



AIW Mission

- To facilitate social interaction among women from the USA and other countries;
- To provide a support group for women as they arrive in Indiana from outside the USA or from another state;
- To promote and encourage cultural understanding among members and the communities in which they reside.

President's Letter



The spotlight is on Indianapolis! Super Bowl XLVI is not just one football game; it is a series of events bringing tens of thousands of people to central Indiana to experience our Hoosier hospitality. The flurry of activity involves hundreds

of planners and volunteers in Indianapolis and surrounding suburbs. We even have a Super Bowl Village downtown complete with a Zipline along Capitol Avenue, live concerts and Tailgate Town. How our city has changed in the 20 years that AIW has been in existence!

AIW is getting into the Super Bowl Spirit with the January 19 Colts Tailgate Luncheon at Champps at Keystone at the Crossing. Pat Carlini, a reporter, writer and former anchor with Channel 13, will be our guest speaker. Dress is casual with a football theme.

When I learned that the singer, Madonna, was performing at the Super Bowl halftime show, I did a little research on Cirque du Soleil with whom she is collaborating. Similar to AIW, Cirque du Soleil's 5000 employees and artists represent 50 nationalities and speak 25 languages. The following quote describes the Quebec -based entertainment company and it reminded me of AIW.

"From time-honored art forms to the most avant-garde multimedia performances, we draw our inspiration from cultures from around the world to extend the boundaries of imagination and blur the lines between artistic disciplines."

Did you think that AIW could ever be compared to a circus? Here are some words that describe Cirque du Soleil on their website: Daring. Graceful. Art forms from around the world. Imaginary Worlds. Invoke the emotions of people from around the world. Creative. Adventurous. Deep convictions. Beauty. Artistic. Poetic. Complex. Not only are our members all these things, our AIW activities nurture these characteristics in all of us through our Interest Groups such as Writing, Needle Arts, Explore, Walking-Hiking, Cooking, Exploring Religion and Mysticism, Current Events, Art: Discover It, Do It, Discuss It, or the Book Group.

AIW had a successful presence at the International Festival in November. We generated quite a bit of interest for AIW and we hope to continue participating in the future. Thank you to our volunteers who enjoyed spending time together and experiencing other cultures.

We have a new "store". Simply to go www.AIWindyStore.com The purpose of the AIW store is to allow individual members an easy way to purchase AIW merchandise such as mugs, totes, cards and bumper stickers at a reasonable price. A portion of each sale benefits the AIW general fund.

Don't forget about these important dates. Our 20th Anniversary celebration is on January 25 at the Governor's Residence. The Super Bowl is on February 5. The annual Gala is March 23 and Aristeia says she is expecting record attendance!

Have a joyous New Year! Remember that each AIW member is a unique art form who contributes so much to our organization.

Olga Imperial Keegan
President