December Days of Importance
Monday, December 3rd
Hanukkah
Friday, December 7th
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Tuesday, December 25th,
Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 26th
Kwanzaa Begins

Check out our Facebook & Instagram for more group photos!
Facebook: International Center of the Capital Region
Instagram: ICCRAAlbany

Improving Infectious Disease Response
A Project for Russia
University at Albany School of Public Health

From November 11th-14th we welcome an incredible delegation from the country of Russia traveling to the Capital Region and the United States to exchange best practices in hepatitis C surveillance, diagnosis, and treatment, as well as surveillance and treatment for HIV/AIDS. Pictured above is after our meeting with the University at Albany School of Public Health.

Alliance for Positive Health

Countries of Visitors that have been to the Capital Region in 2018:

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Argentina
- Belarus
- Burkina Faso
- Canada
- Chile
- Congo
- Croatia
- Djibouti
- Dominican Republic
- Egypt
- Israel
- Gambia
- Honduras
- India
- Indonesia
- Iraq
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Lebanon
- Macedonia
- Mali
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Nigeria
- Palestinian Territories
- Peru
- Saudi Arabia
- Somalia
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

Incoming 2018 Visitors!
Media Reform, Moldova
7 Visitors
December 7th-15th *Open World Project*

Upcoming ICCR Events!
Looking for Host Families!
While visiting Albany, the delegation got an opportunity to meet with Ms. Angela Regional Director (far left) & Randy Viele Assistant Director of Program Services (second from the right) at the Alliance for Positive Health, a community service organization working to provide care coordination for people with chronic diseases.

New York State AIDS Institute

Lastly, before the group departed from Albany they got an opportunity to speak with New York State AIDS Institute Director Johanne Morne (front center) to hear about the state’s blueprint to eliminate HIV/AIDS.

Promoting Social Change Through Museums A Project for Ukraine

Iroquois Indian Museum

For one of our last international exchange projects of the 2018 year we welcomed a delegation of Museum Directors and Researchers from the country of Ukraine. The group visited New York to visit small town/city museums to hear how they are able to survive, and the different programs and activities they operate to draw in visitors. Pictured above is the group at the Iroquois Indian Museum in Howes Cave, New York.

National Baseball Hall of Fame

No program would be complete on small town museums without a trip to Cooperstown, NY to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame. The group got an in depth look at hall of fame museums specifically, and how such a famous museum is able to operate in a town with one stop light.

Community Events:

American Italian Heritage Association Events
1227 Central Avenue,

Looking for 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

A Quote Worth Noting...

Monthly Leader Quote

“When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Please spread the word - feel free to share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING
December 2018 Calendar of Events
(All events take place at the Museum unless otherwise noted.)

Italian Christmas Market
11/30/2018 and 12/1/2018
10 a.m. to 5 p.m
12/2/2018, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
This festive annual Italian tradition sees the Museum’s exhibit spaces transformed into market places filled with unique, hard to find Italian merchandise such as Italian language greeting cards, “Made in Italy” items, handmade wood Ceppo, and Befana figures. Themed ornaments, plaques, novelties, jewelry, delicious homemade Italian baked goods and products by talented vendors will also be available. Great gifts for almost anyone on your Christmas shopping list – even yourself! Pop into our “Market Café” to enjoy food, beverages and fellowship.

Annual Immaculate Conception, Santa Nicola, and Santa Lucia Celebration
12/5/2018
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
These feast days usher in the Christmas season in Italy and we will celebrate some of their traditions in support of one part of the Museum’s mission - to keep Italian traditions alive. Reservations by December 3rd. Call (518) 435-1979. Please bring dessert for the reception that follows. Free and open to the public.

Madonna and Child Christmas Concert
12/9/2018
3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
This concert features classical, traditional and contemporary Christmas music with a special dedication to the Madonna and Christ Child. Rosanne Graziano Hargrave, soprano and Michael Clemente, pianist. Sunday, December 9th at 3 pm. This is a fundraiser. Cost a $10 pp. Receipt of your check payable to AIHAM by December 6th is your reservation. Dessert reception follows the concert.

Annual Italian Christmas Cooking Class
12/11/2018
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Instructor Dolores Scalise will make foods related to the Christmas season including a tasting. Cost is $10 pp. Receipt of your check payable to AIHAM by December 9th is your reservation. In case of a storm, the class will be rescheduled.

December Business Meeting and Cultural Presentation 12/13/2018
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Prof./Cav. Philip J. DiNovo will lead the cultural presentation about Italian Christmas traditions - stories, pastry and music. Please bring Christmas dessert for the reception that follows. Free and open to the public.

Special Exhibit Room
Through December 2018
During Museum Hours
Take in the breathtaking, room-sized Italian Nativiyy constructed using unique materials including live moss. It is a beautiful representation of the miracle of the birth of Christ - the true reason of Christmas.

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FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Welcome New and Renewing ICCR Members!
We so appreciate your support, thank you!
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Jack and Jan McEneny,
Household
Richard Vitkay, Household
Elena Oliver, Well Wisher
Sean Bell, Household
Ken Salerno, Household
Paul Rosenberg, Household
Brian Zweig, Well Wisher
Spraggs family, Donation!
Debra Gerlach, Household
Corrine Manierre, Household
Jennifer Manierre, Household
The Links Incorporated Albany NY Chapter, Benefactors!
William + Elizabeth Nathan, Organization
Deborah Richards, Household
Matthew Minot-Scheuermann, Household
Deborah Christian, Household
Cynthia T. Cook, Household

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
New Russia Cultural Center
1550 Broadway
Rensselaer NY 12144

Russian Red Ball - December 13 2014

You must wear something red to participate and enjoy the evening during the Russian Red Ball on Saturday, December 13 2014 at the Ballroom of the Mohawk Golf Club, Niskayuna NY. Includes: live performances, food, music, contests and dance. Admission tickets: $25 per person. Tickets are available for purchase at www.newrussiacenter.org.

YOLKA”- the Russian Children's New Year's Event - December 27 2014

The New Russia Cultural Center presents its 3rd annual "YOLKA" (the Russian Children’s New Year’s Event). Children of all ages and their families will be delighted with Russian fairy tale performance of “Tsar Saltan” by Alexander Pushkin and the arrival of Ded Moroz bringing them gifts and living contact with the Russian culture. The program will be bilingual. The event will take place Saturday, December 27, 2014, 12pm-2pm, Mohawk Golf Club, Niskayuna, NY. Tickets ($10 per person) for sale at Dni pro Deli, 898 Loudon Rd, Latham, NY.

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