APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Interesting Fact!

Albany, the state capital of New York, is known as the city of many names. The original inhabitants, the Mohicans, called the city PempotowathutMuhhcanneuw, or "the 1st fireplace of the Mohican nation," while the Dutch called it Beverwijck or "Beaver District." In 1664, the English would name the city after the Duke of Albany.

April Days of Importance

Friday April 19th
Good Friday

Sunday, April 21st
Easter Sunday

Monday April 22nd
Earth Day

Check out our Facebook & Instagram for more group photos!

Facebook: International Center of the Capital Region

Instagram: ICCRAlban

Community Events:

American Italian Heritage Association Events
April 2019 Calendar of Events
(All events take place at the Museum unless otherwise noted.)

Italian Easter Bread Cooking Class
4/9/2019
11:00 a.m.
Instructor Dolores Scalise will make traditional Italian Easter breads which you'll get to taste served with coffee. The cost is $10. Your check payable to AIHM by April 5 is your reservation.

Palm Weaving Class
4/10/2019
11:00 a.m.
Instructor Elena Mack is donating her talent and time to teach this class. If you have some palms, please bring them. If not, some will be provided. The cost is $5. Your check payable to AIHM by April 8 is your reservation.

Italian Easter Bake Sale
4/19/2019, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
4/20/2019, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Pre-order your favorite traditional Italian Easter treats including breads, pies, cookies, and pastries, then pick them up on April 19 or 20. Pre-order deadline is April 12 at 3 p.m. by check payable to AIHM. Forms are available at the Museum or https://americanitalianmuseum.org/Easter%20Bake%20Sale%202019.pdf. In addition, a limited number of home-baked items are available these days that do not require a pre-order.

Monthly Business Meeting and Cultural Presentation
4/11/2018
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
The presenter is Carla Gambescia, author of La Dolce Vita University: An Unconventional Guide to Italian Culture from A to Z. She recently received the "Best of the Best" Silver Prize from the North American Travel Journalists Association. Her book, a rousing tribute to Italy and its astonishing culture, is an eclectic compendium of 165 mini-essays exploring all things Italian. Please bring dessert for the reception that follows. Free and open to the public.

“A Photographic Journey to Rome and Venice” Exhibit
Through May 2019
During Museum Hours
Beginner photographer Lucia Sirco, captures the quaint neighborhoods, breathtaking architecture and fascinating people of Venice. Steve Kopecky, an avid amateur photographer, shares photos from his recent trip to Rome.
the United States.

During the groups brief stay here in Albany they had the opportunity to speak with staff from the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct which is a disciplinary agency constitutionally designated to review complaints of judicial misconduct in New York State. The Commissions objective is to enforce the obligation of judges to observe high standards of conduct while safeguarding their right to decide cases independently.

Upon arrival in Albany on Thursday we quickly had the group skip the hotel check in for a very informative meeting with NYS Supreme Court Judge Peter Lynch (Middle) who helped the group understand our complex court structure setting the stage for the rest of their meetings. This meeting was huge for the group to understand that judges are political figures as well and must run for their position.

Lastly in Albany the group had the special opportunity to not only visit the beautiful New York State Court of Appeals, the highest court in the State of New York, but sit down with Honorable Judge Leslie Stein (Middle Chair).

**Upcoming ICCR Events!**

**Cooperative Efforts in Combating Corruption and International Crime, Regional Project Balkans Region**

**April 24th-27th**

5 Visitors

**Officials from various agencies combating corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia will be traveling to Albany to build on investigative techniques into finding political corruption.**

**Open World: Anti-Corruption Serbia**

**May 17th-25th**

**A Second Chance Thrift Shop**

Come visit our thrift shop offering clothing and accessories for men, women, and children, household items, books, toys, linens, small appliances, and jewelry, all at reasonable process. We feature a boutique room for upscale and designer clothing for women. The Shop is located at 1229 Central Avenue, parking off of Frederick Ave. Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All proceeds benefit the American Italian Heritage Association and Museum, a non-profit organization.

**The American Italian Museum and Cultural Center**

is located at 1227 Central Avenue in Albany, NY. Since 1979 the museum has fulfilled its mission - to record and preserve Italian heritage for present and future generations - with the help of its dedicated, all volunteer staff. Ours is the largest American Italian museum in the eastern U.S. maintaining 10 exhibit rooms, a Hall of History and a library including research materials. Our gift shop offers many one-of-a-kind and “Made in Italy" items. Hours of operation in April and May are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. However, because we rely on volunteer staff, please call ahead to confirm we are open. (518) 435-1979.

**ARMENIAN FLAG TO FLY AT COLONIE TOWN HALL**, Week of April 22: In commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, the Armenian flag will be flown at the Town of Colonie Town Hall (Route 9, Newtoville) from April 22-29. Again this year, the Capital District Armenian Genocide Committee (CDAGC) appreciates this show of support by Town of Colonie Supervisor, Paula Mahan. For more information on the CDAGC, contact Rafi Topalian at (518) 810-5018 or rafitop@aol.com.

**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION**, April 24: In commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, a brief service and program will be held at the Genocide Memorial Monument located at Riverfront Park in Troy on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. This event is organized by the Armenian National Committee (ANC) of Albany and supported by the Homenetmen of Albany and the Knights & Daughters of Vartan. A dinner and program will follow at Holy Cross Armenian Church, 255 Spring Avenue, Troy.

Also April 24 12 noon Flag raising ceremony on Broadway ave. Watervliet NY by City Hall/Police Station and Seniors center For more information on the CDAGC, contact Rafi Topalian at (518) 810-5018 or rafitop@aol.com. Thank you to the city of Watervliet and Mayoral Candidate Charles Patrecelli for honoring the Armenian community at large

**JOINT BADARAK WITH HOLY CROSS**, April 28: In commemoration of the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, the St. Peter and Holy Cross Armenian Church communities will worship together in a joint Badarak to
Help us welcome 5 government officials from Serbia traveling to Albany for a week long program on exposing corruption! We are currently looking for host families.

Looking for College Interns!

The International Center of the Capital Region is a small nonprofit located at Russell Sage College in Troy. Our organization serves as citizen diplomats by hosting international visitors and delegations from around the world through the Department of State’s many exchange programs. We are looking for college students interested in interning for a semester, who are globally minded and eager to expand their knowledge on the Capital Region, and the rest of the world. Interested?

Contact Ryan Moll at (518) 708-7608 or at ryan@iccralbany.org

Tax Administration in the United States, Ukraine
May 12th-15th
POSTPONED TILL AUGUST
5 Visitors

Open World: Members of Parliament
Armenia
November 15th-21st

For the first time we will be welcoming 5 Parliamentary Members from Armenia looking to expand their knowledge on the legislative process here in New York.

Recap of our Past 2019 Delegations & Events!

On Tuesday April 9th the International Center of the Capital Region hosted their 6th Annual Tastes of the World International taste testing event, welcoming some of the best ethnic restaurants from around the Capital Region to help showcase our regions diversity through food. Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope you enjoyed the great food and drinks! Your support allows us to continue with our yearly international exchange programs with over 60+ countries, our high school education programs such as WorldQuest, and all our scholarship opportunities.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

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The International Center of the Capital Region Needs You!

Are you interested in being a part of a movement for global citizen diplomacy, cultural and diversity education? Become a volunteer with International Center of the Capital Region and help us make a difference in our community. We work to promote international and cultural understanding and to increase global awareness of the region’s assets. We are looking for members, interns & volunteers. If you have any of the skills listed and are interested in welcoming the World to the Capital Region, please contact us at

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