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Interesting Fact!
After the American Revolution in 1776, New York became a U.S. colony, then a state in 1788. One year later, George Washington was sworn in as the United States first president in New York City, then the country’s capital. (It would move to Washington, D.C., the next year, in 1790.)

Community Events!
American Italian Heritage Association and Museum
1227 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205 (518) 435-1979

September 2019 Calendar of Events
(All events take place at the Museum unless otherwise noted.)

Italian Cooking Class
9/11/2019
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
This time of year so many delicious vegetables are harvested and available at their peak of freshness. Instructor Dolores Scalise will show how to use these vegetables in some great Italian dishes. The cost is $10 which includes some tasting of what she makes. Reservations, with check, must be received by September 8.

Monthly Meeting and Italian Cultural Presentation
9/19/2019
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Louis Gallo, a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy and former Chairman for the NY State Commission for Social Justice, will present, in costume and first person, “Christopher Columbus, Misconceptions Debunked.” Please bring a dessert to share for the reception that follows. Free and open
This August we welcomed a multinational delegation of senior anti-corruption officials here in Albany to explore methods to combat public corruption in government through ethics policies in the legislature, and investigative and prosecution techniques in other agencies such as the Attorney General's Office, and State Comptrollers. Pictured above our delegation sits down with long standing New York State Senator Neil Breslin (4th from right)

Albanian Day at American Italian Heritage Museum

9/25/2019
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
A short program begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a book signing with multi-lingual author Tatiana Kurtiqi. She writes books in English, Italian, and Albanian. Albanian and Italian desserts and coffee will be served. Free and open to the public.

“Celebrating Three Milestones” Exhibit
Through September 2019
During Museum Hours
An exhibit of photos, documents, artifacts, and memorabilia commemorating the 40th birthday of the American Italian Heritage Association, the 10th birthday of the American Italian Heritage Museum in Albany, NY and the 5th birthday of the Italian Cultural Center (on the second floor of the Museum).

A Second Chance Thrift Shop
Come visit our thrift shop offering clothing and accessories for men, women, and children, household items, books, toys, linens, small appliances, and jewelry, all at reasonable prices. We feature a boutique room for upscale and designer clothing for women. The Shop is located at 1229 Central Avenue, parking off of Frederick Avenue. Hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All proceeds benefit the American Italian Heritage Association and Museum, a non-profit organization.

The American Italian Museum and Cultural Center is located at 1227 Central Avenue in Albany, NY. Since 1979 the museum has fulfilled its mission - to record and preserve Italian heritage for present and future generations - with the help of its dedicated, all volunteer staff. Ours is the largest American Italian museum in the eastern U.S. maintaining 10 exhibit rooms, a Hall of History and a library including research materials. Our gift shop offers many one-of-a-kind and “Made in Italy” items. There is a small admission fee. Because we rely on volunteer staff, please call ahead to confirm we are open. (518) 435-1979.
While in Albany the group got the unique American opportunity to attend Arena Bowl 32 where our Albany Empire defeated the Philadelphia Soul in the 2019 Arena Bowl Championship game at the Times Union!

Pictured above is a beautiful shot of the New York State Capital building and our group as we walk the Empire State Plaza.

**ICCR Summer + Fall Events!**

**Looking for College 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

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info@iccralbany.org

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

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Global Ties U.S. is a network of over 100 nonprofit organizations across 44 states and 13 countries that connect leaders in U.S. communities with leaders
Come stop by and visit us on Sunday October 20th at this year’s Festival of Nations to check out all the international exchange programs we have done and all our upcoming fall & winter events!

“Advancing the National Interest” 2019 Student Conference on U.S. Affairs Scholarship
October 30th – November 2nd
Applications Due by Friday October 11th

The ICCR will proudly sponsor the participation of one outstanding international students who are studying at one of the undergraduate colleges and universities in New York’s Capital Region, to serve as our delegates to the 2018 SCUSA Conference. Preference will be given to fully matriculated international students who are in either their senior or junior year, at the top of their class (3.2 GPA or higher), majoring in a pertinent subject area to compete for the opportunity to attend this prestigious conference. Applications are also welcomed from visiting international students (inbound study abroad) specializing in American Studies, international relations, or other pertinent areas.

Reach out to Executive Director Ryan Moll at 518-708-7608; ryan@iccralbany.org for more details & applications.

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...
2019 Adult WorldQuest Trivia Challenge
Saturday November 9th
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Russell Sage College of Troy
Bush Memorial Hall

Albany 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 topics LIKE geography, flags and capitals, international customs, international sports, current events, and world leaders in the news. All proceeds from the competition will go towards the International Center’s K-12 educational initiatives.

Cost: $25 per person (current college student, $10) OR $250 per team of ten.
Call (518) 708-7608 or email ryan@iccralbany.org to make reservation.

Categories Announced!

1. International Vacation Destinations
2. International Musicians/Bands
3. Famous for what?
   (What is this country famous for?)
4. International Cuisine
5. “Whose Name is it Anyway?”
   (Countries who have changed their name)
6. International Fashion/Clothing

Open World Armenia
November 15th - 21st

The International Center will be welcoming the World to the Capital Region, please contact us at ryan@iccralbany.org
welcoming their first Open World delegation from the country of Armenia as we welcome members of parliament to the state capital to get an insider’s view of the workings of federal, state and local governments. Visitors will be staying in Albany for 7 days exploring different government agencies and speaking with various politicians and during their stay here. For this project will be looking for 7 host families willing to spare a bedroom in their house and who are looking to bring Armenian culture right to their living room.

Incoming International Exchange Groups!

Public Procurement for Infrastructure Projects, Lithuania
October 30th - November 2nd
10 Visitors

Open World: Members of Parliament Armenia
November 15th-21st
For the first time we will be welcoming 5 Parliamentary Members from Armenia looking to expand their knowledge on the legislative process here in New York.

Tax Administration in the United States, Ukraine
December 8th- 11th
5 Visitors