Words from the President
– by Julie Burroughs, IIDA

I am very excited and anxious to step into my role as IIDA Indiana Chapter President. Since joining the board my journey as a designer and an individual has taken turns I never anticipated. Things that weren't important before became important, not because others said so, but because I was taking things in from a new perspective. People I might not otherwise network with have become very good friends. I have been inspired to do things I hadn't planned to do like taking the NCIDQ, changing my career path and stepping into this position.

We are a small chapter compared to others around the world. Yes, world. Yet, we can keep up with the best and biggest of them. But being a smaller chapter has it's challenges. One we have encountered for several years is finding and retaining volunteers to fill all of our positions. Filling them all was my first goal. And I am happy to say goal one has been accomplished. You have a wonderful and dedicated group of people working very hard to keep our chapter moving forward.

Myron Cromer is stepping down from his second term as President and as Past President is in charge of our annual sponsorship drive. Kim Sexton puts all of the programs and forums together. Tony Elliott is off and running with getting the newsletter out and keeping the website up-to-date. Denise Wilder has taken on many hats since becoming a board member, currently in the Government and Legislative Affairs position. Nancy Hendress has lots of activities going on to recruit and retain members. Amanda Medlen is your President Elect/Treasurer. She has the challenge of monitoring the budget for all of our activities. Jennifer Patterson is our secretary and Chair of the Monte Carlo event. Carla Hill keeps us informed on everything going on with LEED and the USGBC. Nicki Hellem joined us as Associate Member Director coordinating NCIDQ study sessions and student functions. Christi Hitch has joined us as VP of City Centers to keep Indianapolis and Ft Wayne unified as a chapter. Natalie Wehr and Debbie Jeffares are our Industry Member Directors, promoting IIDA to firms and students all around our state. We added Frank Souder as City Center Director to give official leadership to the Ft Wayne City Center.

Being a board member does involve time and energy, but it is both rewarding and an honor. My personal thanks to the 2008-2009 board and to all the committee members who make it all possible. I couldn't do my job without all of these wonderful people promoting our chapter AND our profession.
What do you get when you mix perfect weather, beautiful landscaping and a large number of friends and food….that is right, you get the 2008 IIDA Golf Outing. Again, everyone had a great time at the Golf Club of Indiana. Brenda Gerst and her terrific golf committee provided all that attended with a fun filled day of golf and entertainment. From the lunch provided by RJE/Knoll to the delicious dinner after the golfing activities, every detail was considered.

Julie Burroughs and other members of her Board were a formidable opponent on the course. Anika and Michelle Wie need to keep their eyes open for these newcomers to the golf world.

This year’s theme, “Around the World” was so cleverly enacted by all of the vendors, it must have been tough to decide on a winner. But after all was said and done, the Continental Office team came out the winner for their English jousting event.

Clan Pedcor took the “Golf TEAM Fashionista” award for their wearing of the kilts.

I want to thank the IIDA Indiana Chapter for giving me the opportunity to be the VP of Communications. I must tell you that I am much more comfortable drawing than I am being an editor and a writer. So bear with me as I settle into this new position. This edition has a new line of articles. I know that many designers like to travel, so I thought we could have a section of the newsletter dedicated to photos and information about recent trips that we might have taken. Feel free to share your stories and photos with us in the future. This month is about the United Arab Emirates.
Winter in the United Arab Emirates  
— by Tony Elliott, IIDA, AIA, NCARB

This time of year many people are thinking about planning their Christmas vacations. A number of Hoosiers like to get away from the snow and cold weather, so they either go to Florida or to Gulf Shores. Maybe this year, you might want to think about Abu Dhabi or Dubai, UAE. Lots of sand and warm weather, it cannot be beat. I had the opportunity to spend seven months in Abu Dhabi, so I was exposed to some very warm weather, but I also had the chance to spend Christmas in the UAE and it was terrific.

Abu Dhabi is the Capitol of the United Arab Emirates. The City is mentioned in numerous news articles as it is one of the richest nations in the World and along with Dubai, it is comprised of some very interesting and iconic pieces of architecture.

The Emirates Palace Hotel is a prime example of luxurious accommodations that are available in the UAE. Many dignitaries and celebrities stay there when they visit Abu Dhabi. The cheapest room goes for about $800/night.

If that is not in your price range, then the Sheraton of Abu Dhabi is a little more reasonably priced at around $150/night. They have a terrific private lagoon off the Persian Gulf shore and a terrific swimming pool. You do not need to worry about a heated pool in the UAE. In fact many pools are cooled down during the Summer months.

The pool has a swim-up bar, but remember if you visit the UAE during Ramadan, alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

Approximately two hours North of Abu Dhabi, you can drive to Dubai. There are a number of stories about The Palms and The World, private developments off the coast of Dubai. High rise buildings are everywhere.

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Winter in the United Arab Emirates—Con’t.
— by Tony Elliott, IIDA, AIA, NCARB

Taco Dip
By Amanda Medlen, IIDA

Ingredients:
(1) Can Frito Bean Dip
(1) Pint Sour Cream
(1) Pkg. Taco Seasoning
(1) 8 oz. Pkg. Cheddar Cheese, Finely Shredded
(1-2) Tomatoes, Diced
Green Onions, Sliced to Taste
Black Olives, Sliced to Taste

Directions:
Use a large platter to layer on.
1. Spread bean dip on platter.
2. Mix sour cream and taco seasoning.
3. Spread mixture on bean dip.
4. Sprinkle cheese on top layers, then tomatoes, onions and olives.

Other toppings may be used.
Serve with tortilla chips.

If you do visit the UAE during your Christmas break, you can still enjoy the feel of ice and snow at an indoor ski resort called Ski Dubai. The temperature outside might be 95 degrees, but inside the ski facility it will be 30 degrees.

You can snow ski or toboggan at the largest indoor ski resort in the world. You can even have a hot chocolate while sitting on at an ice table and chairs.

There are direct daily flights from New York to Dubai and to Abu Dhabi. The flights are approximately 14 hours in length. Both Emirates Air and Etihad have brand new planes and they cater to their customers. If you can afford Business class or First class, the accommodations are out of this World.

So when you want to try something a little different, think about a trip to the UAE.

Programs & Forums

This year IIDA would like to step it up a notch and recognize our members who have passed the NCIDQ past and present. We work hard for certification and deserve to toot our horns a bit! IIDA is planning to publish a list of certificate holders on the IIDA website and in the next newsletter. Please send your Name and Year to ksexton@continentaloffice.com by September 29, 2008. Other awards and accomplishments are welcome (i.e., LEED certification, local and national design awards, etc.).

Some new modifications have been made to the registration costs for non-ceu events. All of the program events (non-ceu) are now FREE to IIDA members! (This is for programs only—this does not include IDEA Awards or Monte Carlo.) In addition to the new registration costs, we will also be recognizing our members that have achieved any type of certification or awards at the beginning of our programs and forums. We work hard for these accomplishments and IIDA would like to recognize all of our members for their hard work!

The IIDA Program and Forum committee members are excited about the coming events! Check the IIDA Indiana website for more information: http://iida-indiana.org.

The Power of One

This October event is sponsored by Herman Miller and i.d.o. Incorporated. Our speaker for the evening is Paul M. Murray, Director of Environmental Safety and Sustainability for Herman Miller, Inc. Paul Murray carries the message of corporate environmental responsibility to business and academic audiences throughout the country. “The Power of One,” his presentation to the design community and other audiences affirms that each individual, company, and industry can champion environmental awareness among co-workers and clients alike, whether by promoting the use of sustainable products or through a simple commitment to “reduce, reuse, and recycle” whenever possible. Please join us October 15th at i.d.o. Incorporated at 5pm!

If you have an idea for a topic please feel free to email Kim Sexton at ksexton@continentaloffice.com.
IN 18   CSI Trade Show
FW 18   Fort Wayne
Golf Outing

IN 15   Program: Sustainability
        Sponsor: Herman Miller
        Location: i.d.e. Incorporated
        5:00 pm.

IN  NOV 6   IDEA Awards
            Networking: 3:30-4:30pm.
            Program: 4:30-5:15pm.
            at the Music Mill
            Submissions due Oct. 10th

IN  DEC 4   Mingle & Jingle Holiday Party
            Easley Winery

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