

Lima-Allen County

Neighborhoods in Partnership

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Lima-Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership (LACNIP) advocates for the improvement of safety and quality of life through neighborhood partnerships and personal responsibility.

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LACNIP'S 7th Annual INTERNATIONAL EXPO: "It's A Small, Small World."

What: An International Expo - an event planned to showcase a variety of ethnic dress, displays, dance, music, crafts and foods.

When: Sunday, March 3, 2013, 2:00 – 6:00 pm

Where: St. Rita's Auxiliary Conference Center, 718 W. Market St. – **NEW VENUE!!!**

Cost: Free admission to all

Displays participating so far from: Egypt, Japan, Scotland, India, Mexico, Puerto Rico, The Philippines, Pakistan and more. Artist, Meg Dickason, will create an ethnic world by covering walls and ceilings with her fabrics, masks, kites and more from all over the world. Lisa Carver, retired art teacher from Lima Senior High School, will once again be in charge of children's activities and, with Meg, will dress children in native clothing from India, Africa and around the world for their own Parade of Nations. We will still welcome some more countries who want to be represented. They can contact me by phone at 419-999-6242.

Entertainment:

Mayor Berger's Welcome

Children's Parade of Ethnic Clothing

Philippines Break Dancers from Toledo, and Tinikling Bamboo Pole dancing

Interactive Booths:

India: Henna hand-painting

Japan: Names painted in Japanese Calligraphy, Origami paper folding, Japanese toys

Egypt: Names drawn in Egyptian Hieroglyphics

Emcee: Jill Ackerman, Superintendent of Lima City Schools

Door Prizes will be gift baskets made up of donated items from displayers and LACNIP

50/50 Raffle

Community Booth:

Lima-Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership (LACNIP)
Beanie Sales and Door Prizes

The entire community is invited to attend this fun and interactive family event to learn about many of the cultures that are part of our community. It is a fascinating way to learn about other cultures by meeting people, born in other countries, who now live and work in the Lima area. See their native dress and displays, learn about the music, clothing, art, education and entertainment from other countries, and enjoy some unique taste sensations.

This year, our annual fundraiser is called **“It’s A Small, Small World”** and takes place on, **Sunday, March 3rd from 2:00-6:00 PM** at St. Rita’s Auxiliary Conference Center, 718 W. Market & Baxter Streets. Featured will be the displayers who will provide exhibits, cooking demonstrations, videos and talks about their countries. We are looking for other ethnic groups to be represented.

For more information, call 419-999-6242, or visit the LACNIP website at www.lacnip.org