboindy.org>

The NAWBO Indy chapter is one of the largest in the nation with over 200 members and growing. This dynamic group of women meets on a monthly basis and hosts various prominent public figures in and around business in central Indiana, and supports women business owners with an annual end of the year awards luncheon. Some members of this organization have also started a separate policy and political action committee called IAWBO for issues of women business owners in the state. Although NAWBO does have political action at a national level, the IAWBO also works at the state policy level for women business owners.

NOWIB - The Network of Women in Business

<http://www.nowib.com>

NOWIB has monthly meetings for their members, one of which is an entrepreneur/business owner monthly breakfast the first Thursday of the month at LePeep Restaurant at 8487 Union Chapel Road, Indianapolis. They also have a life balance group and others on their website. Finally, they honor a networker of the year through this organization, as well as a Businesswoman of the year.

PRE - The Professional Referral Exchange

<http://www.prorefx.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.chapters&ID=22>

There are several chapters of the PRE in and around Indianapolis for networking, including Castleton, Carmel, Fishers, Northeast, Willow

Lake, Zionsville and Indy South. This organization can assist members with professional referrals.

PRSA - The Public Relations Society of America - Hoosier Chapter

317.264.3634

<http://www.hoosierprsa.org/>

This organization consists of over 400 members and growing. However, for the business owner, the most important contact this organization provides is to the media. They have frequent 'meet the media' events where business owners can literally meet the press. If you are a younger media professional, you can join **Hoosier New Pros**, which is a group that meets monthly to network and learn more about the world of media & PR.

Purdue Research Park

3000 Kent Avenue

West Lafayette, IN 47906-1075

765.494.8645

<http://www.purdueresearchpark.com>

Although the park lies in West Lafayette, it offers a lot to business owners. There are incubation services, and the Purdue Gateways Program in order to help businesses work more effectively with the university.

Purdue Tech Center of Indianapolis

The 'coming soon' research park was announced in June, 2007 to be part of the Indianapolis landscape and utilized as a business accelerator park. It will be near the midfield terminal of the Indianapolis International Airport.

Rainmakers™

<http://www.gorainmakers.com/rainmakers/>

Rainmakers is a business networking organization in Indianapolis and has meetings around the city.

SBA - The US Small Business Administration - Indianapolis District Office

8500 Keystone Crossing
Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46240-2460
317.226.7272

<http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/in/index.html>

The US Small Business Administration is another basic site to start at when beginning a business. Site also has links to federal government business guides.

SCORE - Indianapolis - Chapter 0006

8500 Keystone Crossing, Suite 401
Indianapolis, IN 46240
317.226.7264

<http://www.indyscore.org>

SCORE provides free business counseling to small and new business owners, hosts workshops, and has working and retired executives donate their time as counselors.

Slingshot

c/o Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.indychamber.com/slingshot.asp>

Slingshot is a program hosted by the Indy Chamber, Eli Lilly and Conexus Indiana, in which established but smaller businesses gain an audience with larger potential companies to showcase their company in hopes to accelerate revenue growth for emerging businesses. If you are a smaller business owner and want to get an audience in Slingshot, you must fill out the application at the website above.

Stuart Sobel Consulting

1.866.477.5012

<http://www.taxexemptstartup.com/>

There is not a lot of detail on not for profit business set up here, but if you are in the mood for exploring how to set up a not for profit business in central Indiana (or anywhere for that matter) there is a great resource right here in Indianapolis to learn from on this process, Mr. Sobel. If you are lucky, you can catch his how to set up a not for profit business

class he occasionally teaches at SBDC. If nothing else after taking one of his classes, you will understand and appreciate how much work it is to start a not for profit business.

Techpoint

7820 Innovation Blvd., Suite 220
Indianapolis, Indiana 46278

<http://www.techpoint.org>

“The group’s mission is to transform Indiana into a recognized technology leader by developing relevant policy, catalyzing change, and measuring the state’s progress.” They offer classes, a calendar of events, and work on advocacy of technology business owners at the state and policy level. They also work on Entrepreneurship Week in Indiana (typically in November). If you want to start a business that involves technology, this is a good place to check out.

Venture Club of Indiana

Attn: Marketing Department
11 South Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317.231.6447

<http://www.ventureclub.org>

This is a member-based organization that creates opportunities for networking and hearing some of the best speakers in the world on entrepreneurship (think Guy Kawasaki...and if you don’t know who he is, Google him.) This group meets for lunch on a regular basis. They also host Venture Idol, a really cool program to allow young start up companies to compete for a \$10,000 grand prize, plus the opportunity to show their company off to VCs, Angels and other entrepreneurs.

WBENC - The Women’s Business Enterprise National Council

<http://www.wbenc.org>

This is the national level certification platform for WBEs. They also have a lot of reports and information included on their website. One of their best tools is a ‘should I be certified’ tool right under their ‘get certified’ tab.

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WINK - Women Increasing Networking Knowledge

Sponsor: National City Bank

21 N Rangeline Road

Carmel, IN 46032

317.846.4043 x 236

wink@nationalcity.com

This is a networking organization sponsored by National City Bank in Indy that holds live events for women. As a side note, it's cool to see a bank actually doing something else for the community beyond its traditional role.

Coffee & Cake

Marie-Antoinette said, “Let them eat cake.” Originally thought of as a mean spirited comment to the French people, I think the sister was on the right track instead. Throw in some coffee along with the cake, and I’m hooked for life. Now you have the background on why coffee & cake are together - I can’t live without either one!

Even if you don’t drink coffee, first off - thanks because that means more for us - but you still probably need a few coffee houses or two to meet others in a third space (which many define as a place other than home or work). If you are tired of the large coffee chains, there are alternatives in Indianapolis. One of our local favorites is Hubbard & Cravens (www.hubbardandcravens.com). Not only do they have cool spaces, but they also have free wi-fi, which is mission critical if you are working out of the office.

Finally, if you like to support the local coffee houses (and who doesn’t), check out the website: www.indyindiecoffee.com. Not only does this site tell you where the indie coffee spots are in town, but it also tells you whether or not they have free wi-fi and other services. If you prefer tea to coffee, try **Tea’s Me** - 140 East 22nd Street Suite B, Indianapolis, IN 46202 - 317.920.1016, www.teasmecafe.com. If you don’t have enough coffee at your office or other facilities, try **Mission Coffee & Tea Company, Inc.** (www.missioncoffeeandtea.com). Not only can they supply your space with great coffee and tea – the coffee company “with

a conscience” donates back portions of their revenue back to charities of the customer’s choice – a total win-win for the coffee fanatic. Also, if you are REALLY into coffee, you can join **The Indianapolis Coffee Meetup** - <http://coffee.meetup.com/355/?gj=sj2>.

Now, to go along with that fabulous cup of steaming brew, one must have cake, or something with a little sugar in it. Here are our picks for sweet treats deluxe in Indy:

Rene’s Bakery - <http://www.renesbakery.com/index.html> - the little blue house in Broad Ripple rocks. Everything is carryout, but it’s good enough not to care. Hell, it’s good enough to eat right there on the spot. Go in and pick something fresh and you will thank us.

Taylor’s Bakery, <http://www.taylorsbakery.com/> on the way to Castleton (6216 N Allisonville) and in Fishers (8395 E 116th Street) is a staple in the Indianapolis community, and has some stellar cakes and fresh goodies that you too can carry out.

If you want something one-of-a-kind, **The Whimsical Whisk** <http://www.whimsicalwhisk.com/our-story> and owner Clare Welage can whip something up for you. As Indianapolis’ first patisserie, she custom designs orders for the client.

If yeast donuts are what you crave, head to **Long’s Bakery** - 1453 N. Tremont Street, Indianapolis, IN - 317.632.3741 and stock up.

Finally, if you need a birthday cake, it is still arguable, but the best cake in town our collective opinion is **Kroger’s** (www.kroger.com). Chocolate cake with the whipped icing is super yummy and will put a smile on a birthday cake lover’s face.

Comedy Clubs & Venues

Everyone needs a good laugh now and then. Here are some Indy Comedy Clubs to get your funny bone going:

ComedySportz

721 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204

www.comedysportz.com

317.951.8499

Crackers Comedy Club

247 S Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225

www.crackerscomedy.com

317.631.3536

Crackers Comedy Club

6281 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220

www.crackerscomedy.com

317.255.4211

One Liners Comedy Club

50 Airport Parkway, #E, Greenwood, IN 46143

www.onelinerscomedy.com

317.889.5233

Communities Online

Whether you are networking locally, regionally or nationally online, here are some no-brainer resources to network in and around Indy and the global community at large:

Craig's List

<http://indianapolis.craigslist.org/>

Craig's list is a catch all for classified ads, people looking for roommates, dates or...other things. One of the best sections on Craig's List is the 'Missed Connections' section.

Facebook

www.facebook.com

"Facebook is a social directory that enables people to share information. Launched in February 2004, Facebook helps people better understand their world by giving them access to the information that is most relevant to them."

Friendster

www.friendster.com

"With more than 30 million members, Friendster is the best way to stay in touch with your friends and it's the fastest way to discover the people and things that matter to you most."

Indymoj

<http://www.indymoj.com>

"Indianapolis's 100% free locally focused community web site." They have various channels, topics, and updates on live events in and around

Indy. People can also login and setup profiles and blogs of their own on topics.

LinkedIn

www.linkedin.com

More of a business networking site, it is used by many in professional circles in Indianapolis.

Meetup - Indy Groups

www.meetup.com

There are too many Indy meetups to count!

An online meeting and events link up, which you are probably already familiar with - there is an Indy singles meetup group, and others which we try to call out throughout this book in relevant topics.

MySpace

<http://www.myspace.com>

Myspace probably needs no introduction.

Smaller Indiana

www.smallerindiana.com

“SI makes creative people and innovative ideas easier to find.”

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Computers

Computers are everywhere, but technical support isn't. Here are some places in Indy to go for computer help, should you need it in order to prevent reenactment of scenes from *Office Space*.

Applepickers

<http://applepickers.org/>

Mac user's group in Fishers.

The Apple Store - Keystone at the Crossing

<http://www.apple.com/retail/keystone/week/20071209.html>

This store has a live Genius bar that you can schedule appointments with online at the link above. I love it when my computer breaks and I can talk to a human being face to face. (Not into phone tech support.)

HoosierMac Consulting

<http://www.hoosiermac.com>

317-534-0562

info@hoosiermac.com

HoosierMac does everything from one person setups to creative departments in large companies for Apple computers. They also offer hosted services such as collaborative/spam-free email, and they do house calls!

Indianapolis Marion County Public Library

www.imcpl.org

If you have a library card, you can get on one of their computers to work on the internet at any of their branches. You can also take classes at some of their branches on computer use.

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eWireless.net

www.ewireless.net

Has the grooviest wi-fi hotspot directory so you can work on the go. Just go to their homepage and click on 'hotspot directory' for a listing of all the free hotspots in town...then bookmark the site. This is one you'll want to keep.

Fry's

9820 Kincaid Drive
Fishers, IN
317.594.3101

<http://shop3.outpost.com/isp/fishers.html>

If you need a weird computer piece, an external hard drive, or anything electronic, chances are this place has it. Caution: do not let the size of the place overwhelm you, just ask one of their associates wearing a white shirt and black tie where something is and they'll give you the row number. Just try not to get lost!

Meetup

www.meetup.com

Just plug in Indianapolis and you'll find a PHP developer's club, mySQL, Linux, a developer's meetup, and even a graphic artists meetup group.

Online help

Try **PCLive.com**, **support.com**, or if you have a Mac, **iFixit.com**. Of course, the **Geek Squad**[®] works out of the Castleton area and can assist. Info is in on the website: geeksquad.com.

Places to Recycle Computers

Check out Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's list here:

http://www.kibi.org/recycle/recycling_reuse_options.htm#Computers_Electronic_Lab_Equipment.

Dating Organizations

If you are single and seeking that special someone, check out these online and offline options for connecting:

Cupid.com

www.cupid.com

“We provide the conduit that allows people to get together to seek out other singles for fun, dating, romance or friendship.” They have local speed dating events - go to the site and plug in your zip code to see the local Indy events.

Eharmony.com

www.eharmony.com

Relationship matchmaking site.

Eligible Greeks

www.eligiblegreeks.com

“Eligible Greeks is a Greek personals and Greek friends community designed to help you meet that special partner.”

Great Boyfriends

www.greatboyfriends.com

Find a great, recommended catch here.

Great Expectations

www.ge-dating.com

Introduction service for singles, with a local office at: 3500 Depauw Ave, Indianapolis, IN.

Indy Lock & Key Events

<http://www.lockandkeyevents.com/index.php/home/regiondisplay/IND/>

Live events where one gender gets the locks, the other gets the keys and you pair up.

IndySingleScene.com

<http://www.singled-in.com/>

Organization with a goal is for those attending their live events to make connections with other singles, whether for networking, friendship, dating or more.

Jdate.com

<http://www.jdate.com>

Internet dating site for those of Jewish faith.

Match.com

www.match.com

One of Indy's most popular dating sites.

No Strings Speed Dating & Introduction Service

www.nostringsdate.com

Speed dating service. Check website for local events.

Plenty of Fish

<http://www.plentyoffish.com/>

Free online dating profile site.

The Singles Coach

<http://www.thesinglescoach.com/>

"Amy Owens, The Singles Coach, is an experienced and trusted guide for singles who are serious about finding life mates."

Have local events, but some of the workshops are in their final rounds, ever. Hurry!

Together

www.togetherdating.com

Introduction service with an office at: 11495 North Pennsylvania Street,
Suite 220, Carmel, IN 46032.

Yahoo Personals

<http://personals.yahoo.com/>

Dating website, and equally as popular in Indy as match.com.

Dining

Here's the deal with this section: there are so many organizations and groups already that list out dining opportunities, reviews, and restaurant listings, we just aren't going to go with a listing of the hundreds if not thousands of choices in central Indiana where you can get a meal. But, in this section, we can tell you where to look for ideas on restaurants, and yes, we'll even give you a few of our favorites (in our very biased opinions)!

First, if you seek a general directory on Indy and surrounding area restaurants, try *Indianapolis Dine* magazine, <http://www.indianapolisdine.com/>. For twelve bucks, you can get a one-year subscription. This mag will list out all things restaurant-y for you. Also, *Indianapolis Monthly* magazine <http://www.indianapolismonthly.com/> has a listing of restaurants in the Indy area every month at the back of their publications. Finally, if blogging is more your thing, you can read **Feed Me, Drink Me**, <http://www.feedmedrinkme.blogspot.com/> which is a local Indy blog on the culinary scene.

If you are a vegetarian, we have a couple of recommendations: **Abyssina** (5352 W. 38th Street, www.abysiniarestaurant.com/) which serves Ethiopian cuisine and has a lot of options for vegans and vegetarians, **Iaria's Italian Restaurant** (317 S. College Ave, www.iariasrestaurant.com/) not all vegetarian, but good Italian with vegetarian options, and **Cheesecake Factory** (Keystone at the Crossing Mall, <http://www.cheesecakefactory.com/>)

cheesecakefactory.com/) although a chain, has many vegetarian options. The **Indianapolis Vegetarian Society** (<http://www.indyvegsociety.org/>) has a link with some vegetarian options in town too.

Now--onto our very biased opinions on the best spots in town to feed your belly (and maybe even your soul a bit too). First, we went all local (no chains here, unless of course they are local chains). Second, the food just rocks at these places...so do check them out and support your local foodie entrepreneurs that are spicing up our city, er...so to speak:

Blu Martini

96th & Gray Road
Indianapolis, IN 46240
317.566.8650

<http://www.blumartini.net/>

We have very few bars/clubs in this book. However, Blu Martini is much more than just a bar. If you love sushi and a great martini together, this is probably the only place in the city where you can get both at the same time. You can also reserve booths for special events, and owner Bill is a classic young professional that we love to support!

Elements

415 N. Alabama Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317.634.8888

<http://www.elementsindy.com/>

The food is a little pricey here, but it's worth it. If you want something a little off the beaten path or have some pretentious friends coming in from out of town and think we only eat at fast food joints, this may be a good option for you. It is also around the new cultural trail so you can see construction moving along nicely, view the big noisy head out to the restaurant's side, and have some really eclectic, groovy food.

GT South's Rib House

5711 E 71st Street, Indianapolis, IN (Castleton) 46220 317.849.6997

4919 S Emerson Avenue, Indianapolis, IN (Beech Grove) 46203
317.791.6637

<http://www.gtsouths.com/>

This restaurant has been voted the best in the city for barbecue for many years as the first and only real southern BBQ restaurant. They also sell their sauce. If you aren't into ribs, they also have amazing comfort food.

L'Explorateur

653 Ferguson St.
Indianapolis, IN 46220
317.726.6906

<http://www.dinelex.com/>

Celebrated chef Neal Brown rocks the house - literally at L'Explorateur. The restaurant is in an old house, but it's sleek and modern on the inside, and the food matches. It too is a little pricey, but if you like Broad Ripple and want to make things a little special for the evening, stop in or make a reservation. Also, Brown is trying some wine and hors d'oeuvres events at his shop - keep your eye on InTake/Indy.com for details on when they occur.

Matteo's

40 N. 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
317.774.9771

<http://www.matteosindy.com/home.html>

There are plenty of places to get Italian in and around the city, but this is our favorite. Their fresh herb bread is phenomenal, and the restaurant is right on the Noblesville square, so after dinner, you can walk the carbs off. You will not leave hungry.

Oh Yumm!

5615 N. Illinois Street
Indianapolis, IN
317.251.5656

<http://ohyumm.com/menus.phtml>

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Between the name and the cozy space, this place is so cute, you just want to pinch it. The food is great to boot. They also cater (and actually started as a catering business). The 56th & Illinois corridor is also a great old school version of what a strip mall should be - independents with unique one-of-a-kind items. (Like Kincaid's meats and G. Thrapp Jewelers' estate and antique jewelry.)

Petit Patachou

823 Westfield Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46220
317.259.0765

<http://www.cafepatachou.com/>

Cafe Patachou actually is a local chain started by Martha Hoover, which now has grown to several locations throughout the city. The cutest of them all is Petit Patachou, where you can meet for a cozy brunch then head over to Broad Ripple and explore. The omelet of the day comes with fresh homemade toasted bread varieties and fruit - yum! The only way Petit could be better is to serve the hazelnut coffee available over at Cafe Patachou on 49th & Penn, but the plain Jane coffee is pretty darn good too.

R Bistro

888 Massachusetts Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46202
317.423.0312

<http://www.rbistro.com/>

Chef Regina Mehallick is awesome because she tries her best to use locally grown ingredients and keep things simple, so she's really been going green even before it was cool. She has won countless awards for her cooking, and R is even open for lunch.

Sakura

7201 N. Keystone Ave.
Indianapolis, IN
317.259.4171

<http://indysakura.com/>

If you love sushi, this is the place to be in town. Sit in Becky's section when you go, and if you like beef, try the Negimayaki. The soft shell crab roll is what they are known for too. They also have carryout if they are packed to the gills, and the menu is online.

Sawasdee

1222 W. 86th Street (86th & Ditch)
Indianapolis, IN 46260
317.844.9451

Get your Thai on here. It is unpretentious, cozy, and always packed, but great place to get some of the best Thai in town.

Shapiro's Deli

808 S Meridian, Indianapolis, IN 46225 317.631.4041
918 S Rangeline Road, Carmel, IN 46032 317.573.3354
<http://www.shapiros.com/>

The original Shapiro's Deli downtown was opened in 1905 as a small grocery store, and today is a staple in the Indianapolis community. You can get the best corned beef sandwich in the city here AND enjoy free wi-fi. They also have carryout, and cleverly stick their pies and cakes at the front of the line at your weakest moment--but the carbs are worth it.

Some Guys Pizza

6235 N. Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46220 317.257.1364
12552 N. Gray Road, Carmel, IN 46033 317.706.8888
<http://www.someguyspizza.com/>

There was some heated debate regarding the best pizza place in town, but not only is the pizza great at Some Guys, but their flatbread and house salad make a meal in and of itself. The place is always packed too on the weekends, so try takeout if you can't get a table.

St. Elmo's Steakhouse

127 South Illinois Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225
317.635.0636
<http://www.stelmos.com/>

You can't mess with tradition, and St. Elmo's has been around since 1902. The item they are best known for is not only steak, but also the shrimp cocktail, which is horseradish hot and dee-lish. They also opened sister restaurant Harry & Izzy's downtown recently too.

Taste Cafe & Marketplace

5164 N. College Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46205
317.925.2233

www.tastecafeandmarketplace.com

This is a relatively new lunch/brunch spot in Broad Ripple that is super yummy. They have great salads, sandwiches, and they too have the sticky sweet stuff right up at the register to tempt you.

Yats

5463 N. College Ave, Indianapolis, IN 317.253.8817
659 Mass. Ave, Indianapolis, IN 317.686.6380
8352 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 317.585.1792

www.yatscajuncreole.com

Owner Joe Vuskovich was born in New Orleans and has blessed us with his cooking. (Thanks Joe!) Not only is the cajun/creole food tasty, but it also is bargain priced, which has built in some fierce young professional loyalists (myself included). Try the Chili Cheese Etouffee. Caution: you'll find that once you start, it's hard to live Yats-free. Don't say we didn't warn you.

Restaurants with Communal Tables

A communal table is a restaurant that usually has one large table that anyone can sit at and meet total strangers over a meal. It is a pretty cool concept, but there is only one place we know of in the city with a communal table, listed below:

Chancellor's

www.universityplace.iupui.edu/sub_restaurants.htm

University Place, IUPUI campus

Diversity

Indianapolis enjoys a diverse cultural population, thanks in part by all the following organizations that promote diversity in the city and state:

100 Black Men of Indianapolis

<http://www.100blackmen.org/>

“Today the organization has grown to over 106 chapters with more than 10,000 members who continue to strive to improve the quality of life in our communities and enhance the educational and economic opportunities for African Americans.”

American Turkish Association of Indiana

<http://www.ata-in.org/>

“Founded in 2001, the American Turkish Association of Indiana (ATA-IN) is a non-political, non-profit (tax-exempt) organization founded to promote better understanding between the American and Turkish peoples.”

Asian American Alliance

<http://aaalliance.org/>

“The mission of Asian American Alliance is to promote and advance central Indiana’s Asian Community toward civic leadership and community service.”

Asian Help Services

<http://www.asianhelpservices.org/>

“Asian Help Services (AHS) was established in 1986 as a not-for-profit nonsectarian organization by the United Methodist Church Metropolitan

Ministries. AHS assists immigrants, business people, students, and visitors and their families from Asia to Central Indiana.”

Association of International Women of Indianapolis

<http://www.aiwindy.org/>

“To facilitate social interaction between women from the USA and other countries.”

The Athenaeum Foundation

<http://www.rathskeller.com/Foundation.html>

The Athenaeum Foundation supports the Rathskeller and the Athenaeum Building in downtown Indianapolis. The Rathskeller has been voted the best German Restaurant seven years in a row in downtown Indy.

The Diversity Roundtable of Indianapolis

<http://www.drcti.org/home.asp>

“The Roundtable provides a forum for leaders, advocates, and supporters of organizational diversity efforts to network, enhance diversity competencies, and advocate for diversity-sensitive policies and practices.”

Fiesta Indianapolis

<http://www.laplaza-indy.org/fiesta/home.asp>

“The mission of Fiesta Indianapolis, Inc. is to promote and preserve Latino culture.”

Gay Indy

<http://www.gayindy.org>

“GayIndy.Org is a not-for-profit volunteer organization designed to be an online clearinghouse of information for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community in Indiana.”

German American Klub of Indianapolis

<http://www.indianapolisgak.com/>

317.888.6940

Membership includes clubs within the Klub, and they have rental space for events.

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German Language Video Center

http://www.germanvideo.com/service_pages/welcome.html

Division of Heidelberg Haus

7625 Pendleton Pike

Indianapolis, Indiana 46226-5298

Rare and old German movies are available here. And while there, you can get some home made German pastry at the Heidelberg Haus.

The Hispanic Center/El Centro Hispano

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/orgs/org13203.html>

617 E North Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

317.636.6551

Advocacy & Human rights organization serving the Hispanic community of central Indiana.

India Association of Indianapolis

<http://www.myiai.org/icc.html>

“India Association of Indianapolis is a non-profit organization that brings together people of Asian-Indian origin who live in the central Indiana area.”

Indiana Black Expo

<http://www.indianablackexpo.com/>

It’s mission is. “To be an effective voice and vehicle for the social and economic advancement of African-Americans.” It is one of the largest (if not the largest) black expo in the entire country.

Indiana Council on World Affairs

<http://www.indianaworld.org/>

“ICWA fosters public understanding of world conditions and appreciation of the significance and effect of these conditions on the United States.”

Indiana Youth Group - supporting LGBT Youth

<http://www.indianayouthgroup.org/>

“YIG provides a safe place, a confidential environment, youth development programs and support services which foster personal strength and wellness among self-identified lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people.”

Indianapolis Latvian Community Center

<http://www.indylatvians.com/LSC.htm>

“The Indianapolis Latvian Community Center is located at 1008 W. 64th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260. “The Center” is frequently the location of Latvian-sponsored events including plays, dance and choir performances, speeches, and holiday celebrations. It is also available for rent to both members of the Latvian community and the general public.”

Indy Pride, Inc.

<http://www.indyprideinc.com/>

“Indy Pride Inc., through its purpose, fosters events that seek to educate, honor the history of the GLBT communities and celebrate the diversity of and create unity, in and between, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight communities.”

Indy Rainbow Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.indyrainbowchamber.org/>

“The Indianapolis Rainbow Chamber of Commerce seeks to: Promote businesses owned by, operated by, or supportive of the local GLBTA community.”

International Center of Indianapolis

<http://www.icenterindy.org/>

“As the best community resource for people with international needs, the International Center of Indianapolis (ICI) helps the greater Indianapolis community to welcome and connect people of all cultures.” As a side note, the International Center of Indianapolis develops and prints the *International Guide to Greater Indianapolis*, which is a phenomenal guide for those moving to Indy from other countries and published in English, Spanish, and French. For a copy, logon to their website and contact information is included under ‘publications.’

IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center

<http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/kade/>

“The Center provides the Indianapolis community, the state of Indiana, and the eastern area of the Mid-West with a center for conducting research into its German-American history and heritage.”

Jack and Jill of America, Indianapolis Chapter

<http://www.jackandjillindy.org/>

“The mission of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. seeks to create a medium of contact for children which will stimulate their growth and development and provide constructive educational, cultural, civic, recreation, social and service programs for children.”

Japan-America Society of Indiana

<http://www.japanindiana.org/>

“The Japan-America Society of Indiana (JASI) is a not-for-profit cultural and educational organization whose mission is to serve as a bridge of friendship between the people of Indiana and Japan.”

Jewish Community Center

<http://www.jccindy.org/>

“The JCC shall be guided by the principles of Judaism and democracy and shall promote an understanding of, and commitment to, Jewish thought, beliefs and values.” JCC also has a singles group.

Mexican Civic Association

<http://www.mexcivic.org/>

“It is our mission to address the needs of the community by providing information and help with problem solving to ensure the most basic human rights of each individual in the community.”

National Black MBA Association of Indianapolis

<http://www.nbmbaa-indy.org/>

Association of MBA professionals & students.

National Coalition of 100 Black Women

<http://www.ncbw.org/intro.html>

“The NCBW mission is the development of socially conscious female leaders who are committed to furthering equity and empowerment for women of color in the society-at-large.”

National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers

<http://www.nobccche.org/>

“NOBCCChE is committed to the discovery, transmittal, and application of knowledge in the fields of science and engineering.”

The National Society of Black Engineers

<http://www.nsbe.org/membership/IN.php>

“The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) with more than 18,000 members, is the largest student-managed organization in the country.”

National Society of Hispanic MBAs - Indianapolis Chapter

<http://indianapolis.nshmba.org/>

“The National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA) is a professional organization that was created in 1988 to “foster Hispanic leadership through graduate management education and professional development in order to improve society.”

Nationalities Council of Indiana

<http://nationalitiescouncil.org/>

“The Nationalities Council is a non-profit, all-volunteer educational foundation comprised of more than 50 ethnic or national affinity organizations.”

Nur-Allah Islamic Center

<http://www.nurallah.org/>

2040 East 46th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205
Islamic community in Indianapolis.

Scottish Society of Indianapolis

<http://www.indyscot.org/>

The Society promotes education about Scottish culture through its monthly meetings, participation in activities such as the International Festival, & other festivals locally.

Sister Cities International - Indiana State Chapter

<http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/~spmckee/sister.html>

11611 North Meridian Street, Suite 300, Carmel, IN 46032

Indy has sister cities! Check them out at this website.

World Trade Club of Indiana

<http://www.worldtradeclubofindiana.org/>

“The World Trade Club of Indiana is an independent, nonprofit organization founded to promote interest and activity in world trade, and to provide a forum for the interchange of ideas and innovations for mutual cooperation and assistance among those engaged in international trade and services.”

Domestic Arts

This section was a bit of a challenge - where do you stick organizations like quilting bees or gardening clubs? So, we created a section fully focused on all things domestic. Stand back Rachel Ray and Martha Stewart, there's some domestic Hoosier peeps coming to kick domestic arts up a notch! (By the way, our definition of "domestic" is, "fond of home life and household affairs" so men and women can *equally* be interested in and excel within the domestic arts.)

Cooking & The Culinary Arts

Chef's Academy of Indianapolis

<http://www.thechefsacademy.com/>

Clark Appliance Classes

<http://www.clarkappliance.com/gourmet.asp>

Frasier's Gourmet Foods

<http://www.frasiersgourmet.com/cookingclasses/>

HH Greg Fine Lines Class

<http://www.hhgreggfinelines.com/finelineshtml/cookingClasses.html>

HOMExperience by Estridge

<http://www.estrIDGE.com/HOMExperience.aspx> (click on what's cooking)

Ivy Tech Community College

<http://www.ivytech.edu/indianapolis/>

Lawrence Township Community Education Classes

<https://commed.ltschools.org/courses/index.php>

Michael's - 5151 E 82nd Street, Indianapolis, 46250 - 317.841.1974

This Michael's store offers an in store calendar of classes and events year round, including a Wilton Method Cake Decorating Class.

Oakley's Bistro Chef for a Day Program

<http://www.oakleysbistro.com>

Palomino Sunday Lunch Class

<http://www.palomino.com> (Sign up for email listserv on dates and times for classes.)

Gardening

IMA Horticultural Society

<http://www.imahortsoc.org/>

Learn more about gardening through this organization, or socialize with other green thumbs in Indy. Also, check out the greenhouse at the IMA for some exotic plants in spring & summer.

Indianapolis Hosta Society

<http://indianapolishostasociety.org/>

“Our members are hosta gardening enthusiasts who gather regularly to learn more about shade gardening, to work together on club and community projects, and share our gardening experiences with each other and the public.” They host a big display at the Orchard in Bloom Festival in May.

IUPUI's CLN Home and Garden Course on “Decorate Your Outdoor Living Space”

<http://www.cln.iupui.edu/>

Taught in the summertime, this class helps you figure out how to master plan your green thumb and trick out your outdoor space.

Home Decorating

IUPUI Community Learning Network

<http://www.cln.iupui.edu/>

They have classes on room decorating all the way up to a certificate program on Home & Garden. Look online at the course catalog under “Home and Garden”.

Sewing & Textile Arts

Indianapolis Art Center

<http://www.indplsartcenter.org>

They host classes on fabric decor, and textile design (how to read a pattern, take measurements and do seams.) *Project Runway*, here we come!

Knitting Guilds in Indianapolis

<http://www.woolworks.org/guilds/in.html>

There are too many to list here, but you can check them all out at the website above.

Quilters Guild of Indianapolis

<http://www.quiltguildindy.net/>

“The Quilters Guild of Indianapolis, Inc., is a non profit organization open to anyone interested in quilts or quilting.”

SWIFT - Spinners & Weavers of Indiana Fibers & Textiles

<http://www.gardenstreet.org/swift/>

“We are spinners, weavers, dyers, knitters and others who encourage learning and doing fiber activities in the State of Indiana through a network of contacts.”

Woodworking

Indianapolis Art Center

820 East 67th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220

317.255.2464

<http://www.indplsartcenter.org/>

The IAC offers basic and intermediate woodworking classes.

Woodcraft

7330 East 86th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46256

317.578.3400

<http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=549&nav=classes>

They have a bunch of classes listed on their site about woodworking - basics (intro to woodworking), how to make a pen, how to veneer, and learn to turn!

Farmers' Markets

One of the best ways to go green is to buy local goods grown right here in Indiana. Check out any of the farmers' markets below to buy fresh, locally grown good stuff.

38th & Meridian Farmers' Market

http://www.northchurchindy.com/ministry_mission_local.htm

North United Methodist Church - 3808 N Meridian St.

Mid May through October - 4-6:30 pm Thursdays

Abundant Life Farmers' Market

No website, but at the Abundant Life Church - 7606 E 82nd St, Indy

June 8 -Sept 28

4-7 pm Thursdays

317.585.9162

Broad Ripple Farmers' Market

<http://www.broadripplefarmersmarket.com/>

Broad Ripple Village Assn

May 27-Oct 28

8 am-12 noon Saturdays - Near Broad Ripple High School

317.251.2782

Carmel Farmers' Market

www.carmelfarmersmarket.com

June 3- Sept 30 7:30

11 am Saturdays

317.710.0162

Farmers' Market at the Barn

No web info available at press time - but across from Indiana State Fair
Through Sept 30
9 am - 1 pm Saturdays
1201 E 38th St, Indianapolis

Fishers Farmers' Market

www.fisherschamber.com
June 3-Oct7
8 am - 12 noon Saturdays
317.578.0700

Indianapolis Farmers' Market

http://www.indycm.com/index.php?page=content_Farmers_Market
City Market - Downtown Indianapolis - 222 E Market Street
May through October - 10 am-1:30 pm.
Currently undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation, you must check out this original city market, one of only a few left in the entire country. With their grand re-opening this spring, they will offer many new and exciting events year round.

Johnny's Market

6335 N. College Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46220
Spring until Christmas
Ok, not technically a Farmer's market, but Johnny's has been around Indy for a long time, and has the best Christmas trees in the winter (Frasier and Noble Firs are right out of a storybook.) For you greenies out there, the Green gurus say it's best to buy a fresh tree over a fake one anyway, so splurge and go fresh when you can.

Noblesville Farmers' Market

<http://www.noblesville.biz/mainstreet/fm.html>
Thru Oct 14
8a-12:30p Saturdays Noblesville Main St.
317.776.0205

Traders Point Creamery Farmers' Market

<http://www.tpfororganics.com/content/view/56/134/>

9101 Moore Road, Zionsville

Organic Farmers' market and it runs year round.

Zionsville Farmers' Market

www.zionsvillechamber.org

June 3-Sept 30

7:30 am - 10:30 am Saturdays

317.873.3836

Festivals & Shows Throughout Central Indiana

It is a bit of a challenge to list all Indianapolis area festivals with exact dates, so we instead listed them by general time of the year they occur (by month). Also, if you would like a listing of festivals occurring throughout Indiana, try the **Indiana State Festivals Association's** website - <http://www.indianafestivals.org/> which lists all festivals in Indiana by month.

Here are some of the bigger and better known Indianapolis based festivals with rough dates listed by month. Make sure you check them out online to verify dates and times, as they change from year to year.

January

Hearthside Suppers

Enjoy the hands on experience of 19th-century meal preparation. A guided tour of the Conner Prairie home follows the dinner. Jan - Mar.

317.776.6000

Indianapolis Home Show

Over 750 exhibits from gardening to decorating and remodeling. Indiana State fairgrounds.

317.705.8719

The Annual Greater Indianapolis Garage Sale

If you love bargain hunting and junk-tiquing, this annual sale is over 30 years old and draws a phenomenal crowd every year at the state fairgrounds. Get your bargain face on, and get there early.
317.236.6515

Indiana Convention Center Bridal Show

All things bridal usually comes in January in Indy. Check the convention center's calendar for details: <http://www.iccrd.com/conv/convcal.asp>.

Indy Restaurant Week - Winter

The 2008 running of Indy Restaurant week is Jan 21-Feb 2, 2008. There is a summer tour as well.
<http://www.indyrestaurantweek.com/>

Indiana Building Green Symposium

Learn how to build a LEED building, and take Indiana into the next wave of building with a green conscience.
<http://www.bsu.edu/capic/buildinggreen/>

February

Black History Month Celebration

This event highlights the accomplishments and contributions of African-Americans. Children's Museum of Indianapolis.
317.334.3322

March

Big Ten Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

Big Ten Teams compete for the title of conference champion. Consecro Fieldhouse.
317.846.6601

Flower and Patio Show

Over 230,000 square feet of gardens, which include trees, flowers, ponds and fountains. Indiana State Fairgrounds.
317.576.9933

IHSAA Boy's State Basketball Finals

Indiana's top high school boy's basketball teams compete for the class championship. Conseco Fieldhouse.
317.846.6601

IHSAA Girl's State Basketball Finals

The top girl's high school basketball teams in Indiana contend for four class titles. Conseco Fieldhouse.
317.846.6601

National Concert Band Festival

Enjoy three days of performances by the country's best high school concert bands. Clowes Memorial Hall.
317.636.2263

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

First and second rounds of men's college basketball. RCA Dome.
317.917.6222

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Large Irish parade featuring step dancers, bagpipes and bands. Downtown. Mar-Apr.
317.237.2222

April

Earth Day

Indiana's largest environmental event includes music, food, speakers, and exhibits. American Legion Mall and Veteran's Memorial Plaza.
317.767.3672

Hoosier Horse Fair

This annual show features exhibits and activities with horse lovers in mind. Indiana State Fairgrounds.
317.692.7115

NCAA Women's Final Four

The top four women's teams in the country contend for the top spot and the trophy that comes with it. RCA Dome.
317.917.6222

Taste of Indianapolis

Indy's top restaurants gather to provide samples while proceeds go to local charities. This used to be in Glendale Mall.
317.237.9288

May

Broad Ripple Art Fair

Artists display and sell their work on the grounds of the Indianapolis Art Center.
317.255.2464

Indianapolis 500

The greatest spectacle in racing located at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Over 400,000 fans in attendance.
317.481.8500

Indianapolis 500 Festival Memorial Service

Indiana's largest memorial service. Honors those who gave their lives in service to the United States. Monument Circle.
317.614.6127

Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade

Elaborate downtown parade with bands, floats and Indy car drivers.
317.638.4296

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Indianapolis Life 500 Festival Mini-Marathon

The nation's largest half-marathon is followed by a rest party in Military Park and usually sells out long before the first of the year.
317.614.6464

June

Eiteljorg Museum Indian Market

Over 180 artists representing more than 50 tribes will participate in this festival. Native American pottery, jewelry, sculptures, paintings and clothing.
317.636.9378

Grand Prix - United States

U.S. host of the international Formula One Race. Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Held previously in June, and there is controversy whether or not it will return to Indy (stay tuned).
317.481.8500

Indiana Avenue Jazz Festival

Local and national jazz performances on Indiana Avenue at the Madame Walker Theater Center.
317.236.2099

Indy Jazz Fest

Local, national and international artists perform jazz, blues, zydeco, rock, gospel, funk and more. Military park and IUPUI Library lawn.
317.940.9944

Italian Street Festival

An Italian feast and festive dancing. Traditional Italian religious procession is held. Holy Rosary Church. 520 Stevens Street.
317.636.4478

Juneteenth

Celebration marking the end of slavery. The event includes African-American games, historical skits, African art, food and other activities. The Children's Museum of Indianapolis.
317.924.5431

Middle Eastern Festival of Indianapolis

Two-day celebration featuring a silent auction, music, children's games, dancing, cultural displays and market. St. George Orthodox Christian Church. 4020 N. Sherman Drive.
317.547.9356

Midsummer Fest

Indiana's largest contemporary musical festival with jazz, rock, reggae, blues and country music. Monument Circle.
317.637.4574

Strawberry Festival

Homemade shortcakes, vanilla ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream, oh my! A 30-year tradition on Monument Circle. Proceeds support local, national and international charities.
317.636.4577

Talbot Street Art Fair

Indiana's oldest art fair. Artists display and sell their work in a three-block area. North Talbot Street between 16th and 19th Streets.
317.927.9823

The Wicket World of Croquet

Enjoy a game of croquet at this fundraiser event for the Harrison home's education and restoration projects. Held at the home of former President Benjamin Harrison.
317.631.1888

Tour De Cure

More than 500 bicyclists race around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway at this fund-raiser for the American Diabetes Association.
317.352.9226

Vintage Indiana Wine and Food Festival

Award-winning wine, food, art booths, live entertainment and demonstrations. Military Park.
800.832.9463

White River Folk Festival

This interactive music festival includes workshops, art, dancing and various folk artists. Conner Prairie.
317.776.6000

Zoobilation

Black-tie event at the Indianapolis Zoo. More than 60 food establishments and several local bands.
317.630.2026

July

4th Fest

Musical entertainment, picnics and fireworks on the World War Plaza downtown.
317.633.6363

Black Expo

Celebrates African-American culture and heritage, supports youth and economic development programs. Indiana Convention Center and RCA Dome.
317.925.2702

CircleFest

Downtown, family-oriented festival with food, children's activities and entertainment. Local bands perform.
317.237.2222

Fourth of July Ice Cream Social

Old-fashioned ice cream social includes outdoor games and a tour of the historic Harrison mansion. Held at the President Benjamin Harrison Home.

317.631.1888

Glorious Fourth

Barn dances, ice cream making, games, storytelling and live period music entertainment. Conner Prairie.

317.776.6000

RCA Tennis Championships

Featuring some of the best tennis players in the world as well as fine dining, shopping, and state-of-the art product display.

317.632.4100

Capital City Ford Indianapolis Air Show

Annual air show features aerial demonstrations with planes from various eras. Mt. Comfort Airport. July/August.

317.335.3371

August

Indiana State Fair

Features agricultural show, marching bands, balloon race, harness racing, country music concerts, a rodeo, awesome food, and more.

317.927.7500

Indy Fringe Festival

Live outdoor and indoor theatre in and around downtown Indy - Mass Avenue - and you can participate too in their year round Fringe Fridays program.

317.822.4386

The Brickyard 400

400 miles of NASCAR competition feature the biggest names in stock-car racing. Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
317.481.8500

Forester's FestivAle

Sponsored by the Cystic Fibrosis foundation, FestivAle has samples of beers from different local breweries and food from restaurants. Proceeds go to benefit CFF.
317.202.9210

Meijer Skyconcert

Spectacular fireworks show set to classical music and patriotic favorites simulcast on Mix 97.1 FM and Channel 13 WTHR. White River State Park. August/September.
317.266.9700

Oktoberfest

German celebration with music, beer, food and dance. Held at German Park. 8602 S. Meridian Street. August/September.
317.888.6940

Rib America Festival

Features award-winning barbecue and entertainment. Murat Theatre grounds. August/September.
317.249.2710

September

Fiesta

Latin American event includes arts and crafts, food, performances, soccer games and a Fiesta street dance. Veterans Memorial Plaza and American Legion Mall.
317.767.5312

Greek Festival

Greek cuisine, folk dancing by parish school children, authentic crafts and traditional folk music. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. 4011 N. Pennsylvania.
317.283.3816

Hoosier Storytelling Festival

Festival of fairy tales, folk tales, literary and personal stories in Opti Park near the Indianapolis Art Center.
317.255.7628

Indy Irish Fest

Ethnic celebration with food, dancing, cultural activities and an Irish Market. Military Park.
317.713.7117

Massachusetts Avenue Fall Festival

Features music, crafts, arts and food. Surrounded by historic neighborhoods.
317.637.8996

National Hot Rod Association MAC Tools U.S. Nationals

The oldest drag-racing event in the NHRA's Powerade Drag Racing Series. Indianapolis Raceway Park.
317.291.4090

Old Southside Fall Festival

Rides, food, bingo, gambling, children's activities and more. Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
317.638.5551

Penrod Arts Fair

Indiana's largest art fair on the grounds of the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Hundreds of regional artists. Music and dance performances throughout the day. Wide variety of food vendors.
317.252.9895

Western Festival and Chili Cookoff

Arts, crafts and culture from the American West combined with a chili cookoff. Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art.
317.636.9378

October

Coca-Cola Circle City Classic

Two historically predominantly black college football teams compete. Many events surrounding the game. RCA Dome and other downtown locations.
317.237.5222

Headless Horseman

This Halloween tradition offers square dancing, storytelling and other children's activities. The hayride includes special appearances by the headless horseman. Conner Prairie.
317.776.6000

Heartland Film Festival/Heartland Truly Moving Pictures

Recognizes filmmakers who produce family-oriented, life-affirming films. Also presents film screenings and workshops.
317.464.9405

Indianapolis Marathon

This event includes Indy's only full marathon-length road race, a four-person marathon relay, and a children's marathon. Proceeds go to various charities.
317.826.1670

The Historic Irvington Halloween Festival

The event offers arts and crafts, stage performances, music, children's activities and a costume parade.
317.356.3375

Cystic Fibrosis Guys & Dolls Auction

This is one of CFF's largest charity fundraisers in central Indiana. The gala is a black tie event with a bachelor & bachelorette auction of date packages. The auction and CFF also have a year round fundraising campaign with social activities. October/November.

317.202.9210

November

Annual Spirit and Place Festival

This is a 15-day exploration of the arts, humanity, religion and community. Various locations throughout central Indiana. November. We know of no other cities that have this awesome festival, so check it out!

317.274.2455

Bands of America Grand National

Over 90 high school marching bands from around the country compete for top honors. This event is accompanied by a workshop and an expo. Indiana Convention Center and the RCA Dome.

317.636.2263

Christmas Gift and Hobby Show

Enjoy holiday entertainment and over 300 vendors at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

317.576.9933

Circle of Lights

Soldiers and Sailors Monument decorated with thousands of tiny lights. This 30-year-old Hoosier tradition takes place the day after Thanksgiving.

317.237.2222

Follow the North Star

This interactive role-playing program gives insight into the experience of escaping slaves before and during the Civil War. Conner Prairie.

317.776.6000

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International Festival

Celebrates over 40 cultures from around the world. Booths, performers and international food in the Exposition Hall at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

317.236.6515 x 106

December

Christmas in the Village

Festive, family-oriented event in downtown Zionsville. Carriage rides, caroling and other attractions.

317.873.3836

Kroger Christmas at the Zoo

Winter wonderland at the Indianapolis Zoo. Begins the day after Thanksgiving through the end of December.

317.630.2001

Fun on the Internet

Ok, we admit it - this category really has nothing to do with Indianapolis. But if you are having a bad day, check one of these sites out and it may just give you a giggle or make things a little lighter/easier.

Angry Little Girls

<http://www.angrylittlegirls.com/>

From the comic strip writer on the Angry Little Asian Girl. If your girlfriends are having a bad day - you can send them a postcard from this site for free.

Box.net

<http://www.box.net>

This site isn't sexy, but it's useful. You can store up to 1 GB of information online and access it anywhere for free.

Cool People Care

<http://www.coolpeoplecare.org>

Whatever amount of time you have, you can help the world with info on this site.

Cute Overload

<http://www.cuteoverload.com>

The quintessential site for cuteness on the internet.

The Daily Candy

<http://www.dailycandy.com>

Good site for finding out new stuff in major metropolitan cities happening - but we wonder: when will there be an Indy version?

The Onion (over 18 only)

<http://www.theonion.com>

“The Onion is a national publication and website that offers award-winning news and views that readers can’t get anywhere else. Every week, our attention-grabbing headlines and renowned photojournalism paint a picture of the world that informs.”

YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com>

The online video hosting site phenomenon that started it all. Free to post videos and share them online.

Woot

<http://www.woot.com>

Sells one overstocked electronic or techy item per day. Also has a podcast.

Going Green in Indy

It is not always easy being green, including when in Indianapolis. The recycling process can be nil in some locations, to downright expensive in others; but like the city itself, it is getting better. If you live inside the city of Indianapolis, there are two general sites worth checking out. First is the **Department of Public Works (DPW)** - <http://www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DPW/Residential/Recycling/FAQ's.htm>. This site discusses the curbside recycling program.

The second general site to check out is **Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's Recycling Program** site: <http://www.kibi.org/recycle/index.htm>. Or, the same site has the recycling programs listed by product to be recycled: http://www.kibi.org/recycle/recycling_reuse_options.htm. If you live outside Marion County, the recycling programs become a little trickier. Contact your county's DPW to see what they recycle and where they recycle it.

Finally, if you are passionate about finding solutions to Indiana's environmental issues, check out **The Hoosier Environmental Council** (www.hecweb.org). This organization, "Addresses Indiana's major environmental challenges through education and advocacy." You can give back your time through volunteerism, or you can attend their educational events.

If you are trying to do the right thing and go green while saving your own green, here are some suggestions to move in the right direction

above and beyond what are listed in the two general sites we shared above:

Five Ways to Go Green in Indy:

1. **Read IndianaLivingGreen.com.** You can check to see where the hard copy edition can be picked up for free, or purchase a subscription.
2. **Check out the Recycling Coalition** - indianarecycling.org.
3. **Donate to the School paper recycling program** - find your nearby school and look for the green recycle bins - you can help out by dumping your paper in the recycle bins AND the schools get the proceeds for recycling. Some of the Marion county libraries have them too. (If they could only get some glass, plastic and metal recycling bins right along side the paper box, we'd be set!)
4. **Save your pop tabs** - Ronald McDonald House every year in Indy collects their pop tabs as one of their largest annual fundraisers. If you want to get pop tab saving going on at your space, logon to: <http://www.rmhc.org/giving/ways-to-help#soda>.
5. **When all else fails - hit the former O'Malia's/new Marsh Marketplace downtown** - yes, the former O'Malia's in downtown Indy (at the intersection of New Jersey and New York streets or 320 N. New Jersey) has the mother of all recycling bins. You can store it all up and chuck it in their monster bin - glass, paper, plastic, and aluminum. (Again, not sure why these aren't all over the 10 county area, but it's an excuse to get downtown every once in awhile...) Keep Indianapolis Beautiful

also has a list of other recycling centers here: http://www.kibi.org/recycle/indy_recycles_locations.htm.

Image

What does your brand look like? Feel like? If you need some help on everything from a business card all the way through to a printer, here are some graphic arts professionals and printers in town that might be able to help you brand you or your businesses and get you to look like a million bucks:

Buckaroo Technology Group, Inc.

www.buckarootechology.com

7987 Woford Ct Ste 200

Fishers, IN 46038-1251

317.845.0830

info@buckarootechology.com

Services include: creative, email marketing, web, database development, and communication management.

Cassis

www.cassisdesign.com

118 E. 49th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46205

317.924.9006

Cassis, “offer[s] creative services including brand strategy, graphic design, web & interactive design, video production and public relations.”

Funnel : Eric Kass : Utilitarian + Commercial + Fine : Art

<http://www.funnel.tv/>

317.590.5355

Eric Kass provides evocative, award-winning brand development, creative direction, graphic design and original artwork fit for a wide

range of patrons from start-ups to in-house to agencies around the globe. People have worked with Eric from New York, Asia, and Europe...yet he's right here in Carmel, IN.

Harris Printing

www.harrisprinting.net

317.403.6260

harrisprinting@yahoo.com

Harris Printing is a certified MBE with the city and state, and does commercial offset printing.

Integrity Document Solutions

<http://integritydocumentsolutions.com/>

317.845.9382

intgds@aol.com

Certified woman owned enterprise with work in communication printing and document management solutions for business.

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Leadership Training

What is leadership? Can it be taught?

Edwin Friedman said, “Leadership can be thought of as a capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future.” So, Mr. Friedman is suggesting that leaders are people with vision and inspired to actually implement great ideas. We need more people with vision for the future, and any city that teaches people how to lead is a city that is headed somewhere better.

Indy has a handful of strong leadership and mentoring programs. The list is below. Costs for training programs vary from free to several thousand dollars. Check with your employer to see if they will assist with tuition (and if they are on the fence about helping pay for your education, feel free to share Mr. Friedman’s quote with them). Your company’s investment in you is an investment in a better future for the company and for Indianapolis.

Central Indiana Women’s Fund OPTIONS Program - “OPTIONS enables women to explore philanthropic opportunities and discover the ones that match well with their interests, objectives and values. At the same time, it allows them to connect with other central Indiana women who have both contributed to and benefited from charitable organizations. Participants also network with Women’s Fund Advisory Board members who have already established themselves as involved citizens.”

Any woman 25-45 years old (as of January 1, 2008) and who is passionate about the challenges facing women and girls in our community can participate in this program. For details on how to apply and FAQs, logon to: <http://www.cicf.org/page26627.cfm>.

Diversity Leadership Academy of Greater Indianapolis - “DLAGI is for leaders - those who are able to affect major change within their organizations and cascade the knowledge of diversity management are primary candidates. We welcome leaders from a cross-section of the community - business, civic, nonprofit, government, education, religious, and others to apply. Class participants are chosen through an application process.” The application and information on this program are included on this page: http://dlagi.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=PNM_Content&file=index&sw=pg&eid=1.

Governor Bob Orr Indiana Entrepreneurial Fellowship - “The Governor Bob Orr Indiana Entrepreneurial Fellowship works to retain and inspire Indiana’s brightest minds. It serves as an applied training vehicle for the State’s future entrepreneurs and organizational leaders.” This is a great program for college grads. Logon to: www.orrfellowship.org for details.

Hamilton County Leadership Academy - This organization works to, “inspire leadership and community involvement in Hamilton County.” The selection process begins for selecting future graduates is July 1st. For details and the application process, logon to: www.hcla.net/learn.

Hazelett Women in Leadership Forum - The Tobias Center for Leadership Excellence hosts next France Cordova, President of Purdue University in a reception and lecture (free to the public) On Wed, March 19, 2008. However, this forum has lectures throughout the year from prominent community leaders - for info, logon to: www.tobiascenter.iu.edu.

Healthcare Business Women’s Association, Indiana Chapter Mentoring Program - If you working in the life sciences, mentoring is a great way to hone and develop your leadership skills. The 2007 mentoring pilot program is already underway, but the next class is

starting to form...if you are interested in learning more, logon to www.hbanet.org, click on chapters, then Indiana to get the details.

Indiana Leadership Forum - “In 1993, the Indiana Republican Party saw a need to train the next generation of leaders. It was with this goal in mind that the Indiana Leadership Forum was formed. In the 14 years since, over 285 new leaders across the state of Indiana have participated in the ILF and are using their talents to better the Party and their communities. Our graduates have gone on to serve as elected officials, work in the background of political campaigns, and accept governmental appointments. They are teachers, doctors, attorneys, and businesspeople: men and women with a desire to become more involved.”

The 2008 class has been selected for the ILF program, but if you are interested in applying for a class, watch their website at: www.indianaleadershipforum.com.

Lacy Leadership Association - The Lacy Leadership Association (LLA) develops, engages and mobilizes current and future leaders to encourage philanthropic involvement that helps our community thrive.

Not only is LLA the host of the Get on Board event (in the past held in the fall), but also this organization provides a plethora of leadership learning opportunities throughout the year, such as the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program, Opportunity Indianapolis (OI) and the Stanley K. Lacy (SKL) Executive Leadership Series, which is a prestigious program that has been ongoing in Indianapolis for over 30 years. To learn more about these programs, logon to their website at: www.lacyleadership.org. For the SKL program application process, the information is found at the Greater Indianapolis Chamber website, www.indychamber.com/skl.asp.

Leadership Ventures - This not-for-profit organization provides training, facilitation, and consulting for people and not for profits that want to sharpen their skills in not-for-profit work. The organization provides another great program called Indy ONboard, which helps match people to serve on boards for not-for-profits. Finally, Leadership Ventures provides follow up training for attendees of the Lacy Leadership Get

on Board event. To learn more about their programs, logon to: www.leadershipventures.org.

Peace Learning Center - "Peace Learning Center (PLC) offers a variety of personal and professional development programs focused on improving communication, productivity and passion within organizations. These programs include board and staff retreats, personal and professional renewals, trust-building and communication skills workshops." Logon to www.peacelearningcenter.org for more details.

The Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series - The mission of this series is, "To increase the number and influence of Hoosier Republican women in elected and appointed governmental and political positions at the local, state and federal levels." The application process for this program is involved, but from what those have gone through it have shared, it is very well worth the investment. Logon to www.lugarseries.org for information, and www.lugarseries.org/application.pdf has application information.

United Way of Central Indiana Leadership United Program - "Leadership United is United Way of Central Indiana's comprehensive community leadership and board development program. Leadership United programs utilize a combination of classes and practical experiences to help participants develop their leadership skills, increase their knowledge of the community, and acquire the skills necessary to be successful community leaders."

They provide 4 different leadership series based upon individual needs - the Ardath Burkhart Governance and Management Series (for current board members), the Women's Leadership Series, the Leadership Training and Development for Diversity Series, and the Generation Now Series, which targets emerging leaders under the age of 35 who want to learn more about central Indiana and the not for profit community. For application deadlines and program outlines, go to: <http://www.uwci.org/index.asp?p=81>.

Life Sciences

Indiana is big on life sciences. There is even a Life Sciences initiative in the state (you can read about it here: <http://lifesciences.iu.edu/> or for a nice, basic tour of biopharmaceutical info, you can logon here: <http://bioworksui.com/>.) If you are a young, budding and/or new healthcare professional, below are some ideas on where to begin getting connected to the Indy medical, life science, and health scenes:

General Healthcare & Life Science Organizations

Association for Women in Science - Indianapolis Chapter

<http://sos.science.iupui.edu/awis/>

The monthly meetings for this group have been held on the campus of IUPUI at Au Bon Pain Cafe - 901 Indiana Avenue, the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

BioCrossroads

300 N. Meridian St. Suite 950

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317.238.2450

www.biocrossroads.com

The mission of BioCrossroads is to, “be a catalyst for the continued growth of Indiana’s robust life sciences industry.” They also have a calendar of life science educational opportunities throughout the state, and host seminars every year around the life sciences.

RepuCare

Your Healthcare Partner

Executive Women in HealthCare

317-733-2380

www.ewhc.org/

Mission: "To create an integrative force among women leaders in health care, which inspires exchange of knowledge, new relationships, personal and professional growth, and community involvement." Also, this group holds an annual awards banquet at the end of the year.

Healthcare Businesswomen's Association - Indiana Chapter

<http://www.hbanet.org/group.aspx?arctype=c&arcid=1003>

The Healthcare Businesswomen's Association is an international not-for-profit organization consisting of several chapters, one of which is in Indiana. Currently, the organization has over 120 members and hosts several educational programs throughout central Indiana. Members are also invited to attend other chapters' events and national HBA events, including the prestigious annual Woman of the Year Award.

Indiana Health Industry Forum

www.ihif.org

Their mission is to, "create an environment where Indiana is a premier location for the creation and growth of health industry enterprises." They too host educational meetings and also have a stellar directory of life science companies in Indiana online at their website. They also have links to other organizations, such as the Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network (IBEN), and larger global organizations like the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO).

Barnes & Thornburg Life Science Lunch Series

11 South Meridian Street

5th Floor Conference Center

Indianapolis, IN

<http://www.btlaw.com/SubSection.asp?SubSection=Events&Section=News+%26+Events>

317.231.7356

Every third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 am -1:00 pm B&T and IHIF host a free seminar series covering various topics on life sciences and how they impact Indiana. Experts are brought in and the program

is videoconferenced across Indiana. If you would like to get on their listserv for meeting notifications, check out the website.

For Physicians

If you are fresh out of residency, fellowship, or new to town, check out the following groups/societies to see how you can get connected to Indy.

Indiana Academy of Family Physicians

55 Monument Circle, Suite 400,

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317.237.4237

www.in-afp.org

IAFP provides advocacy and professional development for physicians as well as student and resident physicians in the state of Indiana. Now over 2400 members strong, the site also has a fellowship directory for family practice.

Indiana State Medical Association

322 Canal Walk

Indianapolis, IN 46202

317.261.2060

800.257.4762

www.ismanet.org

This organization does a lot for the doctors of Indiana, but it has a young physicians society and specialty societies within it.

Indianapolis Medical Society

631 E New York St

Indianapolis, IN 46202

317.639.3406

www.imsonline.org

This site has a nice directory search for physicians by specialty, and was established way back in 1848. If you'd like to join as a physician or as a spouse of a physician, call them or email them at: ims@imsonline.org.

For Pharmacists

With the advent of a few massive pharmacy employers coming to town along with several different practice opportunities in pharmacy available in Indianapolis (hospital, clinical, academia, industry, community practice and managed care) it is a great place to be a pharmacist. Below are some organizations that you can connect to as a pharmacy technician or pharmacist.

Central Indiana Association of Pharmacists (CIAP)

www.ciaprx.org

An organization founded in Indianapolis in 1892, this organization not only provides regular meetings and educational events, but it also provides scholarships to pharmacy students.

Community Pharmacies of Indiana (CPI)

<http://www.cpi-ind.com/>

From their website: “One of CPI’s main goals as an organization is to promote pharmacy as a profession and the role of the community retail pharmacy in the American concept of free enterprise by maintaining freedom of choice of pharmacy to all citizens of the state.”

Indiana College of Clinical Pharmacy (INCCP)

<http://members.tripod.com/INCCP/>

This group, an extension/chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) meets on a regular basis for dinner and educational events.

Indiana Pharmacists Alliance (IPA)

www.indianapharmacists.org

729 North Pennsylvania Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317.634.4968

webmaster@indianapharmacists.org

With a mission of, “serving its members to improve the health of Indiana residents by enhancing the profession of pharmacy” the IPA is the largest organization for pharmacists in the state of Indiana. The

organization also holds continuing professional development courses and live events. In their quarterly publication, they also cover articles from other organizations within the IPA - Indiana Academy of Community Pharmacists (IACP), Indiana Academy of Long-Term Care Pharmacists (IALTCP), Indiana Academy of Pharmacy Technicians (IAPT), and ISHP, the Indiana Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

For Nurses

There are probably too many to list here, but a great starting page is here: http://www.nursing2000inc.org/nursing_organizations.html. Although this page lists national organizations, there are some local organizations listed as well, including the **Indiana State Nurses Association** (www.indiananurses.org), the **Indiana League for Nursing**, the **Indiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists** (www.inana.org), the **Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis**, and the **Indiana Nursing Workforce Development Coalition** (www.indiananursingworkforce.org).

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Local Bands

Try the following sites for local band info: **Indybands.com:** http://www.indybands.com/ab_main.php, **Indianapolis.com:** <http://www.indianapolis.com/nightlife/localbands.html> or **Nuvo.net:** <http://www.nuvo.net/music/>. **Indianapolis Music.net** (<http://indianapolismusic.net/index.php>) has music weekly picks. **Indy In Tune:** <http://www.indypodcasters.com/indyintune/> has a podcast on live band action in Indy. David Lindquist at the *Indy Star* usually follows the music scene.

Best venues to see live music include: **Birdy's, The Vogue, The Murat, Verizon Wireless Music Center**, Noblesville (summer only), and **The Jazz Kitchen**.

The best place to buy music (other than iTunes, of course) is **Luna Music**, where they still even have vinyl (and we hope everyone reading this book remembers vinyl records...):

LUNA music midtown
5202 North College Avenue
Indianapolis Indiana 46220
317.283.5862
weloveyou@lunamusic.net

LUNA music downtown
431 Massachusetts Avenue
Indianapolis Indiana 46204
317.917.5862
weloveyou@lunamusic.net

Malls & Outlet Malls

Interesting side note that the Simon mall empire is headquartered right here in Indianapolis.

Malls

Castleton Square Mall

6020 E 82nd Street, Indianapolis, IN

www.simon.com

317.849.9993

Circle Center Mall

49 W Maryland Street, Indianapolis, IN

www.simon.com

317.681.8000

Clay Terrace

14300 Clay Terrace Blvd, Carmel, IN

www.simon.com

317.566.0011

The Fashion Mall at Keystone

8702 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis, IN

www.simon.com

317.574.4000

Glendale Mall

6101 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN

www.shopglendalemall.com

317.251.9281

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Greenwood Park Mall

1251 U.S. 31 N, Greenwood, IN

www.simon.com

317.881.6758

Lafayette Square Mall

3919 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis, IN

www.simon.com

317.291.6390

Washington Square Mall

10202 E Washington St, Indianapolis, IN

www.simon.com

317.899.4567

Outlet Malls

There are no outlet malls in Indianapolis proper; however, there are a few only an hour or two away from Indy for the die-hard bargain shoppers, and listed below:

Edinburgh Premium Outlets

11622 N.E. Executive Drive, Edinburgh, IN 46124

812.526.9764

<http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=51>

The closest outlet mall to Indy, Edinburgh recently added on to it's already large number of retail stores. They also open early for black Friday at midnight on Thanksgiving (and the place is packed).

Indiana Factory Shops

9401 S. Factory Shops Blvd., Daleville, IN

www.horizongroup.com

765.378.1300

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Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets

601 Wabash Street, Michigan City, IN 46360

219.879.6506

<http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=18>

This outlet mall is closer to Chicago than Indy, but has outlets no other place in Indiana has - such as Ecco shoes, Burberry, Dana Buchman, and Yankee Candle.

Seymour Outlet Center

I-65 at exit 50-A at Hwy. 50 East

Seymour, IN

Info here: http://www.outletbound.com/cgi-bin/enh_center.cgi?geocity=7T86PGRS&state_cd=IN

This once Tanger Outlet mall is 45 minutes north of Louisville and 1 hour south of Indianapolis.

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Media & News

Print

atFishers, atGeist and atLawrence.com

<http://geistblogs.com/fishers/>

Online and hardcopy monthly newsletter on local events and business happenings in Fishers, Geist and Lawrence.

Bloom Magazine

<http://www.magbloom.com/>

A lovely little gem of a magazine on all things related to lifestyle and culture in Bloomington, IN for free locally in Bloomington and published bi-monthly. You can also order a subscription to be delivered right to your door.

Branches Magazine

<http://www.branches.com/>

One of Indy's best kept secrets, *Branches* covers a lot of really cool holistic and spiritual events in and around Indy. They also have a listing of free classes and events around Indy, and publish every other month. It is free to pick up, but you can also subscribe and have it delivered to your door for \$20 a year.

Broad Ripple Gazette

www.broadripplegazette.com

Published bi-weekly, this paper covers everything in and around Broad Ripple. Subscriptions can be purchased, or you can pick one up at any of their sites listed online for free.

Carmel Magazine

<http://blogs.indystar.com/carmelmag/index.php>

Bimonthly publication of the *Indianapolis Star* about the faces & places in Carmel, IN.

Fishers/Geist Magazine

<http://blogs.indystar.com/fishersgeist/index.php>

Bimonthly publication of the *Indianapolis Star* about people & places in Fishers & Geist.

High School Sports

<http://www.hsstm.com/>

High school sports in Indiana covered. You can pick up a copy of the magazine at Blockbuster stores.

Indiana Business Magazine

<http://www.indianabusiness.com/>

Third oldest business magazine in the state of Indiana. Also has a great annual golf guide.

Indiana Herald

<http://home.earthlink.net/~herald1/>

2170 North Illinois Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202

317.923.8291

African American and multi-ethnic newspaper for Indiana.

Indiana Minority Business Magazine

<http://www.imbmonline.com/home.php>

Indiana magazine covering Indiana business with sections on lifestyle, diversity, education, entertainment, politics, technology, health, and careers.

Indiana Lawyer

<http://www.theindianalawyer.com/>

Paper that covers all things legal in Indiana.

Indiana Living Green Magazine

<http://www.indianalivinggreen.com/>

New publication on how to live green in Indiana - we love it! You can find it free at outlets listed on their website, but can also subscribe for a year under twenty bucks.

Indiana Jewish Post & Opinion

<http://www.jewishpostopinion.com/>

Jewish newspaper and website for the Indiana Jewish community.

Indianapolis Business Journal

<http://www.ibj.com>

Indiana Business publication - published weekly. Also publishes the *Book of Lists* annually. The **Indianapolis Business Journal 2008 Book of Lists** is great if you need a basic guide to the business side of Indianapolis, this is THE book (or magazine, technically) to purchase. At first glance, the \$35 price tag for a magazine may seem a little steep, but it is well worth the money. It includes lists on the largest for profit businesses in the Indy area, as well as not for profits, organizations, and can also provide basic demographic information on several industries in the area – such as IT, real estate, media, professional services, travel, and healthcare. The usual book outlets have the publication year round – and it will be in the magazine business section if you are looking for it.

Indianapolis Dine Magazine

www.indianapolisdine.com/

Good publication on where and what to eat in Indiana.

Indianapolis Monthly

www.indianapolismonthly.com

This glossy glamtastic magazine is published monthly and gives the low down on new restaurants, good feature stories on the faces of Indianapolis, and trendspotting. Also, the publisher hosts occasional live events to complement some of their features.

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Indianapolis ORG

www.orgmag.com (coming soon!)

One of Indy's newest publications on not for profit work in Indianapolis. Awesome publication if you want to learn more about how to get involved in not for profit work. Pick up a copy at local not for profits or check the new website coming soon.

Indianapolis Recorder

<http://indianapolisrecorder.com>

Started in 1895, this then church bulletin has turned into one of the most prominent black newspaper publications in the country.

Indianapolis Star

<http://www.indystar.com>

The local daily paper. Also prints the Sunday Star early on Saturday afternoon. Also publishes the free InTake/Indy.com weekly magazine available at the red InTake newsstands all over the city.

Indianapolis Woman

<http://www.indianapoliswoman.com/>

"Our mission at Weiss Communications has always been to educate, inspire, and to motivate the readers of our publications in a proactive way." Monthly publication, free at outlets (Marsh and Kroger among others), and a home delivery option for a fee.

Indy Men's Magazine

<http://www.indymensmagazine.com/index.asp>

Although the magazine is now defunct, the website is still live, and frankly, we are a little sad that it's gone. Faves were 'spot the fake ad' in every edition and 'what this woman wants' - and next time around, add in a 'what this man wants' section too!

Indy Sports Men's Magazine

Magazine is available in print at newsstands.

Indy's Child

<http://www.indyschild.com/1homebody.lasso>

Parenting guide for Indy parents - can pick it up at library and other outlets.

InTake/Indy.com

www.indy.com

The weekly free *Indianapolis Star* publication for the younger crowd.

The Noblesville Ledger

<http://www.thenoblesvilleledger.com/>

Local newspaper for Noblesville, Cicero and northern Hamilton County.

Nuvo

<http://www.nuvo.net>

Free weekly publication put out by an independent publisher. We dig Steve Hammer, who keeps us all thinking and in check.

Outdoor Indiana

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/oi/archive/2007/11/>

Magazine published every other month. Shockingly covers everything... outdoor...in Indiana.

Perfect Wedding Guide

<http://www.perfectweddingguide.com/Indianapolis/weddings.asp>

Guide to all things needed for a wedding, and a great little free guide for ideas on venues and info for parties. Usually, they also sponsor a wedding expo at the fairgrounds in Indy in January.

Topics.com

<http://www.topics.com/>

Local free newspapers covering north side communities Carmel, Fishers, Geist, Lawrence, Northern Marion County.

Urban Times

<http://www.brookspublications.com/>

Paper every other month that serves the Mass Avenue Art & Theatre District and covers historic downtown neighborhoods.

Worshipping Warriors Magazine

www.worshippingwarriorsmagazine.org

Touching lives through the arts, WWM is a bi-monthly publication to help you live your best life.

Zionsville Times Sentinel

www.timessentinel.com

Zionsville local paper.

Television

WCLJ 42

<http://www.tbn.org/intro.htm>

WFYI 20 - PBS

<http://www.wfyi.org>

WHMB 40

<http://www.whmbtv.com/>

WIPX 63

<http://www.ionline.tv/contact/>

WISH 8 - CBS

<http://www.wishtv.com/>

WNDI 65

<http://www.imc.tv/home.asp>

WNDY 23

<http://www.wndy.com/>

WRTV 6 - ABC

<http://www.theindychannel.com>

(By the way, Todd & Trisha - we heart the 5, 6, and 7 pm news!)

WTHR 13 - NBC
<http://www.wthr.com>

WTTV 4 – WB
<http://wb4.trb.com/>

WXIN 59 - Fox
<http://fox59.trb.com/>

There are not very many shows that cover central Indiana and what is happening beyond the usual news programs, with the exception of a few programs focusing on Indiana:

Across Indiana

PBS

<http://www.wfyi.org/acrossIndiana.asp>

Show that shares everything Indiana that you probably never knew.

Focus on Central Indiana

FOX 59

<http://fox59.trb.com/>

Community focused show on central Indiana on Sunday mornings on Fox.

Indiana Lawmakers

PBS

<http://www.wfyi.org>

Show regarding legislative issues on Indiana.

Inside Indiana Business with Gerry Dick

Various times & stations

www.insideindianabusiness.com

Weekly show with updates on Indiana and Indianapolis business. Also has show online on demand.

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Radio Listings

Indy Links

<http://www.indylinks.com/News-Media/Radio/index.html>

List of all local radio stations.

On the Radio

http://www.ontheradio.net/metro/Indianapolis_IN.aspx

List of local radio stations.

Our favorite old school radio channels include:

National Public Radio

90.1 FM

www.npr.org

The Diamond

88.7 FM

<http://wicr.uindy.edu/home.htm>

Jazz & Classical music.

WIBC

93.1 FM

www.wibc.com

News, talk, and weather in Indy.

WTTS

92.3 FM, Bloomington

<http://wttsfm.com/>

Alternative rock.

Podcasts

Indianapolis Business Journal

<http://www.ibj.com>

Weekly podcast on business developments in Indianapolis and surrounding areas iTunes

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Missed Connections

If you didn't get up the nerve to get the girl's number or you didn't talk to the guy with the great smile, you can check out these methods to reconnect with those in the universe here:

Craig's List Indy Missed Connections

<http://indianapolis.craigslist.org/mis/>

Craig's List has an online forum for 'missed connections' in major cities.

Nuvo's Encounters (print and web)

<http://www.nuvo.net>

Nuvo Weekly prints 'Encounters' in its weekly print magazine in the personals section.

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Movie Theatres

If we only could have one theatre open in Indy, it would have to be **Keystone Arts Cinema**, because they host all the wacky indie movies you just can't see anywhere else. **IMAX** is also a great one for the BIG picture. Also, in the summertime, the **Indy City Market** has a summer movie series and the **Indianapolis Museum of Art** has an outdoor summer movie series. Here is a list of the theatres.

Clearwater Crossing 12 – AMC

4016 E. 82nd Street, Indy

www.amctheaters.com

317.595.6234

Glendale Mall – Kerasotes

6101 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis

www.kerasotes.com

317.475.0899

Greenbriar Cinema Grill

1289 W. 86th Street, Indy

www.cinmagrillonline.com

317.254.1995

Greenwood Corners

1848 East Stop 13 & US 31, Indianapolis

www.cinemark.com

317.882.0202

IMAX Theater

650 W. Washington Street, Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis
www.imax.com/indy
317.233.4845

Keystone Arts Cinema

8702 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis
<http://www.landmarktheatres.com/Market/Indianapolis/KeystoneArtCinemaB.htm>
317.579.3009

Regal Shiloh Crossing Cinema 18

10400 East U.S. 36
www.regalcinemas.com
317.273.8780

ShowPlace 16 – Kerasotes

4325 S. Meridian Street
www.kerasotes.com
317.784.1367

Sony Cherry Tree

9529 E. Washington Street
www.enjoytheshow.com
317.592.9771

Sony College Park

3535 W. 86th Street
www.enjoytheshow.com
317.592.9770

Washington Market

10455 E. Washington Street, Indy
www.cinemark.com
317.898.1990

United Artists Circle Center 9

49 W. Maryland Street, Indy

www.uatc.com

317.237.6490

United Artists Galaxy Stadium 14

8105 E. 96th Avenue, Indianapolis

www.uatc.com

317.570.5970

United Artists Regal Village Park 17

2222 E. 146th Street, Carmel

www.uatc.com

317.843.1681

United Artists Eagle Highlands 10

4015 Shore Drive, Indianapolis

www.uatc.com

317.298.2091

Moving to Indy/New to the City

If you are checking this book out because you are moving to Indy - welcome! We are glad you decided to join a great city. If you are looking to move into downtown Indy, there is a great resource that you should definitely check out: the book, *Living in Downtown Indy* by Norm Crampton. Although it is officially out of print (the copyright is 2004 on the copy we picked up) you should still be able to check a copy out at the Indianapolis public library, or find a one at Half Priced Books and/or another used bookstore in town. There are probably a billion different sites relating to Indy and moving into Indy, but here are some of our favorites:

Angie's List - www.angieslist.com - If you live in an old home or are thinking about home repair, this is a great subscription-based service to consider. For a small fee, you can join and check out any contractors you might want to use for a job on this site. The only people that can provide feedback are actual members of Angie's list, so the comments are legit, and sometimes contractors will provide an Angie's List discount when doing work for you if you are a member. Angie actually started this business right here in Indianapolis, and it has spread throughout the country in many major metro areas.

Zip Skinny - <http://zipskinny.com/> - if you haven't figured out quite yet which zip you want to live in when moving to Indy (or anywhere else for that matter), check this site out. Another site to try for demographics in Indy is www.savi.org from the Polis Center.

MIBOR - <http://www.mibor.com/> - the city's most comprehensive database on real estate for sale in the Marion county and surrounding areas. You can search by township, price range, and features of a house to check out what is available. (Much like Realtor.com, but a little more specific to Indy real estate here.)

Tucker Real Estate - <http://www.fctucker.com/index.html> - this large realtor to the Indy area has a great interactive map that you can plug in details for property (much like MIBOR) but you can see the properties on a map. Really cool if you need a geographical lay of the land.

The Indianapolis Cultural Sampler - For a sampling of what Indy offers in terms of diversity for the performing arts, theatre, and visual art, the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Community Learning Network offers this great basic introduction to the arts course, where students get to go behind the scenes of cultural venues and see them up close and personal. Classes typically meet one night a week for 4 weeks (at 4 different cultural venues.) Cost of the class at press was \$49 - well worth the ROI. Go to: <http://cln.iupui.edu>, click on course catalog, then Arts & Humanities, and it should be listed in this section.

The Indianapolis New in Town Meetup - <http://newintown.meetup.com/47/?gj=sj30> website where you can join others new to town for social activities.

Apartments.com - <http://indianapolis.apartments.com/> - This website has a listing of apartments for rent in the Indy metro area and surrounding areas. Also, <http://www.Indianahousingnow.org> has a good listing of affordable rentals in town.

Indianapolis Business Journal's 2008 Book of Lists - www.ibj.com - This 2008 guide to lists important for business in central Indiana has a listing of upscale Indianapolis-Area Condo Communities, if you are looking for condos.

IMCPL.org – The Indianapolis/Marion County Public library has a good basic site on Indianapolis, go to the main website and click on “Your Link to Indy” for hi-lights.

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Organic & Other

If you are trying to live a tox-free life, try these spots for organic and aromatherapy to go au naturale. (Or you can go online to **Green People** to get an Indiana statewide directory here: <http://www.greenpeople.org/healthfood.htm>.)

Georgetown Natural Foods Market

4375 Georgetown Road
Indianapolis, IN 46254
317.293.9525

<http://www.georgetownmarket.com/>

Organic foods market, along with wellness products, and a calendar of events/cooking classes for special dietary needs on the west side.

Good Earth Natural Food Company

6350 Guilford Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46220
317.253.3709

<http://www.good-earth.com/>

Broad Ripple based natural foods, bath products, herbals, and lifestyle products.

Trader Joe's

5473 E 82nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250 317.595.8950
2902 W 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268 317.337.1880

<http://www.traderjoes.com>

National alternative market with a large organic product line. The two stores in Indianapolis are always packed, but they have stuff you just

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can't get anywhere else. (Including the infamous 3 buck Chuck, which we don't think is organic...)

Wellspring Pharmacy

North – Community Hospital North, 7120 Clearvista Parkway, Suite 1900, Indianapolis 317.621.5273

East – Community Hospital East, 1400 N. Ritter Ave, Suite 140, Indianapolis 317.355.3030

South (Coming 2008) – Community Hospital South, 1550 E. County Line Road, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46227

<http://www.ecommunity.com/wellspring/>

This is the uncommon, yet traditional pharmacy, with a twist. Located within the hospitals, the outpatient pharmacies have some unique services (free UPS shipping), herbals, and a certified nurse in clinical aromatherapy. You can buy medical grade aromatherapy oils and take classes on complementary and alternative medicine. Check their website for details.

Wild Oats/Whole Foods Market

1300 E. 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240 317.706.0900

14598 Clay Terrace Blvd, Carmel, IN 46032 317.569.1517

<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/>

Not sure when or if the name of the Wild Oats' stores will be changing to Whole Foods, but this national chain is known for organic products.

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Newsletters & e-Newsletters

If you are new or just want to get involved in what's happening in Indy, not just read what is in the papers, here are some good suggestions for some communications via the old-fashioned listserv. The one we won't mention on the list but would recommend is ours, of course! The **Yuspie monthly newsletter** - www.yuspie.com - is a great way to learn about singles and young professional events in Indy and all you have to do to sign up is email us at: info@yuspie.com and put 'add me to the newsletter' in the subject line. Also, **IBJ** and **Inside Indiana Business** both have great free daily newsletters - head to their sites to sign up.

Other Good Indy e-Newsletters:

Amazingly Always News - This E-newsletter lists what's happening in downtown Indy, and sponsored by Indianapolis Downtown, Inc.. To sign up, go to www.indydt.com and you can type in your email address to be added to the list.

AroundIndy.com - The newsletter is free and is a good straightforward list with hotlinks to events going on around the city via category (special events, sports, music, etc.) Log on to the website and to the right of the home page there is a 'free stuff' heading, and the newsletter link is right under it for signing up.

AtFishers.com, atGeist.com, or atLawrence.com - If you live or work in or around any of these communities, the newsletters for the sites above are built by the community and are excellent for new businesses and what's new in the respective community. If you log in to any of the

sites, you can sign up for the newsletters under 'register now' halfway down the page on the right.

Business Notes from RoundPegSM - This is one of the best, most comprehensive monthly electronic newsletters on all business related events in the city of Indianapolis. Go to www.roundpeg.biz and head to the bottom of the homepage to join the mailing list.

CircleCitySports.com Newsletter - "Professional and college sports coverage in the central Indiana region, will be unlike any other in the area." Go to circlecitysports.com to sign up.

Friday Night Facts from the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives - a nice, short newsletter on not-for-profit work and training & development opportunities that is always a welcome site (because it's published on Friday)! To be added to the list, check out the website <http://www.ofbci.in.gov> or email: jsimpson@ofbci.in.gov and ask to be added to the list.

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Pets

George Eliot said, “Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.” Most pet owners would probably agree with that quote, and just like most major cities, we love our pets in Indianapolis! *The Indianapolis Star* also has a website just for pets - <http://indypaws.com/>. You can post your pet pics or look for pet friendly things to do on the site. If you are a dog owner and want to hit a **bark park**, Indianapolis now has three off leash parks: Broad Ripple Park (North), Eagle Creek Park (West), and Paul Ruster Park (South East). For info on bark parks and pooch passes (dog tags), you can hit the **Indy Parks** website here: <http://www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DPR/Parks/Canine+Companion+Zone.htm>.

If you don't yet have a dog, but like to help them out on occasion, Indianapolis has a unique program called **Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound** where you can volunteer to take a dog from Animal Care & Control for a walk during the spring and summer months - so you can have a nice workout, help out a dog, and maybe meet a 4 legged love for life! For details on this awesome program, check out the IndyGov website: <http://www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DPS/ACCD/PR/2003/03-09-24.htm>.

Of course Indianapolis has the usual animal suspects such as the **Zoo**, which we previously mentioned (www.indyzoo.com), the **Humane Society** (www.indyhumane.org/, www.hamiltonhumane.com), and

other surrounding county animal humane societies, which can be found online at www.animalshelter.org, but the city and surrounding area also has many other organizations to help animals and/or people with animals. Below are just a few:

Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources, Inc.

24950 Mt. Pleasant Road

Cicero, IN 46034

317.773.7433

www.agaperiding.org/contact.shtml

This organization provides therapy for the impaired and youth at risk with horses. Pairing people and animals together for healing - how cool is that?!?

Animal Care & Control

2600 South Harding St., Indianapolis, IN 46221

<http://www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DPS/ACCD/home.htm>

accd@indygov.org

There is more than you ever wanted to know at this site on lower cost spay/neutering, animal resources, and lost & found. (The fact sheet is here and it is fabulous: <http://www.indygov.org/NR/rdonlyres/6C558E63-72D5-4553-B46F-D7395E125976/0/IndplsAnimalOutreachAssistance.pdf>).

Indiana Proactive Animal Welfare (PAW)

P.O. Box 729

Carmel, IN 46082

317.345.6773

<http://www.indiana-paw.com/>

This all-volunteer organization has a simple mission, "To use education and advocacy to reduce the number of animals who are euthanized in Indiana." You can help them (if you already have a pet) by sending them your Purina weight circles off Purina packages so they can help feed other animals in need.

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Indianapolis Vegetarian Society

<http://www.indyvegsociety.org/>

Site with info on veganism and vegetarianism.

Indy Feral

P.O. Box 30054, Indianapolis, IN 46230-0054
317.596.2300

<http://www.indyferal.org/>

Mission: "As part of our belief in respect and compassion for all living creatures, IndyFeral Inc. seeks to reduce stray and feral (wild) cat overpopulation through the non-lethal method of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), not "trap and kill."

Indy Homes for Huskies

8103 E US Hwy 36, PO Box 227, Avon, IN
46123

317.251.PAWS

www.indyhomesforhuskies.org/

indhomesforhuskies@yahoo.com

This organization helps to find homes for Huskies. Their Pars for Paws outing at the end of summer is a great fundraiser for golf aficionados that want to help the charity, and Howl-o-ween is another fun annual fundraiser.

The Indianapolis Pug Meetup Group

<http://pug.meetup.com/1/?gj=sj2>

If you heart pugs, here is a group just for you in Indy! This meetup has 238 members and has live events for pug lovers to meetup. There is also a separate meetup for Puggle lovers. Pugtastic!

Purrs & Gurrs

<http://www.purrsandgurrs.com/>

8795 E. 116th Street, Fishers, IN 46037
317.915.8700

Pet bakery, boutique, and pet sitting. The treats have no fillers and are naturally preserved.

Three Dog Bakery

844 Broad Ripple Ave., Indianapolis - 317.466.1646

444 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis - 317.238.0000

www.threedog.com

This is a chain, we get that, but we don't care - this is a cool store if you are pet owner. (And yes, they have kitty treats too.) Nothing is better than taking your dog down the Monon Trail for a walk and then over to Three Dog if s/he was really, really good for a treat!

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Philanthropy

Currently, there are over 60,000 not-for-profit organizations in Indiana! That's obviously a lot, and a tree would be murdered listing them all here. However, there are a few tricks to weeding through them all to find the philanthropic work of your dreams. First, you might want to check out a charity to make sure everything is sound with them fiscally by running it through either: <http://charitynavigator.org/> or <http://www.guidestar.org/>. On GuideStar, for example, you can look at the company's previous tax form (typically known as a Form 990). You can also check out volunteermatch.com if you prefer to do it yourself for your charitable work.

Secondly, keep your eye on **Lacy Leadership Association** (www.lacyleadership.org) for their annual event for not-for-profits in Indy called *Get On Board*. In 2007, it was hosted in November, but in the past it has been earlier in the year. At this free event, you can shop the booths for not-for-profit board opportunities. Many not-for-profit organizations in central Indiana need great young professionals to literally get on an advisory board. If you attend this event, **Leadership Ventures** (www.leadershipventures.org) actually does some great follow up training so you can better learn what it takes to be a good not-for-profit advisor. They also have great one on one matching for local not-for-profits with individuals.

There is a great new publication for the Indy not-for-profit scene called **Indianapolis ORG**. You can grab a copy at most of the local not-for-profit offices, or you can send \$15 along with your address for a subscription to: IPQ, PO Box 686, Danville, IN 46122. The website (coming soon) is: www.orgmag.com. If you also just need ideas, try looking at a copy of *The Rainbow Book* by Connect2Help (www.connect2help.com).

Finally, if you are ambitious enough to start your own not-for-profit, one of many people in Indy to learn about starting a not-for-profit is Stuart Sobel of **Stuart Sobel Consulting, Inc.** (<http://www.taxexemptstartup.com/index.html>). Not only does Mr. Sobel know how to work through the nonprofit tax status process, but he also hosts a weekly radio show called “Wise Choices” (<http://www.taxpayermagazine.com/>). Occasionally, he teaches a not for profit initiation class. If you are lucky, you can catch him teaching a class through Indy SCORE or SBDC (www.indyscore.org or www.isbdc.org).

Whoopi Goldberg said, “If every American donated five hours a week, it would equal the labor of 20 million full-time volunteers.” That is a pretty powerful thought. There are many articles on the increasing need of younger people to step up and replace the older generations retiring from work in the Indianapolis region. By donating just 5 hours per week, even one person could make a big difference.

Check out the following organizations below to see how you can get involved and/or help out:

Ambassadors for Children

<http://www.ambassadorsforchildren.org/>

“Ambassadors for Children (AFC) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that provides meaningful travel opportunities, volunteerism trips and travel packages to help children in need around the world.”

Contact@ambassadorsforchildren.org

American Diabetes Association, Indiana Chapter

<http://www.diabetes.org/home.jsp>

“The American Diabetes Association is the nation’s leading nonprofit health organization providing diabetes research, information and advocacy.”

317.352.9226

American Liver Foundation, Indiana Chapter

<http://www.liverfoundation.org/indiana>

“The American Liver Foundation is the nation’s leading nonprofit organization promoting liver health and disease prevention.”

info@liverfoundation.org

American Lung Association, Indiana Chapter

<http://www.lungusa.org>

“The mission of the American Lung Association® is to prevent lung disease and promote lung health.”

317.573.3900

American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis

<http://www.redcross-indy.org/>

“A humanitarian organization led by volunteers that will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.”

arc@redcross-indy.org

Indianapolis Animal Care & Control

<http://www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DPS/ACCD/home.htm>

“The Animal Care & Control Division works in partnership with the community to address problems associated with pet overpopulation.”

317.327.1397

Arthritis Foundation, Indiana Chapter

<http://www.arthritis.org/communities/chapters/chapter.asp?chapid=22>

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“The Indiana chapter is a source of help and hope for the nearly 1.7 million Hoosiers living with arthritis.”

AYS

www.ayskids.org

Organization that provides after school programs for grade 1-middle school students, early kindergarten programs, Montessori programs, summer day camps, and other child care resources.

Back Pack Attack Indianapolis

<http://backpackattackindy.org/>

“Helping Indianapolis children by providing them with the tools they need to be successful in school.” They collect school supplies for kids between June and July of the year.

317-921-1301

Best Buddies

<http://www.bestbuddiesindiana.org/>

“Best Buddies is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment.” This organization also has a social networking organization called **Business Buddies**, where young professionals meet on a monthly basis to network and raise funds for Best Buddies. Check their website for details on Business Buddies.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana

<http://www.bbbsci.org/>

“Big Brothers Big Sisters is the oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States.”

Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis

<http://www.bgcindy.org/>

“To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.”

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Central Indiana Corporate Partnership

<http://www.cincorp.com/>

“The Central Indiana Corporate Partnership is an alliance of Indiana business and research university leaders coming together to foster long-term prosperity for the region.”

317.638.2440

Champions for Children - Indiana

<http://www.championsforchildren-indiana.org/>

“Champions for Children is a coalition of volunteers aligned to support the prevention of abuse and neglect of children.”

Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation, Indiana Chapter

<http://www.cdfa.org/chapters/indiana/>

“The Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to finding the cure for Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis.”

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Indiana Chapter

<http://www.cff.org/Chapters/indiana/>

“The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation--a donor-supported, nonprofit organization--is to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis (CF) and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease.” They have a great annual program for bachelors & bachelorettes to get involved in their annual Guys & Dolls auction fundraiser - check out: www.guysanddollsauktion.com for details.

The Damien Center

<http://www.damien.org/>

“Programs and services are designed to empower persons to overcome the challenges encountered when living with HIV/AIDS, to remain independent and productive.”

Girl Scouts of Hoosier Capital Council

<http://www.gshcc.org/>

“Girl Scouts is the World’s preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls.”

Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana

<http://www.goodwill-indy.org/>

“Goodwill is in the business of helping people find jobs and provides programs and services for people who want to work.”

317.524.4313

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis

<http://www.indyhabitat.org/>

“At Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis we are on a journey having completed 285 homes since 1987, but our journey is far from over.”

317.921.2121

Help Indy Online

<http://www.helpindyonline.com/>

“HIO is a web based volunteer center designed with the needs of Indianapolis area high school and college-aged students in mind.”

Hoosier Environmental Council

<http://www.hecweb.org/>

“Through education, advocacy, and citizen empowerment in Indiana, the HEC works to protect and restore the natural systems upon which life depends.”

Indianapolis Ambassadors

<http://www.indyambassadors.org>

“Indianapolis Ambassadors is a group of about 500 civic-minded individuals who share a goal of helping others and the community of Indianapolis through volunteerism.”

Indianapolis Urban League Young Professionals

<http://www.indplsul.org>

“IULYP is a network of young professionals, aged 21 to 40, who provide leadership development, economic empowerment and community volunteer opportunities for other young professionals. The organization trains, develops and educates young professionals to take leadership

roles within the National Urban League, corporate and government sectors, and the community-at-large.”

Indianapolis Parks Foundation

<http://www.indyparksfoundation.org/>

“The mission of the Indianapolis Parks Foundation is to enhance the recreational, educational and cultural life of the Indianapolis community by encouraging and soliciting support for our city’s parks system.”
317.860.3250

Indy Feral

<http://www.indyferal.org/>

“IndyFeral offers Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and colony management assistance for unowned, free-roaming stray & feral (wild) cats in central Indiana.”
317. 596.2300

Indy Reads

<http://www.indyreads.org>

“The program serves adults 18 years of age and older in Marion County who read at or below the sixth grade level or who are learning English as a new language.”
317.275.4040

Junior Achievement of Central Indiana

www.jaindy.org

“Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, Inc. was established in 1957 and has served nearly 1 million children since opening its doors. Locally, our vision is to know we have changed lives by connecting people in a business education community.”

Junior League of Indianapolis

<http://www.jlindy.org/scriptcontent/index.cfm>

JL is, “an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.”

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Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc.

<http://www.kibi.org/>

“Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc.’s mission is to unite people to beautify the city, improve the environment, and foster pride in the community.”

Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis

<http://www.indykiwanis.org/>

“One of the premier service clubs in the nation. Boasting a membership of over 300 community leaders, Downtown Kiwanis, as it’s known, is one of the largest Kiwanis Clubs out of approximately 8,000 clubs throughout America and the world.” Kiwanis is a social society that helps children and other charitable organizations. There are several Kiwanis clubs in Indy, but the downtown chapter is one of the larger of the groups.

Mosaic Cafe Conversations

www.freewebs.com/indymosaic

“Mosaic: An International Conversation Café Community’s mission is to bring grassroots people together with subject matter experts to think and talk together about topics and issues we are interested in or that affect us our family and our community. Mosaic partners with community restaurants, cafés, and other businesses to provide meeting places.” To join their listserv, logon to the website and add yourself to the list.

National FFA Organization

<http://www.ffa.org/>

“The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.”

317.802.6060

Peace Learning Center

<http://www.peacelearningcenter.org/>

Peace Learning Center is a community educational institution that teaches peace building and communication skill to youth and adults.
317.327.7144

Planned Parenthood Young Leaders

<http://www.ppin.org/events.aspx?EventID=7>

“We are a group of young, like-minded professionals who gather to socialize, network and learn more about the mission of Planned Parenthood of Indiana.”
317.637.4350

Rebuilding the Wall

<http://www.imcpl.org/cgi-bin/irnfull.pl?MAIN2754AA>

“Provides a program that helps families purchase a home.”
317.290.7090

Ronald McDonald House of Indiana

<http://www.rmh-indiana.org/>

They provide housing for children and their families visiting Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. Not only can you save your pop tabs for their big annual collection, but they also need packaged food and items year round, so check out their website for their wish list.

Rotary Club of Indianapolis

<http://www.indyrotary.org/>

“Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.”
317.631.3733

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

<http://www.komenindy.org/>

Rotary Club of Indianapolis *A Smart Decision*



Decision Making.

It's a vital skill for any young professional. In fact, smart decision making is what makes great leaders. Like Christi Garcia, you can make a smart decision by joining the **Rotary Club of Indianapolis.**

Christi Garcia, 2007 "Spirit of Rotary" Award Recipient.

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- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

“For more than 20 years, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has been a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative research and community-based outreach programs.”

317.638.CURE

Teachers’ Treasures

<http://www.teacherstresures.org>

“The mission of Teachers’ Treasures is to serve the educational and creative needs of children in the greater Indianapolis area by providing a unique means to transfer donated merchandise from businesses and individuals to teachers for use in their classrooms and school.”

The Damar Guild

<http://www.damar.org/guild/home.cfm>

“We, as caring volunteers, help Damar Services, Inc., and their clients achieve their highest potential by raising funds and generating community awareness.”

The Humane Society of Indianapolis

<http://www.indyhumane.org/>

“Providing services to our animal friends for over 100 years, the Humane Society of Indianapolis is the area’s first and largest charitable animal shelter.”

Trusted Partners

<http://www.immanuelunited.org/trustedpart.shtml>

“Trusted Partners is a citywide mission of Immanuel UCC to address the causes of homelessness and thereby prevent it.”

317.985.5041

Vista College Mentors for Kids

<http://www.cmfk.org/>

“College Mentors for Kids! Inc. is dedicated to cultivating ongoing one-on-one relationships between college and elementary aged students through shared experiences on the campus and in the community.”

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Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound

<http://www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DPS/ACCD/PR/2003/03-09-24.htm>

Program between Animal Care & Control and NIFS - walk a hound up for adoption...

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Politics

With a presidential election right around the corner, we thought it was important to include this category just in case there are any passionate young professionals out there that want to get more involved in political action in Indiana.

Guide to Indiana Political Action Committees - 2007

<http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/pdfs/2007PoliticalActionCommitteeGuide.pdf>

Indiana Young Democrats

www.yda.org

There are several groups in Indy for young Democrats - go to the national website, plug in your zip code, and presto - a listing of clubs will pop up. Indy club targets young professionals from 18-36.

Indiana Young Republicans

www.yrnf.com

Click on state clubs to find the Indiana state organization, and the Indiana chapter includes young professionals from 18-40.

Meetup.com

Site has several different meetups based upon political candidate for president of choice in the Indy area. They also have a fair taxation meetup, and a Democracy for America meetup, and a Libertarian Party meetup.

New Generation Republican Women

<http://www.nfrw.org/membership/ngrw.htm>

IU and Butler have college chapters, but there is a New Generation chapter in Indiana as well.

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Private Clubs

The private club in central Indiana is still alive, although there are not as many as in years past. There are several private golf courses with country clubs. A listing of golf courses can be found in the *IBJ Book of Lists*, or there is an online listing of golf courses at the *Central Indiana Golfer's Guide* website: http://indiana.golfersguide.com/component/option,com_ggms/task,course_list/region_id,47/itemid,95/. Below are the private clubs in central Indiana that are not directly affiliated with a golf course at their club site:

Columbia Club

Monument Circle, Indianapolis

www.columbia-club.org

A private club since 1889, Columbia Club is one of a handful of private clubs left in Indianapolis. For young professionals, the club has the **Harrison Society**, which has a mission to, “foster the social and professional growth” of the young professional members of the club. The club also hosts open houses and has a monthly ‘meet the artist’ series. Club membership initiation fees and monthly fees are dependent upon age. Nominations for membership are required.

Skyline Club/The Indianapolis Society

One America Square, 36th Floor, Indianapolis, 46282

<http://www.skyline-indy.com/>

This private club is owned by ClubCorp. Membership for this private business-dining club is by invitation. Club membership initiation fees and monthly fees are dependent upon type of membership. “Young Professional” members must live or work within 50 miles of the club and be under age 35.

Professional Sports

Indy is the amateur sports capital of the world. Also, we have a few of our own professional teams, like the Pacers, and the world champion Colts.

Brickyard 400

Indianapolis Motor Speedway - NASCAR event

www.brickyard400.com

317.481.8500

Indiana Blast

Indiana's only professional soccer team. Plays in the A-League of the United States Soccer League.

www.indianablast.com

Indiana Blaze

Indiana Women's Soccer Team

www.indianablast.com/blaze

Indiana Fever

Conseco Fieldhouse - Women's National Basketball Team

www.wnba.com/fever

317.917.2500

Indiana Pacers

Conseco Fieldhouse - Men's National Basketball Team

www.nba.com/pacers

317.917.2500

Indianapolis 500

Indianapolis Motor Speedway
www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com
317.684.6747

Indianapolis Colts - National Football League

RCA Dome
www.colts.com
317.297.2658

Indianapolis Ice - National Hockey League

Pepsi Coliseum
www.indianapolisice.com
317.927.7536

Indianapolis Indians - AAA Baseball

Victory Field
www.indyindians.com
317.269.3542

Indianapolis Motor Speedway

<http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/>
All things Indy 500 and track related.

Indy Racing League

www.indycar.com
1.866.INDYCAR
Official site of the IRL. Buy tickets and get gear on this site. If you are a real hard core IRL junkie, check out www.trackforum.com.

Major Taylor Velodrome

“The Major Taylor Velodrome has been host to many national and international competitions, including the 1987 Pan American Games.”
One of 18 velodromes in the nation.
www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DPR/Parks/SportsComplexes/Major+Taylor+Velodrome.htm
317.327.8356

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Naptown Roller Girls

Indiana State Fairgrounds

<http://naptownrollergirls.com/news/>

Women's roller derby.

USA Track & Field - Indiana Invaders

www.indianainvaders.com

Track & field.

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Retro

Whether you call it antiquing, collecting, bargain hunting, junk-tiquing, going old school, or recycling, buying vintage is always a great option (especially for those of us wanting style on a budget.) There are plenty of options here in the Indy area, but here are some of our favorites if you want to do any of the above:

Auctions

There are plenty of auction houses right here in Indiana. For a listing of the goodies, times, and places for auctions, the back page of *The Indianapolis Star* Sunday Classifieds lists them all out. Live auctions are more fun than eBay anyway, as you get free entertainment while watching the goods change hands.

Broad Ripple Vintage

824 E 64th St
Indianapolis, IN 46220
317.255.4135

www.broadripplevintage.com

If you need a funky cocktail dress, a retro T-shirt, or groovy accessories, this is a great place to visit. The best stuff is behind the front counter - ask to check it out and gently go through the rack--it's usually totally jammed up with awesome clothes.

Indianapolis Indiana Freecycle™

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IndyFreecycleNetwork/>

If you have good stuff to give away, or need some stuff and don't want to pay for it, check out Indy Freecycle. It is a great way to reduce, reuse, and recycle stuff for the best price of all - free.

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Meridian

2201 N Meridian St
Indianapolis, IN 46208
317.923.2201
Groovy, hip, mid-century retro furniture and accessories.

R. Beauchamp Antiques, Inc.

16405 Westfield Blvd.
Westfield, IN 46074
317.896.3717
<http://www.beauchampantiques.com>
Beautiful, amazing, and fabulous European authentic antiques and furniture. Pricy, but some of the goods are museum quality. The shop also at one point had a great collection of new and antique fountains.

Southport Antique Mall

317.786.8246
Southport exit off of I-65 South (head west, just past train tracks, and they are on the right.)
<http://www.southportantiquemall.net>
Winding booths and cases (over 100) full of treasures.

Schools - Colleges

Below are a list of schools & colleges in the Indianapolis area.

Ball State University

www.bsu.edu

The university was ranked a research intensive institution by the Carnegie Foundation. Wireless campus.

2000 W University Ave., Muncie, IN 47306

765.285.1555

Butler University

www.butler.edu

Butler is a nationally recognized, private liberal arts university. One of the first colleges in the nation to accept women.

4600 Sunset Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46208

800.368.6852

Indiana Business College

www.ibcschools.edu

550 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis IN 46204

800.422.4723

Indiana Institute of Technology

www.indianatech.edu

Indianapolis campus focuses on adult education. Fully accredited. (Ft. Wayne campus too.)

1600 E Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46803

800.937.2448

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Indiana University

www.indiana.edu

One of the major public colleges in Indiana, with their central campus in Bloomington, and shared campus with Purdue in the city (IUPUI). The medical school and one of two law schools for IU are also in the Indy area.

107 S Indiana Ave., Bloomington, IN 47405-0700

812.855.4848

IUPUI

www.iupui.edu

Combination of Indiana University and Purdue University and located in downtown Indy.

425 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202

317.274.4591

Indiana Wesleyan University

www.indwes.edu

4201 S. Washington Street, Marion, IN 46953

Has a campus in Indy for MBA and business programs.

765.674.6901

Ivy Tech State College

www.ivytech.edu

Two year technical college.

1 W 26th St, Indianapolis, IN 46208

317.921.4800

Marian College

www.marian.edu

Private liberal arts college, which just turned into a university not too long ago.

3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222

800.772.7264

Purdue University

www.purdue.edu

State University known for pharmacy and engineering programs.

1011 N 725 west, West Lafayette, IN 47906

765.494.4600

University of Indianapolis

www.uindy.edu

1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227

317.788.3368

Singles/Young Adult Groups for Religious Background

This category includes young adult and singles ministries and organizations in central Indiana.

Archdiocese of Indianapolis: Young Adult Ministry

Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Office of Catholic Education

1400 N. Meridian Street, PO Box 1410

Indianapolis, IN 46206-1410

317.236.1447 or 800.302.9836

<http://www.archindy.org/youngadult/index.html#yam>

The Archdiocese lists several different opportunities for young adults to meet - a young adult mass, a young adult speakers series called Theology on Tap, Communion and Liberation, and Catholic Young Adult Network. Contacts for the respective groups are found on the website listed above.

The Crossing Singles

The Church at the Crossing

9111 Haverstick Road

Indianapolis, IN 46240

317.844.9355

www.churchatthecrossing.org

The Singles Ministry is open to all singles but most are in their 30s and 40s (according to their website). To hear about their social events, email: auntkaren@sbcglobal.net and ask to be added to their listserv.

JCC Singles

The Jewish Community Center
6701 Hoover Road.
Indianapolis, IN
317.251.5467

<http://jccindy.org>

The Jewish Community Center has a Jewish singles group that meets socially.

Noblesville First United Methodist Church 20s & 30s Group

<http://www.nfumc.net/youngsingles.htm>

This is a newer singles group ran by Noblesville First UMC. They have events on their calendar online.

Northview Singles

Northview Christian Life Church
5535 E. 131st Street
Carmel, IN 46033
317.846.2884

www.nvlc.org

The singles ministry is for single adults 21+, and share information and social opportunities. If interested in learning more, go to the website for contact info, or email: jrjordan@yahoo.com to be added to the listserv for events.

St. Luke's Singles

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
100 W. 86th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46260

<http://www.stlukesumc.com/singles/singles.htm>

“St. Luke's Singles, a ministry of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, is an open, non-denominational community service to single adults gathering to seek personal growth and friendship in an atmosphere of acceptance, caring and support.”

317.846.4826

Zionsville Presbyterian Church Singles

Zionsville Presbyterian Church

4775 W. 116th Street

Zionsville, IN 46077

317.873.6503 ext 1020

www.zpc.org

The Director of Singles Ministry is Mr. Craig Olney, who in our opinion is one of the good guys. He does a great job at promoting events at ZPC another other places for singles with a weekly newsletter update. Check out their website or CraigO@zpc.org if you'd like to chat with him to learn more.

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Singles Organizations

Well, the only singles organization that we know of in the entire city for singles that isn't focused solely on dating is ours, **Yuspie** (www.yuspie.com). We have a monthly newsletter, a blog on our homepage, and space for members only on our site. We also party crash other live events and get young single professionals connected to the city without the sometimes cheesy/comical process of "dating".

Also, *Indianapolis Monthly Magazine* typically runs a singles article on 20 professional singles in the city in February (and in the past has also thrown a party to meet the 20 singles.) (Thanks to *IMM* for paying attention to the awesome singles living and working in Indy!)

Sister Cities & States

We are living in a society now that is shrinking--with the internet, mobile technology, and a 24/7/365 lifestyle, our world never sleeps. We, right here in Indiana, even have sister cities and states all over the world. Because our connections are shrinking, it is more critical now than ever to think global, but act local or “glocally”.

What is a sister city? According to Sister Cities International[®], the relationship, “is a broad-based, officially approved, long-term partnership between two communities in different nations.” Better yet, their site, **www.sister-cities.org** has an international directory of sister cities. For a listing of Indiana sister cities, logon to: <http://www.sister-cities.org/icrc/directory/usa/IN>. An alternative site put together by the **Nationalities Council of Indiana** (<http://nationalitiescouncil.org/>) is: <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/~spmckee/sister.html>.

Most of the sister cities have Sister City Partnership Committees. To learn more about a sister city or how to work with a sister city, learn where your city’s Partnership Committee meets and ask them for information. Your next business partner or connection could be next door, or half way around the world.

For some of the local areas, below are listings of the corresponding sister cities, along with Sister City Partnership Committee websites (if available):

- Anderson -> Bernburg, Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany
- Bloomington -> Luchou Township, Taiwan
-> Santa Clara, Cuba
<http://www.bloomington.in.us/~amistad/>
-> Posoltega, Nicaragua
- Carmel -> Kawachinagano, Japan
<http://www.carmel.in.gov/government/Kawachinagano.html>
- Fishers -> Billericay, England
<http://sistercitiesoffishers.org/default.asp?p=1>
- Indianapolis -> Monza, Lombardia, Italy
-> Piran, Cankova-Tisina, Slovenia
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/~spmckee/sister_piran.html
-> Taipei Municipality, Taiwan
-> Cologne, Germany
<http://indianapolis-cologne.org/>

For official links to Indy sister cities along with more information on the Indy sister cities program, logon to the Indy website at: <http://www.indygov.org/eGov/Mayor/sisters.htm>.

- Muncie -> Changhua, China
- Noblesville -> Nova Prata, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
-> Cittadella, Italy
- Shelbyville -> Kambara, Japan
- South Bend -> Czestochowa, Poland
-> Arzberg, Germany
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/~spmckee/sister_arzberg.html
- Zionsville -> Crans Montana, Switzerland

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Learning is fun. Or at least it is at these places and sites:

Indianapolis Art Center

<http://www.indplsartcenter.org/>

Kids, teens, and adults can all take classes here on everything from “first time artists” to drawing, jewelry, printmaking, woodworking, computer, photography and glass blowing.

IUPUI Community Learning Network

<http://www.cln.iupui.edu/>

Who said school couldn't be fun? Check out their comprehensive list of classes to take as an adult and learn everything from flower arranging, to how to program in html, to a cultural sampler in Indy.

Lawrence Township Community Education Classes

<https://commed.ltschools.org/courses/index.php>

Much like the above, except in and around Lawrence township!

MIT Open Courseware

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/web/courses/courses/index.htm>

Get that fancy east-coast education without forking out the big bucks. Who's smart now?!?

National Public Radio

<http://www.npr.org>

My problem with traditional radio is I have to listen to their shows when they put them on the radio. However, online, it's all on demand. Catch your favorites when you want to at their site (for free) and learn something new.

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TED TV

<http://www.ted.com>

“Inspired talks by the world’s greatest thinkers and doers.” Best part? The cost, which equals nada. Check out the TED prizewinner list - if that won’t inspire you, nothing will.

The New Yorker

<http://www.newyorker.com>

They had a conference on the year 2012 with different topics, which included items like Genius, Intellectual Property, The Web, Architecture, Power, and Solutions. All videos are free, and all are brilliant. (When you logon to their site, type in “2012” into their search and the videos should pop up.)

Social Networking Organizations

If you want to find some local social networks to connect to, (other than **Yuspie** of course if you are single), here are a few choices:

[alphaChicks]

Girls who make things better “just by showing up”

Founded in 2007 by Stephanie Williams, [alphaChicks] was based on the idea that young women professionals need an opportunity to meet each other and connect. They provide monthly meetings with a rotating theme of “giving back”, “educating yourself”, and “making money”. It is an avenue for women who want to make a difference, want to be supported by other like-minded women, and who strive to be the best in their fields. Visit their blog: <http://alphachicks.blogspot.com> or email them at alphachicks@hotmail.com in order to join their listserv.

Friday Lunch Club

<http://www.fridaylunchclub.org/>

“Friday Lunch Club Indianapolis, Inc. is a diverse membership-based networking group designed to promote professional and personal development in the Indianapolis area through activities and events conducted primarily in casual, informal settings.”

Indy Hub

<http://www.indyhub.org>

“Getting connected. Getting involved. Energizing the City. In a nutshell, that’s what we’re about.”

Spencer and Nate Productions

<http://spencerandnate.com/home.shtml>

[alphaChicks]

**Girls who make things better
“just by showing up”**

Who: [alphaChicks] is a business networking group for young women professionals.

When: We meet the 1st Thursday of the month, in the evening.

Why: To meet other like minded women who want to make a difference, be supported by other women and who strive to be the best in their field or life.



Founder: Stephanie Williams
Email: alphachicks@hotmail.com
Phone: 317.910.5746

<http://alphachicks.blogspot.com>

“We are a vehicle whose purpose is to provide networking opportunities for the professional community.” Host live events around the city.

The Talented

<http://www.thetalented.net/>

info@thetalented.net

“The Talented was created to: Serve as a Central Portal of Information for Indianapolis Urban Professionals.”

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Sport, Fitness and Activity Organizations

If you are new to the city and/or looking for a gym, a listing of the largest Indianapolis-Area Health and Fitness Clubs can be found in the **2008 IBJ Book of Lists** (on page 134). Another good list is located at **IndianapolisGyms.com**.

If golf is what you seek, **IBJ's Book of Lists** also covers the most difficult courses. The **Central Indiana Golfer's Guide** is also a free publication which you can usually find at the airport, and also lists golf courses online here: http://indiana.golfersguide.com/component/option,com_ggms/task,course_list/region_id,47/itemid,95/. This site also has a list of Indiana Golf Schools (for those of us that don't exactly have a great handicap). Finally, there are golf associations for singles here in town (**ASGA** - http://www.singlesgolf.com/chapter.php?chapter_number=1501) and women (**Indy Women's Golf League** - www.iwgl.net).

If you are looking for some action as a team athlete, check out **Circle City Athletics** - <http://www.ccasports.com/>. They not only have sporting events in volleyball, dodge ball, rock climbing and bowling, but they also host social events throughout the city. If you are just looking to follow sports here in central Indiana, you can check out **Circle City Sports** - <http://www.circlecitysports.com/>. This site has a daily free newsletter and podcast for all things sporty here in the Indy

area not only professionally, but this site follows college, motorsports, golf, and high school athletics.

American Singles Golf Association

http://www.singlesgolf.com/chapter.php?chapter_number=1501

“The American Singles Golf Association is a group of chapters throughout the United States and Canada composed of real people you meet face-to-face and, of course, play golf with.”

1.888.465.3628

Ballooning (Hot Air) in Central Indiana

http://www.blastvalve.com/Balloon_Rides/USA/Indiana_Balloon_Rides/index.shtml

Wouldn't you like to ride in a beautiful balloon? If so, check out the listing of places you can hop a ride in Indianapolis. Also, the State Fair in August has a hot air balloon race that is fun to watch - just be sure to get up early for it.

Central Indiana Bicycling Association

<http://www.cibaride.org/>

Cycling organization with over 2000 members in central Indiana. Has a lot of references and resources about cycling in Indiana on site. Also involved in sponsoring the NITE ride in the summer.

Circle City Athletics & Social Club

<http://www.ccasports.com/>

“CCA is your connection to recreational sports, social events, and volunteer opportunities in the community.”

info@circlecityathletics.com

Cardinal Fitness

<http://www.cardinalfitnessindy.com/locations.php>

Athletic gym/club - various locations.

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Curves For Women

<http://www.curves.com/>

Athletic gym/club for women only - various locations.

1.800.848.1096

FitCity

<http://www.fitcity.info>

“FitCity is a collaboration funded and facilitated by The Health Foundation, United Way of Central Indiana, the City of Indianapolis, Marion County Health Department and Information and Referral Network.”

FitCity@thfgi.org

High Life Adventures

<http://www.highlifeadventures.com/>

“Founded in Chicago in 1996, Highlife Adventures was one of the first organizations to provide activities for singles where they can have fun and meet people in the process.”

Indiana Sports Corporation

<http://www.indysportscorp.com>

“For more than 25 years, we’ve brought the very best sporting events to Indianapolis , from the 1987 Pan American Games to NCAA Final Fours to The 2005 Solheim Cup.”

info@indianasportscorp.com

Indiana/World Skating Academy

www.iwsa.org

“I/WSA provides for the physical and educational needs of both amateur and professional athletes in figure skating, hockey and speed skating.”

Indianapolis Skydiving

<http://www.indianapolisskydiving.com/>

They have tandem dives for first time divers and certification for experienced divers. Must be 18 or older.

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Indy Dancers

www.indydancers.com

Central Indiana's - Indianapolis - premiere upbeat dance club since 1983. We are a unique, self-help organization that dances "Just for the fun of it".

317.767.5665

Indy Runners

www.indyrunners.org

"Indy Runners is a volunteer, not-for-profit club that serves to promote running and walking as a healthy life-style activity and as a competitive sport."

Indy Swim Fit

<http://www.indyswimfit.com>

Indy Swim Fit is your one stop shop if you are interested in participating and development of your swimming ability. Mel Goldstein is the Director of this program. Contact him at goldsteinmel@sbcglobal.net or via phone at: 317.253.8289.

Indy Swing Dance Club

<http://www.indyswing.org>

"We invite you to join us for a chance to dance, learn and make new friends."

isdc@indyswing.org

Indy Walkers

<http://www.indyrunners.org/view-content.cfm?sectionID=75>

Sister group within Indy Runners. Can join up to workout for the mini marathon in the spring.

INShape Indiana

<http://www.in.gov/inshape/>

Page for the governor's challenge for Indiana to get fit. Includes information on obesity and a great set of resources on smoking cessation.

help@inshape.in.gov

National Institute for Fitness and Sport (NIFS)

<http://www.nifs.org>

“The National Institute for Fitness and Sport is dedicated to enhancing human health, physical fitness and athletic performance through research, education and service for people of all ages and abilities.”

317.274.3432

Out Run the Sun

<http://www.outrunthesun.org>

“The vision of Out Run the Sun, Inc. is to implement its educational initiatives with the ultimate goal of decreasing the number of melanoma and other skin cancer cases.”

anita@outrunthesun.org

O’Rielly Raceway Park

<http://oriellyracewaypark.com>

Park where you can watch or participate in racing.

317.291.4090

Source Yoga Center

<http://www.sourceyoga.net>

“Source Yoga Center seeks to be your source for high quality yoga instruction. We strive to provide yoga classes designed to enhance mental, physical and spiritual well-being.”

info@sourceyoga.net

YMCA

<http://www.indyymca.org>

“To put Christian principles into practice through programs that enhance personal growth and improve health of spirit, mind, and body for all.”

Third Spaces with Free Wi-Fi

The site www.ewireless.net has a listing of free wi-fi spots around the greater Indianapolis area, and www.indydt.com has a listing of free wi-fi spots. Below are just a few of our own favorites when it comes to 3rd spaces with wi-fi:

Broad Ripple Brew Pub

<http://www.broadripplebrewpub.com/>

842 E 56th Street Indianapolis, IN 46220 317.ALE.BREW

Boulevard Place Café

<http://cityguide.aol.com/indianapolis/dining/venue.adp?sbid=104438358>

4155 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, IN 46208
317.283.2233

Café Patachou

<http://www.cafepatachou.com>

3 locations: 4911 N Pennsylvania, Indy; 8691 River Crossing Blvd, Indy; 4733 126th Street, Carmel, IN. And don't forget Petit Chou on Westfield.

Cornerstone Coffee

<http://cityguide.aol.com/indianapolis/dining/venue.adp?sbid=104438358>

651 E 54th St, Indianapolis, IN
317.726.1360

Eddie Merlot's

<http://www.eddiemerlots.com>

3645 E 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN
317.846.8303

Hubbard & Cravens

<http://www.hubbardandcravens.com>

Several in town - see website
800.545.2009

Nothing But Noodles

<http://www.nothingbutnoodles.com>

2 - 903 Indiana Ave, and 3625 E 96th Street
866.566.6353

Panera Bread

<http://www.panera.com/>

5 locations - see website
317.576.6100

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

<http://www.ruthschris.com>

2 locations - north side 96th street and downtown
317.844.1155

Blu Martini

<http://www.blumartini.com>

4705 E 96th St, Indianapolis, 46240
317.566.8650

Sidelines Sports Pub

<http://www.sidelinessportspub.com>

141st Street and SR 37, Noblesville, IN

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Utilities

If you are new to the city, welcome! Below are a list of some of the basic utilities in town. Your providers may vary a bit based upon location, but some cut across the area.

BMV

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
100 N Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN
317.233.6000
www.in.gov/bmv

Cable - Indianapolis

Comcast
5330 E 65th St, Indianapolis, IN 46220
888.266.2278
www.comcast.com

Cable - Indy and surrounding areas

Brighthouse
3030 Roosevelt Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46218
317.972.9700
www.mybighthouse.com

Cable - Indy and surrounding areas

Time Warner Cable
3030 Roosevelt Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46218
317.972.9700
www.timewarnercable.com

Cable - Indy and surrounding areas

Insight Communications
15229 Stony Creek Way, Noblesville, IN 46060
317.776.0660
www.insight-com.com

Contractors - listing service

Angie's List
160 W Carmel Drive, Carmel, IN 46032
317.297.5478
www.angieslist.com

Electric - Hendricks County

Hendricks Power Cooperative
86 N County Road 500 E, Danville, IN 46122
317.745.5473
www.hendrickspower.com

Electric - Indianapolis

IPL
2102 N Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46020
317.261.8222
www.ipalco.com

Electric - Indy and surrounding areas

Cinergy
1000 E Main Street, Plainfield, IN 46122
800.521.2232
www.cinergy.com

Electric - Johnson County

Johnson County REMC
750 International Drive, Franklin, IN 46131
317.736.6174
www.jeremc.com

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Gas - Indianapolis

Citizen's Gas
2020 N Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202
317.924.3311
www.citizensgas.com

Gas - Indy and surrounding areas

Vectren Corporate
20 NW Fourth Street, Evansville, IN 47708
800.777.2060
www.vectren.com

Gas - Westfield

Westfield Gas Corp
606 Park St, Westfield, IN 46074
317.896.2581

Post Office - Carmel

275 Medical Drive, Carmel, IN 46032
317.846.1566
www.usps.com

Post Office - Fishers

8550 E 116th Street, Fishers, IN 46038
317.849.01114
www.usps.com

Post Office - Indianapolis Main

456 N Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204
317.464.6000
www.usps.com

Post Office - Noblesville

1900 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060
317.773.3684
www.usps.com

Streets in Indy - Cleaning & Repair

City-County Building
200 E Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204
317.327.4622

Telephone

SBC
220 N. Meridian Street, Indy
800.742.8771
www.sbc.com

Travel

FlyClear
The Indianapolis Airport is one of 13 airports in the country offering this service.
<http://www.flyclear.com/>

Voting Registration

Indiana Secretary of State
302 W Washington Street, Indy
317.232.3939
<http://www.in.gov/sos/elections>

Water - Carmel

Carmel Utilities
130 1st Avenue Northwest, Carmel
317.571.2648
www.ci.carmel.in.us/services/utilities

Water - Greenwood

Indiana American Water Corporate
P.O. Box 570, Greenwood, IN
800.492.8373
www.amwater.com

Water - Indianapolis and Surrounding Area

Indianapolis Water Company

1220 Waterway Boulevard, Indy
317.631.1431
www.indianapoliswater.com

Water - Lawrence
Lawrence Utilities
9001 E. 59th Street, Indy
317.542.0511
www.cityoflawrence.org

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Venues

There is no way we can list all the venues to have a great meeting, event, or program at around Indy - there are just too many. However, here is a list of our favorites. If you haven't been to them to check them out - you really should seize the opportunity. Better yet, create it yourself and throw a party at these places - they are awesome (and in alphabetical order).

Butler University - Holcomb Gardens

4600 Sunset Ave.

Indianapolis, IN 46208

www.butler.edu

800.368.6852

Butler was founded in 1855, and if you have never been to the Holcomb Gardens tucked away on Butler's campus in the spring or summer, you really should see it. The path to the gardens is behind Holcomb Observatory (also another cool place to view the stars.) There is no indoor space at the gardens, however. Spring and summer events are second to none when the weather is awesome!

The Central Library

40 E. St. Clair Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

www.imcpl.org

317.275.4100

At press time, the central Library was re-opening after its multi million-dollar facelift. However, the updated central library boasts a new auditorium that seats 350 (Clowes) and many other new spaces.

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The Columbia Club

121 Monument Circle
Indianapolis, IN 46204
www.columbia-club.org
317.767.1361

Not only is this building historic (and we might add beautiful on the inside) but it also has space for meetings and hotel accommodations. Only trick with this facility is - you have to be a member to rent space and/or be sponsored by a member. Its worth the extra work, though, if you like history and the views of the circle.

The Eiteljorg Museum

White River State Park
500 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
http://www.eiteljorg.org/ejm_TheMuseum/MuseumRental/Rates2007.asp#lilly

The museum also has awesome indoor and outdoor spaces for rent.

The Indianapolis Zoo & White River Gardens

1200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46222
www.indyzoo.com
317.630.2014

There are several options to hold a special event at the Zoo, and in the summertime, White River Gardens is amazing. They also hold one of their biggest black tie fundraisers annually - Zoobilation - that sells out quickly (but is a must see).

Laurel Hall - The Ruth Lilly Conference Center

5395 Emerson Way
Indianapolis, IN 46226
www.laurel-hall.org
317.275.3390

Many in Indy or new to Indy have probably never seen nor heard of Laurel Hall, but it is everything you think it might be - in a very Great Gatsby kind of way. Former home of a think tank, a girls' school, and

the original home of the Fletchers, they now have a good website with ideas on how to plan your event. If you want space on the weekend, book in advance - way in advance. This is one of the hottest places in the city for wedding receptions. The house also has an executive boardroom - a great space for small, exclusive events.

Wine

We may not be mountainous, have a lot of natural lakes around us, nor be in the Napa or the Noir Valleys, but we do have our own varieties of wine (and enjoy it, thoroughly). If you dig wine like we do, share your passion with others and/or learn more about it at the following places and with the following people:

Butler Winery & Vineyards

<http://www.butlerwinery.com/>

Bloomington based winery with tastings, tours, and winemaking supplies.

Chateau Thomas Winery

<http://www.chateauthomas.com/>

Founded by Dr. Thomas, this winery has a club, tastings, and a fun list of events on their website calendar.

Easley Winery

<http://www.easleywinery.com/>

The oldest winery in the state, located in downtown Indianapolis. They have free tastings and host private parties.

Ferrin's Fruit Winery

<http://www.ferrinsfruitwinery.com/>

Fruit based wine store based in Carmel.

Grape Inspirations Winery

<http://www.grape-inspirations.com/about2.htm>

Carmel IN based winery.

Indy International Wine Competition

<http://www.in.gov/iwc/>

During the state fair, winemakers from around the world send their wares in, and the public is encouraged to attend and sample.

Indy Vinos

<http://www.indyvinos.com/>

Group that meets socially monthly and drinks...you guessed it...wine. Admission charge at the door.

Kahn's Fine Wines

<http://www.kahnsfinewines.com/>

The mother load of all fine wines. The refrigerated room in the Carmel store you just won't want to leave.

Local Wine Events.com, Indianapolis

<http://www.localwineevents.com/Indianapolis-Wine/>

Listing of wine tastings and wine happenings in and around Indy.

Madison Vineyards

<http://www.madisonvineyards.com/HOMEPAGEEx.html>

Try it out if you get south in Indiana.

Massachusetts Avenue Wine Shop

<http://www.massavewine.com/>

Here's the cool thing about Jill Ditmire's newest addition to Mass Ave - she has a "wall of wine" which includes wine that retails for \$15 or less. They also have a deli with imported meats and cheeses, and have live events where you can sample and learn about not only wine, but also other things, like how to furnish your home.

Oliver Winery

<http://www.oliverwinery.com/main.html>

Indiana Winery on the way to Bloomington that everyone should stop and see. They can also host private parties and tours. They also have white and red selections.

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Turtle Run Winery

<http://www.turtlerunwinery.com/>

In Corydon, IN (the first state capitol of Indiana).

Vintage Indiana Wine Festival

<http://www.vintageindiana.com/>

The Festival is held in the summer in Military Park.

WFYI's Annual Indy Wine Fest

<http://www.wfyi.org/eventWinefest.asp>

Wine festival and tasting as a major fundraiser for public television, WFYI in Indianapolis. The 2008 Fest is in February at the Indiana Roof Ballroom.

Wineries of Indiana

<http://www.indianawines.org/>

Lists all things related to Indiana and wine, including events and all the Indiana wineries.

Writers and Writing

Writing a book can be a daunting, yet exhilarating and wonderful experience. However, it is not always easy to find places to start. We've listed a few below:

Spring 2008 Vivian S. Delbrook Visiting Writers Series

Butler University

4600 Sunset Ave.

Indianapolis, IN 46208

<http://www.butler.edu/absolutenm/templates/?a=509&z=22>

The spring writers' series brings in this year seven top shelf writers from around the country and events are free and open to the public. For specific info on dates and times, call 317.940.9861.

AuthorHouse

1663 Liberty Drive, Suite 200

Bloomington, IN 47403

888.519.5121

<http://www.authorhouse.com>

One of the largest self-publishing houses is right here in Indiana! Bloomington based AuthorHouse now has published over 60,000 titles, and is a great option for people who are passionate to publish and don't want to fight traditional publishers to get the word out. (Yes, this book was published by AuthorHouse.)

Indiana Authors Bookstore

Indiana Author's Institute

36 East Maryland Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

317.633.4070
317.633.4055 fax
<http://www.indianaauthorsbookstore.com/index.html>

Indiana Authors has a writers' group that meets frequently to discuss and support the writing process.

Indianapolis Marion County Public Library

Central Library: 40 E. St. Clair Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-275-4100

Occasionally, the library offers writing & publishing classes. To search for one at a branch near you, logon to their calendar at: <http://www.imcpl.org/events/index.php?action=search>. A little sidebar hint for you, especially if you are new to the area - if you live in a doughnut county outside Marion, you can still get privileges to check out books and obtain a library card in Marion county for \$30 a year by purchasing an Indiana state library card, which will get you into any Indiana library (that's the cost of 2 books on Amazon - well worth the money). For a list of all the libraries in the state of Indiana, go here: <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/lldo/pldir/pldir.html>. Finally, the library has book clubs (and writers know that in order to write well, they have to be voracious readers): <http://www.supportlibrary.com/su/su.cfm?x=68644>.

IUPUI Community Learning Network

620 Union Drive, Suite 244 Indianapolis, IN 46202
317-278-7600
<http://www.cln.iupui.edu/>

The IUPUI CLN has a great, comprehensive listing of adult education classes that are reasonably priced and interesting on their website. Creative writing is a course offered in the Arts & Humanities section. Classes are ongoing throughout the year.

The Indiana Writer's Center

Mailing address: P.O. Box 30407; Indianapolis, IN 46230-0407

Center address: 812 E. 67th St.; Indianapolis, IN 46220

317.255.0710

<http://www.indianawriters.org/>

This organization has community-based writers' workshops and educational events for potential or current writers in order to nurture and support potential writers. They also have a listing of readings at their website.

Write Stuff Writers

PO Box 36097 Indianapolis, IN 46236-0097

<http://www.writestuffwriters.com/>

info@writestuffwriters.com

Write Stuff Writers holds writers' conferences all over the US, even right here in central Indiana. Their website also has a lot of links to other writing inspired resources.

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Young at Heart

You are probably wondering what this category is about. Well, we wanted to give a shout out to the young at heart and share a few awesome resources for those over age 50 in the Indy area. If you are young at heart and moving into the city (or know someone who is), a listing of the largest Indianapolis-Area Retirement Communities can be found in the **2008 IBJ Book of Lists**.

Another interesting group is called **OASIS** (<http://www.oasisnet.org/indianapolis/>). This is a group for those 50 plus that is a not-for-profit, service and education program in the Indianapolis area, now with over 25,500 members and it is free to join. So, if you are a young professional at heart (or your mom or dad is) have them join this group. Even the baby boomers can get into social networking.

Also, there exists **Indy Creative Aging** (<http://www.indycreativeaging.org/>) which is a central Indiana website, “dedicated to activities, services, events and life enrichment opportunities for visitors 50 and older.” They have categories in culture, life long learning, recreation & fitness, and volunteer & leadership. Finally, **The Rainbow Book** written by **Connect2Help** (formerly Information & Referral Network) has a listing of senior centers included in the 2007 edition of the book. You can order a copy of *The Rainbow Book* online at www.connect2help.com or by checking the reference section at the library.

The End

This is the part where we say thank you for reading our guide, and hope it is not the end for you, but merely the beginning of a great start for getting connected to Indianapolis. We hope you found it helpful in some way, shape, or form, and again, if we forgot anything, please let us know. Check out our website (www.yuspie.com) and contact us via email at: info@yuspie.com if you want something included in the next edition. There is also a form included in the back of this book if you'd like something included that we forgot.

In closing, we thought we'd share with you our young professionals' wish list for Indy, which would include the following:

1. **Mass transit** - connecting not only the 'burbs to downtown, but from Indy to Chicago in a bullet-train-get-there-in-less-than-an-hour fashion would be fantastic. Most major cities know they have 'made it' by having mass transit, and Indy is overdue for such a system. This will cost a lot of cash, but couldn't we have a massive lottery fundraiser in order to make it happen? Maybe down the line the lottery could pay for mass transit instead of just reducing car license plate taxes.
2. **Education reform** - our public school system in the city is less than perfect. We need more charter schools, and after school programs that will help our students learn in thousands of different ways. It actually costs the state of Indiana more money

to incarcerate a criminal for one year than it does to educate a person on how to start a business. Granted, not everyone is going to neither head off to Harvard nor be the next Warren Buffett, but nearly everyone has a dream in their head and heart along with a desire to fulfill their destiny. Why can't we teach everyone about the intra/entrepreneurial mindset at a minimum? The new economy will reward those societies that create knowledge workers rather than factory workers.

3. **Healthier Hoosiers** - Our smoking rates are still some of the highest in the country, and our obesity rates aren't much better either. It would be great if employers would start focusing on wellness and allowing discounts or some partial healthcare spending flexibility on gyms and wellness programs in Indiana. Also, it would be swell if we could have some healthcare 401Ks to reward those trying to be healthy with some savings for healthcare in the future. Ditto with living greener: why couldn't we give some breaks to people who go out of their way to reduce, reuse, and recycle?
4. **More people who care** - We desperately need more young people to get involved in Indy civically - there will be a record number of vacant advisory board positions in the next decade for Indiana charitable organizations. On the flip side, there are many benefits for the individual to get involved in a community, as he or she improves the satisfaction of his/her own life by giving back. We hope that through initiatives like this book, young people will understand how valuable their ideas are to the future of Indiana and get connected to the city and state. I know it is tough to look at the big picture when you are trying to just make ends meet, but trust me when I say, there

is someone out there that is always worse off than you and can use a helping hand. Count your blessings by helping others, because what you put into the universe will come back to you in a much bigger way. If you already give a damn: you rule. Keep up the stellar work!

5. **Big ideas** - Indiana hasn't exactly been on the cutting edge of revolutionary ideas in the past. However, young professionals can change that. We can become more open to new and big ideas and embrace them. The east and west coasts have their own issues too, and we can maximize our advantages to expand our intellectual capital in this state. That takes big thinking, and big ideas. Someone said, go big or go home. If you're from Indiana, you can go big and *stay* home. Instead of TED (www.ted.com, a website I'm currently addicted to) being held just in Monterey, California, once a year, for example, why can't Indiana have it's very own big ideas conference and invite young professionals to share their best ideas, with city and state officials taking notes in the audience? If you are a big thinker, logon to the Linkedin for big thinking - www.bigthink.com and you can share your big ideas while staying home too. Example of big thinking opportunities: recently, the city was trying to figure out what to do with the interim public library--why not rent out space within it to young business startups for nothing and give them an opportunity to collaborate with each other and with the downtown marketplace?

Even if there are no formal venues in the near future for ideas, please share your awesomeness and ideas each day with those who will listen and don't let someone tell you something can't

be done - just ignore the naysayers/negative Nellies and go for it!

Indy is a great city for young professionals and can be even better in the future--with your help. So, to those of you out there living your lives and dreams in Indy - keep on rocking, connecting, and making this an even greater city to live, play, and work!

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Below are some great written resources on Indianapolis that you might want to check out (beyond our book, of course). For a comprehensive guide on publications about Indianapolis, or books written by Indiana Authors, you can either check out the **Indy Scribe** blog online (http://www.indyscribe.com/books/books_about_indianapolis_and_indiana.html), the **Indianapolis Marion County Public Library** (www.imcpl.org, in particular their reference section at the main library downtown), or any of the local or national bookstores. BTW, one of our favorite bookstores here in town is **Half Priced Books**. Also, the library sells off books at ginormous discounts a few times a year - keep your eye peeled on their website for the **IMCPL book sales**. Other picks for bookstores include **Indiana Authors Bookstore** (downtown and full of books by people from Indiana), **Northside News Cafe** (in Broad Ripple, best place to get magazines) and **Big Hat Books** in Broad Ripple (an independent with a great motto of-- Live. Large. Read.).

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