March 2015 Newsletter

Happy St. Patrick’s Day, March

Please Join Us.....
Mark Your Calendars...

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 2015
Sunday, March 8 • 2-5pm

CELEBRATING ALL WOMEN
MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Do you know a woman who makes it happen? Bring her as a guest and join us in recognizing accomplished women from all over the Capital Region.

Participants include:

David Beers, Director of Marketing, Cincinnati Reds Foundation

Dwight Green, Cincinnati Reds

Kathleen Burke, Founder & CEO of Giving Common

Mary Ellen DeBartolo, Co-founder and President of the Women’s Fund of Greater Cincinnati

Tracy Basil, Founder/President of the International Women’s Center and Grace Center

Sharon K. Germano, PhD, Columbus, OH

Jodi H. Guttman, Co-Founder, Akisha

Yvonne Annable, Vice President, 1921 Foundation

Katie Park, 1921 Foundation

Geri Byerley, CIO, The Women’s Fund of Greater Cincinnati

Marcia N. Terry, Chair, Blacks in Business

Kathryn Ward, Columbus, OH

Elke Kegel, Columbus, OH

Shayna Shreve, Columbus, OH

Sarah Keating, Columbus, OH

Kira Otto, Columbus, OH

Kathleen McCready, Columbus, OH

3pm
Welcome by Mayor Kathy Sheehan
All Over Allway’s Jerry Farley

Keynote Speaker: Rosemary Armao Jones, Fraternity of Phi Mu: Delta Kappa Delta

Opaika Gallery
140 New Scotland Ave.
sage.edu/opaika
Free & Open to the public

Co-sponsored by:

Opaika Gallery
Purdue University
Purdue Capital Region Committee

PRINT FLYER
Recap of International Visitor Leadership Programs Hosted in February

U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION & MARKETING
A Project for Georgia
Albany Portion: February 8 – 11, 2015

Visitors relaxing at the hotel with ICCR Board Member Tom Gallagher (far left) who also served as the group's escort will in town.

Georgian Group visiting Maple Hill Creamery in Columbia County

Group touring Cobleskill College

THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICES
A Project for Georgia
Albany Portion: February 24 - 27, 2015

Sunday, March 8th, 2015,
2:00 – 5:00 PM
Please join us and bring other women who have influenced your life for International Women's Day 2015 Capital Region Celebration “MAKE IT HAPPEN”

International Women’s Day represents an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality. This year ICCR will be teaming with many, many others in the community to create a celebration in the Capital Region. The event will take place at the Opalka Gallery, 140 New Scotland Avenue, on the Sage College of Albany campus. There will be plenty of parking available. Our keynote speaker will be State University at Albany Professor of Journalism Rosemary Armao.

Rosemary Armao
Come meet women from all facets of the Capital Region; from agriculture to viticulture, from artists to authors, from academia to politics, from restaurateurs to religious leaders.

The event is FREE and Open-to-the-Public. Come mix, mingle and celebrate!
One and all are welcome.

NOTE: Wear purple. The International Women’s Day features the purple color, symbol of Venus, representing the female beings.

Saturday, March 21, 2015
from 9:00 – 1:00
Local Academic WorldQuest at the Celtic Hall
430 New Karner Road, Colonie
Come Cheer them on!
Visitors in the NYS Assembly Chamber with Assembly Photographer George (2nd from right)

At the Committee for Open Government with Bob Freeman (center)

Visiting the Times Union with Editor Rex Smith (3rd from right)

At WAMC/Northeast Public Radio with Journalist Rosemary Armao (2nd from left) and President Alan Chartock (3rd from left)

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SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Ballston Spa
Bethlehem
Catholic Central High School
Christen Brothers Academy (CBA)
Holy Names
Shenendehowa High School

Local Academic WorldQuest Media Sponsors

Times Union

KeyBank

Premiere Transportation
“Our Name Says it All”

TASTES of the WORLD

The International Center of the Capital Region and WAMC cordially invite you to our 2nd Annual INTERNATIONAL FOOD TASTING FESTIVAL Thursday, March 26, 2015 5:30 – 8:00 PM at The Linda

WAMC’s Performing Arts Center
339 Central Avenue, Albany

EMCEE: Trishna Begam Anchor & Reporter News10

Hon. Vice Consul Comm. Stefano Acunto will be in attendance on behalf of the Consul General of Italy and representing the
A Project for Turkey

Touring NH Kelman, Inc. in Cohoes (Mr. Kelman is 3rd from left)

Visiting Environmental Advocates of New York (Executive Director Peter Iwanowicz is 3rd from left, Air and Energy Director Connor Bambrick is on far right)

Meeting individuals who represent New York's Oil and Gas Industry (Senior Geologist John Conrad from PVE Sheffler (2nd on left), Regional Director Paul Hartman from America's Natural Gas Alliance (3rd from left), Owner/President John Holko, Lenape Energy (4th from right), Executive Director Brad Gill, Independent Pul and Gas Assoc. Of NY (2nd from right))

RECAP: February 14th Sacred Spaces Tour a Renowned Success!

Thank you to one and all for making our recent Sacred Spaces Tour an incredible day in spite of the cold weather. We were so fortunate to have had a full bus and the opportunity to meet so many amazing people while visiting such incredible structures.

Italian Government

HONORARY CHAIR:
Professor/CAV Philip J. DiNovo
President/Director, American Italian Heritage Association and the Italian Cultural Center and Museum

Honorary Committee
Hon. Neil Breslin, NYS Senate
Hon. Patricia Fahy, NYS Assembly
Michael Gulotty, ICCR Board Chair
Hon. Kathleen Jimino, Rensselaer County Executive
Joseph LaCivita
Linda Larmon
Donna Hercules
Hon. Paula Mahan, Town of Colonie Supervisor
Hon. John McDonald III, NYS Assembly
Hon. Phil Steck, NYS Assembly
Hon. Paul Tonko, U.S. Congress
University at Albany Foundation

Event Committee
Mary Berry
Diane Conroy-LaCivita
Happy Scherer

Participating Restaurants, Chefs, and Local Producers:
Champy's Jamaican and American Cuisine Flavors of India
Grappa '72
Irie Vybez
Nino's Deli and Subs
Nut Zez
Pie in the Sky Bakery
R&G Cheesemakers
Sukothai
Terra Albany
Umana Restaurant and Wine Bar
We Do Fondue

Brewery:
Albany Pump Station

NYS Vintner:
Brotherhood Winery

Performances by:
Connor Munro and The Veena Chandra & Devesh Chandra Duo
Board Member Dick Powell with his wife Danielle (far left) enjoying the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception with friends.

Educator Fran McCashion (left) with Times Union Reporter Azra Haqqie enjoying the Tiffany Windows at St. Joseph's Church.

The entire group admiring St. Nicholas' Ukrainian Church in Watervliet.

Our sincerest appreciation goes out to:
Father Dan Dwyer, Siena College, Group Escort

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2nd Annual TASTES of the World
Thursday, March 26th, 2015, 5:30 – 8:00 PM
at the Linda, 339 Central Avenue, Albany, NY

$50 General Admission
$35 Young Professional (35 & under)

Tickets can also be purchased online at www.wamcarts.org

Checks and questions can be directed to

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Loudonville, NY 12211
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info@iccralbany.org

Name: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________________
City: _____________________________
State ________________ Zip: ________________
Telephone: ______________________________
Email: _______________________________

I am/We are unable to attend, please accept a contribution $______________

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $_____________________

Please RSVP by Monday, March 23rd, 2015.
Mr. Veysel Ucan, Turkish Cultural Center, Group Escort  
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church – Mr. James Chenot  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception – Brian  
St. Joseph’s Church – Ms. Edna Farnham  
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church – Father Mikhail Myshchuk & Deacon Thomas Gutch  
St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church – Deacon Yervant Kutuckian & Choir Director Rafi Toparian  
Al – Hidaya Center - Imam Arsalan Haque  
Hindu Temple Society - Vidyashankar Kaushik & Manoj Ajmera  

Recent Trip to Washington DC in February for Global Ties US National Conference  

Throughout 2015, the U.S. Department of State is celebrating 75 years of international exchanges, highlighting the special role of the International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) as the first recognized initiative of its kind. The goal is to highlight the importance of past, present and future exchange programs in advancing U.S. national interests, building and strengthening cross-cultural ties and changing lives. President Mike Gulotty and Executive Director Diane Conroy-LaCivita spent several days attending the conference as well as networking with Federal representatives and colleagues from around the country. Also worth noting: Diane’s daughter, Frannie, had been chosen by Global Ties as a “Future Leader” and was down in Washington the same week participating in an intensive program for young adults.
ICCR Board President Mike Gulotty taking a break during the Global Ties Conference

Frannie LaCivita doing some sightseeing

US Congressman Paul Tonko meets with Diane and an Egyptian IVLP Alum to discuss current federal appropriations for international exchanges

ICCR will be teaming up with the Linda, WAMC’s Performing Arts Studio, in Albany to hold four events to be held in 2015 each with a distinctive theme that will highlight the history, art, food and music of a particular country/culture. The first is scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd and will focus on Japan in honor of Washington DC’s annual cherry blossom festival. Followed by India - June 11th, Kenya - September 24th and Brazil - December 3rd. Event Passports will be distributed to those in attendance at each celebration. The small booklet will contain a page for each participating entity (artists, restaurants and organizations), with questions having to do with the evening’s theme. Attendees will be able to go to the different booths where they will find the answer to the question and have their “passport” stamped. Those who answer all the questions will have their names entered into a drawing for prizes. Join us for these fun festive celebrations of the world’s unique and diverse cultures.

Saturday, April 25, 2015
2015 Academic WorldQuest National Competition
The Capital Region Immigration Oral History Project will collect and preserve the firsthand interviews of Capital Region immigrants. ICCR will rely on staff, interns and trained community volunteers to conduct interviews to gather firsthand stories about immigrant experiences. First-person narratives, regardless of how long ago, are enlightening and provide insight into individual immigrant stories. In addition to audio- and video-recorded interviews, a sampling of individuals interviewed will be photographed and included in a

The competition will take place at the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center in Washington, DC. ICCR is planning on sending our regional winners don to participate.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Sacred Spaces II: Places of Worship, Love & Understanding

Saturday, April 25th, 9 to 4 PM

New places of worship in the Capital Region to discover. Come join us.
$30 for ICCR members, $35 for not-yet-members, $15 for students

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Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 24, 2015

DIPLOMACY STARTS HERE: Global Understanding and Citizen Diplomat Summer Camp

The International Center of the Capital Region in collaboration with Siena College has announced its first annual global understanding and citizen diplomat camp for students going into grades 10 through 12, set for July 13-24, 2015 at locations throughout the Capital Region including Siena College Campus and New York City, and covering negotiation, media analysis, foreign languages, culinary diplomacy, etiquette and communications skills. The faculty will feature instructors and guest presenters expert in their fields, including business, government and non-profit leaders, seasoned educators and diplomats. The ten-day program begins at Siena College and will conclude with a one-day excursion to New York City where students will visit the United Nations and a Consulate to learn firsthand how diplomats work together. Their final day will consist of project presentations and a parent’s reception. The goal of the camp is to have the participants apply their new skills to their daily lives to create a ripple effect that can impact their own communities immediately. Everyone benefits when we create a public environment where a diverse community is challenged to share ideas about international issues while considering other points of view. The commitment to the values of inclusion and diversity of thought and perspective makes us better learners, employees, leaders, and citizens.

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proposed upcoming pictorial traveling exhibit.

Check out the link to a recent Daily Gazette article on the project: http://dailygazette.com/news/2015/jan/19/immigrant-oral-history/?free

Calling Junior Cooks!
Global Cuisine Recipe Challenge for Children

The contest, which is being sponsored by ICCR and the World Awareness Children’s Museum, is seeking chefs ages 5 -12 to share family recipes that are original and represent a family tradition. Write up and submit a “culturally inspired” family recipe along with a drawing or photo of the completed dish and a short description.

Entries will be judged in three age categories: Kindergarten – 2nd grade, 3rd – 4th grade, and 5th – 6th grade.

Recipes will be accepted until Wednesday, April 15th, 2015.

Recipe submissions should fall into one of three categories: appetizer/side side, entrees, or dessert/snacks. Awards and prizes will be presented at a celebratory reception, which will take place at the World Awareness Children’s Museum in Glens Falls on Sunday, May 18th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

Contact ICCR at (518) 708-7608 for an official entry form.

Are you ready to Discover Diplomacy? Get an insider's view of the diplomatic world in our nation's capital this May. Join Global Ties U.S. as we celebrate you, and all citizen diplomats, during our Discover Diplomacy Weekend! This special program offers you a unique opportunity to explore the diplomatic world in our nation's capital - from the U.S. Congress, the White House, and the Department of State, to the 176 countries that have embassies in the city.

Held in conjunction with Cultural Tourism DC's Passport DC: Around the World Embassy Tour and Foreign Affairs Day, this special program offers you a unique opportunity to get an insider’s view of diplomacy and celebrate the Lorinne Emery Volunteer of the Year and all volunteers who donate their time, talent, and treasure to make international exchange a key tool for building global ties. For more information, an agenda and to register, please visit the website.

Turkish Language Classes

Turkish Language Class for beginners is starting on first week of March.

First class is always free for visitors.

A language filled with tolerance and love, Turkish Classes is an opportunity to learn about Turkey and Turkish Culture. Lessons are mainly based on conversation and dialogue.

You will love learning Turkish with fun and meet with local Turkish people. We serve Turkish tea & coffee, and desserts during the class. We watch Turkish Movies with English subtitle from time to time.

The classes are 2 hours a week. Fee is $150 for 12 weeks.

For more information visit our website at www.tccalbany.org

If you are interested, please contact us via email or phone.
Contact: Veysel Ucan - (518) 951-0309
Email: director@tccalbany.org

"WANTED"

Capital Region households who are willing to host individuals participating in:

The 2015 NPT Peace Walk for a Nuclear Free
GREAT MINDS DISCUSS IDEAS.
average minds discuss events.
SMALL MINDS DISCUSS PEOPLE.
Eleanor Roosevelt

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!
International Students: This Spring Break
jumpstart your career and explore American life
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What is Meet America?
Designed for international students studying in the
U.S., the Meet America program allows you to
make one-on-one connections as you explore an
American community and learn about careers in

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Future
For Peace and the Planet-From San Francisco to the
United Nations, New York City

Organized by:
Jun Yasuda, Buddhist Nun
Nipponzan Myohoji Grafton Peace Pagoda

When: Monday, April 20, 2015 participants will walk
from Schenectady-Albany ending at
The Interfaith Center at UAlbany

Hosts Needed For One Overnight: Monday, April 20,
2015

Number of Walkers Needing Accommodations: 25

Transportation Needed: April 20-21, 2015 to and from:

The Interfaith Center
University at Albany
University Dr. West

For more information contact:
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Welcome to ICCR's Newest Member
Arun Puranik from Latham - Benefactor Level -
Sponsored by Manoj Ajmera

Thank you, thank you, thank you....
to all those who make ICCR Happen

We could not do it with out. We want to recognize
everyone who assisted first-hand with our
programming during the month of February. They are
as follows:

Manoj Ajmera, Rosemary Armoo, Commissioner
Richard A. Ball, Kathryn Bamberger, Conor
Bambrick, Molly Belmont,
Christine Benedict, Mary and Dan Berry, Mike
Brooks, Alan Chartock, John Conrad, Jason Conwall,
Donna Crissafulli, Jennifer Cunningham, Father Dan
Dwyer, Vera Eccarius-Kelly, Ph.D., Todd Erling, Ellen
your field of interest.

Download application for:

March 8-13: Washington, DC
March 15-20: Chicago, IL

Learn how to leverage your international background, get noticed by employers, and experience American culture at the local level. Meet America is a fun way to spend your Spring Break, while discovering a new city, meeting new people, and learning what skills YOU need to be successful.

Scholarships for up to $500 are available! Scholarship consideration ends January 31 and all applications are due February 8. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please contact Franzi Rook at MeetAmerica@globaltiesus.org.

To apply today, download the application.

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