

# **The Ethnic Hoosier.....December 2005**

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(information about the International Festival, NCI, Indiana and the world)

### **President's message .....Zdravo prijatelji /Greetings friends!**

As my term (not me!) as president expires December 31, I feel privileged to have served the membership in promotion of cultural diversity, expanding awareness of NCI and the International Festival. In this regard, I am particularly appreciative of the advice and friendship of Bob Bunnell, Charles Lindgren, Pat Hubley, Chao-Hung Lee, Gene Maresca, Yvonne Oomkes, Susan McKee, Susan Salenda and Steve Schurtter. All of them have helped me and are committed NCI ambassadors to the community.

I look forward to continued service with Ahmet Fer, Allen Galloway and to welcoming Marlon Alfonso as a new NCI officer. All members are encouraged to contact any of the officers or board members with any concerns, suggestions or inquiries. In addition to serving the membership, our goal is to continue to increase the visibility of NCI and the International Festival as daily examples of diversity within Central Indiana. *Na vase zdravje in hvale*/To your health and thank you!

**Hold the date!** The new and old Board of Directors dinner will be Monday, December 12, 7 p.m. at The Bosphorus Istanbul Cafe, 935 South East Street, Indianapolis (317:974-1770 and <http://www.bosphoruscafe.com/>). All board members are welcome to attend and should RSVP by Dec. 9 to Ahmet Fer, 317:293-7518 or [xferra17@yahoo.com](mailto:xferra17@yahoo.com).

Have a healthy and happy holiday season. See you at the NCI meeting Feb. 13, 2006!

Mir,  
**Josef**  
Josef M. Laposa  
President

### **Did you know...**

June Kiyomoto, executive director of the **Asian American Alliance**, became a Naturalized Citizen during ceremonies at Indy's International Festival in November?

There are more than 1600 English-subtitled films in more than 40 **foreign languages** ready to be checked out at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library?

The **India** Association of Indianapolis celebrates its 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year?

Ricardo Gambetta, Director of **Latino** Affairs for the Indianapolis Mayor's Office and Director of the Mayor's Commission on Latino Affairs received the 2005 National Community Service Award from the National Latino Peace Officers Association?

Jan Chovanec, the general manager of the soon-to-open Conrad Hotel in downtown Indianapolis, came to the U.S. from **Slovakia** via **Austria** in 1981?

Daniel Drexler, the newly-named interim executive director of the Libertarian Party of Indiana, lived in **Japan** for two years after graduation from IUPUI?

## **December's International Calendar for Indy...**

*NOTE: following are excerpts from the website calendar. For complete information, please go to: <http://nationalitiescouncil.org/calendar.html>.*

**2-4:** (**German**-style) Christkindl Market and St. Nikolaus Fest". Athenaeum/Das Deutsche Haus, 401 East Michigan Street, Indianapolis. Information, 317:630-4569.

**4:** **Japanese** Ars and Crafts: Curator's Choice Tour. 1 p.m. Indianapolis Museum of Art.

**4:** Children's Christmas Party." Indianapolis Liederkrantz, 1417 E. Washington Street.

**6:** **Finnish** Independence Day. 5:25 p.m. IMU 150, Indiana University, Bloomington.

**8:** "World Religions: Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism" (film). Indiana History Center,

**11:** **German**-language Christmas Service. 3 p.m. Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, 416 East North Street, Indianapolis. Information, 317:257-0493 or 317:639-5411.

**11:** "Las Posadas". 5-6 p.m. Free. Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St, Indianapolis.

**11:** Christmas Party. **German** American Klub, 8602 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis.

**11:** Weihnachtskonzert. Indianapolis Liederkrantz, 1417 East Washington St, Indpls.

**11:** Children's Christmas Party sponsored by Society of Friends of **Colombia**.

**12:** "Double Board Dinner" for **Nationalities Council of Indianapolis**. 7 p.m. Bosphorus Istanbul Café, 935 South East Street, Indianapolis."Current, outgoing and incoming board members gather for an informal review of 2005 over Turkish delights."

**12-16:** Immersion **Spanish** Institutes of Continuing Studies Department, IUPUI.

**14:** Board meeting, Indiana **German** Heritage Society. 4:30 pm Athenaeum, Indpls.

**14:** "Christmas Show & Tell!" Indiana **German** Heritage Society and Jim Gould, Athenaeum Foundation. 6:30 p.m. Stammtisch (no-host dinner), 7:30 p.m. program.

Athenaeum/Das Deutsche Haus, 401 E Michigan St, Indpls. Information, 317:630-4569

**14:** Olde **English** Holiday Dinner and Concert. Indiana History Center, Indianapolis.

**18:** Annual Christmas Dinner & Ball. Barangay Club of Indiana. Indiana Roof Ballroom.

**16:** Christmas dance sponsored by **German**-American Klub, 8602 S Meridian St, Indpls

**31:** New Year's Eve Gala with Kunterbund, **German**-American Klub, Indianapolis.

**31:** New Year's Eve Party, Indianapolis Liederkrantz, 1417 E Washington St, Indpls.

Do you have an item for the next issue of *The Ethnic Hoosier*?  
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