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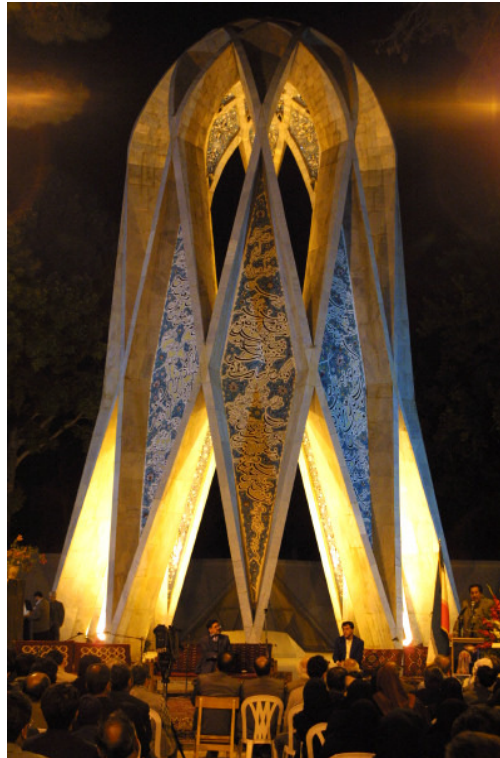
January 2008

As President of the Nationalities Council of Indiana, Inc. (NCI) it is my responsibility to report that our Organization is healthy and growing. Our primary mission is to provide a venue where people can gather in a friendly atmosphere and learn about other cultures and countries. NCI does this through the annual International Festival held each November at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

This year's festival was most successful. The attendance for the festival was close to 20,000. It's become a big hit with 6500 Indiana students in elementary, middle and high schools. The naturalization ceremony was the biggest ever with close to 300 new citizens being naturalized. The potential of this event continues to grow. For 2009 added programming will be the goal. And it is my sincere goal to increase participation from Latin and Hispanic ethnic groups.

I want to give thanks to our sponsors for the festival; AAA, IUPUI, Cummins, Aflac, IPL, Eli Lilly, Katz, Sapper & Miller, Kahn's Fine Wines, Indy's Child, indy.com, Indiana Arts Commission, AT & T. we encourage each one of you to continue your support of this great organization. And thanks to our city's First Lady Mrs. Ballard for her remarks during the opening ceremony. And Juana Watson from the Governor's office, for giving the Governor's greeting and message.

Award winners for this year's festival are as follows: Creativity; Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Educational; International Tibet Independence Movement, Quality; Indiana Okinawa Kenjinkai, Theme; IUPUI Russian



***The Tomb of Omar Khayyam,
poet, mathematician, scientist
at Nishapur.***

Iran

Iran, formerly known internationally as Persia until 1935, is a country in Central Asia, located on the northeastern shore of the Persian Gulf. The name Iran is a cognate of Aryan, and means "land of the Aryan's".

The 18th largest country in the world in terms of area at 1,648,195 sq. km., Iran has a population of over seventy million (79.4% literate). Tehran is the capital, the country's largest city.

Iran is home to one of the world's oldest continuous major civilizations, with historical and urban settlements dating back to 4000

Speaking Students Association. Best Overall Cultural (The Betty Award) goes to Society for Promotion of Persian Culture and Volunteer Service (The Steve Award) goes to Susan McKee, a long time volunteer and leader of our NCI. In addition I want to thank Chuck Workmen and Bob Bunnell for the tireless efforts managing the main entertainment stage throughout the whole festival.

A big thanks to our 50 plus ethnic groups and over 2500 volunteers that helped NCI organize and make this event a great success. Our ethnic groups also organize other events during the year that help make Indianapolis such a diverse place to live and work.

Please read the Ethnic Hoosier to find out more about these events. And special thanks

to Ahmet Fer, NCI Treasurer and 2008 Ethnic Hoosier editor.

To our NCI officers: Marlon Alfonso; First Vice-President, Leslie Barratt; Second Vice-President, Treasurer; Ahmet Fer and Secretary; Carol Atherton for all your work making my task a lot easier. Please get involved and volunteer for areas of your interest. In addition I do not want to forget about the leadership of our board members.

This summer for the first time NCI was fortunate to have an intern from Hanover College: Audrey Foster. She helped me collect and organize mountains of data. She made some great ethnic group contacts and assisted in making NCI web site better. We want to thank her and Hanover College.

This year we commissioned Exact Target to manage NCI e-mail services. If you did not notice the Ethnic Hoosier has been coming to you via Exact Target. The Promotion Company volunteered this year to make the Festival website even better and we want to thank them. Susan McKee has been our webmaster and faithful blogger. If you have not submitted or read any of the blogs I encourage you to do so.

In April, with a year of planning, I was involved with the first annual Governor's Committee Multi Ethnic Conference. The opening remarks were made by Governor Daniels, keynote speakers Dr. Bobby Fong, President of Butler University and

BC. Pre-Islamic Persian religion was Zoroastrian, founded by the Persian prophet Zoroaster in the 6th century BC. In 632 AD raiders from the Arab peninsula began attacking Iran and the country was defeated, paving way for the Islamic conquest of Persia. Iran had been a monarchy ruled by a Shah, or emperor, almost without interruption from 1501 until the 1979 Iranian Revolution, when Iran officially became an Islamic Republic on April 1, 1979.

Iran ranks second in the world in natural gas and oil reserves. It is OPEC's 2nd largest oil exporter. Other natural resources are coal, chromium, copper, iron ore, lead manganese, zinc and sulfur.

Society for the Promotion of Persian Culture

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Mr. Jerome Peribere, President of DOW Agro. In May NCI was invited to participate in the 500 Parade. With the leadership of Marlon Alfonso NCI assembled a great wide ranging ethnic group to walk the parade in their own ethnic dress. NCI was featured in the Indianapolis Star for all their hard work. For 2008 NCI was given notice by the Indianapolis Business Journal for being a "Community Non-Profit of Note". In May NCI was recognized by Inside Indiana Business. NCI participated in both Fiesta and Penrod to promote NCI and the International Festival.

Many thanks go out to Josef Laposa in keeping our tax records correct and our filings in order. Our monthly meetings are held the second Monday of the month except January at the Athenaeum downtown. NCI wants to thank the Athenaeum Foundation for providing such wonderful space so that our meetings are fruitful and interesting.

I want to thank everyone who supported me in my goal in doing well at the 2008 Pan American Masters Cycling Championships in Argentina. My 4th place finish in both the 200 meter sprint and matched sprints could not have happened without it. And finally a big hug and kiss for my wife Karen for putting up with my absences throughout the year.

Allen Cem Galloway, President

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- "Grab Your Passport: Let's Travel to **India**". 1:15 p.m. Franklin Road Branch, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Indianapolis. "Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 and an adult are invited for stories, songs and activities."

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- "**World** of Families: Second Saturdays Bilingual Storytime". 2 p.m. The Learning Curve, Central branch, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, 40 East St. Clair Street, Indianapolis. "Families are invited for an interactive bilingual storytime celebrating the languages and cultures of the world!"

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- "[Roll Your Own: Sushi for Beginners](#)". 2-4 p.m. \$20-40. [Ocean World Restaurant](#), 1206 West 86th Street, Indianapolis. Sponsored by [Japan America Society of Indiana](#). Information and registration [here](#).
- "[Galette des Rois Celebration](#)". 2:30-5 p.m. \$4-12. International School of Indianapolis. Sponsored by [Alliance Francaise d'Indianapolis](#). [Reservation form](#). "Once again, we will have

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 2. Sufficient contact info such as the contact person and phone/website/email is desirable.
 3. The announcements in ***The Ethnic Hoosier*** (EH) are usually less than 35 words with no images and at the NCI website less than 100 words. The Editor reserves the right to edit the announcement text and graphics.
 4. Only some of the month's events are included in ***The Ethnic Hoosier*** and readers often go to the Indy's International Calendar at NCI website for greater detail.
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delicious galettes prepared by Chef Pierre."

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- "Robert the Bruce", presentation by Becky Dockery and Katie Bader (regularly scheduled meeting of [Scottish Society of Indianapolis](#).) Latvian Center, 1008 West 64th Street, Indianapolis. Information, Gordon Inglis, 317:849-7871.

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- January luncheon sponsored by [Association of International Women](#). 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$23. Capri Ristorante, 2602 Ruth Drive, Indianapolis. Information, Dona Lutz, 317:579-0231.

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- "La Dolce Vita" (film; **Italy**). 7 p.m. Tobias Theater, Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis. "'La dolce vita' (Italian for *The Sweet Life*) is a 1960 film directed by Federico Fellini. It is usually cited as the film that signals the split between Fellini's earlier neo-realist films and his later art films."

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- "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fest". 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Theological Seminary, 1100 West 42nd Street, Indianapolis. Sponsored by Peace Learning Center. Information, [Timothy Nation](#), 317:327-7144. "Our 11th annual event will feature music, theater, art and poetry workshops, plus **African** drumming and and more than 25 community booths featuring service and volunteer opportunities [including the [Nationalities Council of Indiana](#)]."
- "Yu-Gi-Oh Competition". 1-3 p.m. Wayne Branch, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Indianapolis. "Children ages 9 - 16 are invited to bring Yu-Gi-Oh cards and duel with others. (No trading, please.) Yu-Gi-Oh! is a **Japanese** manga created by Kazuki Takahashi, which has spawned a franchise including multiple anime series, a trading card game, and numerous video games. Most of the incarnations of the franchise involve the card game called Duel Monsters (originally known as Magic & Wizards), wherein each player uses cards in order to defeat one another."
- "[Chinese New Year Celebration](#)". 3-8 p.m. \$8-12. Carmel High School, Carmel. Sponsored by [Indianapolis Chinese Community Center](#); co-sponsored by Lilly Chinese Culture Network, Confucius Institute in Indianapolis, Chinese School of Chinese Community Church of Indianapolis, Families with Children from China, Indiana Association of Chinese Americans and Indianapolis Chinese Performing Arts. Information, [Xiaohua He](#).

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- "Grab Your Passport: Let's Travel to **Africa**". 1:15 p.m. Franklin Road branch, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Indianapolis. "Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 and an adult are invited for stories, songs and activities."

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- First session of "Intermediate **German** Conversation". 6-7:30 p.m. for eight Wednesdays. \$90. Athenaeum/Das Deutsche Haus, 401 East Michigan Street, Indianapolis. Information and registration, [Claudia Grossman](#), 317:274-3943.
- "Grab Your Passport: Let's Travel to **Africa**". 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Franklin Road branch, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Indianapolis. "Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 and an adult are invited for stories, songs and activities."
- Annual Meeting. [Historic Prophetstown](#), Battle Ground. Information, 765:567-4700. "Guest speaker: Michael Longcor, who has written and performed music airing on regional radio across

the U.S. and **Europe.**"

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- First session of "Beginning **German** Conversation". 6-7:30 p.m. for eight Mondays. \$90. Athenaeum/Das Deutsche Haus, 401 East Michigan Street, Indianapolis. Information and registration, [Claudia Grossman](#), 317:274-3943.

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- "Grab Your Passport: Let's Travel to **Australia**. 1:15 p.m. Franklin Road branch, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Indianapolis. "Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 and an adult are invited for stories, songs and activities."
- "[Global Business Person of the Year Award Dinner](#)". 5:30 p.m. registration, 6:30 p.m. program. \$35-50. Omni Severin, Indianapolis. Sponsored by [World Trade Club of Indiana](#). Information, [Jane Gehlhausen](#), 317:843-8542; registration deadline 23 January. Honoree: Dennis Kelley of Pacific World Trade Inc.

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- "[The Seven Samurai](#)" (film; **Japan**). 7 p.m. Tobias Theater, Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis. "'Seven Samurai' is a 1954 Japanese film co-written, edited and directed by Akira Kurosawa. The film takes place in Warring States Period Japan (around 1587/1588). It follows the story of a village of farmers that hire seven masterless samurai (ronin) to combat bandits who will return after the harvest to steal their crops."
- "Meet the Authors Community Gala". 7-9 p.m. Clowes Auditorium, Central branch, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, 40 East St. Clair Street, Indianapolis. "Families and children are invited to meet their favorite authors in children's literature during this event presented in conjunction with the Indianapolis Youth Literature Conference. The event will feature **International** Reading Association Honor winner Sue Corbett, Coretta Scott King Award winner Nikki Grimes, and Caldecott Medal winner Brian Selznik. There will be presentations and autographing by the authors and book sales provided by Kids Ink."

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- "28th Annual Burns Supper". 6 p.m. \$15-55. Ritz Charles, Carmel. Sponsored by **Scottish** American Club. Information, [Marguerite Hendrie](#), 317:872-8179. "The evening starts with a complimentary whisky tasting, cheese and fruit plate, and gourmet dinner followed by a traditional Burns Supper program and songs of Burns by Pat Grant . A lively ceilidh completes the evening with performances by the Indiana Caledonia Pipe Band, exhibition of Highland dancing, and Scottish Country dancing for all. There will be a special children's program during the formal speeches and a silent auction."

- Divine Performing Arts is coming to Indianapolis at Murat theatre on January 31, 2009 for the first time ever, bringing its exhilarating and highly acclaimed blend of classical Chinese dance and music. Discover for yourself the brilliant choreography, gorgeous costumes, and state-of-the-art backdrops that have astounded audiences everywhere. www.divineshows.com/Indianapolis

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- "King Henry V" (play by William Shakespeare; part of **World** Stage). 7 p.m. \$26. Loeb Theater, Purdue University, West Lafayette. Ticket information [online](#) or 765:494-3933. "Presented by the [Guthrie Theatre](#) and the Acting Company."

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