April 2015 Newsletter

HAPPY
EASTER * PASSOVER
TAX DAY * EARTH DAY

Recap of International Visitor Leadership Programs in March

Islamic School Management - Malaysia

Please Join Us.....
Mark Your Calendars...
Upcoming ICCR Activities

Thursday, September 24th, 2015
Friday, December 3rd, 2015
A World Affair: International Passport Celebrations

PASSPORT CELEBRATIONS RESCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN THE FALL

ICCR will be teaming up with the Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, in Albany and the Central Avenue BID to hold four events starting in September 2015 each with a distinctive theme that will highlight the history, art, food and music of a particular country/culture. The first is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th and will highlight Japan. Followed by India on December 3rd, and Brazil and Kenya in 2016. Event Passports will be distributed to those in attendance at each celebration. The small booklet will contain a page for each participating entity (artists, restaurants and organizations), with questions having to do with the evening’s theme. Attendees will be able to go to the different booths where they will find the answer to the question and have their "passport" stamped. Those who answer all the questions will have their names entered into a drawing for prizes. Join us for these fun festive celebrations of the world’s unique and diverse cultures.
The Visitors on the front steps of Heatly School with Superintendent Dr. Michael Mugits (center)

Visiting with parents and students of Children at the Well. Paula Weiss, Executive Director, is seated in front.

Visitors leaving NYS Education Department after several very productive meetings.

Make a Difference: Capacity-Building and Mentoring of Girls and Young Women - Angola and Mozambique

FREE MOVIE VIEWING

On Thursday, April 23rd, from 6 pm – 8 pm in room 202, Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College

Join the International Center of the Capital Region, Siena College’s International Studies Department and the Turkish Cultural Center of Albany for a screening of award winning documentary film, Love is a Verb. This film by Terry Spencer Hesser shines a spotlight on Sufi leader Fethullah Gulen and the social movement he inspired among Sunni Muslims in Turkey in the late 1960’s which has since spread across the globe. The event is free and open to the public and Turkish inspired refreshments will be served.

www.loveisaverbmovie.com
Visitors at Greater Capital Region YWCA in Troy with Executive Director Daquetta Jones (center)

Eating lunch in the Siena College cafeteria with the President of Siena Brother Edward Coughlin

Getting orientated in WAMC's green room for interview with Allison Dunne, Host of 51% (left)

Saturday, April 25, 2015
2015 Academic WorldQuest National Competition
The competition will take place at the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center in Washington, DC. ICCR is planning on sending our regional winners don to participate.

Sacred Spaces II: Places of Worship, Love & Understanding

Saturday, April 25th, 9 to 4 PM
The Capital Region's diversity is reflected in its places of worship. Enjoy a unique guided bus tour visiting seven locations; several churches (Methodist and Baptist), a Buddhist Center, and a historic Shaker Meeting House. View the symbols and architecture and hear the history of the area's religious institutions.

Cost: $30 for ICCR members, $35 for
International Women’s Day
IWD CAPITAL REGION 2015
CELEBRATION RECAP

#iwalk4women #paintitpurple
#iwd2015

WE CELEBRATE WOMEN!

International Women’s Day was on Sunday March 8, 2015 with approximately 150 in attendance! Women and men from the Capital District and the surrounding areas gathered together to promote equality of women and to break the gap between genders. Truly making this year’s event unique, we had the opportunity to be graced with the company of an international delegation of women from Angola and Mozambique. Several women-owned/managed businesses and restaurants set up tables to join in the festivities and provide samples. Speakers included Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Assemblymember Patricia Fahy, All Over Albany’s Mary Darcy, and serving as keynote speaker, UAlbany Professor of Journalism and panelist on WAMC’s The Media Project Rosemary Armao. Thank you to all the volunteers on the IWD ad hoc committee!!!

International Women’s Day Speakers: All Over Albany’s Mary Darcy, Mayor Kathy Sheehan, beloved SUNY Albany professor Rosemary Armao

Join us for an International Collage Workshop ‘Empowering Ourselves’ May 7th

Class Description:
What is your heart longing for? Maybe it’s to travel more, have a greater connection with others locally or even globally, or maybe it’s to make a difference. Whatever it may be, you have the power to bring it to fruition. All you need are the right tools. On May 7th from 6:30-8:30 pm join well-known artist, Nicole Levy as she teaches ‘Empowering Ourselves’ using the art of vision boards.

During this impactful two hours, Nicole will guide you on how to listen to your intuitive voice in order to create a vision board that not only reflects your heart’s desire, but will help guide you to your amazing future self.

Nicole Levy’s work has been featured

To reserve your spot call (518) 708-7608 or email info@iccralbany.org
Make a Difference visitors from Angola and Mozambique enjoyed the festivities at International Women’s Day

Crisan Bakery displayed their sweets beautifully at International Women’s Day

ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST RECAP

On March 21, 2015, our second annual Academic WorldQuest High School Competition was held at Celtic Hall in Albany! Trial and fun was had by all! This year’s teams included The Academy of Holy Names, Ballston Spa High School, Christian Brothers Academy, Millburn High School and Shenendehowa High School. 44 students made up a total of 10 teams and a day full of global and

throughout the Capital Region and draws readers from around the world to her newly launched site, www.FarmTableStudio.com. Her true passion is working and sharing her unique self-care practices, based in art that leaves women empowered with a renewed sense of inspiration and hope.

Don’t miss out on this opportunity! Sign up for ‘Empowering Ourselves’ at info@iccralbany.org or call (518) 708-7608. Cost for the class is $25 for not-yet members and $20 for members.

Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 24, 2015

DIPLOMACY STARTS HERE: Global Understanding and Citizen Diplomat Summer Camp

The International Center of the Capital Region in collaboration with Siena College has announced its first annual global understanding and citizen diplomat camp for students going into grades 10 through 12, set for July 13-24, 2015 at locations throughout the Capital Region including Siena College Campus and New York City, and covering negotiation, media analysis, foreign languages, culinary diplomacy, etiquette and communications skills. The faculty will feature instructors and guest presenters expert in their fields, including business, government and non-profit leaders, seasoned educators and diplomats. The ten-day program begins at Siena College and will conclude with a one-day excursion to New York City where students will visit the United Nations and a Consulate to learn firsthand how diplomats work together. Their final day will consist of project presentations and a parent’s reception. The goal of the camp is to have the participants apply their new skills to their daily lives to create a ripple effect that can impact their own communities immediately. Everyone benefits when we create a public environment where a diverse community is challenged to share ideas about international issues while considering other points of view. The commitment to the values of inclusion and diversity of thought and perspective makes us better learners, employees, leaders, and citizens.
international questions! Category announcers included Congressman Paul Tonko, Assemblyman John McDonald III, Assemblymember Pat Fahy, Key Bank Branch Manager Patrick Berry, and Times Union Marketing Manager Greg Stapleton. Congratulations to all participants!

“The ultimate victory in competition is derived from the inner satisfaction of knowing that you have done your best and that you have gotten the most out of what you had to give.” – Howard Cosell

Academic WorldQuest

High school students from Christian Brothers Academy had fun competing with the help of Congressman Paul Tonko, Assemblyman John McDonald III, Jenifer Kish, and Mayor Pat Fahy.

Students from the Academy of Holy Names pose with Congressman Paul Tonko between rounds of competition.

Welcome to ICCR’s Newest Member

Italian American Association and Museum, Colonie well wisher

Greg Sagor, Delmar household/individual

Deborah Smith, Albany household/individual

Thank You, thank you, thank you...to all those who assisted and volunteered for the International Center during the month of March:

BUON APPETITO!

Thursday, March 26 marked our second annual TASTES of the World event! Plates were filled with international food samplings and glasses were filled with NYS wine and microbrews! Global based music and entertainment played through the grand room of WAMC's The Linda, while guests mingled from table to table to sample all that was offered. This year's Emcee, News10's Trishna Begam shared the stage with Honorary Guest Hon. Vice Consul Comm. Stefano Acunto and Honorary Chair Professor/CAV Philip J. Dinovo. Participating restaurant/producers included Champy's Jamaican and American Cuisine, Flavors of India, Grappa '72, Irie Vybez, Nino's Deli and Subs, Nut Zez, Pie in the Sky Bakery, R&G Cheesemakers, Sukothai, Terra Albany, Umana Restaurant and Wine Bar, We Do Fondue, and Yono's Restaurant. They were joined by the Albany Pump Station and NYS vintners, Brotherhood Winery (America's Oldest Winery) and Capoccia Vineyards and Winery. Live entertainment included acapella singer Rafi Topalian, Henna painting, Bagpiper Connor Munro, and the Veena Chandra & Devesh Chandra Duo. Many thanks to all of those who participated in making this event so special and successful!

Tastes of the World Photos

Honorary Chair, Philip DiNovo and honored guest, Stefano Acunto

UpComing

Groups/Delegations Coming to the Capital Region

Tajikistan - Civil Rule of Law: Legal Defense Advocacy - April 11-19

Canada - Transportation Safety and Security - April 18-22

Yemen - The Role of Women in Journalism - May 16-20

Latin America - Energy Security May 18-20

Interested in providing an evening of home hospitality to international visitors?

Let us know. We are always in need of individuals/families who are willing to open their homes and share an evening meal with our guests.

If interested please call ICCR at (518) 708-7608

Please Mark Your Calendar!

You are invited to attend a powerful lecture organized by The Turkish Cultural Center in collaboration with The Interfaith Center

A Muslim Perspective on Religious Extremism and Terrorism

Guest Speaker: Imam Ibrahim Sayar *

Venue: Campus Center, Assembly Hall at SUNY Albany 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany NY 12222

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Local high school student, Connor Munro celebrates Scottish culture and entertains the crowd with live bagpipe music at Tastes of the World.

The Capital Region’s Irie Vybez provided guests with a taste of Caribbean cuisine.

Admission: FREE

* Imam Ibrahim SAYAR is The Director of The Center for Interfaith affairs at Peace Islands Institute New York, and The President of North East Islamic Community Center.

Please RSVP to rsvp@tcacalbany.org or (518) 951-0309 dcrisafulli@albany.edu or (518) 489-8573

Healthy and Delicious Turkish Refreshments will be served.

The Turkish Cultural Center in collaboration with The Interfaith Center at SUNY Albany cordially invites you to attend a lecture by Imam Ibrahim Sayar.

The Reinhold Niebuhr Institute of Religion and Culture in conjunction with The Capital District Armenian Genocide Committee present

Peter Balakian, Ph.D.

“After the Armenian Genocide: the Power of Imagination”

Thursday, April 16, 2015
7:00 PM
at Siena College –ARC

For more info on the event:
Rafi Topalian at (518) 810-5018
For more info on the speaker:
http://www.peterbalakian.com

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ANNUR ISLAMIC SCHOOL
2195 Central Ave.
Schenectady, NY 12304
(518) 395-9866
http://www.annurislamicschool.org/

AIS Brother’s Night
When: Saturday, April 18th, 2015 from 4 pm until 7 pm
Where: Sportsman’s Bowl, 1652 Crane
Calling Junior Cooks!
Global Cuisine Recipe Challenge for Children

The contest, which is being sponsored by ICCR and the World Awareness Children's Museum, is seeking chefs ages 5 -12 to share family recipes that are original and represent a family tradition. Write up and submit a “culturally inspired” family recipe along with a drawing or photo of the completed dish and a short description.

Entries will be judged in three age categories: Kindergarten – 2nd grade, 3rd – 4th grade, and 5th – 6th grade.

Recipes will be accepted until Wednesday, April 15th, 2015.

Recipe submissions should fall into one of three categories: appetizer/side, entrees, or dessert/snacks. Awards and prizes will be presented at a celebratory reception, which will take place at the World Awareness Children's Museum in Glens Falls on Sunday, May 18th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

Contact ICCR at (518) 708-7608 for an official entry form.

Recap Of March's "Thinking Globally" TV Program

St, Schenectady, NY 12303
Price: $20 per person for 3 hours of Bowling & Shoes

Fundraising Dinner
When: Saturday, May 9th, 2015 from 5 pm until 9 pm
Where: Muslim Community Center

Cultural Day
When: Saturday, May 30th, 2015 from 3 pm to 7 pm
Where: AIS Parking Lot
Time: ==========

American-Italian Heritage Museum
1227 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12205
(518) 435-1979
www.americanitalianmuseum.org

SPECIAL EXHIBIT OPENS
Friday, APRIL 24th

ROOM for ANGELS: the frescoes of Mico Arpo

Mica Di Arpo is an international master buon fresco artist and painter. She is an advocate for the continuation of fresco as a viable art form and is acclaimed for creating soulful art that communicates contemporary ideas using this old world technique. Mica studied under Master Fresco Artist Luigi Di Pietro in Florence Italy for 4 years before returning to the states to study with Stephen Dimitroff, (Diego Rivera's Assistant), in the early 90's. Over the past two decades she has completed an ambitious array of private commissions that include pieces for the Serbian and Greek Orthodox Church, and His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley. She has exhibited in numerous group and solo shows and was awarded an education 21 grant in 2007. Mico is the Grand Jury Winner of the 2006 NY International Art Festival and has given several lectures on the art of fresco at scholastic venues. Micos' latest project is the creation of the largest fresco mural in history to be created by a woman.
Women's Group with Avon Scerf, Founder of "I am, I can" and Producer Greg Rucinski

Prof. DiNovo with Producer Greg Rucinski

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