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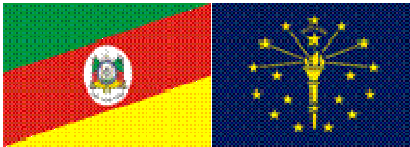
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Mark Your Calendar!

June 26-27

Partners Regional Midwest Conference

Chicago, IL

Sunday, Sept. 19

Farroupilha Day

1-3pm

Saturday, Sept. 26

Bye, Bye Brasil Film


IMA

Nov. 12-14

Partners International Conference

Washington, DC

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, Sept. 19**
Farroupilha Day -- Did you know that Gauchos in their colonial period held their own "Tea Party" protest of the king's taxes that kicked off the early drive for independence from the monarchy in 1835? Instead of dumping tea though, the gauchos threw "charque" - the Brazilian dried beef used to provision ships going around the South Am. Cape - off the ships at the harbor in Rio Grande do Sul, to protest King Pedro's exorbitant increase in export taxes used to finance the crown at the expense of hard-working Gaucho ranchers. Come to IN Partners Farroupilha Day celebration, Saturday, Sept. 19. **3-5pm** to learn all about it. Register for the event [here](#).
 

- Saturday, September 26** Cine Latino Brazilian

Movie -- Indiana Partners and the IMA are co-sponsoring a Latin film festival, featuring the prize-winning Brazilian film, *Bye Bye Brasil* (1979, 110 mins., dir. Carlos Diegues, in Portuguese with English subtitles). And don't miss the short from Rio Grande do Sul that precedes it! For more information, including ticket prices and purchasing visit the [IMA's website](#).



- Friday, Nov. 20** IN Partners Annual Meeting at the International Festival of Indiana from 5-6pm at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. More information coming soon.

Program Visitors

Sports Youth Development - "Coaching Coaches"



On June 9, Marc Maxey, LaQuita Maxey, and Victor Chukwudebe (soccer and basketball coaches and youth development specialists) began a visit to Porto Alegre, Caixias do Sul, and Nova Prata for Part II of Coaching Coaches. The trip had an ambitious agenda of sports visits, basketball demonstrations and clinics, workshops for teachers, soccer, and, of course, glimpses into Rio Grande do Sul's exceptional culture and hospitality.

To learn more about the coaches and read their trip report click [here](#).

Also see [Marc Maxey's blog](#) for an itinerary, pictures and more information.

Next steps: Follow up with Indianapolis City and University officials, Indiana Soccer Association, Crispus Attucks and other high schools, Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, Indiana Pacers, and begin outreach to other soccer programs, other Partners cities.

Our Living Language Program



Luciana de Oliveira, Purdue University Asst. Prof. of Literacy and Language Education, traveled to Rio Grande do Sul, July 1-13, for a series of presentations, lectures, workshops, and collaborations with RS Partners, a continuation of the long-standing IN-RS Partners program, "Our Living Language."

Read Luciana's trip report and see more pictures [here](#).

Next steps: Return visit to Indiana by the PUCRS Dean of Language and Literature in Fall 2009 or Winter 2010. RS graduate students to Purdue in ESL.

Cultural Leaders

Travel of teaching artist, Barb Zech, has been postponed to November for additional planning to investigate possibilities for accompanying inaugural exhibits. Barb will lead off the proposed 5-year program of exchanges between Indiana and RS Partners for youth development through teaching artists mentoring, teaching and facilitating creativity and leadership in visual and performing arts to build and demonstrate voluntary community-based service projects. See the [Indiana Partners website](#) for more details of the proposal.

Program News



Business-Government Update

The Partners business delegation to the IEE-sponsored economic conference, the Freedom Forum, in April resulted in contacts with key business leaders like Gerdau Industries Exec. V.P. for Americas, Marcio Pinto Ramos who earned his business degree at Purdue University, and government leaders such as Deputy Mayor Jose Fortunati and Assistant Secretary of Intl Affairs, Josue de Souza Barbosa.

The delegation was hosted at the Forum by 2009 IEE President Rafael Sá, whose wife was a Partners Youth Ambassador in 2000. Other meetings included biofuels technology with Sergio Copstein of Industrias Quimicas Star S.A., Mario Saffer of EngeBio, and Marco Merlin Boff of Oleoplan, S.A. Read more about the business delegation's trip [here](#).

POA News

Regional Midwest Conference

Youth Programs Updates



2009 Indiana Youth Ambassadors - "Most fantastic YAs ever" - stayed with host families in RS June 18 - July 23. Rachel Lowe, (18 yrs) a strong academic student at Indiana Academy in Muncie with international studies and leadership development interests, lived in Porto Alegre. Sana Barclay (16 yrs), an avid and talented soccer player hailing from Washington DC and sister of 2008 Youth Ambassador Zora Barclay, lived in Solon. 2009 Brazilian Youth Ambassadors were from Solon.

Both girls were exceptional representatives of IN Partners and the US. This year their program mirrored the one we offer Brazilian YAs: 1) a special volunteer day visiting the community center projects of Cecilia Luz, 2) an excursion to a cultural site of interest, most likely Gramado in the heart of the German-Italian immigrant culture of RGS, and 3) American 4th of July celebration and meet RS Partners at the RS Partners Annual Meeting on July 11 for which they will give presentations on their interpretations of American-Hoosier culture. Both girls caught the "Partners spirit" of Changing Places and Improving Lives, and promise to stay involved at the state and national level.



See their trip blogs for more fun and exciting details:

[Rachel Lowe](#)
[Sana Barclay](#)

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