

Words for Your Involvement

WFYI's Volunteer Newsletter

Message from the Manager



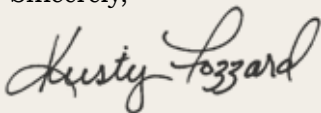
Happy birthday, WFYI! October 4, 2010 marked the 40th anniversary for WFYI Public Media! We have seen many changes over the years and thanks to our viewers and listeners, and especially our terrific volun-

teers, we're still going strong!

Out with the spring and summer and into the fall and winter we go. So many events have come and gone since the last newsletter. Let's Meet PBS KIDS in the Park kicked off to the summer festivities, followed by our TV Membership Drives, the Broad Ripple Art Fair, Penrod and Speaking of Women's Health. I am shouting out a huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who made all of our summer events so successful!

WFYI's summer is winding down but that can only mean one thing...our fall and winter events are underway! A few of our fall annual events are right around the corner. Spirited Chase will be held on Saturday, November 13. It is such a fun event to either participate in or volunteer for. Our next TV Membership Drive will be November 25 - December 12, and Wine Fest will be on February 4, 2011. I look forward to seeing you at our events! Keep an eye on your e-mail to sign up for these upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Sincerely,



Kristy Fozzard
WFYI Manager of Volunteer Programs

'Chili Out' Party for Volunteers

By Mary Rinck

CHILI, BEER AND S'MORES! The Volunteer Relations Committee hosted this event on September 30 to say "thank you" for all the hours donated to WFYI/IRIS.

Volunteers and staff members gathered in the Community Room at 5:30 pm for chili from Nick's plus all the trimmings: pasta, chopped onion, cheese and sour cream.

Judy Muessig and Angie Chau also prepared a delicious "garden" chili for those who prefer meatless dishes. Committee members baked a variety of delicious cookies for dessert. Beer and soft drinks were provided.

The plan for gathering on the patio to toast marshmallows for s'mores was thwarted this year by the ban on open burning - due to the dry conditions - but we found they are just as good when toasted in the oven.

The tables were very festive in a fall array of leaves, gourds and pumpkins. Little bags of candy corn were in baskets for guests to take home. A big "thank you" to Steve Archbold for returning to play his guitar and provide great background music.



Paul Burch with Fifth Third Bank and Alan Cloe once again acted as chili servers. Lloyd Wright gave a welcome and thank you to all the volunteers. Board Members Barbara Branic, David Sease and Patty Poehler also put on WFYI aprons and helped serve and thank volunteers.

WFYI is so fortunate to have hundreds of devoted volunteers who answer Kristy's call for special events, weekly projects and pledge drives. There is no way that the station could do all it does for the community without the help and support of these dedicated volunteers.

The Bilskie family who own and operate a fresh produce market on West 79th Street gave us a generous discount on all the gourds and pumpkins used in decorating tables for this event. Thank you very much for your support.

The Volunteer Relations Committee members are: Judy Muessig, Kristy Fozzard, Amber Wortman, Mary Rinck, Betty Rubin, Dean Willey, Andy Peralta and Karine Huys.

Check out the upcoming volunteer opportunities listed on the back page of this newsletter.



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As a trusted catalyst for lifelong learning, WFYI Public Broadcasting engages and enriches our community through distinctive programs and services.

Volunteers Demonstrate Many Skills During Speaking of Women’s Health

By Bernadette Hengesbach

Speaking of Women’s Health doesn’t just happen without days of behind the scenes work. Bright and early on September 1, volunteers reported to Kipp Brothers warehouse in Carmel to prepare the materials for the totes and luncheon favors for conference participants.

All morning our volunteers sorted, collated and prepared the materials to be stuffed into our fashionable reversible tote bags. The afternoon was spent preparing special favors for the luncheon table. A special thank you goes to Kipp Brothers. While their contribution may not be as visible as some others – the use of their space, coupled with their helpfulness and encouragement is invaluable to the success of this event.

Thursday morning, September 9 the “Thursday Morning Group” prepared the name tags for the over 800 participants, plus assorted speakers and honored guests. They were all reminded of their alphabet for at least one day. On Thursday afternoon the action moved to the Convention Center, where the volunteers and staff unpacked tote bags, decorated tables and stuffed programs to be prepared for the next day’s activities.

Finally, the day of the event dawned on September 10. Volunteers joined WFYI staff at the Indiana Convention Center by 7 am. Between the hours of 7 am and 4pm, about 60 volunteers – decked out in bright green t-shirts – worked morning and/or afternoon shifts doing registration, luncheon set-up and take down, breakout session monitors, greeters and general “jacks and jills” of all skills.

Our volunteers really added to the feel of hospitality around the convention center. The success of the day can be summed up in the number of tired and aching-footed volunteers that are already volunteering for next year.

Just for your information – WFYI is the host and driving force behind this community event; but we couldn’t do it without the support of our local presenters and sponsors. Those local businesses that sponsored “Speaking of Women’s Health” this year are: St. Vincent Women’s Services, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Fifth Third Bank, Barrington Jewels, Bright Ideas in Broadripple, Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Centers, Printing Partners, Hilton Garden Inn, Honors Beauty College, Impact Group, JP Parker Flowers, Kinetico, Kipp Brothers and The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis.



Volunteers get the Speaking of Women’s Health attendees registered and outfitted with their gift bags.

A Park Setting



A Sesame Street fan meets walkaround Rosita during Let's Meet PBS KIDS in the Park.

By Andy Peralta

Year after year, an estimated 50,000 people in the Central Indiana community come out to WFYI's one-day summer event, Let's Meet PBS KIDS in the Park. Those who attend participate in many (fun) learning and playing opportunities. They can also watch stage performances and interact with their favorite PBS KIDS walk around characters. But, how does something like this just suddenly happen, on that day? The following text begins to describe only one of the many, many efforts it takes.

Let's Meet PBS KIDS in the Park is the brainchild of the WFYI staff. It takes lots of planning, coordination and patience to successfully orchestrate an event of this size. WFYI's secret-weapon in pulling together a large event, such as this, is by enlisting volunteers like you to help run the event! In 2010, I signed-up to work the set-up shift. Here's how it went:

At the crack of dawn ... a park lays quiet and empty. It is the morning of Let's Meet. Shortly after this moment of "calm and quiet" comes an army of volunteers, who bring in trucks of: golf carts, tables, chairs, walkie-talkies, electrical equipment, audio equipment, banners,

PBS merchandise, food and water (for starters). Alas ... mishaps materialize!

For anyone who has never been on the "assembly" side of an outdoor event ... things will NOT always go according to plan. Installation of a temporary communications cable was too short. Heavy (very heavy) stage-risers needed repositioning. An electrical switch to park-pavilion lights could not be accessed when needed. Banners, indicating stage name and performances, were delivered separately tie-straps. Volunteer name badges were sorted by first name rather than lastname. Whoa, time-out already!!

Despite all this adversity during pre-event set-up, the show must (and does) go on. Within a time frame of 2-hours, the - once quiet - park is alive with fresh energy. We are now ready to educate, entertain and connect with the tens of thousands of people who will visit today.

This is the moment of pause ... where set-up crews will dismiss numerous challenges they faced, in exchange for watching families learn and play together, from our work of coordination and patience. Thank you WFYI staff and volunteers for continuing to make Let's Meet PBS KIDS in the Park an integral part of our community.

IRIS is Blooming with Mark Varnau as a Volunteer



Mark Varnau in the old IRIS studio at 1401 N. Meridian St.

Have a home project underway? Want to know the name of the flower filling the air with that sweet smell? Mark Varnau might just be the person to answer your questions. Mark, an IRIS volunteer for more than 13 years, is the host of Home and Garden News for our radio broadcast.

After retiring as vice president of marketing for Hook Drugs, Mark had no trouble filling his days with extra activities. As his wife calls him a professional volunteer, Mark has donated his time to numerous organizations, including medical missions to Haiti, coordinating the food pantry for his church and serving on the board of the Arts Council of Indianapolis, to name just a few. "Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and learn new things," he says, "I have been very fortunate in my life and I enjoy giving back in whatever small way I can."

As a recipient of the Carl Wodicka award, it's no stretch of the truth to say that giving back is definitely one of Mark's strong suits. For all of his years of dedication to the IRIS service, he has never missed a recording and has pulled double duty on several occasions as he has filled in for other volunteers. Mark said, "At IRIS, I enjoy trying to make audible words into visual ones and do it in an interesting and lively way," he continues, "I try to read as if someone was right in the room with me listening and I always try to make it as clear and interesting as possible."

While we are sure our listeners always find Mark's programs interesting, one thing is very clear, and that is the IRIS office feels fortunate to have an outstanding and dedicated volunteer like Mark Varnau helping to make our service enjoyable for the residence of Indiana that are print-impaired.



SPIRITED CHASE

Spirit & Place

www.spiritandplace.org

The Splendid Table

SUNDAY AT 4 PM ON WFYI 90.1 FM HD1

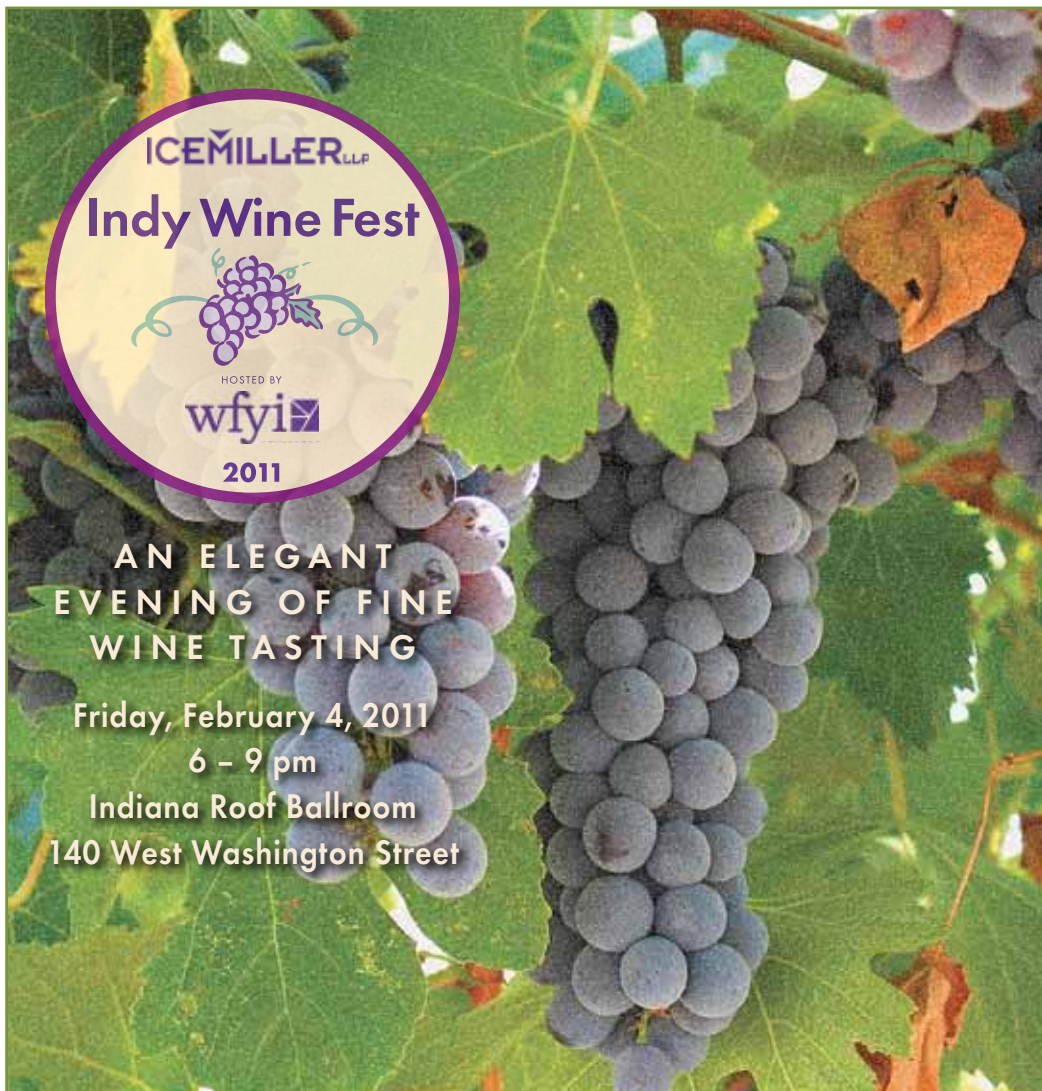
Spirited Chase Returns!

Join us on November 13 for a day of discovery about hospitality and gifts of the heart and hands offered in Central Indiana. Assemble your team, start your day at WFYI with an opening party, visit several mystery destinations, and then end the day at a special gathering. Visit wfyi.org/spiritedchase for information as it becomes available. This event is part of the 2010 Spirit and Place Festival.

Thanksgiving celebrates hospitality, and most of us have a related story – or two. Now you can share your stories at wfyi.org/spiritedchase. Later this fall, **Lynne Rossetto Kasper**, host of the *Splendid Table* on public radio, will choose her favorites and we will record them to play on 90.1 FM HD1 Thanksgiving Day.



Lynne Rossetto Kasper



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Volunteer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	November 13 – Spirited Chase					
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 12 – Television membership drive					
	February 4 – Ice Miller Indy Wine Fest					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Membership Drives

Sign up today to help WFYI during membership campaigns on WFYI 1 and 90.1 FM HD1. We need phone volunteers for many different shifts.

E-mail kfozzard@wfyi.org or call (317) 614-0461 to sign up or get more information.

Thursday Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers find plenty of work to do on Thursday mornings in the Volunteer Center, including mailing thank-you gifts, pledge statements, membership materials and other items. E-mail Tiffany at kfozzard@wfyi.org to find out how you can join the fun.

Check out the volunteer activities listed in the 'Volunteer Opportunities' section of the WFYI Web site at wfyi.org