

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA CLUB

Wow, what a year we had in 2009! At one meeting we had 180 members present with an average of about 100 at a meeting. We had paid membership of 270 people. We had some great entertainment this past year and our Board of Directors hope to continue this into 2010.

Some big things in 2009 were the Fund Raising Cruise for the Haven House, the Indiana Club entry in the Christmas Parade, the Indiana Club Name Tag Drawings, the annual club "500" Mile Race, the Golf Cart Poker Run, the summer picnic, the pizza parties and the bingo. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered to help at these events during 2009. The "HOOSIER" home cooking was the best anyone would ever want to eat at our potlucks.

My heart goes out to all of the families that lost loved ones during this past year.

The dues for the Indiana Club will remain at \$5.00 per person per year. You must be a paid member in good standing to participate in any Indiana Club event. The Indiana Club only name tag drawing which we initiated in 2009 proved to be a big hit.

Please remember our number one charity is still The Haven, a place for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please bring any clothing, small workable appliances, children's items, toiletries, personal hygiene items and donations of cast to each meeting and we will distribute these items to the Haven.

Fellow Hoosiers, this is my fifth and last term to serve as your president. I have really enjoyed being your leader these past years but now the time has come to move over and let someone new take over in 2011 with new ideas to better this club even more. I promise to help your new president next year in any way I can but he or she will be in charge, and I know whoever it may be, the club will continue to grow and prosper. I will remain on the Board of Directors and will give any knowledge I have gained during these past five years to reach the goal of being one of the best state clubs in the Villages. I will also be a volunteer when needed as you people have done for me in the past. It's the volunteers that make this club so great. Again, I say thank you to each and every one of you that has helped throughout these past five years. You are wonderful people and you made my job a whole lot easier. I would especially like to thank my wonderful wife, Kathy. She has done a very great job of helping me month after month keeping up on all the supplies we needed and watching the door to make sure everyone was paid on certain nights. When I took over the president's job five years ago, there was approximately 100 paid members and now we stand close to 300 paid members so I think the club is headed in the right direction. With new leadership, I think we can surpass that 300 mark. I believe our next president will continue to make it an even better club for all to enjoy. Please give your new president all of the help you have given to me. AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME BE YOUR LEADER THESE PAST FIVE YEARS.

Andy Richardson.