Busy Month of May
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IVLP  
May 11-14, 2014  
Young Leaders: Influential Voices  
South and Central Asia  

It is official – ICCR has a new home  
In an effort to have more accessibility to our members and foreign visitors, as well as the general public, the ICCR offices have been relocated to the Albany Visitors Center  
25 Quackenbush Square  
(adjacent to the Albany Pump Station and the Olde English Pub).  
We are extremely thankful to Michele Vennard, President/CEO at Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau and Kathy Quandt, Director of Operations for making this happen. Please stop down and say “hi.” If you have not seen the permanent exhibit on Albany at the Visitors Center, you are in for a treat. An extra added benefit – there is plenty of parking available.

Tom Gallagher, Cornell Coop. Ext. with Visitor from India  

A Visitor from Pakistan making a public

Upcoming  
International Center  
Sponsored Activities
service announcement WVCR, radio station for Siena College.

The group enjoying Tulip Festival in Washington Park.

The group with Ray Patterson from The Stakeholders

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May 14 – 17, 2014
Rights of Disabled Persons
Mauritius

Mr. Pyaneandee meeting with Tim Clune, Executive Director and Cliff Zucker, General Counsel from Disability Rights New York

BUS TRIP
A Day of Italy & Italian-American Heritage in NYC

On Friday, June 6, 2014, the International Center of the Capital Region is sponsoring a one-day bus outing from Albany to NYC to celebrate and discover Italian-American history, heritage and cuisine. The trip includes visits to the historic Italian Consulate on Park Avenue and a stop in Little Italy in lower Manhattan for a meal and shopping. The cost is $70 and includes transportation, snacks on the bus and admission to stated activities.
The group will leave at 7:00 AM and return at approximately 7:00 PM. Space is limited.
To make a reservation or for more info call ICCR at (518) 708-7608 or info@iccr albany.org.

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Upcoming International Groups in June

June 1 – 4, 2014
Accountability in Government and Business (IVLP)
Indonesia

June 18 – 21, 2014
Youth Crime Prevention (IVLP)
Paraguay

June 20 -28, 2014
Urban Planning/Development (Open World)
Kosovo

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Meeting with Craig Walton, District Manager, NYS Commission for the Blind

Meeting with Sharon Phillips, Regional Librarian, NYS Library Talking Book and Braille Library

May 18 – 20, 2014
Disability Rights
Near East and North Africa

The group meeting at SUNY with Carolyn Malloch, Director, Disability Resource Center

ICCR was chosen by the Global Campaign for Education, United States Chapter, as a host community to serve as a screening location for the film *Girl Rising* during International Education Week of May 5 – 9. *Girl Rising* tells the stories of nine girls from nine developing countries in Africa, Asia and South America. Each girl had her story composed by a writer from her country and is voiced in the movie by renowned actors. Their stories reflect their struggles to overcome societal or cultural barriers. It focuses on their individual efforts to get an education, interspersed with facts about the importance of investing in education for girls around the globe.

On May 6th, we offered two viewings at the Linda, WAMC’s performing space and early in the day we were joined by approximately 150 students and teachers from eight area schools as well as the film’s Managing Director Christina Lowery, the Founder of the Grace Association in Pakistan Khadim Hussain, and Columbia County native Tobias Geisler Mesevage.

A huge THANK YOU to Ashley Wilson and Brian Callahan of the Global Campaign for Education for selecting Albany and ICCR! A second THANK YOU goes to Domique at Hudson-Chatham Winery for being with us for the evening screening and sharing her wonderful wines! A third THANK YOU goes to Graeme McKenna at the Linda for always willing to be such a wonderful partner!

CBA - Christian Brothers Academy
Meeting with Cliff Zucker from Disability Rights New York

Fred Erlich, CEO, Living Resources with a Visitor

A wonderful evening of Home Hospitality with the help of several ICCR Board Members and Supporters

Community Events

Hoosic Valley High School

Academy of Holy Names

Heatly High School (Green Island)

Shenendehowa High School
PolishFest
June 6 - 8, 2014
Friday 5PM - 9PM, Saturday Noon - 9PM and
Sunday 11:30AM - 6PM
250 Old Maxwell Rd, just off I-87
Latham, NY 12110
(518) 453.2258

http://www.polishfest-ny.org/information.html

ADMISSIONS: $3

The Capital District’s PolishFest is a celebration of Polish heritage – the food, music, art, language, customs and the culture of the Polish people. The annual Festival is held on the grounds of Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Church.

The Festival features a vast array of favorite traditional Polish foods, including pierogi (stuffed dumplings), golabki (cabbage rolls), kielbasa (sausage), Bigos (hunter stew), Borscht (beet soup) and a huge assortment of gourmet Polish desserts lovingly prepared by our parishioners. Music and traditional Polish dances entertain festival-goers throughout the day. Inside the parish hall, visitors can enjoy Polish craft vendors.

2014 ARMENIAN FESTIVAL
June 7 & 8, 2014
The annual Armenian Festival will be held on the St. Peter Armenian Church grounds at 100 Troy Schenectady Road, Watervliet, NY
on SATURDAY, JUNE 7, from 12:00 to 8:00 pm
and SUNDAY, JUNE 8, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm.

Get ready for great LIVE music featuring the JOHN BERBERIAN ENSEMBLE, great food, and great fun! In addition, a variety of vendors will be available for purchasing unique items, gifts and souveniors. There will also be cooking demonstrations, a tour of the church, and carnival games and rides for children and adults -- FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

Contact the St. Peter Church office at (518) 274-3673 or stpeter.armch@prodigy.net for Sponsorship opportunities or for purchasing raffle tickets for our APPLE RAFFLE with a variety of Apple-related prizes such a Mac LapTop, an iPad, Harvest Spirits Farm basket of apple cheer.....$200 GC FROM TOP CUSTOM JEWELERS (RAFI THE SINGING JEWELER), GCARDS FROM STEWARTS AND MANY MORE RAFFLE PRIZES...

A good time was had by all at the FLEX group’s farewell party on a beautiful May day
American-Italian Heritage Museum
1227 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205
518-435-1979
http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org

Celebrating 35 years!

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, June 5th - 6:30pm:
7th Annual Cooking Show (Glen Sanders Mansion)

Thursday, June 12th - 11:00am-2:00pm:
35th Birthday Open House

Wednesday, June 18th - 11:00am:
Puccini Opera "Turandot"

Friday, June 27th - 5:00-8:00pm:
Italian Festival on the lawn

Turkish Women’s Club of TCC Albany

has been organizing Special Turkish Coffee Night for ladies. Women get together at the event, learn about Turkish Culture and play cultural games. Each event hosted a guest speaker who shared their experiences in Turkey… -

See more at:
http://www.turkishculturalcenter.org/tcc-albany-womens-coffee-nights/#sthash.29sumicf.dpuf

Sadly, students have started to depart! The FLEX program builds unbreakable bonds between students and their host families. Here’s to the amazing families who made this year successful!

Thank you!
THANK YOU TO SANDRA VARNO OF CORNELL COOP. EXT.

On May 8th, fun was had by all for a wonderful hands-on workshop “Growing and Utilizing an Herb Garden.” Sandra is tremendous supporter of ICCR and we truly appreciate her efforts.

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THANK YOU TO THE TURKISH CULTURAL CENTER ALBANY (TCCA)!

Arus with host sister Macaela and host mom Rachael Rourke hoping her luggage is within the weight limits!

A heartfelt goodbye with her host dad Jay Rourke. Safe travels to all; you will be missed!

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On May 15th, approximately 30 attended a screening of the Turkish movie *SELAM* at the Albany Visitors Center in collaboration with ICCR and included a wonderful Turkish meal beforehand! ICCR truly appreciates our many, many local affinity groups and their continual willingness to do collaborative programming including TCCA and its Director Veysel Ucan. Please check out TCCA at http://www.turkishculturalcenter.org/category/tcc-albany/

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Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast Reception a Great Success

On May 22nd, ICCR hosted its half-year appreciation reception with a breakfast at the Albany Visitors Center. The grateful Staff and Board of Directors of the International Center invited all our supporters to attend. Because of them and their involvement with our programs and initiatives, we continue to grow.

ICCR was asked to provide a partial day of hosting in Albany for a large group from India who were in the US under a program sponsored by the Maxwell School of Public Affairs and Citizenship at Syracuse University. They thoroughly enjoyed touring the City.

Check out our website! www.iccralbany.org
Staffer Kaori Chen with Board Member Bob Wolfgang checking in our guests.

"The Singing Jeweler", Rafi Topalian entertaining our guests with the singing of the National Anthem and Happy Birthday.

We cannot say it enough – thanks!

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World Affairs Councils of America
www.worldaffairscouncils.org

The National Council for International Visitors (NCIV)
www.nciv.org

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

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

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