



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2007

(PLEASE --- NO PETS ON HIKEs)



(CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SPONSORING HIKEs AND OUTINGS)

HIKE RATING SYSTEM - Shown in parentheses at the end of each hike.

	<u>TERRAIN</u>		<u>SURFACE</u>		<u>SPEED</u>
H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS (Natural)	Primarily Soft		Walking Speed in MPH
M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS (Hard)	Packed Dirt or Gravel		not including breaks
F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS (Paved)	Concrete or Blacktop		(e.g., 3.0 means 3 MPH
					or 20 minutes per mile)

Hikers should arrive at the meeting area at least 15 minutes early. This will enable the leader to complete sign-ups and start the hike on time. When adverse weather conditions prevail, the leader may reroute, shorten or cancel a hike. It is a good idea to check with the leader ahead of time if the weather is inclement.

Interested in leading a hike? Contact pathfinders: Jean Ballinger (276-2050 daytime) jbballinger@lilly.com for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (571-9650) ewright@indyhike.org for weekday hikes.

LOGO MERCHANDISE FOR SALE: Mary Ann Layman and Cherie Voegel want to remind everyone that although sales have been brisk, they still have a good assortment of 50th Anniversary clothing available for purchase, including sweat shirts, several shirt styles and colors, hats and bandanas, and new fleece jackets that we just received. You may see photos of the merchandise on www.indyhike.org as well as prices and ordering instructions. Or look for Mary Ann or Cherie on any hike. They have a trunk full of merchandise you can purchase on the spot. Act quickly, otherwise the items and/or sizes you want may be sold out.

RESIDENT'S CORNER:

The enthusiasm is building and the fun is already underway for our 50th Anniversary celebration and "you make the difference". By the time you receive this we already have two 50th Anniversary Hikes under our belt, starting with Tom Patterson's recognition hike on January 13. Twenty-two members showed up for the 19 mile hike in the pouring rain - now that's impressive. On January 23, we marked our Golden Jubilee with a fun morning and evening hike that were well attended. Both Governor Daniels and Mayor Peterson honored our Club's 50th birthday by issuing proclamations declaring January 23, 2007 as *Indianapolis Hiking Club Day*. The proclamations will be available for all to see at the upcoming Anniversary banquet on April 15.

Don't forget to attend as many 50th Anniversary Hikes as you can in the coming months. Two hikes are planned each month. Look for details about the hikes included in this schedule immediately following my remarks. A listing of all the anniversary hikes is included on the "Hikes" page on www.indyhike.org. I think each of these hikes will give you a true sense of purpose and pride built from a strong foundation.

You will note that a reservations supplement has been included with this schedule (printed on green paper) for the 50th Anniversary Banquet to be held on Sunday, April 15. A great dinner and program are planned that you won't want to miss. We are hoping for a very large turnout, so please make your reservations soon. Also, have you made reservations for the Spring Mill winter weekend, Smoky Mountains or the 62-mile C&O Canal hike, which are coming up sooner than you think? Now is the time to RSVP. Check the Upcoming Events section at the end of this schedule for details.

If you have not done so, check out our redesigned web site at www.indyhike.org, featuring a new look, more photos and a new Club member memories section. Thanks to Bob Hackenberg and Ed Wright for all the hard work they put in on this. Our web site is something we can all be proud of.

Finally, we are happy to announce a new annual IHC Achievement Awards program, which will recognize hiking and trail maintenance achievements. The program is described on a separate attachment, which was also mailed with this schedule. I have sent letters to this year's winners (for Club year 2006) and requested they attend the upcoming General Assembly on March 8 to be recognized and to receive an impressive award. Please come and share in recognizing many of your friends and loved ones at this meeting. We also have great speaker lined up and satisfying refreshments. See the event description on March 8 for more details about the General Assembly.

Thank you for your continued participation and support of the Indianapolis Hiking Club! Wear your IHC mileage badge and attire with pride at all the events you attend and remember... "You make the difference".

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Scherrer - President, IHC

50th ANNIVERSARY HIKE INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE: The following hikes are part of a special series to recreate 1957 hikes and recognize important IHC leaders. Check the hike description on the date indicated for hike details. See www.indyhike.org/hikes for a list of all the anniversary hikes. Note, the Christian Park hike originally scheduled for Sunday, 5/28/2007 has been changed to 5/20/2007.

February 3 1957 Hike - HIKE TO THE STARS

Wilma Franz led a hike on the canal towpath, which concluded with a lecture at the Butler observatory. The hike occurred at 2 PM Saturday (February 16, 1957) afternoon and was attended by 22 people. The Club met at Broad Ripple Park beside the locomotive (62nd street side of park) and hiked the canal towpath to the lecture at Butler University.

February 10 Recognition Hike - MARY KIDWELL

Mary was an avid long and short distance leader known for her ability to seek out muddy areas to hike. She joined the Club in January 1973 and was the Club president during 1979-80.

March 10 1957 Hike - GEIST RESERVOIR

Bob Murray started the hike from the boathouse on Sunday March 10, 1957 and rambled around the area. It was a very cold day. The hike was attended by 25 people.

March 24 Recognition Hike - JILL McFALL

Although Jill regularly leads 5-6 mile in-town hikes during the week, she is best known for her rugged long distance forest hikes of 15 or more miles. Jill has selected the Blue Diamond Trail in the Deam Wilderness as her favorite hike. When first led by Bob and Marg Begeman and later by Ron Craig this hike was 20-25 miles. After the Forest Service allowed some of the original trails to return to their natural state, Jill revived a shorter version of the hike, which she will lead in March. Jill has been a member since January 1983 and has amassed almost 22,000 miles with the Club – the second highest mileage total in Club history.

HIKE SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK Meet at the marina parking lot in Eagle Creek Park (fee). Join us for a moderate pace (3.0 MPH) 5-mile trail hike or one of the slower shorter options. Repeats each Thursday in February and March. (M,NS,2-3) Sponsored by Bill Larrison (388-0498), various leaders.

5:30 PM SPEEDWAY NIGHTS Meet in northeast corner of parking lot in front of Kohl's in Speedway (5600 Crawfordsville Road) for a 4-6 mile hike. Repeats on February 15. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Jill McFall (291-6454)

Friday, February 2

Groundhog Day

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square for a self-guided* hike of one-mile laps for your desired mileage. Repeats each Friday in February and March. (F,PS) Leaders: Tom Patterson (849-9528) and Tom Bowers (846-5362)

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- 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St. entrance for a 6, 8 or 10-mile road hike. Repeats each Friday in February and March. (M,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516) and Fran Leone (849-7006)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian, for a 6-mile hike. Repeats every Friday in February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (861-3979)

Saturday, February 3

- 9:30 AM FRANKLIN Take I-65 south to the SR 44 exit in Franklin (Exit 90). Turn right (west). Stay on SR-44 (it takes a couple of turns) until you see the courthouse. Meet on the south side of the courthouse. Alternatively, you can take US-31 south to SR-44 in Franklin. Turn left onto SR-44, and go until you see the courthouse. Meet on south side of courthouse for 6-mile hike. Plan on lunch afterwards at one of the local pubs or restaurants. (F,PS,3) Leader: Kathy Burch (782-3702; cell 625-3486)
- 5:00 PM 50th ANNIVERSARY HIKE (FEB. 16, 1957) HIKE TO THE STARS This is a 5-6 mile hike in the Butler University area concluding with a visit to the Holcomb Observatory and Planetarium for the 7:00 PM Planetarium presentation. Fee is \$3 or \$2 if you are over 65. Park along Lake Road in front of the Planetarium. Lake Road is the first street north of Clowes Hall at 46th and Sunset. Meet in front of the observatory. Bring a flashlight. (F,PS/NS,3.0) Leader: Ron Mutzl (769-3220)

Sunday, February 4

- 8:30 AM ELLENBERGER PARK Meet in lot near swimming pool at Ellenberger Park (5400 E. St Clair & 800 N. Ritter) for a 12-15 mile hike. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (861-3979)
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP From I-465 N, exit on Michigan Road heading south, turn left at first light (92nd. St.) and go ¼ mile to Pyramids. Meet in the parking lot for the Pyramids. This will be a 4-5 mile walk on paved roads followed by an optional 45-minute non-denominational and contemporary religious service inside Beef & Boards. Walking clothes are fine and there will be coffee, bagels, donuts, etc. Hope you stay for the inspirational service at the Garden. Bring the kids. Repeats each Sunday in February and March. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526)
- 1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Avenue on Carrollton Avenue for a 6 or 10-mile self-guided* hike. HIKERS WILL ALL START TOGETHER. Repeats each Sunday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Donna Maurer (328-1974; cell 413-57091)
- 2:00 PM UPPER FALL CREEK TRAIL From 5400 block of North Emerson, go east a short distance on Fall Creek Parkway to Windridge Shops. Park at the west end of the pond for a walk of 5-6 miles with shorter options. We will go northeast from there on the new section to near Skiles Test Park. (F,P,3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or 439-1468-cell)

Monday, February 5

- 8:30 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Sign in at the food court for this self guided* hike. Take as many one-mile laps as you want. Repeats each Monday in February. (F,PS) Leader: Rick Maxwell (882-4159)
- 9:00 AM DRIVE YOUR CHEVY TO THE LEVEE AND TAKE A HIKE ON A DIFFERENT PART OF THE LEVEE Park in the east end of the Marsh parking lot at 6121 Crawfordsville Rd. across from the Speedway Shopping Center (just east of I-465) for a 5-6 mile hike. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 652-2779 cell)
- 9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St. entrance for a 6-mile road hike. Repeats on March 5. (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (247-0283)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave. on Carrollton Avenue for a hike of 5-6 miles. This hike is not self-guided. Repeats on February 12. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (254-8026)

Tuesday, February 6

- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in Broad Ripple at the free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Avenue on Carrollton Avenue (one short block east of College) for a 6 or 10-mile hike on the towpath. Repeats on March 20. (F,HS,3.5) Leader: Tom Patterson (849-9528)
- 9:30 AM MARSH TO BROAD RIPPLE PARK & RAVENSWOOD Meet at the southwest corner of the Marsh lot at 62nd St. and Keystone (diagonal from Glendale Mall) for a 5-mile hike. Repeats each Tuesday

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in February except February 20. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or cell 439-1468)

4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY Meet at the Monon Trail parking area just behind First Indiana Bank on 86th St. in Nora (next to Marsh supermarket) for a 6-mile self guided* hike with shorter options. Repeats each Tuesday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Sukhbir Singh (842-5739)

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT & HOMECROFT Meet behind (north side) Walgreens at the NE corner of Southport Road and Madison Avenue for a 5-mile self-guided* hike. Repeats each Tuesday in February. (F,PS) Leader: Ricki Jo Hoffmann (782-8147)

Wednesday, February 7

9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS This is a great mid-week 8-mile workout on roads and trails. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th Street entrance. Hike repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (M,NS/PS,3.5-4) Leader: Rich Peck (291-4873)

9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE Sign-in sheet for this self-guided* hike will be at the Mall Information Desk. Take as many one-mile laps as you wish. Repeats each Wednesday in February. (F,PS) Leader: Genie Waltz (897-6493)

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL From I-70 in downtown Indy, take I-65 heading south. Exit I-65 at Raymond Street (exit 109) and go right (west) on Raymond Street for about 1/2 mile. Turn left (south) onto Pleasant Run Parkway N. Dr. and go to the next stoplight. Turn left onto Pagoda Drive; then turn left again and park in the swimming pool parking lot at 2450 Shelby Street. This is a 5-6 mile hike on the Pleasant Run Trail. There is a restroom break at beginning and half way through hike. Repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Reba Wooden (885-1612 or cell: 797-5892)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE From I-465N exit at Michigan Rd. and go north. Turn left on 116th St. and drive to downtown Zionsville and take SR 334 west. Meet in the parking lot of the Zionsville Town Hall at 1100 W. Oak Street (SR 334) across from McDonalds. This will be a 6-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. Repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526).

4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY Enjoy a 6-mile hike on the paved Pennsy Trail. From I-465 on the east side take I-70 east to Greenfield exit. Turn right on New Road to Broadway, left on Broadway to US 40. Turn left to Center Street and right to Pennsy trailhead. Repeats every Wednesday in February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (765-663-2739 or 407-4652)

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S Meet in the northeast corner of O'Malia's parking lot at 320 N. New Jersey for a 5-7 mile self-guided* hike. Repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Michelle Buchanan (277-4008 work)

Thursday, February 8

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 1.

5:30 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PRAIRIE WOODS Meet at Southport Middle School at 7715 South Keystone Ave. Park on south side of school at the basketball court. Hike is 5-miles. Repeats every other Thursday in February and March. (F,PS,3-3.5) Glee Crowder (859-8159)

Friday, February 9

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 2.

9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 2.

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 2.

Saturday, February 10

1:00 PM 50th ANNIVERSARY HIKE - MARY KIDWELL RECOGNITION - BROOKSIDE / SPADES PARKS Meet in the east end of the parking lot in front of the Family/Recreation Center located at 3500 Brookside Pkwy So. Dr. This hike includes Brookside and Spades parks, Woodruff Place, Arsenal Technical High School, cottage homes, a Carnegie Library, a 300 year-old oak tree, and a nice taste of the near east side communities that flourished in the early 1900's. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779; or 652-2779-cell)

7:00 PM EUCHRE PARTY If you know how to play Euchre and would like to join other members of the IHC for a night of Euchre please join us at 615 W. 43rd St. in "The Commons", a building behind the

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Unitarian Universalist Church at that address. Ladies please bring snacks and gentlemen please bring drinks. Repeats March 3. Questions? Call Pat Lawler (329-2779; or 652-2779 cell) or Cherie Voege (848-7674)

Sunday, February 11

- 8:30 AM IRVINGTON Meet at northeast corner of Irvington Plaza (6400 E. Washington St.) for a 12-15-mile hike. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (861-3979)
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 4.
- 1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 4.
- 1:30 PM GREENFIELD SCHOOLS Take I-70 east to the Greenfield exit. Turn right (S) on SR-9 and go ½ mile to the stoplight. Turn left (E) and go 0.7 mile to North Apple Street. Turn right (S) and continue 1.9 miles to Riley Park. Park in lot next to pool. Sorry, no restrooms. Hike will be 5-6 miles in historic Greenfield. Repeats on February 25, same starting location but different route. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (765-663-2739; cell 407-46521)

Monday, February 12

- 8:30 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 5.
- 9:00 AM GLENDALE AREA Meet in the NE corner of parking lot near Macy's (6200 N. Rural) for a 6-mile hike in nearby neighborhoods. Repeats on March 12. (F,PS,3.3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907)
- 10:00 AM BUTLER & TOWPATH TO HIDDEN LAKE Park in the visitor lot on the east side of Clowes Hall on Butler University campus (46th St and Sunset) for a 5-mile hike. Repeats March 12. (F,HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078; cell 439-1468)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 5.

Tuesday, February 13

- 9:30 AM DEVONSHIRES Meet near Cord Camera in Lakewood Village shopping mall at the SE corner of 71st St. and Binford Blvd. (SR-37) for a 6-mile hike. Repeats on February 27. (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Michele Kestle (251-7157)
- 7:30 AM MARSH TO BROAD RIPPLE PARK & RAVENSWOOD See February 6.
- 4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 6.
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT & HOMECROFT See February 6.

Wednesday, February 14 *Happy Valentine's Day!*

- 9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 7.
- 9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See February 7.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See February 7.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 7.
- 4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 7.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S See February 7.

Thursday, February 15

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 1.
- 5:30 PM SPEEDWAY NIGHTS See February 1.

Friday, February 16

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 2.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 2.

Saturday February 17

- 9:30 AM HIKE HAMILTON COUNTY Meet in the Kroger parking lot at the NW corner of Olivo Road and 116th Street for a 6-mile hike. From I-69 N, go east on 116th Street (Exit 5). Just before you reach Olivo Road (CVS and Fifth Third Bank will be on your right and Kroger will be on your left), turn left into the Kroger lot. Park near the Kroger gas pumps. The scenery will shift from city to country and back again as we hike past stores and restaurants, residences, farmland, cemeteries dating back to

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the 1800's, schools, and churches. There will be a restroom stop at the Indiana Gun Club. Join fellow hikers for lunch at Donato's (11760 Olio Road) after the hike. Repeats March 31. (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Karen Cheney (385-8482 cell)

1:30 PM CARMEL - KITSCH OR CLASS? Park in the lot immediately north of Old National Bank at the NW corner of 116th and Rangeline Rd (Westfield Blvd. turns into Rangeline Road north of 96th street). This will be a 6-7 mile stroll through the ever-changing face of central Carmel including the "Arts and Design District," Government Center, and future sites of the controversial Gramercy development and Concert Hall. Both whimsical and serious outdoor "art" will be featured. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (575-8819)

1:30 PM HOLLIDAY PARK & BEYOND Enter the park via north entrance located at 64th and Spring Mill Road. Take the road to the left and meet at northwest end of Nature Center lot for a 5-mile hike with shorter options. Repeats on March 24. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or 439-1468-cell)

Sunday, February 18

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 4.

10:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK Take SR-135 south through Nashville. Then follow SR-46 to West Gate entrance (fee). Meet at West Lookout Tower parking lot, which is about one mile beyond west entrance for an 8-9 mile hike. Plan on going to the Corn Crib Lounge for lunch after the hike. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050 day; 696-2120 cell)

1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 4.

Monday, February 19

Presidents Day

8:30 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 5.

9:00 AM NEAR NORTH SIDE Meet in the northeast corner of O'Malia's parking lot at 320 N. New Jersey. Hike will be 7 miles through old neighborhoods on the north side. (F,PS, 3-3.5) Leader: Ellen Mutzl (769-3220 or cell 490-5478)

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave. on Carrollton Avenue for a hike of 5-6 miles. This hike is not self-guided. Repeats on March 26. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Tom Hollett (848-2648)

Tuesday, February 20

9:30 AM LAKE CLEARWATER AND BEYOND Hike will depart from Gene Click Junior Achievement Center at 74th Street and Keystone Ave. You can park in the school lot across from Wal-Mart. The hike is 5-6 miles with a 2-mile option. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Betty Steed (251-8210) and Cherie Voegel (848-7674)

4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 6.

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT & HOMECROFT See February 6.

Wednesday, February 21

9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 7.

9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See February 7.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See February 7.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 7.

4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 7.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S See February 7.

Thursday, February 22

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 1.

5:30 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PRAIRIE WOODS See February 8.

Friday, February 23

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 2.

9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 2.

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Saturday, February 24

- 8:30 AM POLAR BEAR RUN AND WALK This is a self-guided* 5-Mile Run, a 5K Competitive Walk and a 5K Family Fitness Walk at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian St., located at Meridian and North Streets in downtown Indianapolis. The run starts 9:00 AM and the walks start at 9:20 AM. A \$15 pre-registration fee must be received by Monday, February 19; after that the fee increases to \$20. Check www.kenlongassoc.com for details about the event and the worthy cause it supports. I will be signing up for Club mileage between 8:15 AM and 8:45 AM at the entrance to the cathedral. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (297-7312, j.griffitts@sbcglobal.net)
- 9:30 AM EAGLE CREEK TRAIL HIKE Meet inside Eagle Creek Park (fee) at 1st lot past the 56th St. entrance for a 5-mile hike. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Bob Corya (297-3926)
- 1:30 PM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Park entrance (fee) is located at 59th and Post Road. Meet at Delaware Lake lot for a hike of 5- 7 miles with shorter options. Repeats March 31. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or 439-1468-cell)

Sunday, February 25

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 4.
- 9:30 AM FOUR SEASONS AT WALNUT HILL FARM - PART I This is a working farm and escape from the city, only 1/2 hour from I-465 on the west side. Take I-74 west to Jamestown exit 52 and SR-75. Follow SR-75 signs south through Jamestown. At the edge of Jamestown, SR-234 goes straight and SR-75 turns sharp left. Approximately 2 miles after that, SR-75 turns sharp right then left. At the left, go straight on CR-900 N. for .8 miles and turn right into 6726 W CR-900 N and park up the hill. Restroom is available. This will be a 5 mile hike of lanes, pasture grass, trails, woods, small hills and field edges. May be muddy. Bring lunch if staying for the afternoon. Bonfire between hikes and hotdog sticks provided. Repeats March 25. (F,NS,3) Leader: Dottie Warner (432-2933)
- 12:00 PM FOUR SEASONS AT WALNUT HILL FARM - PART II See directions for AM hike. This will be 6 miles of paved county roads, with optional additional one-mile laps around the lake. Restroom is available. Come early and have lunch with us. (F,HS/PS,3) Repeats March 25. Leader: Dottie Warner (432-2933)
- 1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 4.
- 1:30 PM GREENFIELD SCHOOLS See February 11.

Monday, February 26

- 8:30 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 5.
- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL Meet at Windridge Center at 5435 N. Emerson Way (O'Malia's parking lot near pond) for a 5 or 8-mile hike. (F,PS,3-3.5) Repeats on March 26. Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907 or 531-6700 cell)
- 10:00 AM LAKE SULLIVAN & WHITE RIVER TRAIL Meet at the Major Taylor Velodrome in the Lake Sullivan Sports Complex at 3639 Cold Spring Road. Park near the building that has a sign saying "Welcome, spectators". Hike will be 5 miles. Repeats on March 26. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078; cell 439-1468)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave. on Carrollton Avenue for a hike of 5-miles. Hike is not self-guided. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143)

Tuesday, February 27

- 9:00 AM DEVONSHIRES See February 13.
- 9:30 AM MARSH TO BROAD RIPPLE PARK & RAVENSWOOD See February 6.
- 4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 6.
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT & HOMECROFT See February 6.

Wednesday, February 28

- 9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 7.
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6:00 PM DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S See February 7.

Thursday, March 1

9:00 AM FALL CREEK CORRIDOR Park at the Fall Creek Corridor lot. From Shadeland Avenue go west on Fall Creek Road .3 miles. Turn south on Fall Creek Parkway and go .2 miles. Lot is on the left side. This will be a 6-7 mile hike on the newest section of the Fall Creek Trail, the Skiles Test Nature Park, and local neighborhoods. Repeats on March 22. (F, NS/PS, 3-3.5) Leader: Ruth Ann Loser (849-9716)

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 1.

6:00 PM CHAPEL HILL Park in Northwest corner of Chapel Hill Shopping Center lot at Girl's School Road and West 10th Street for a 5-mile hike. Repeats on March 15 and 29. (F,3-3.5,PS) Leader: Jill McFall (291-6454)

Friday, March 2

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 2.

9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 2.

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 2.

Saturday, March 3

7:00 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK TO McCORMICK ROCK From I-465 on the east side, take 56 St. east to Post Road. Turn left (north) and go to the T-junction of Post and 59th St. (Shafter Rd.). Park at the Lawrence Government Center at the southeast corner of the junction (do not drive into the state park). This is a brisk 33-mile round trip hike to McCormick's Rock in downtown Indy at the confluence of Fall Creek and White River – site of the new Indiana state capital selected in June 1820. Hike has self guided* options of 14 and 21 miles. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Frank Bymaster (852-7216, cell 509-6044) and Sukhbir Singh (842-5739).

10:30 AM CENTRAL CANAL TOWPATH Meet in the parking lot on the northwest corner of 30th and White River Pkwy W. Drive (west of the Naval Armory) for a 5-mile hike to Butler and back. Restrooms available at Butler. (F, PS/HS, 3-3.5) Repeats March 24. Leader: Terry Roesch (cell: 910-2943)

2:00 PM HILL VALLEY EAST Meet in parking lot for Baxter YMCA (south entrance) on Shelby Street at Stop 11 Road. This is right off Highway 31 on the south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 6 miles with a 5 mile option. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593)

7:00 PM EUCHRE PARTY See February 3.

Sunday, March 4

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 4.

1:00 PM INDIANAPOLIS CULTURAL TRAIL Have you wondered what the green paint line running through downtown is? Find out on this hike. Park in the English Foundation Building parking lot located on the northeast corner of Alabama and North Streets (615 N. Alabama). Enter the lot from North Street. This will be a 9-mile hike with a 7-mile option previewing the new Indianapolis Cultural Trail route that is scheduled for groundbreaking this spring with completion in 2009. It is part of Indiana's greenway trail system defining urban development and cultural attractions in Indianapolis. Gail Swanstrom from the Cultural Trail office will walk with us and share info about the new trail. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ruth Ann Loser (849-9716)

1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 4.

2:00 PM LOWER FALL CREEK TRAIL From 5400 block of North Emerson, go east a short distance on Fall Creek Parkway to Windridge Shops. Park at west end of pond for a walk of 5-6 miles with shorter options. We will go southwest from there on the old section of the trail. (F,PS,3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or 439-1468-cell)

Monday, March 5

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See February 5.

9:00 AM AVON'S WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK From I-465 on the west side, go west on Rockville Road (SR 36) 8.2 miles. Watch for a brown sign on the right side of the road indicating the entrance to the park. Turn left (south) into the park. Park in the lot at the back of the park. On

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this 5-6 mile hike we will see a pond with a fountain and a haunted bridge. (M,NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or cell 652-2779)

- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave. on Carrollton Avenue for a hike of 5-6 miles. This hike is not self-guided. Repeats each Monday in March except March 26. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050 daytime)

Tuesday, March 6

- 9:00 AM GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Park along east side of Pennsylvania St. just north of 40th St. for a 7-mile hike with a 5-mile option. Repeats on March 27. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Michele Kestle (251-7157)
- 9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST Allow about 1 hour and 15 minutes travel time from the intersection of I-465 and SR 37 on Indy's south side. Take SR 37 south about 4 miles south of Martinsville. Turn left at the sign for Morgan-Monroe State Forest and go about 4 miles to the forest entrance. Turn left and go about 5 miles to the Fire Tower parking lot, which is beyond the turnoff for the Fire HQ. This is a hike of 5-6 miles. Join us for lunch after the hike. If the roads are icy, call to ensure that the hike has not been cancelled. Repeats each Tuesday in March. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Mary Ann Layman (881-8416), JC Overton (831-5135) and Ed Wright (571-9650)
- 4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 6.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD Meet in the parking lot by the softball field at Westside Park in Greenwood. Westside Park is ½ mile west of Highway 31 on Main St. Entrance is on the right side (north side) of Main St. 6-mile hike repeats each Tuesday in March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Reba Wooden (885-1612)

Wednesday, March 7

- 9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 7.
- 9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE Sign-in sheet for this self-guided* hike will be at the Mall Information Desk. Take as many one-mile laps as you wish. Repeats each Wednesday in March. (F,PS) Leader: Bob Pedigo (891-1943)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See February 7.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 7.
- 4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 7.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S See February 7.

Thursday, March 8

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 1.
- 6:30 PM GENERAL ASSEMBLY All members and guests are invited to attend this semi-annual event. Once again, we will meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis, 615 W. 43rd Street. At the meeting we will recognize the winners of the 2006 IHC Achievement Awards, which are explained in an attachment you received with this schedule. Following the awards, Ray Irvin, Indiana's Director of Greenways and Bikeways, will update us on what is happening with Indiana's trails, a talk you won't want to miss. Enjoy free refreshments before the program. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, contact Donna Chastain at 347-0107.

Friday, March 9

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 2.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 2.

Saturday, March 10

- 9:00 AM 50th ANNIVERSARY HIKE (MAR 10, 1957) GEIST RESERVOIR OLD AND NEW Take I-69 to 82nd St. exit. Turn right (east) and continue on 82nd St. until crossing Fall Creek Road. Park behind CVS on the left side of intersection in the Learning Time Pre School parking lot for a 6-mile hike thru woods and along streets in Geist area. (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Ron Mutzl (769-3220)

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 4.

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- 9:30 AM McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK – PART I Take SR-67 southwest to Spencer and SR-46 east to the park (fee). Meet in the Inn parking lot for a 5-6 mile hike. Join us for lunch at the Inn. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050-days; cell 696-2120)
- 1:00 PM McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK – PART II Follow directions above for the morning hike. Afternoon hike will be 6-7 miles. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050-days; or 696-2120 cell)
- 1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 4.
- 1:30 PM MOSCOW COVERED BRIDGE Allow 1-hour travel time from I-465 on the south side. Take I-465 south to I-74 east towards Cincinnati. Go to Exit 119 - Milroy/Andersonville (25 miles). Turn east (left) on SR-244. Go to CR-650W (7 miles) and turn right. You will see a sign for Moscow. Go into Moscow and park. We will meet at the covered bridge for a 7-10 mile walk. Shorter options available. If rainfall has been heavy, waterproof boots are recommended. (M,PS,3) Leader: Julie Litten (765-663-2739; cell 407-4652)

Monday, March 12

- 9:00 AM GLENDAL AREA See February 12.
- 10:00 AM BUTLER & TOWPATH TO HIDDEN LAKE See February 12.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See March 5.

Tuesday, March 13

- 9:00 AM PARK, HIKE AND RIDE Park at the White River Park Visitors' Center located on West Washington St. across from Victory Field. We will *hike* up to Methodist Hospital where we will board the People Mover and *ride* to IU Medical Ctr. with a fabulous aerial view of Papa John's and Taco Bell. The remainder of the hike will be spent making our way back to the Visitors' Center. This will be a 5-6 mile hike. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)
- 9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 6.
- 4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 6.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD See March 6.

Wednesday, March 14

- 9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 7.
- 9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See March 7.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See February 7.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 7.
- 4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 7.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S See February 7.

Thursday, March 15

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 1.
- 6:00 PM CHAPEL HILL See March 1.

Friday, March 16

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 2.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 2.

Friday, March 16 – Sunday, March 18

WINTER WEEKEND AT SPRING MILL STATE PARK for members and their invited guests. A room reservation supplement for the Spring Mill Inn was included with the Dec/Jan schedule. Deadline for room reservations is March 1. Hikes are tentatively planned for Saturday at 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM. All hikes will begin at the Inn. Day hikers are encouraged to come down and hike with the overnights. Allow 1 ½ hour travel time from I-465 on the south side of Indianapolis. Take SR-37 south through Bloomington and Bedford to Mitchell. Turn left on SR-60 and go a few miles to the park entrance (fee). Contact Bill Larrison (388-0498) for additional information or if you misplaced the reservation form.

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Saturday, March 17**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

- 10:00 AM GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Park along east side of Pennsylvania St. just north of 40th St. for a 7-mile hike with a 5-mile option. Plan on lunch at Illinois Emporium after the hike. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Michele Kestle (251-7157)
- 3:00 PM ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN ZIONSVILLE From I-465 on the north side, exit at Michigan Rd. and go north. Turn left on 116th St. and drive to downtown Zionsville and take SR-334 west. Meet in the parking lot of the new Zionsville Town Hall at 1100 W. Oak St. (SR-334), across from McDonalds. This will be a 6-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods and downtown. Join us at Friendly Tavern's party tent after the hike for corned beef & cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526)

Sunday, March 18

- 8:00 AM WARREN CENTRAL From 21st Street and Post Road, go east to street just before Warren Library. Turn right (south), go to the "T" and park in lot almost behind Walker Career Center for a 12-15 mile hike. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (861-3979)
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 4.
- 1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 4.

Monday, March 19

- 9:00 AM WEST PARK TO CHAPPIES Meet in the parking lot for West Park for a hike of 6-8 miles (depending on the weather) to Chappies for hot chocolate and a restroom break. West Park is located on 116th Street. It is 1.8 miles east of Michigan Road (421) and across from University High School. If coming from Meridian it is 2.7 miles west and just after Towne Road. The restrooms at the park are closed for the winter. (F, PS, 3-3.5) Leader: Ellen Mutzl (769-3220 or cell 490-5478)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See March 5.

Tuesday, March 20

- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 6.
- 9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 6.
- 4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 6.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD See March 6.

Wednesday, March 21**First Day of Spring**

- 9:00 AM COVERED BRIDGE TRAIL Come help Mary Lester celebrate her 80th birthday (today) with one of her all time favorite hikes. Allow 1½ hours travel from I-465 on the west side. Take US-36 (Rockville Road) west through Danville to SR-59. Turn left and go 2.8 miles to the Cecil Hardin sign (325 S). Turn left and go 1.1 miles and left again at the 2nd Cecil Hardin sign. Park in lot on left at top of the hill - watch closely as the lot is hard to spot. This will be a 22-mile hike, with a 16-mile option, through rural countryside with a number of historic covered bridges. Bring lunch and water. (M,NS/PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Lester (299-5194)
- 9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 7.
- 9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See March 7.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See February 7.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 7.
- 4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 7.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S See February 7.

Thursday, March 22

- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK CORRIDOR See March 1.
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 1.
- 5:30 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PRAIRIE WOODS See February 8.

Friday, March 23

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 2.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 2.

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Saturday, March 24

- 8:30 AM 38th SAM COSTA HALF MARATHON You have your choice of a 13.1 mile self-guided* half marathon or 6.55 mile quarter marathon starting at Northview Christian Life Church, 5535 E. 131st St., Carmel. From I-465 take Keystone Ave. north to 131st Street. Go to www.indyrunners.org for more information. The race fee is \$25. Sign up with the HC between 8:15 AM and 8:45 AM at the entrance to the church. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (297.7312, j.griffitts@sbcglobal.net)
- 9:00 AM 50th ANNIVERSARY HIKE - JILL McFALL RECOGNITION - DEAM WILDERNESS BLUE DIAMOND TRAIL Allow 2 hours from I-465. Go south on SR-37 and east on SR-46 through Bloomington. Turn right on SR-446, cross Monroe Reservoir causeway, and go 4.3 miles farther. Just after Maumee Boy Scout sign, turn left on Tower Road and go 6.1 miles to fire tower. Bring lunch and water for a 16-mile hike with a 10-mile option. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jill McFall (291-6454)
Suggested carpool location: 7:00 AM at Southport Landings parking lot, which is located 1 block west of SR-37 on Southport Road, just past the Steak & Shake.
- 10:30 AM CENTRAL CANAL TOWPATH See March 3.
- 1:30 PM HOLLIDAY PARK & BEYOND See February 17

Sunday, March 25

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 4.
- 9:00 AM BROWN COUNTY Take SR 135 south through Nashville or I-65 South to SR 46 West to the park (fee). After entering the park, follow signs to Ogle Lake. Meet at Ogle Lake parking lot for an 8-mile hike. (M,NS,3) Leader: Marti Applegate (784-3721; 289-1756-cell)
- 9:30 AM FOUR SEASONS AT WALNUT HILL FARM - PART I See February 25.
- 12:00 PM FOUR SEASONS AT WALNUT HILL FARM - PART II See February 25.
- 1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 4.

Monday, March 26

- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See February 26.
- 10:00 AM LAKE SULLIVAN & WHITE RIVER TRAIL See February 26.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 19.

Tuesday, March 27

- 9:00 AM GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH See March 6.
- 9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 6.
- 10:00 AM CANAL TOW PATH Meet at the Butler University campus in the Clowes Hall parking lot. This pleasant walk of 5 miles will proceed down the Canal Tow Path to 30th Street. Following a brief bathroom stop in the Navel Avionics building, we will return to Clowes Hall. Join us for lunch afterwards at a local restaurant. (F,PS/NS, 2.5-3) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeyer (cell 850-1291)
- 4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 6.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD See March 6.

Wednesday, March 28

- 9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 7.
- 9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See March 7.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See February 7.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 7.
- 4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 7.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S See February 7.

Thursday, March 29

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 1.
- 6:00 PM CHAPEL HILL See March 1.

Friday, March 30

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 2.

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6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 2.

Saturday, March 31

9:00 AM ALICE BRINK MEMORIAL HIKE Alice loved the Club more than anyone I've known and I would like to lead this hike in her memory. We will assemble in the vicinity of 6343 N. Central Avenue (Alice's former home) ... three blocks west of College. We'll park on the street and hike out to Union Chapel Cemetery (Alice's present home) about 6-7 miles round trip. Shorter options are available. We welcome your memories and a discussion of your experiences with this lovely lady. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tom Patterson (849-9528)

9:30 AM HIKE HAMILTON COUNTY See February 17.

10:00 AM YELLOWWOOD - DUBOIS RIDGE Allow 1½ hours from I-465 on the southside. Take I-65 south to SR-46 west exit. Go west on SR-46 through Nashville. Between Nashville and Bloomington, watch for Yellowwood sign and Knights Corner Market on north side of road. From there follow signs to the forest office and continue north for approximately ¾ mile to the trailhead parking lot for the Jackson Creek and Tecumseh trails. Hike will be 10 miles. Bring a trail lunch. Boots and poles are recommended as the trail is multiple use and muddy in places. (M,NS,2.5) Leaders: Judy Liederbach (581-9402) and Cheryl Smolecki (575-8819; cell 696-8922)

1:30 PM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See February 24

PLAN FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS: Contact a pathfinder if you would like to preview a future event.

50th ANNIVERSARY HIKE SERIES Two special hikes, commemorating 1957 hikes and notable hike leaders through the years will be scheduled each month in 2007. Check www.indyhike.org/hikes for a list of all the anniversary hikes. Ron Mutzl (769-3220) is coordinating the hike series.

WILD FLOWER HIKES – every Tuesday in April Once again, Mary Ann Layman will be leading very popular wildflower hikes at different locations each Tuesday morning in April. Come and enjoy the beauty and also learn something. Look for details in the next schedule.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BANQUET – April 15 You won't want to miss this exciting Sunday afternoon celebration of the IHC's 50th Anniversary at Celebrations in Avon. Besides a sumptuous sit down dinner, there will be entertainment, jitterbugging to 50's music, special guests, door prizes and commemorative gifts for everyone. Tickets are a bargain at only \$15 each. A reservation form is included with this schedule. We are expecting a very large turnout and seating is limited so send in your reservation form quickly to reserve a space for you and any guests you would like to invite. Call Bill Larrison 388-0498 if you have any questions or if you misplace the reservation form.

10th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS WEEKEND – April 19-21 Make your reservations soon for this very popular spring destination during the height of the wildflower season. Some suggestions are Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070), Fairfield Inn, which is very near park entrance (1-888-430-7200), Carr's Northside Cottages (suggested by Carol Larson) (1-800-370-5593) and Riverhouse Motor Lodge (865-436-7821). Regrettably the Rainbow Motel where many of you stayed in the past has been sold and is no longer available. Contact Jean Ballinger if you have any questions at 276-2050 (daytime) or jballinger@lilly.com.

C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE – April 28 Last April, 7 members completed this hike and set a new single day distance record of 62 miles. Well, they are doing it again and, who knows, they may add an additional mile. Please consider joining us for the mid-Atlantic region's oldest long-distance day hike - 100K (62.14 miles with shorter options) from Washington DC to Harpers Ferry, WV. The hike is an annual event sponsored by the DC Sierra Club. Check www.onedayhike.org for details on registration, lodging, etc. If you think you might be interested, contact Cindy West at 299-7829 or cwest@binghamchale.com.

MINI-MARATHON – May 5 Indy's Mini Marathon is once again sold out. A member will be on hand to insure you receive mileage credit, if you were lucky enough to sign up in time.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP – May 26-28 Details to follow in future schedules.

NEW HARMONY AND VINCENNES - June 9-10 In recognition of Frances Ellison - an original founding member of the Club - a weekend trip to New Harmony and Vincennes will be conducted as her favorite Club experience. Hikes are planned at New Harmony on Saturday June 9 at 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM and at Vincennes on Sunday June 10 at 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. It is suggested that you make overnight reservations in Vincennes at one of the following newer hotels located off US 41: Comfort Suites, 2555 Hart St. (800-228-150 www.choicehotels.com); Super 8, 600 Shirlee St. (800-800-8000 www.super8.com); or Best Western,

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2600 Old Decker Rd. (888-286-1918 www.vincennesmotel.com). Call Ron Mutzl at 769-3220 if you have any questions.

SHUFFLE OFF TO BUFFALO – June 25-30 Those who enjoyed Pat Lawler's trips to the LA area, will love this week of hiking and sightseeing in the Buffalo NY area, including Niagara Falls, Niagara Gorge, the home of Buffalo Wings and so much more. Carol Larson will be helping Pat with several hikes. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Amhurst (716-691-8181), address 1881 Niagara Falls Blvd. Amherst, NY 14228. (located at the intersection of I-290 and Niagara Falls Blvd). A block of rooms has been reserved for the Hiking Club at a special rate, so make your reservations soon and be sure to identify yourself as a member. The nightly rate is \$89, plus tax. No limit to number in room. You can also rent a microwave or mini fridge for \$60 for the week. Note, we will be entering Canada on at least one occasion (great hike), so you will need to bring your US Passport. Look for more details in future schedules. If you plan to attend this trip please advise Pat at 329-2779 so she will have a list of all those planning to attend. Also, don't hesitate to call Pat if you have any questions.

INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB PICNIC – July 21 As in recent years, this year's picnic will be held at Eagle Creek Park in Shelter B. An optional five-mile hike will precede the picnic. Call Bill Larrison at 388-0498 if you have any questions.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND – September 1-3 Back by popular demand, this year's Labor Day weekend will be at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park in southeastern Kentucky. Mark your calendar and contact Bill Larrison (388-0498) if you would like more information.

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS – September 13

LINCOLN'S ILLINOIS - September 29-30 On Saturday we will hike around and through restored New Salem IL where Lincoln spent 13 years before entering politics. Sunday's hike will be through historic Springfield IL and include Lincoln's home and office, the old Statehouse and Lincoln's grave. Both hikes will be 5-6 miles at a modest pace, so you can soak up the history. On Sunday afternoon you will have an opportunity to visit the world famous Lincoln Museum, for the most exciting museum experience of your life. Look for more details in future schedules or contact Ed Wright at 571-9650 or ewright@indyhike.org if you have any questions.

HOCKING HILLS, OHIO – October 18-21 This is a very popular Ohio destination and some facilities fill up early, especially the cottages at Hocking Hills State Park. Check out the State Park facilities at www.ohiodnr.com/parks. The official Hocking Hills tourism web site is www.1800hocking.com. You can order a free 2007 Visitors Guide through the web site or by calling 1-800-462-5464. It is loaded with information about accommodations, dining, maps, and park information. The area has many campgrounds, cabins, cottages, inns and B&Bs plus hotels in Logan, Ohio. These hotels are AmeriHost Inn 1-800-434-5800; Holiday Inn Express 1-800-465-4329, Inn Towner Motel 1-800-254-3371 and Shawnee Inn Motel 1-740-385-5674. A group campsite will also be available. All hikes will start at the parking lot at the Visitor's Center at Old Man's Cave State Park, located approximately 12 miles southwest of Logan, Ohio. For more information contact Mary Ann Layman (881-8416 or malayman@earthlink.net) or Jill McFall (291-6454)

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN AT RECENT BOARD MEETINGS:

12/21	Cook, Lisa	6238 Haverford Ave.	46220	253	2784
12/21	Emlet, Mary	3115 W. Smokey Row Rd, Bargersville, IN.	46106	535	9260
12/21	Felder, Chris & Faith	9031 Admirals Bay Dr.	46236	826	0915
12/21	Gehlhausen, Dennis	6010 E. 161st St., Noblesville, IN.	46062	776	2319
12/21	Gilley, Pam	503 Deacon St., Carmel, IN.	46032	670	9805
12/21	Roesch, Stacey	6840 Dover Rd.	46220	254	8362
12/21	Shire, Dick	8142 Amble Way	46237	413	7869
12/21	Wolf, Ed	2230 E. Washington St.	46201	507	0064
1/18	Miller, Virginia	3550 Bradford Dr.	46221	517	2533
1/18	Sterne, Arthur	9442 Bridgwater Cir	46250	577	5961

RE-INSTATEMENTS

Robison, Dianne	305 South St., North Vernon, IN.	47265	812	346	3785
Jones, James & Charlotte	5876 Ralston Ave.	46220	253	4834	

* SELF-GUIDED HIKEs: Self-guided hikes are intended to allow you to walk at your own speed. Your leader is obligated only to sign you up & furnish you a map or instructions. If you do not wish to walk alone, plan for a partner ahead of time.