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## Welcome to DAMA Indiana News!

Hi everyone!

It's hard to believe that December is already here!

Be sure to save the date for January 21, 2021. We are planning our second virtual chapter meeting. If you have any feedback on the virtual meetings, please send us your thoughts via the website contact form.

As I sign off as the VP Communications and hand the reins over to your new officer, Cheryl, I just want to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and getting to meet with you (either virtually or in person)!

I wish you and your families all the best during the holidays and new year!

- *Christi*

## From the President's Pen...

By *Gene Boomer*

Hello Folks,

As we wind into the last month of what can only be described as a 'peculiar' year, I am not going to speak about data-related stuff for this newsletter. It has been a tough year for many, especially for those dealing with the sickness or loss of family members and friends due to the pandemic. Many businesses have shut down, with some of them never to reopen again, and having to furlough their employees. Other side effects of the pandemic include depression, abuse, and suicide. People with medical conditions, such as diabetes and cancer, are not seeing their doctors out of fear of COVID-19. We see too much of what is called 'fear porn' by the media as it drives clicks and revenue for their companies. Too much coverage on rising cases and not enough on upcoming vaccines or the survival rate for those with the disease. Through all of this though, we continue to persevere and will continue to keep many in our thoughts and prayers.

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So, no discussion on Data Strategy or Data Architecture or Data Governance, etc. Instead, I would rather focus on the upcoming new year and the promises that it will bring.

As I still believe in the spirit of Christmas (am really a big kid at heart...😊), here are a few things on my wish list for next year:

- Vaccines, as in plural, available to all
- Go to a movie
- Attend a concert
- See a play
- Watch a sporting event
- Dine at a restaurant
- ...all in person, without needing a mask
- Kids physically back in school, for the mental health of many (my wife is a teacher, I hear all kinds of stories)
- Small businesses recover economically (perhaps with some help from us)
- People back in the office (really do miss the 'water cooler' conversations)
- And the pandemic disappears, or dissipates, into the past until 100 years from now

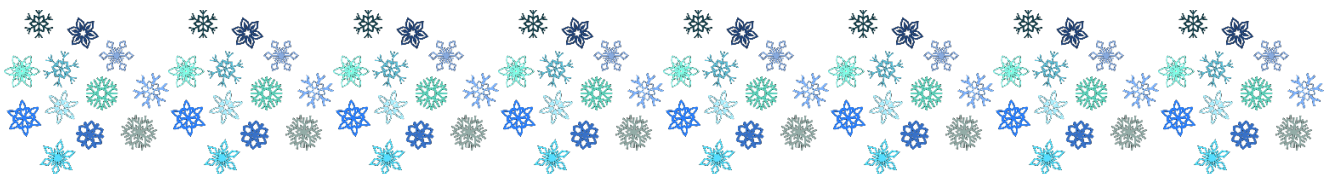
I am hopeful for all these items in the coming year. At times it appears we are hamstrung by things outside of our control, so take the time to be thankful for those things in your control. Be thankful for other things, like essential workers, healthcare providers, and streaming services. Most of all be thankful for those close to you...your family and friends. Help steady each other as we maneuver through this pandemic, because this we can do together to move towards a brighter future.

In the meantime, as we are still dealing with COVID-19, please be safe and smart this holiday season.

The DAMA Indiana Board and I want to wish you and yours a Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Take care and hope to see everyone next year!

- *Gene*



## Save the Date – January 2021 Chapter Meeting

Join us on **Thursday, January 21, 2021** for an informative afternoon you won't want to miss. The January meeting will be our second virtual meeting. An agenda and registration link will be available soon.

## Professional Development Opportunities

Dataversity is hoping to host the Enterprise Data World conference in San Diego next April. Check out their website at: [Enterprise Data World Conference \(dataversity.net\)](http://Enterprise Data World Conference (dataversity.net)).

Check out the DAMA Indiana Events page for upcoming events. <https://damaindiana.org/upcoming-events>



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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