Indianapolis Sister Cities International

2011 Annual Report

Indianapolis *Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor*

INTERNATIONAL & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Annual Report

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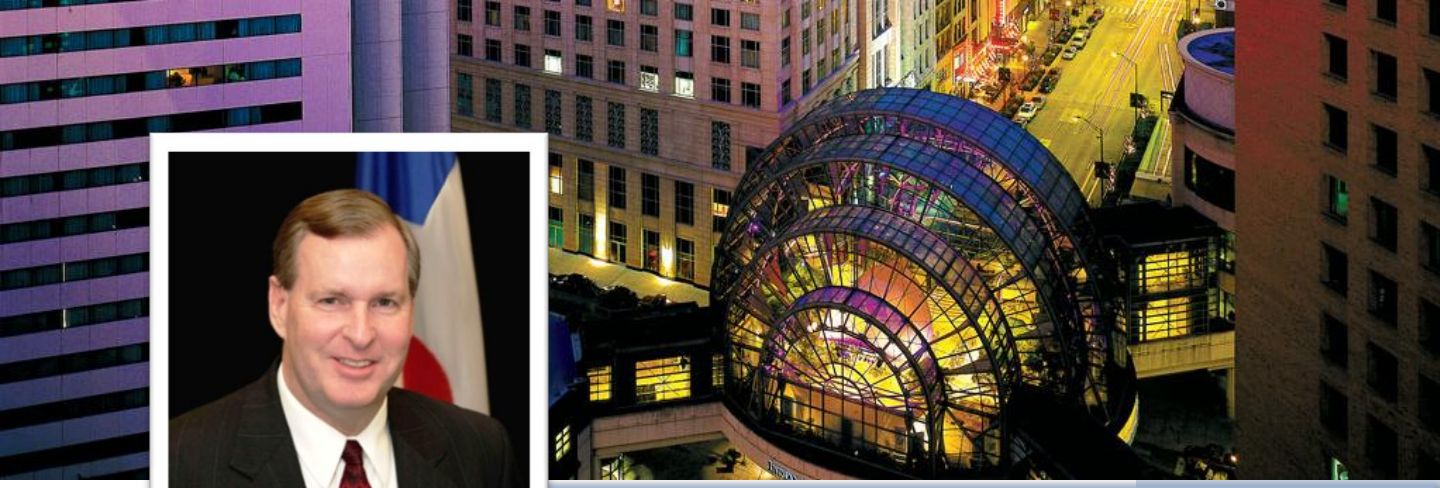

Indianapolis is a Global City.

Greetings,

In today's world economy, it is more critical than ever for Indianapolis to be a city that is globally recognized as a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Moreover, we must be a city that is welcoming and inclusive to all who make Indianapolis their home.

I'm proud to report that Indianapolis is very connected to the world. Today, we have numerous global connections through our international businesses, foreign students that study in our universities, and our thriving sports and arts communities that bring many visitors from around the globe to our city.

Since I became Mayor, we have doubled the number of Sister Cities. I believe our Sister City partnerships represent one key initiative in our international growth strategy, as they provide natural international connections via cultural, educational and economic ties.

We will continue to strengthen our ties throughout the world so that everyone recognizes Indianapolis as a wonderful, creative, and global city.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Ballard
Mayor, City of Indianapolis

A Note From the Director

Greetings,

2011 was a foundation year in the expansion of the Indianapolis Sister Cities International program. With the addition of four new Sister Cities, our goal for 2011 was to establish volunteer committees for each relationship. We are very pleased with the interest from the community to get involved with this initiative. It quickly became clear that we would be able to accomplish our goal mid-year. This enabled us to plan additional initiatives for 2011, including a Celebration event for our stakeholders and volunteers. We participated in Indy's International Festival and held a retreat in Q4 to set the stage to create more awareness of the program in our community, as well as explore how we can expand the program in the future.

Sister Cities International (SCI), headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit city-to-city network inspired by President Eisenhower's suggestion in 1956 that citizen diplomacy might reduce the chance of future world conflict. Today, SCI creates and strengthens partnerships between the U.S. and international communities representing more than 2,500 communities in 135 countries around the world.

We invite you to get involved in this exciting initiative!

Jane Gehlhausen
Director, International & Cultural Affairs

Indianapolis Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor
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Mission

The Indianapolis Sister Cities International program (ISCI) is committed to promoting Indianapolis as a global city. ISCI promotes international awareness and understanding through cultural, educational, civic, and business engagement and exchange with our international partner cities by empowering private citizens, municipal officials, as well as leaders in the community, business and academia to serve as citizen diplomats and global advocates.

Vision

In today's global economy, the Sister City program is one key dimension which promotes Indianapolis as a global city, advancing cultural understanding, developing global connections, strengthening international partnerships and supporting business development.

Values

- Respect for all people, all beliefs and all cultures
- Inclusive for all to participate
- Collaborative with like-minded organizations
- Volunteer in a team approach, with professionalism, integrity, and a focus to benefit our community
- Provide rewarding opportunities for our volunteers

Indianapolis Sister Cities International

8	24	53	293
Sister Cities	Events & Programs	Community Partners	Active Volunteers

- **1978** Taipei, Taiwan
- **1988** Cologne, Germany
- **1994** Monza, Italy
- **2001** Piran, Slovenia
- **2008** Hangzhou, China
- **2009** Campinas, Brazil
- **2009** Northamptonshire County, UK
- **2010** Hyderabad, India

Indianapolis Sister Cities International

Celebration

September 26

CITY MARKET PLAZA: 2011 was a foundation year in establishing volunteer groups for each of our new Sister Cities. This celebration event was held to thank these individuals, as well as our long-term volunteers who have been involved with the earlier established Sister Cities. Other goals of the Celebration were to create awareness of the ISCI program and to develop partners to help support future Indianapolis Sister Cities initiatives. Special thanks to Aaron Goetz, our event chair and the entire planning committee for a successful event!

Mayor Ballard recognizes the Sister Cities Presidents for their leadership and commitment.

Mayor Ballard with the Hyderabad Sister City Committee members.

People's Choice Awards

A friendly competition was held among the eight Sister Cities as attendees voted for the best cultural booth. The results were:

1st – Taipei, Taiwan

2nd – Hangzhou, China

3rd – Hyderabad, India

Indy International Festival

November 17-20

For the first time, the Mayor's Office of International & Cultural Affairs exhibited at the 2011 Indy International Festival. The annual Indy International Festival is Central Indiana's largest and oldest pan-ethnic celebration. Hosted by the Nationalities Council of Indiana, the event showcases Indiana's ethnic diversity, celebrates our unique ethnic traditions and encourages cultural exchange.

The exhibit provided information about each of our eight Sister Cities and featured a fun scrabble game with the names of each of our Sister Cities. It also provided everyone the opportunity to take the Citizen Diplomat Oath.

Jane Gehlhausen and Brandon Emkes welcome visitors.

Peter Kirkwood, Protocol Officer at the International Center, shows students the locations of our Sister Cities.

Citizen Diplomat

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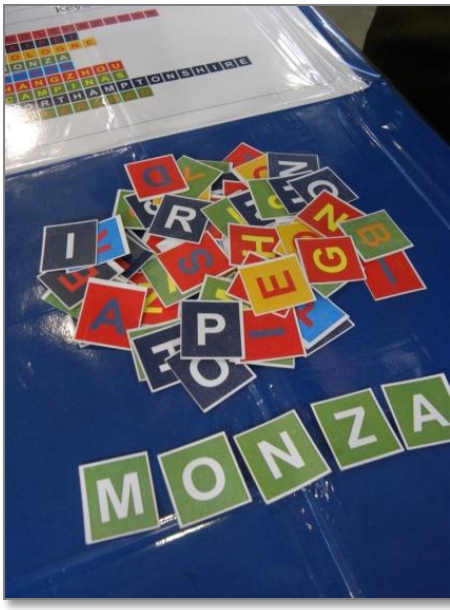
CITIZEN DIPLOMAT OATH

I (STATE YOUR NAME) have the opportunity and responsibility…
to improve relations…
between the United States and the rest of the world…

I am a Citizen Diplomat…
appointed by Mayor Ballard's Office of International & Cultural Affairs…
& the Indianapolis Sister Cities program…

I am committed to do this…
for my city, my country and my world….

Citizen Diplomat Oath



Sister Cities Scrabble Game

Taipei, Taiwan

Est. 1978

Dr. Chao Lee,
President

Lunar New Year Party

January 29

The Taiwanese group gathered together to celebrate the Lunar New Year at the World Buffet on West 38th Street. The event included a presentation on Taiwan and attendance prizes.

Taiwanese "Beep Baseball" Team

July 29 - August 10

A team from Taiwan played in the Indianapolis World Series "Beep Baseball" event. Team members, all who are blind, finished 2nd in the Championship game. The delegation also enjoyed a visit to Mayor Ballard's Office. Dr. Chao Lee hosted a reception for the team at his home the evening of July 31st.

Rare Birds of Taiwan

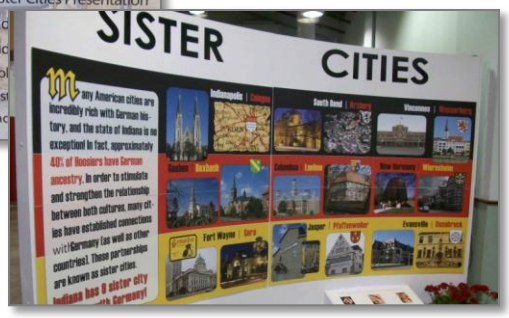
August 5

IUPUI: Dr. Scott Lin, a world-renowned conservationist from the Taiwan Endemic Species Research Institute, gave a multimedia presentation on endemic and rare birds. The event was very well attended. Photos of the Taiwanese birds were available for purchase.

Indiana State Fair

August 5-21

The 2011 International Pavilion featured the state's German Heritage with "Willkomen to Germany." The Sister City day included presentations on our Cologne Sister City, as well as Indy Polkamotion.



Visitors from Cologne

October 30 – November 6

Volkmar Schultz and Andreas Kupper of Cologne enjoyed a busy week in Indy. Their visit included tours of the Vonnegut Library, the Eiteljorg Museum & Irvington Historical Society. They also planted a red oak tree at Irvington Community Middle School and watched an artist work on one of the 46 for XLVI murals at the new Pennsy Trail.

Cologne, Germany

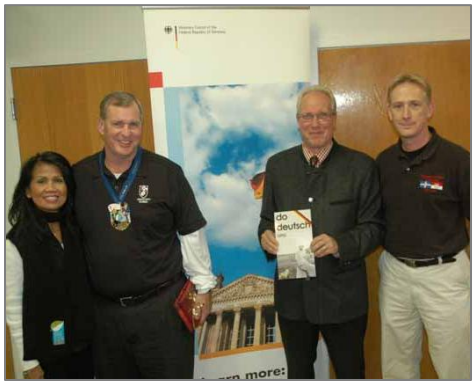
Est. 1988

Martin Baier, President

Taste of Germany

October 1

Mayor Ballard, and his wife Winnie, joined Sven Schumacher and Martin Baier at the Taste of Germany fundraiser. The event included authentic German food and both a silent and live auction.



St. Martin's Parade

November 12

The annual St. Martin festivities included lantern decorating and storytelling by "St. Martin" at the Athenaeum. The evening concluded with St. Martin leading the parade in the nearby Lockerbie neighborhood.

Let's Celebrate

December 5

The Cologne Sister City committee gathered in the Vonnegut room of the Athenaeum for year-end fellowship.

Monza, Italy

Est. 1994

Paola Santini,
President

Delegation visits Monza

July 20

A delegation from Indianapolis represented by Paola Marri Santini, President and Irma Galli Johnson, native of Monza, visited Mayor Marco Mariani. During the meeting, many opportunities for cooperation and connection between the two cities were discussed.

The Monza relationship was established in 1994 by then-Mayors Stephen Goldsmith of Indianapolis and Silvio Moltifiori of Monza. There were at the time, and still exist today, compelling synergies between the two cities. Indianapolis is the home of the world famous Speedway race track and the Indianapolis 500 and Monza holds the Monza Autodromo Grand Prix, the longest-running auto race in Europe. Monza, like Indianapolis, is located in Italy's agricultural and industrial heartland. In addition, Monza's hospital has an impressive record for treating juvenile leukemia, while our Riley Children's Hospital, which has had similar success in treating children's diseases.

Irma Galli and Paola Santini visit with Mayor Marco Mariani

Piran, Slovenia

Est. 2001

Josef Laposa,
President

Piran delegates at the Sister Cities Celebration

Tree planting ceremony at Irvington Community School

Piran Delegation Visits Indy

September

The primary goal in 2011, following the election of Mayor Bossman in October 2010, was to renew our relationship with Piran. E-mail contacts were commenced and arrangements were made for a delegation of Piran municipal officials to attend the September 2011 Indianapolis Sister Cities celebration at the City Market.

Their itinerary included visits to the Slovenian National Home, the Indiana State Museum and attendance at a Colts-Steelers game. They had meetings with IUPUI officials regarding academic exchanges and participation in the Sister Cities celebration. They planted a friendship tree at Irvington Community School, met with Mayor Ballard and had a home-style dinner with Piran Sister City Committee members and guests. They also took a walking tour of Butler University and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Sports & Culture

August

IPSCC members participated in the annual 2011 summer social event at the Symphony on the Prairie and held "friendly bocce/balinca" matches with the Italian Heritage Society. The crowd enjoyed the festivities, and $387.25 was generated to support hunger relief activities at Second Helpings.

Hangzhou, China

Est. 2008

Sherry Dong, President

Community Call-out

March 24

About 70 people turned out at the Hangzhou call-out meeting hosted by the International School of Indiana. The Hangzhou Sister City leadership team was introduced, followed by group discussion.

Volunteer Appreciation

December 9

A year-end gathering was organized by the Hangzhou committee at Szechwan Garden. Jane Gehlhausen presented each volunteer with an appreciation certificate signed by Mayor Ballard.

Chinese Festival

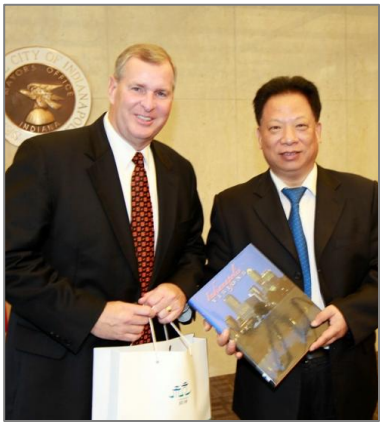
September 10

MILITARY PARK: The Hangzhou Sister City Committee was present at the 2011 Chinese Festival to educate fair goers about Hangzhou. The tent, city banners, photo images of Hangzhou, and the booth materials were gifts from the Hangzhou Foreign Affairs Department.

Delegation Visits from Hangzhou

July 15

Hangzhou Deputy Mayor Yang Xu Biao, several businessmen and other government officials came for a short visit to Indianapolis. After a meeting in the Mayor's Office, the group enjoyed lunch at Creation Café. Special thanks to the University of Indianapolis and ICCCI who were the luncheon sponsors.



Doing Business in Brazil

November 8

The Campinas, Brazil Sister Cities Committee partnered with the World Trade Club of Indiana at their November Meeting. The program featured Jackson Rocha, Director of Global Finance Operations at Remy International, who gave a presentation titled "Doing Business in Brazil." The focus of the presentation was on tax laws and financing.

Campinas, Brazil

Est. 2009

Michael Horrocks, President

Left Photo: Praca Bento Quirino, Campinas, Brazil

Monthly Planning Meetings

The committee meets monthly to discuss and develop various cultural and educational programming. Campinas was chosen as a Sister City partner due in part to its proximity to Sao Paulo, and because it is home to the University of Campinas, which houses Brazil's Interdisciplinary Center for Energy Planning.

Northamptonshire County, UK

Est. 2009

Scott Treadway, President

The Rockingham Building at Rockingham Motor Speedway

Mayor Ballard and delegates from Indianapolis meet with Warwick Manufacturing and Peter Fowler of Warwickshire County Council.

About our Sister City

The Indianapolis-Northamptonshire County committee , founded in the summer of 2011, is the newest Sister City committee. Northamptonshire County is an exciting, vibrant place, home of the Silverstone F-1 racing facility. Northamptonshire County is also known as the Motorsports Valley, and is the home to the center of the European racing community. Numerous racing teams, engineering facilities, testing facilities and race-related vendors are located in the geographical area.

There are great synergies between the Indianapolis and the Northamptonshire County business and cultural communities. We are looking forward to establishing cultural and business initiatives for the mutual benefit and understanding of both communities. We welcome ideas and participation.

Raju Chinthala,
President

Hyderabad, India

Est. 2009

India Day

August 18

India Day, held annually, is a joint collaboration with the Hyderabad Sister City Committee, India Association of Indiana and the Mayor's Office of International & Cultural Affairs.

Mayor Ballard cuts the ribbon in the first-ever "Mayor's Challenge Cricket Tournament."

Cricket at the Indianapolis World Sports Park

September 24

Premier cricket matches were held between Dow AgroSciences and Eli Lilly & Co., as well as Indiana University and Purdue University on the newly built athletic fields at 1313 S. Post Road.

The Indianapolis Hyderabad Sister Cities Committee presented a plaque that confers the title of "Cricket Vikas Ratna" to Mayor Ballard during the day's events.

(Left to Right): Jane Gehlhausen; Diane Thomas, International Center CEO; Mayor Ballard; Rajan Gajaria, Board Chair

Mayor's Office establishes Memo of Understanding with the International Center

March 24

The International Center, founded in 1973, is a catalyst for a global Indiana. The International Center approached the city to assist with our global initiatives. Specifically, they will provide the city with administrative support for the Indianapolis Sister Cities International program, the Consular Corps of Indianapolis and international delegations.

"We are excited by the partnership with the International Center. We have a mutual goal of making Indianapolis more globally recognized, as well as welcoming and inclusive," Mayor Ballard said.

Indianapolis Sister Cities – Retreat

October 12

GARFIELD PARK ARTS CENTER: More than 50 Sister Cities volunteers participated in a ½-day Sister Cities planning retreat. Mayor Ballard welcomed the group and articulated the significance of the program and our global connections. The group discussed various ways to develop the Sister Cities program as well as their respective city partnerships. After the retreat, a task force was formed to develop recommendations for the 2012 Indianapolis Sister Cities program plan.

Cologne, Germany break-out group

Mayor Ballard addresses the group.

Campinas, Brazil break-out group

Thank You, DANKE, Grazie, xie xie, Obrigada, HVALA, Shukriyaa to our Sponsors and Partners

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