

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet and Awakening Community Newsletter

And they're off.....

IDGB #37, 38 and Awakening #8 are off and running. Here's the Men's team #37: Lay Director, Jeff Tar; Asst. Lay Directors Harry Karabel and Norm Bird; Speakers, Tom Berk, Art Chesna, Fred Steiner, Brian Leonard, Tom Wold, Ray Smith and Ken Koch; Table Leaders Dale Peterson, Pete Elmgren, Dean Larson, Terry Quinn; Music, Ken McAloon; Kitchen **Frank Kozik, Jeff Bird, Craig O'Brien, Gar Germann; Dining Room, David Vignocchi; Agape **Chris Charters, Mike Williams, Bill Markve, Mike Puskar; Spiritual Directors **Roy Zerbe, DuWayne Hintz, Jim Milligan

Here's the Women's Team #38: Lay Director, Olga Koch; Asst. Lay Direc-

tors, Jean Oliver and Lou Ann Karabel; Speakers, Sheya Bennett, Judy Elwood, Charlene Grant, July Hollar, Gail Larson, Sue McQuiston, Heidi Zerbe; Table Leaders, Ginger Boys, Kelly Braden, Leila Buford, Ellen Dickinson, Karen Elmgren, Tammy Krakowiak, Mary Steuere; Music, **Patrice Martin, Debbie Cusic; Kitchen, **Mary Phelan, Lita Jones, Jean Armstrong, Beth Bailey, Becky Springsteen; Dining Room, Chris Kern and Marion Gill; Agape, **Karen Robison, Patti Martinez, Marlo Harding, Trena Mortensen, Lori Brown-Runyon; Spiritual Directors, **Nancy Kahaian, Nancy Becker, Elaine Watkins

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Please hold these brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer as they prepare to share Christ's love with our guests.



Team members race to the finish lineChrist's amazing love.

Guest List

Men's Banquet Guests: Eric Oden Clark, John Demmond, Tony Easterlin, Maurice Garth Jr., Roland Jahnke, David Joslyn, Jeff Krajewski, Ken Mills, Vinny Paloma, Thomas Pleasant, Bruce Roth, Steven Scarborough, Glen Werth and Craig Wilson.

Women's Banquet Guests: Anne Baker, Louise Baker, Shelley Bennett, Debbie Bouche', Susan

Brown, Betty Cannon, Roseie Canprue, Renee' Carns, Molly Clark, Teri Cummins, Suzanne Demmond, Naomia Espravnik, Lynn Fuson, Ginny Galanos, Charlene Garth, Tina Gurniewicz, Shannon Haberkamp, Susan Hales, Janice Hamning, Teri Hart, Michelle Hedrick, Phyllis Hudee, Deanna Jahnke, Samantha Joslyn, Shari Krajewski, Jane Krohn, Sally

Lambert, Marj Lawson, Patty Leer, Donna McCall, April Medley, Shirley Noel, Kitty O'Donnell, Rebecca Oliver, Donna Parker, Sandy Paloma, Jan Parry, Lillian Robinson, Beth Ryser, Kellie Ryser, Danielle Smith, Ellen Somers, Cathy Szymanski, Jenny Wallace, Frankie Wikcliffe Eloise Williams, Julie Wilmoth and Jen Wilson.

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Important Happenings

- **September 24-** Team Dedication at Westminster
- **October 2-5-** Men's Banquet #37
- **October 9-12-** Women's Banquet #38
- **October 18-4th** Day Gathering Ogden Dunes
- **October 29-** Awakening Dedication-WPC
- **November 7-9-** Awakening #8
- **November 22-** Gathering- Crown Point
- **December 13-** Christmas Gathering- Lowell

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Betsy Shryock with a
whole lotta help from
the Holy Spirit.*

Hope Conquers All

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1.2- 4

Toward the end of World War I, a battalion, the 308th, was ordered to push an attack against the German army. The troops were battle-weary, low on supplies, and under strength from high casualties. As they advanced under orders, however, they hit an undefended hole and broke through the German lines. When the Germans closed the gap, the battalion found themselves surrounded inside German territory. To make matters worse, they fell under what the military dubs, "friendly fire." The first

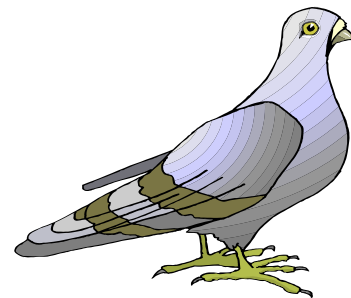
two attacks by the Germans on the pinned-down American battalion failed.

American support artillery, however, having been given the wrong grid coordinates, now threatened to finish the battalion. The only method of getting a message back to the artillery unit that they were shelling the wrong target was by carrier pigeon, and the pigeon handler lost one of his two birds.

A desperate message was attached to the last bird, and the bird flew up into a tree and sat. Nothing seemed able to move the bird, so finally one soldier braved enemy fire to climb the tree and shoo her away.

As the bird took off, all the German riflemen fired at her. The pigeon lost a leg, lost an eye, and survived a smashed breast--but delivered the message to stop the shelling.

The apparent hopelessness of that WW I battalion's position is not terribly different from the "impossible" and "very difficult" circumstances that most of us encounter at one time or another. While our Father promises to care for us and not abandon us, He has never promised to remove us from our trials, but God is always with us.



Prayer Requests:

Haley Helstrom
Judy Elwood
Ed and Mary Van Wijk
Paige Stephan
Olga, Jeff, Debby and Matt
GCGB teams 5 & 6

Mother Teresa said: "I was once asked why I don't participate in anti-war demonstrations. I said that I will never do that, but as soon as you have a pro-peace rally, I'll be there."

May Peace Prevail on Earth...



A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World". Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

- Egypt's Great Pyramids
- Taj Mahal
- Grand Canyon
- Panama Canal
- Empire State Building
- St. Peter's Basilica
- China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet, so she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many".

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what

you have, and maybe we can help you". The girl instead hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

- to see
- to hear
- to touch
- to taste
- to feel
- to laugh
- and to love".

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple, ordinary and take for granted are truly wondrous...aren't they?

New Board Members to be Chosen

The end of the calendar year (December) is always the time when IDGB Board of Directors does some reconfiguring. The following Board members will rotate off this year and the job will fall on the shoulders of Harry Karabel and company to refill them....so if you see Harry coming your way with a “sheepish” look on his face either run or get ready to say “yes”.

(If you have comments, concerns or a desire to do one of these jobs, contact Harry at (219) 926-5342 or

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ROTATING OFF THE BOARD

Spiritual Director	Susan Zencka
Vice President:	John Shields
Secretary/Camp Liason	Becky Crabb
At Large:	Brian Leonard
Applications:	The Walter’s
Newsletter:	Betsy Shryock
Community Agape	Priscilla Stephan
4th Day Coordinator	Lolly Dogan

SHOUT OUT TO ELIZABETH RUSNAK

Hey *Elizabeth Rusnak*, guest at IDGB #36.....Heard you had a great time at your Banquet and that your name was omitted from the Spring newsletter....Elizabeth....we’re



Songbooks

As they say “all good things must come to an end” and I’m sorry to say the Blue Song Book’s days are numbered.

Those little books have lasted through *at least* 5 years and *at least* 20 Banquets and 7 Awakenings...not to mention the countless Gatherings. (You’ll excuse the impreciseness of my statistics but no one can really remember when they came out.) What we know is that **we need songbooks** and new ones are on the way.

Jeri Kris and Betsy Shryock have



worked diligently this summer to “redo” the books. They will contain some tried and true favorites (Did you think we’d really take the “Wedding Banquet” out?) and a few new numbers that the “musical folk” think you all need to know (Come, Now is the Time

to Worship.....

Some of the music at the August Gathering at Valparaiso was new and some were songs that have always been in the book but don’t get sung much.

So, this fall look for the new books; get ready for a few changes, shout out some numbers you don’t really know and ...

Sing Praises to the Lord!!!



Inside Story Headline

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Come, for all is now ready....



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Clean up in Aisle 8

Jeff Tar, Lay Director, IDGB #37

I received my “call” to be the Men’s Lay Director for weekend #37 in the antihistamine aisle at Walgreen’s. Who doesn’t? My daughters and I were picking up a prescription and a few necessities one spring evening when a Great-Banquet-Community-Spiritual-Director-Who-Shall-Not-Be-Named caught my attention. We waved and exchanged pleasantries. But as ... ahem ... she approached us, I realized that our cross-aisle wave had not satisfied her. As we met, she asked if Bill Bailey had called me. Well, knowing that (1) it is Bill Bailey that makes **THE** phone call, and (2) in the 4 years I’ve known Bill Bailey, he had never made **THAT** phone call to our house, I had a good idea why he would be calling. Swelling with pride, I indicated that Bill had not called me, but that I eagerly anticipated his call. As we parted

company, I smiled, turned, prayed, said “yes” in my mind, and began putting together **MY** dream team. It was about that time that the aisle began to spin and my knees began to buckle. *Clean up in aisle 8!*

After breathing into a paper sack for about three days, I remembered something the former Lay Director, Joe Van Bokkelen said at a team meeting, “There is nothing we can do to screw this up, [Great Banquet #23], better men than us have tried and failed.” Joe went on to say that we were in the hands of God, being led by the Holy Spirit, and that we’d all be alright. Thanks Joe.

Fortunately, I had to wait two weeks -- when I would meet with the other Lay Directors, Olga Koch, Deb Bailey, and Matt Bunchek -- to begin calling Team #37 together. It would take God that long to mold me in humility. As I began

to pray for IDGB #37, I prayed to control God (“...send me a great team!”), then to protect myself from failure (“...make this the greatest Banquet ever”), and finally to simply be a witness to God working in this world (“...thank you for the gifts you have given me; show me how to use them to minister to the team and guests of IDGB #37”). And now, we are a month away and I see clearly that this isn’t about me. In fact, I now see that the quicker I get out of the way and allow the men of Team #37 to use their gifts, the better off the guest will be. (Which is great, ‘cause I haven’t even started writing talk #15 yet.) See you on the hill.

De Colores,
Jeff
IDGB#20, Table of Mark