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**Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter pays tribute to environmental advocate and former Chapter Director, David Maidenberg.**

We are saddened to hear of the passing of former Chapter Director of the Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter, David Maidenberg. David was our director for over seven years, and even after passing the baton to his successor Bowden Quinn, he always continued to support our work.

Jesse Kirkham, Heartlands Group Chair: “David was the inspiration for many of us to get involved with the Hoosier Chapter of the Sierra Club. For me it was restarting the Heartland Group. He had a way of relating to people that invited you in. He had a wealth of knowledge and even under the most challenging moments he remained calm, positive, and encouraging. His advice continued to help us after he retired and moved to New Mexico. He would visit us while in Indiana and check up with us. He could make us laugh when we needed laughter. We have lost a true friend and leader.”



*(Pictured here, L-R: Jesse Kirkham, Amy Barnes, David Maidenberg, and Lori Adelson.)*

To give an idea of how important his tenure was at our Chapter: in 2014, our executive committee was moved to adopt a *Proclamation Of Appreciation for the Exemplary Service of David Maidenberg as Chapter Director*. David was commended for being skilled, experienced, personable, collegial, industrious, and flexible, and profound gratitude and deep appreciation was given.

His legacy at the club continues. Current Sierra Club Chapter Director, Amanda Shepherd: “We are forever grateful to David Maidenberg’s work and dedication - not just to Sierra Club, but to the wider community of environmental activism in Indiana. We are proud to continue the work he was so passionate about, and we are honored that his family has asked for contributions to the Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter in his memory.”

Mike Mullet, Sierra Club volunteer leader, remembers David's longtime involvement in and love of politics, his interpersonal skills and creative ideas as a leader and administrator, and how widely and affectionately known David was in the Indiana activist community. Winding Waters Group volunteer leader Rebecca Lorenz remembers David as a great human being, and fondly recalls how fun it was to spend time with him at Sierra Club conferences.



*Jesse Kirkham : "David (pictured here second from the left) joined Heartlands for our first outing as a reorganized Group, at Eagle Creek Park. It wasn't necessarily a trash pickup hike- it turned into one after we saw so much trash."*

Richard Hill, volunteer leader and former chair of our Executive Committee, remembers David as being easy-going and considerate, a true advocate for equity, and putting in many hours in dedication to his role. He says: "I had the pleasure to know and work with David for a few years during his tenure as Director of the Hoosier Chapter. David was a remarkably creative, personable and dedicated friend and colleague."

"His dedication to the environment and the chapter were an inspiration for all of us. He will be missed greatly, but his legacy will carry on through his friends and family."

[David Maidenberg obituary in the Indy Star.](#)