FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

February Days of Importance

February 2nd, Groundhog Day
6 more weeks of winter!

February 14th, Valentine’s Day

Join the International Center of the Capital Region for
The Third Annual
Sacred Spaces Tour:
Places of Worship, Love & Understanding

on
Saturday, February 10th, 2018
9:00AM – 4:00 PM

The Capital Region's diversity is reflected in its places of worship.
Enjoy a unique guided bus tour visiting five (5) locations. View the
symbols and architecture and hear the history of the area's religious
institutions, as well as a guided prayer with the Al-Hidaya Islamic Center with
time for questions

The International Center of the Capital Region is once again proudly hosting their
5th Annual Academic WorldQuest Competition for local high schools to
compete against one another for a chance to represent your school and region nationally in Washington DC.

One of the greatest challenges facing our
nation and our schools across the country is preparing our youth for the globally interconnected world of the 21st Century. America’s ability to face the economic and security challenges of the 21st Century and seize new opportunities is dependent on an informed citizenry and a well-educated workforce. Academic WorldQuest is a unique opportunity to expose youth to the world outside our borders and prepare them for the challenges and the opportunities of the 21st Century.

2017-2018 Topics

- NAFTA
- ASEAN at 50
- India's Bid for Global Power
- Combating Climate Change
- Cybersecurity
- Saudi Arabia
- Great Decisions
- The Peacebuilding Toolkit
- America's Diplomats
- Current Events

Winners of our local competition will win a trip to Washington DC to compete nationally against some of the brightest students from around the country for a chance to win scholarships to travel abroad! Travel and hotel accommodations will be covered by the International Center of the Capital Region.

This year's National Competition will feature a welcome reception at the United States Institute of Peace on Friday, April 27. Students will have a unique opportunity to engage with Institute staff and learn more about USIP's important work around the world. USIP is also sponsoring "The Peacebuilding Toolkit" category of the competition.

Local Competition:
Date: Saturday March 17th
Time: 9AM-12PM
Location: To Be Announced

For more information or to sign your school up, please contact Ryan Moll at

Cost: $30 for ICCR members, $35 for not-yet-members, $15 for students and will include transportation and snacks on the bus.
To reserve your spot call (518) 708-7608 or email ryan@iccralbany.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 International Visitor we have welcomed so far!

- Law Enforcement: Community Policing, South America
  A Regional Project
  January 21st-24th, 2018

- Equal Rights and Access for the Disabled, Switzerland
  A Single Country Project
  January 24th-27th, 2018

Incoming 2018 Visitors!

- Effective Disaster Management and Emergency Response, Afghanistan
  A Single Country Project
  March 3rd-7th, 2018

- Criminal Prosecution and the U.S. Penal System, Africa
  A Regional Project
  March 5th-8th, 2018

- Transparency and Financial Accountability in Government and Business, Middle East/ North Africa
In order to prepare for local competitions, students should study the online resources outlined in the **Study Guide**.

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**Save the Date!**

5th Annual TASTES of the World
**Wednesday, April 11th, 2018, 5:30 – 8:00 PM**
at the Hampton Inn & Suites,
25 Chapel St, Albany, NY 12210
$50 General Admission
$35 Young Professional (35 & under)

Checks and questions can be directed to
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Hart Hall, Room 306
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 708-7608
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**Community Events:**

**American Italian Heritage Association Events**

No events yet!

**Museum Hours:** January 1st to March 31st the museum will only be open on Friday 11am-2pm & Saturday from Noon to 3pm and by appointment

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**New Russia Cultural Center**

**Tchaikovsky Music Competition: Piano Division.** The Piano Division open to pianists from age 6 through 18. Contestants will perform a piece written by any Russian composer. Date: February 3rd, 1:30pm-4pm. Admission: Free

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**Tchaikovsky Music Competition: Vocal Division.** It is open to solo vocalists from age 12 to adults. Contestants will sing one song composed by the Russian composer, including Classical Russian Arias, Russian Art songs, and

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**A Regional Project**

**March 20th – 24th, 2018**

Brand New: Open World Project, Georgian Parliamentary Officials
**March 23rd-29th. 7 Visitors**

**Photos from our past 2018 groups!**

**South America**

**Law Enforcement and Community Policing**

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**South American police officers and government officials from Argentina, Chile, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela visiting the New York State Troopers Academy in Albany**

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**Switzerland**

**Equal Rights for the Disabled**
Russian Folk songs in classical arrangements. 
Date: February 4th 12:30pm-2pm. Admission: Free

Russian Poetry Reciting Contest. The contest emphasizes the pleasure of reciting poems. There are three age levels and two divisions: Russian Native and non-Native Speakers. Date: February 10th, 1pm-2pm. Admission: Free.

**16 Day Polish Dream Tour**
*Please Come On This Once in a Lifetime Adventure*
*July 20-August 4, 2018*

Visiting: Warsaw, Masiuria, Malbork, Gdansk, Torun, Wroclaw, Cracow Auschwitz, Zakopane, Czestochowa

A short list of trip inclusions:
- Warsaw Uprising Museum
- Chopin Piano Concert ... Malbork Castle
- Land of a Thousand Lakes
- Wolf’s Lair & Swieta Lipka
- Wadowice - Pope John 11 birthplace
- Gentle Raft Trip on Dunajec River ... Wieliczka Salt Mines
- Black Madonna ...... Horse Drawn Carriage Ride
- 5 City Tours .. And much, much more ...

Please Contact Milly for pricing and availability ...

3 other dates also possible ...

518-273-7861 or 518-857-8832

Email- millyjr@aol.com

Too Long? 12 Day Grand Tour of Poland also available ...

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Chinese Community Center

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Our visitors with Mr. Bardin (Middle back row) Shaker High School Supervisor of Special Education

Our visitors alongside Mrs. Delaney Acting Commissioner of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (second from the left, middle row), and Fred Erlich, Chief Executive Officer of Living Resources (third from the right, back row) visiting Living Resources Smart Home.

Thank you so much to our amazing members and volunteers for everything you do!

Tbilisi, Georgia

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Dear ICCR members, and members of our community.
Celebrating our heritage cultures through music, art, games, informational displays and food!!!!

Our Open World projects are unlike our typical groups of visitors, in that instead of having them stay in a hotel they stay in members of our community's homes. This helps give our visitors a true American feel from the inside out, and this is only possible through your generosity and hospitality.

Benefits of hosting a visitor!

Have an empty room, kids off to college? This unique opportunity of hosting a parliamentary official from the country of Georgia is a great way to expand your family's horizons by bringing a countries culture, language, thoughts, ideas and food into your own home without the hassle of travel.

For many of our visitors this will be their first time visiting the United States, and being a host family is the perfect chance to be the ultimate citizen diplomat, and possibly even expand on your extended family. Many of our members and visitors have built lifelong friendships.

If interested, or just have more questions please contact Ryan Moll, at 518-708-7608 or ryan@iccralbany.org

In 2018, The International Center of the Capital Region is looking to invite you to accompany our executive director and one of our international delegates to see first-hand how our International Visitors Leadership program operates, and have a unique opportunity to spend time with some of the worlds young and emerging leaders in their field of work.

Visit www.iccralbany.org to see what international delegations are visiting.
WE NEED YOU!

Would you be interested in opening your home and learning more about the culture of another country?

If interested in hosting the group, please contact Ryan Moll at (518) 708-7608 or ryan@iccralbany.org.

Thank you!

Welcoming New and Renewing ICCR Members! We so appreciate your support!

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!

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 committee 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 ryan@iccralbany.org.
International Center of the Capital Region

Check out our website!
www.iccralbany.org

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Monthly Leader Quote

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

Harry S. Truman

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

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

World Affairs Councils of America
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