

March 30, 2001  
TO: GENI Paid Membership  
FROM: GENI Home Office

### ITEMS TO NOTE:

- ⇒ The GENI Board has determined to experiment with sending four newsletters per year PLUS individual program fliers. Please remember that all mailings are sent “bulk” via the U.S. Post Office. Bulk mail does not have to be delivered to your mailbox as soon as the local carrier receives it; bulk mail is a lower priority than first-class mail, and if the carrier has too much first-class mail, the bulk mail may not be delivered until a later day.
- ⇒ Your membership dues become part of the GENI Endowment, established to ensure quality geographic education, at all levels, in the years to come. And due to your personal/professional participation and financial support, GENI was able to secure a five-year grant from the Lilly Endowment, which will be matched by the National Geographic Society. Four years remain of the Lilly Endowment monies, and funding opportunities via the NGS are changing. Therefore, it is imperative that you become a PAID GENI member today!
- ⇒ Many exciting programs are planned for you this coming year! To start, check out the GENI web site; segments are still being constructed or enhanced and lesson plans added, so, please be patient. But all program information and applications are on the site for you to access: **<http://www.iupui.edu/~geni>**
- ⇒ GENI will award three recognition's at the March 29 Indiana Council for the Social Studies Conference: **Jim Hausmann** of Northwest High School in Indianapolis will receive the *Indiana High School Geography Teacher of the Year* award, **Ray Rusnak** of Tolleston Middle School in Gary will receive the *Indiana Middle School Geography Teacher of the Year* award, and **Dr. Catherine Souch and the IUPUI Department of Geography** will receive the *Outstanding Contributions Toward the Promotion of Geographic Education* award.
- ⇒ IUPUI will host the **Indiana Geography Bee**, Friday, April 6 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Visit the GENI web site for an agenda and directions.
- ⇒ **GENI's Long Range Planning Meeting** will be held Friday and Saturday, June 1-2 at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. If you are interested in attending, contact Roger Jenkinson at (765)998-5323.
- ⇒ Dorothy Drummond will lead a group to China June 30 - July 25; the adventure was full at the printing of this Newsletter. **The China One Dreams About ...** (812)299-3760 or dd2@indstate.edu.
- ⇒ The Indianapolis Urban Geography Team will, once again, host a one-week **Indianapolis: Views from a New and Exciting Perspective** Institute June 18-22. Educators from throughout the state are “welcome”; Indianapolis area host educators are available for those living too far to commute daily. Contact Jill Bowman for additional information: (317)842-8039 or jbowmanin@earthlink.net.
- ⇒ July 22-27, GENI will host a long-awaited program, **Exploring and Teaching ... Indiana and the Underground Railroad**, an intensive, six-day study tour from Indiana's Ohio River shore through Windsor, Ontario. Up to thirty educators will explore some of Indiana's Underground Railroad sites, research many of the historic documents related to the Underground Railroad, and publish a variety of activities in relation to the Underground Railroad. Graduate credit is available through IUPUI. See the enclosed application and tentative itinerary. To register, download an application via the GENI web site or call the GENI office at (317)274-8879.

- ⇒ IUPUI will host a second **GIS Institute** July 9-13 for Indiana Educators at all levels. GIS technology will be explored in the mornings while the afternoons will be spent producing web accessible, hands-on materials appropriate for K-12 classrooms and students. The Institute will be limited to ten. Contact the GENI office at (317)274-8879 or [geni@iupui.edu](mailto:geni@iupui.edu) for additional details.
- ⇒ The National Council for Geographic Education Annual Conference is scheduled for August 2-5, 2001 in Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA. Great field experiences, as well as the usual interesting presentations are scheduled. Visit the NCGE web site for additional details and registration information: <http://www.ncge.org>.
- ⇒ **GENI's Advance Board Meeting** will be held at the Indiana Historical Society on Saturday, August 25 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For additional directions, contact the GENI office at (317)274-8879 or [geni@iupui.edu](mailto:geni@iupui.edu).
- ⇒ GENI will host the fall **GEOFEST** at Pokagon State Park, October 12-13. Limited rooms are available and cost will be \$35.00 for GENI Members and \$50.00 for non-GENI members; cost includes Friday evening lodging, Saturday breakfast, lunch and snacks, and all hand-outs. Watch future GENI Newsletters for announcements OR watch the GENI web-site for a down-loadable registration form.
- ⇒ GENI will host a number of workshops throughout the state during the fall of 2001 highlighting **Geography Awareness Week**, the theme of which focuses on conservation and rivers (a great topic for the state of Indiana!). Watch the GENI Newsletter and web site for announcements.
- ⇒ **GENI's Strategic Planning Board Meeting** will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 30 and December 1 at the Indianapolis Holiday Inn Express Northeast. For additional information, contact Jill Bowman at (317)842-8039.

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Enclosed, you will find a check for \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00, Individual Membership  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00, School Membership (3 individuals)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00, Life Membership

payable to GENI for Membership. All membership dues contribute to the GENI Endowment, which will ensure geography education for Indiana students and educators in the years ahead. THANK YOU!

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