August 2014 Newsletter

HAPPENINGS IN JULY

ICCR works with Maxwell School for a Second Time

On Thursday, July 24th, ICCR welcomed forty-five Chinese visitors to Albany through Syracuse’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. After an excursion in the New York State Capitol, the group had a bus tour through downtown Albany with Diane Conroy-LaCivita. At the end of the programming, ICCR hosted a reception in the courtyard of the Albany Visitors Center. The reception included New York State beverages and cheeses with fresh fruit from the local farmers as well as baked goods made by Jane Clemente-LaCivita.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 17th - September 19th
Author Sherry Mueller coming to the Capital Region for Several Speaking Engagements

Sherry Mueller, the co-author of the book “Working World: Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development,”
The following international delegations (IVLP) are coming to the Capital Region in August-September:

August 6 – 7
Mongolia - National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

September 1 - 4
Turkmenistan - NGO Management

September 10 - 13
Poland - Community Engagement & Neighborhood Initiative Support

September 15 – 26
Japan - Improvements in the reliability of the electricity supply, demand, transmission, and distribution in the United States

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“OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH
THE 2ND ANNUAL EVENING OF QUÉBEC”

On Thursday, October 16th, 5:00 PM
Around 100 guests got a chance to meet the new Delegate General of Quebec, Dominique Poirier, as well as enjoy delicious food, including Quebec cheese and sap water.

We want to thank our honorary co-chairs, Assemblymembers Patricia Fahy and John McDonald along with Senator Neil Breslin. Our sincere appreciation to Rafi Topalian for singing both the National Athens of the United States as well as Canada.

Kudos to our event committee: Bruce Bushart, Jane LaCivita Clemente, Thomas Gallagher, Michael Gulotty, Frannie LaCivita, Richard Powell, Peter Rose, Robert Tengeler, Esq. and Iryna Turliai.

AND

Thank you to all the attendees for supporting our citizen diplomacy efforts. Your presence was tremendously appreciated.

Register, 6:00 PM Competition

Second Annual WorldQuest International Global Trivia Challenge for Adults

Think Globally, Quiz Locally!

Start recruiting your brainiest and best-informed friends and co-workers now!

Why not join the fun? Come test your knowledge of worldliness and the world around you! The event will provide a great, exciting, high-voltage evening of competition for adult teams of up to eight participants competing for trophies and other prizes (including bragging rights) against other area teams. Categories will include: flags and capitals, geography, people in the news, current events, international food and international music.

All proceeds from the competition will go towards the International Center’s K-12 educational initiatives.

Cost: $35 per person OR $250 per team of eight.

Call (518) 708-7608 to make reservation.

ICCR PLANS ON VISITING THE ITALIAN CONSULATE IN NYC LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!!

info@iccralbany.org

Saturday, October 18th
Russian Cooking Class
with Russian Chef Regina Maksutova
ICCR is Seeking
Local Host Families for
FLEX Students
Beginning In September

Created in 1992 by the US Department of State, the Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX) is a scholarship exchange program for high school students (ages 15-17) from Eurasia (including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine). The program’s goal is to provide an opportunity for the students to spend an academic year in the United States, living with a host family and attending an American high school, while engaging in activities to learn about American society and values to experience

Trained in Russia under the guidance of her grandfather, Chef and Author Regina Maksutova will be traveling to the Capital Region to share her expertise in preparing Russian cuisine. This is an event not to be missed.

Cost: $50 per person. Call (518) 708-7608 to make your reservation.

Welcome
New Members to ICCR

Household Level
Margaret McGivern
Bruno DeMan
Anne Vander Speeten

Well Wishers
Vinodrai and Lily Parmar
C. Daniel Keegan,
State Farm Insurance

Organization Level
Rainbow Sprinklers and Drainage
(all of whom were recruited by ICCR’s Membership Chair Manoj Ajmera)

An Extra Shout Out to our Benefactors! THANK YOU!!!!

Adirondack Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, PC
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Chamber of Southern Saratoga County
Festival of Nations
Holiday Inn Albany
Stewarts Shops
Carol Whittaker
Dave Wilcox and Victoria Zeldin

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life in a democratic society. The program places special emphasis on leadership skills and seeks ways for participants to develop these skills during the school year. As former Senator Bill Bradley stated, “the best way to ensure long-lasting peace and understanding between the U.S. and Eurasia is to enable young people to learn about democracy firsthand through experiencing it”. The International Center is hoping to place three students within the Capital Region this coming academic year. If you would possibly consider hosting a student for part of or for the full school year, we would like to hear from you.

For further information, please call (518) 708-7608.

Community Events

Italian American Heritage Museum

On Thursday, August 21st at 7 p.m., Italian American Heritage Museum will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for its Cultural Center located at 1227 Central Avenue in Albany. Call (518) 435-1979 for further information.

On Sunday, September 14th, from 1 to 4 p.m., Italian American Heritage Museum will host a fall dinner on the lawn. http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org

International Heritage Series at the Saratoga Race Track

Beginning Wednesday, July 23 is the inaugural International Heritage Series at the Saratoga Race Track, a weekly celebration of global culture and heritage. Featuring ethnic music, dance, entertainment, crafts and food each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion. The International Heritage Series lineup includes:

- August 13: African-American Day
- August 20: Asian-American Day
- August 27: The history and culture of Saratoga Springs

World Affairs Councils of America

www.worldaffairscouncils.org

The National Council for

Leadership in Citizen Diplomacy

50 Years

The National Council for"
International Visitors (NCIV)

www.nciv.org

University at Albany

The University at Albany, SUNY is looking for volunteer families that would host international graduate students for a couple of days in August before they find permanent housing. Graduate students are not eligible for on-campus housing. In addition, the University does not have space to accommodate them even temporarily. If you are able to provide this kind of assistance, please email isss@uamail.albany.edu, call 591-8189, or visit the website of International Student & Scholar Services for further instructions http://www.albany.edu/isss/.

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