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Bicentennial BIZ Team 2016's November: Igniting the Future: Hoosier partners at work

7 Team 2016 visits Harrison County Chamber and welcomes Larry Bennett, bicentennial county coordinator aboard.

12 Team 2016 presentation to Eiteljorg staff.

17 Presented at the annual conference of Indiana State Festivals Association.

20 Great visit with JT Coopman, Indiana Association of School Superintendents. Team 2016 to present to 8 District Meetings in the Spring – a platform to get schools fired up about the Bicentennial.

21 Team 2016 in Elkhart County

22 Team 2016 in Kosciusko and Wabash Counties.

25 Attended dedication ceremony, IN War Memorial exhibit honoring the Honorable Joseph Kernan & the Honorable Edgar Whitcomb.

Executive Visits -- Sustainable IN 2016, Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Theater of Inclusion, Indiana Arts Commission, Indiana Farm Bureau, and IndyHub.

RACE2PLAY

*To get kids active and gain healthier life styles, a new parks project has been piloted in Columbus, Indiana. A Columbus Park Foundation collaborative project partnered volunteers, resources and the support of area businesses and foundations to revitalize **four** local parks. The parks are designed so that they are accessible and free resources for all. Thank you to First Lady Karen Pence, our Bicentennial Ambassador for connecting us.*

Located in NASCAR driver Tony Stewart's old neighborhood, Stewart Park sports a racing theme. The parks are now safe, fun and inviting neighborhood spaces for kids to play. They also serve as a place neighbors can gather to talk, eat or shoot some hoops – resulting in healthier community pride. To learn more, log on www.columbusparkfoundation.org.



Greening Indiana: NEW ADDITION

The Bicentennial Nature Conservation Area dedicated by Governor Pence in early October, 2013 just expanded. The Bicentennial Nature Trust announced that funds helped Whitewater Valley Land Trust to complete the purchase of two environmentally significant properties in east-central Indiana. For more details, log on www.indiana2016.org/news.



Team 2016 wishes you & yours happiest of holidays!

Bicentennial Connections

November visits: Harrison County: Larry Bennett, Bartholomew County: April White, Anne Ogle, Race2Play. Cass County: Deanna Crispen, Logansport Rotary. Elkhart County: Marcia Brenneman, county historian, Merritt Dilts and Kyle Hannon, Chamber. Kosciusko County: Mark Dobson, Chamber and Dan Coplen county historian. Wabash County: Christin Flohr, Tourism.

Bicentennial Book Progress

The Bicentennial Book Committee met Nov. 14 with Mickey Maurer, Jim Madison, Bobbie Brooker, Director, IN State Library and commission staff in attendance. Resulting in these next steps:

- Potential essayists are being identified.
- Chris met with Pat Keiffer, IBJ Publishing, to define book concept and determine a timeframe to meet print deadline mid-2015 and a budget based on book specifications.
- It was determined that a Book Project Manager is required to complete a book of this scope given our timeline.