

2015: MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEAR

2015: 市选举年 主要综述



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Primary Roundup

The May 5 Primary Municipal Elections in the Greater Indianapolis area saw a solid return for most incumbent Mayors that we focused on in this space leading up to the Primary. We focused on the Hamilton County communities of Carmel, Westfield, and Noblesville, all of which are heavily Republican cities in which the Primary essentially determines who will serve in office for the next four years. In each of these cities, the incumbent Mayor's not only won, but won big. Moreover, in each case, the incumbent Mayors ran with a ticket of Council candidates more supportive of their policy direction. As such, several incumbent Council members in each City lost their seats. The common theme among the Mayoral challengers was a concern over the growing debt and spending by the incumbents. There was no argument about the progress that the incumbents programs had brought, just that it was time for spending to come under control. Perhaps Carmel Mayor Brainard summed up the results the best when on election night he said "It's a message that they (the voters) trust us. We have to use that trust carefully".



Roundup:

In Carmel it was incumbent Mayor Jim Brainard winning a record sixth term over Council President Rick Sharp.

In Westfield it was Mayor Andy Cook winning a third term over challenger Jeff Harpe.

In Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear was returned for a fourth term over challenger Mike Corbett.

A Look Ahead:

We now look to the fall municipal elections where a number of interesting races are shaping up throughout central Indiana ... and the outcomes are less dictated by the Primary results.

Indianapolis:

The marquee race of course features who will become the next Mayor of Indianapolis since Mayor Greg Ballard chose not to seek a third term. The Democratic and Republican nominees are former U.S District Attorney Joe Hoggsett and businessman Chuck Brewer respectively. We will bring focus and updates on this race in upcoming editions.

Other Races:

Columbus, Bloomington, Martinsville, Lawrence, and Beach Grove are among other Indy area communities we will focus on and in several cases, new Mayors will be selected. Stay tuned!

印第安纳波利斯地区5月5日的初选，现任市长作为候选人大规模胜出。我们专注Carmel, Westfield和Noblesville等地区，这几个地区都是共和党占多数，获胜者任期四年。

在这些地区内，现任市长不仅赢了，而且遥遥领先。更值得一提的是，市长们联合有同样政策意向的市议会新的候选人，互相投票支持，市长们胜利的同时，原市议会的成员们纷纷败下阵来。

市长候选人都在关注在职人员不断增长的债务和开支，没有人对当前政策流程的质疑，只是是好好好关怀控制花销的事情了。也许Carmel市长布雷纳德总结的最好，他在大选之夜说：“他们（选民）信任我们。我们必须谨慎使用这种信任”。

Carmel现任市长Jim Brainard第六次获胜，打败了竞争对手Rick Sharp, 创下了记录，Westfield市长Andy Cook第三次连任，此次打败了对手Jeff Harpe.

Noblesville, 市长John Ditslear第四次连任，此次打败了对手Mike Corbett.

下一步展望
我们现在开始期待秋天的市政选举，届时在印第安纳中部地区选举会产生有意思的结果，因为有时竞选结果和初选截然相反。

Indianapolis

现任市长Greg Ballard已经宣布不再寻求连任，所以Indy下一位市长是谁，无疑备受关注。民主党和共和党的候选人分别是前美国地区检察官乔Hoggsett和商人Chuck Brewer。我们将陆续为您报道最新进展。

其他地区

Columbus, Bloomington, Martinsville, Lawrence, 和Beach Grove地区也会有市长竞选陆续进行，我们会接着报道。敬请关注！



Mayor Andy Cook



Mayor John Ditslear

INDY SISTER CITIES ANNOUNCES YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Mayor Ballard's Office and Indianapolis Sister Cities International is happy to announce the 2015 Youth Leadership Summit scholarship recipients Ms. Kanfing Camara from Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis and Ms. Tial Rem from Perry Meridian High School, Indianapolis. They will be participating in the Sister Cities International Youth Leadership Summit, July 16 - 18, 2015, in Minneapolis, MN. Funds were provided by the Indianapolis Sister Cities Program.

The 2015 Youth Leadership Summit is designed to engage the next generation of leaders and expose them to important global challenges. Through a specialized Model UN simulation, service project, speaker sessions, and peer interactions, participants will learn how different national interests drive international cooperation on critical issues. Over three days, the Summit will provide students with effective problem solving strategies, leadership skills, and insights into public policy. New to the agenda this year, students will participate in a service learning project as a part of Nelson Mandela International Day on Saturday, July 18. For more information, please contact: Fran Colley, Chair - Youth Leadership Summit, Indianapolis Sister Cities. Email: indy.sistercities.youthsummit@gmail.com



Tial Rem and Kanfing Camara



AMERICAN AND CHINESE MEMORIAL DAY

"These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor - and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror."
~Michael N. Castle



Dr. Patrick Lau was born in Hong Kong and immigrated to the U.S. after high school. He retired from the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System where he served as Chief Radiologist and moved to Florida with his wife in 2011. He was an active member & contributor of IACA and ICMA while in Indiana. Dr. Lau is also a scholar of art and literature and a prolific writer, he has been a dedicated columnist for Indy Asian American Times since 2010.

Memorial Day is a day that commemorates the exceptional bravery of all the men and women of the United States military force who have lost their precious lives or are missing in action while having fought the wars in which this country been involved. They served their country with great honor; they fought war so that we might enjoy peace; and they offered their ultimate sacrifice so we might breathe the air of freedom.

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed to be on May 30th by General John Logan. It was attended by 5,000 Americans at Arlington National Cemetery. Eventually, after the great devastation of World War I, all the states united on Memorial Day in commemorating the dead soldiers, not only in the Civil War, but also in all American wars. In 1971, the U.S. Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday on the last Monday of May.

Today the annual observance of Memorial Day still takes place in Arlington Cemetery. During the ceremony, the president or vice-president gives a speech honoring the military men and women who sacrificed their lives for our nation and then lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. There are many traditions on Memorial Day, such as parades, flying the American flag, visiting cemeteries to pay respect to those who have died in military service, visiting memorials, family reunions and cookouts. Aaron Kilbourn wrote, "The dead soldier's silence sings our national anthem."

Qing Ming Festival 清明節, also known as Tomb Sweeping Day and Chinese Memorial Day, is a significant holiday in China. After Qing Ming, the weather typically starts getting warmer, rainfall increases, the sun shines brightly, the trees and grass turn green, and flowers begin to bloom. In ancient time, it was an agricultural society in China; thus it was the appropriate time for spring plowing and sowing. It was also the time for people to enjoy the greenery outside 南國春半踏青時, and tend to the graves of departed family members and ancestors. 佳節清明桃李笑，野田荒塚自生愁。

According to the legend, during the Spring and Autumn Period in the Jin Kingdom, Chong Er 重耳 was the prince who was falsely accused of rebellion; he was exiled to a mountainous region, suffering from hunger. One day, Jie Zitui 介子推, his official, altruistically cut some flesh from his thigh to make soup for Chong to save him from dying of hunger. Eventually, Chong became Duke Wen, 晉文公. Jie resigned and moved to live in the mountain with his aged mother. Duke Wen kept sending messages to Jie inviting him back

to the kingdom; but he declined the offer. Duke Wen set fire to the three sides of the mountain to force Jie to exist. Sadly, Jie and his mother died in the fire. Duke Wen repentantly ordered that no fire should be lit, and only cold food be eaten on that day annually; initiating the "Hanshi Festival 寒食節" (Cold Food Festival). He also commanded that the day after Hanshi Festival to be Qing Ming Festival. During the Qing Dynasty, Hanshi was replaced by Qing Ming.

Qing Ming has evolved to be a holiday to commemorate and honor the deceased family members and ancestors. The festival promotes and invigorates the ethic of filial piety and the expression of gratitude to one's ancestors. It also brings the family together annually, a family reunion.

Qing Ming rituals include pulling out weeds, and sweeping dirt away around the grave sites as well as cleaning the headstones. Foods such as roast pork, steamed chicken, rice, fruits, wine as well as flowers, joss sticks, and candles are traditionally offered at the grave sites. Paper money and paper replicas of houses, cars, clothing, etc. are presumably dispatched to the spirit world via burning for the deceased to use in the afterlife. It is believed that the spirits of deceased ancestors are watching over the family's well-being. Offering ancestors with the aforementioned items could please them, and consequently the family would be blessed and flourish through plentiful harvests, more offspring and ensure a happy life. After the worship is over, the family consumes the food, signifying family reunion with the ancestors.

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SEMINAR ON CONTEMPORARY CHINESE HISTORY



"It was truly a very good seminar with many positive feedback. I personally also learn much about the 1989 Photographic Journey (historic event through the viewfinder of a documentary photographer) from Dr. Huang and the attendees' experiences/thoughts/exchange."

The above statement from seminar attendee sums up a highly educational seminar on China's modern history, a significant event during the Spring of 1989. The seminar was sponsored by Indiana Association of Chinese Americans.

HEART OF TAIWAN

When the Dong Hwa University Dance Troupe of Taiwan embarked on their journey across America, they only had one mission in mind, to dance and show the world their cultural heritage. They danced with their heart, with the desire to keep their ancestral lineage alive. Their performance energized their audience at IUPUI campus theatre on 5/8/2015 as well as celebrating the Pacific Asian Heritage month.



IACA TELAMON SCHOLARSHIP

The purposes of the scholarship are:

- To initiate and provide an opportunity to nurture young Chinese-Americans to become leaders in promoting Chinese heritage as well as valuable US citizens
- To engage Indiana students who are interested in China and in Chinese American culture

Awards:

- High school applicants will have the opportunity to win a scholarship of up to \$500
- Middle school applicants will have an opportunity to win a scholarship up to \$200

Deadline:

- All application material must be Email date stamped or postmarked by July 22, 2015.

Award information:

- Winners will be announced by August 2, 2015. The committee is planning to award the scholarships and prizes at a special awards ceremony on August 16, 2015. Details will follow.

Application form can download from www.indyaat.org.

For more information about the scholarship or application form, please contact

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