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## Welcome to DAMA Indiana News!

Welcome to the spring issue of the DAMA Indiana newsletter. We are looking forward to warmer weather and our next chapter meeting!

The next meeting will be **Thursday, April 25, 2019**. Be sure to save the date!

Do you have a question for the board or fellow members? Are you wondering about future events? Have an idea for a newsletter article? The top of the newsletter contains the web site and social media contact information for the chapter. We would love to hear from you!

## From the President's Pen...

By Gene Boomer

Hello and Happy Spring,

I wanted to give you an update on the CDMP program, with the latest information from DAMA International.

First, the new testing platform appears to be working pretty well with minimal miscues. This is a significant improvement over the old testing platform. The new platform will be available and used at Enterprise Data World (EDW) in Boston this year. Second, along with the Core Fundamentals exam, the following specialty exams will be available to take at EDW: Data Governance, Data Quality, Data Modeling, and Metadata. Third, DAMA-I is instituting a pay-if-you-pass approach at EDW. This is a fantastic opportunity to obtain your CDMP if you are in attendance!

This talk about CDMP got me thinking about education overall for data practitioners. Given the number and breadth of changes in the data industry over the last few years, it seems critical to me that we continue to broaden our understanding of 'all things data' whenever possible. Whether by attending a conference like EDW, taking a class at a university (or on-line), registering for a webinar, reading a book (or blog) by a data provocateur, or attending a local DAMA chapter meeting (hint, hint...), we should strive to continually build upon our knowledge as data practitioners. I think the importance of doing this really hit me last fall.

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*President's Pen, cont.*

I, along with a couple of my data co-workers, attended the Data Architecture Summit in Chicago. One of my colleagues had not been to a data-specific conference before. During the morning of the second day, he turned to me and said he had no idea the breadth of topics just surrounding data architecture. The conference was an eye-opening event for him and I am really glad he got the chance to attend. So here is your call to build upon your data knowledge: Set a goal of completing at least one or two data-related educational opportunities before the end of the year.

The more we learn and the more we understand about our data world, the more value is realized, not only to our organizations, but also to ourselves. Best of luck on obtaining your goal!

Hope to see you at the April chapter meeting!

- *Gene*

Stay tuned for information on the NEW  
DAMA Indiana website!

## Reminder:

### **DAMA IN Individual and Corporate 2019 Fee:**

THANK YOU to those who have paid their 2019 membership fees!

If you have not received your 2019 invoice, please check your junk or spam folder.

Please contact our VP Finance with any questions.

Your prompt payment is appreciated!



## Save the Date - April Chapter Meeting

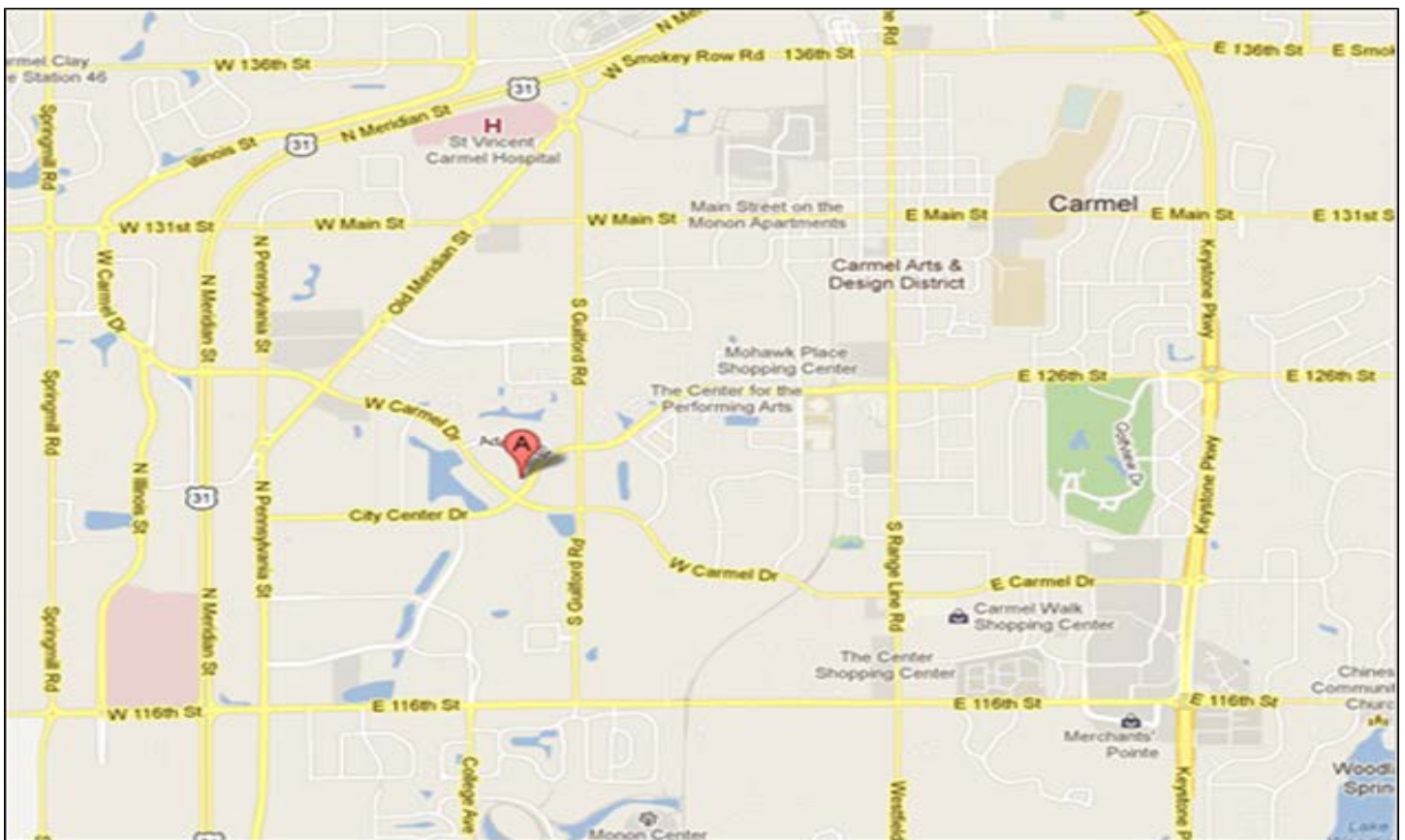
Join us on **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** for an informative day you won't want to miss! More information, including a detailed agenda, will be sent by e-mail.

Michael Covert and Victoria Loewengart will present their annual big data update. Reuben Vandeventer will discuss the risk of data sprawl. Our sponsor, MarkLogic, will provide lunch and present on a topic to be announced soon.

**MISO Energy** has graciously agreed to host this meeting. The address is **720 City Center Drive, Carmel, IN 46032**. There are entrances from either City Center Drive or Adams Street and ample parking is available. Please go to the main building entrance and let security know that you are there for the DAMA Indiana meeting. We hope to see you there!

Meeting information will be available on our website: [www.damaindiana.org](http://www.damaindiana.org)

Please register by sending an e-mail to [info@damaindiana.org](mailto:info@damaindiana.org).



## Professional Development Opportunities



<http://dama.org>



Check out <http://tdwi.org> for conferences

### **DAMA Chicago**

DAMA Chicago holds six bi-monthly meetings and other events. Their web site is: <http://www.damachicago.org/>

### **Southwest Ohio Chapter of DAMA**

Check out their web page at:  
<https://swoc-dama.wildapricot.org/>

### **Central Ohio DAMA**

The central Ohio chapter page:  
<https://buckeyedama.org/>

Here are other area events that may be of interest to data professionals:

### **IndyPASS (Professional Association for SqlServer)**

Events are updated on their web site.  
Their main web site: <http://indypass.org/>

**INOUG (Indiana Oracle Users Group)**  
Check [inoug.org](http://inoug.org) for more information.

**Reminder:** Attending conferences and professional meeting counts towards CBIP and CDMP recertification credits. Be sure to record these in your log!

## Contacts

Have a question or need to contact a board member? Below are the names and e-mail addresses of board members

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