

March 2009 – The snow is melting, rain is on the way, but sunshine awaits! Spring time is here! Welcome to the Indiana University Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Alumni Association e-newsletter. The goal of this publication is to establish a monthly form of communication on behalf of the board of directors of the GLBTAA. The purpose of the e-newsletter is to inform you of upcoming events and news that are happening in our community along with providing us another way to "Reach Out." We hope you find this newsletter insightful and engaging and we welcome any suggestions or feedback. Your GLBT Alumni Association – Reaching Out to Reconnect.

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#### 1) Quick Calendar

- \* \* March 4: 6-8 p.m., GLBTAA board of directors meeting – public is welcome
- \* \* March 12: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Bloomington Pride Happy Hour, The Root Cellar at FARMbloomington (108 E. Kirkwood Ave.)
- \* \* March 19: 6-8 p.m., Indianapolis Pride Happy Hour, Agio (635 Massachusetts Ave.)

#### **Save the date:**

- \* \* April 9 & 16: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pride Happy Hour
  - April 9: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Bloomington: The Root Cellar at FARMbloomington (108 E. Kirkwood Ave.)
  - Apr. 16: 6-8 p.m., Indianapolis: Agio (635 Massachusetts Ave.)
- \* \* April 30: 4-6 p.m., Senior Salute, DeVault Alumni Center
- \* \* May 1: 5-7 p.m., GLBTAA co-hosts the annual Rainbow Dinner at the Village Deli
- \* \* May 9: Indiana University – Bloomington Commencement Ceremonies
- \* \* June 7-13: Circle City IN Pride, Indianapolis
  - June 13: 11 a.m., Circle City IN Pride Parade
- \* \* June 21 – 28: GLBTAA @ Chicago Pride Festival
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## 2) Member Spotlight

We would like you to meet Maida Tilchen, MS Ed.' 76.



Maida Tilchen, who recently published her first novel, "Land Beyond Maps," is currently the project manager for library services at Cambridge College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Maida came to Bloomington after serving in the domestic Peace Corps from 1973-74. She helped organize many events in Bloomington including lesbian/gay conferences and the Lesbian and Gay Literary Circle. Her favorite memories of IU include the 1975 Midwest Lesbian and Gay Conference and attending the 1979 Lesbian/Gay March on Washington, D.C. Maida says "Great oaks grew from the little acorns we planted in the 1970s. We didn't let ourselves imagine the progress for LGBTs today, it seemed so impossible." She advises GLBT students, "So go for it!"

The importance of the GLBTAA is immense for Maida. "The possibility of a lesbian/gay branch of the IUAA was a joke to us... It's so wonderful that IU is now so openly supportive," she says. Tilchen's book is a heavily researched novel of biography, travel, adventure, and lesbian and women's history. Visit <http://www.amazon.com> to purchase.

To find out more about Maida, visit the GLBTAA member profiles page at <http://alumni.indiana.edu/glbtaa/profiles.shtml>

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## 3) Pride Happy Hour Update

Pride Happy Hour is picking up speed in Indianapolis. With over 50 people attending, many of which were IU alumni, we look forward to expanding our base and continuing with successful results in both Bloomington and Indy. The GLBTAA is partnering with Indy Pride, Inc. to promote and join forces with an already successful program. You can visit Agio on the third Thursday of each month on Massachusetts Ave. in Indianapolis from 6-8 p.m. to meet up with great friends or make new ones.

Bloomington Pride Happy Hours will continue with the same dates on the second Thursday of each month in the Root Cellar at FARMbloomington until April from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

E-vites will be sent through our e-mail list for both events. If you know someone who would like to join in the festivities, please have them join the GLBTAA or see if they want to have their e-mail address added to our listserv. Please e-mail [glbtaa@indiana.edu](mailto:glbtaa@indiana.edu) with further questions. Thanks for your continued support! We look forward to seeing you in the near future.

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#### 4) Doctorate Student Request

“My name is Dustin Bailey and I am working on a doctoral dissertation focused around school principals' leadership decisions and how they affect GLBT youth. My focus group for this particular section highlights the experiences of twenty-something gay men in particular. I would like to interview 4-5 gay males who would be willing to share their experiences in high school. I'm not concerned if they were 'out' or not in high school, but wouldn't mind having both perspectives. Thank you so much!”

Contact Dustin at [dabailey@indiana.edu](mailto:dabailey@indiana.edu) if you are interested in participating.

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#### 5) News

\* Visit the 21 Club, Bloomington's spot for GLBT folks and friends on Thursday nights. From 9 p.m. - 3 a.m., come to the Root Cellar inside FARMbloomington. The 21 Club will feature local deejays and entertainment, cover is \$3.

\* Visit <http://www.kinseyconfidential.org/2009/02/16/our-brush-with-kinsey-stardom-this-weekend-at-mblgtacc/> to look at the visiting Kinsey Sicks at The Kinsey Institute during MBLGTACC '09.

- More conference coverage can be found at:  
<http://www.idsnews.com/news/story.aspx?id=66257&comview=1>

\* Did you like our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration featuring Kate Clinton? Indiana Equality is co-presenting with Branching OUT Productions a show with Kate Clinton at 8 p.m., April 4 in the lobby of the Indiana Roof Ballroom. For tickets only (no reception), please contact Out Word Bound in Indianapolis at (317) 951-9100 or buy tickets in person at 625 N. East St., Indianapolis.

\* Want to view pictures of all our festivities? Pictures from the GLBTAA Homecoming Weekend and other festivities in the past year are online now. Visit our Facebook page: [http://www.facebook.com/photo\\_search.php?oid=8746112146&view=all](http://www.facebook.com/photo_search.php?oid=8746112146&view=all) or the GLBTAA Scrapbook page: <http://alumni.indiana.edu/glbtaa/scrapbooks.shtml> to see everything that is going on!

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#### 6) Participate Online and Update Your Information

What works? In this time of mass technological change and innovation, we want to keep you updated as possible on what's new with the GLBTAA. Free GLBTAA merchandise will be provided to those who participate at a high level with other members in the GLBTAA Facebook group. Following are just some of the ways you can participate: write on the wall (give your opinions on how the GLBTAA is doing, reconnect with old friends, etc.), send the board a message letting us know how we're doing, send messages to other members and respond to our posts on what you would like to see from the GLBTAA. Those are just a few of the many ways you can participate, so please do!

\*Find out immediately what is going on with the GLBTAA by adding us to your Twitter account! Receive text messages and e-mail alerts to find out when and where the GLBTAA is going to be near you!

<http://twitter.com/IUGLBTAA>

\* Consider joining our Facebook group for recent news, updates, and information regarding scholarships and membership events. To get involved visit:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8746112146&ref=ts>

Encourage your friends to join the GLBTAA and the IUAA. Keep up your hard work! It is because of you that the GLBTAA is in existence. Thank you for your generous support through your membership. We look forward to serving you now and in the years to come.

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Be sure to keep your contact information up-to-date for the latest news from the GLBTAA! Update your official alumni record at <https://launchpad.alumni.iu.edu>.

Join the Indiana University Alumni Association today by visiting <http://alumni.iu.edu/membership>, by e-mailing [uiaamemb@indiana.edu](mailto:uiaamemb@indiana.edu) or calling (800) 824-3044. By joining the IUAA, you help fund GLBTAA programs along with gaining access to member-only events. This is something you should not miss!

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