

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER



April Days of Importance

April 1st- Easter

April 1st- April Fool's Day

April 11th
5th Annual Tastes of the World

April 17th- Tax Day

April 22nd- Earth Day

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 world's young and emerging leaders in their field of work.

Visit www.iccralbany.org to see what international delegations are visiting.

Dear ICCR members and members of our community,

Our Open World projects are unlike our typical groups of visitors. Instead of having them stay in a hotel, groups stay in our community member's homes. This helps give our visitors a true American feel from the inside out, and is only possible through your generosity and hospitality. Thank you for all that you do!

Photos from our past 2018 groups!

Georgia
Legislative and Parliamentary Staffers



5th Annual High School Academic

WorldQuest Competition

The International Center of the Capital Region once again proudly hosted 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

**The 2018 Winner:
Catholic Central High School
Paul Barnas, Lucas Kania,
Sebastian Kania,
and Michael Paglia**

Winners of our local competition will travel 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 is Saturday April 28th

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.

Meeting with Bob Freeman, Executive Director of the New York State Committee for Open Government. Delegates discussed and learned about Freedom of Information Legislation and Open Meeting Laws.



The group meets with Brendan Lyons, the editor of Times Union and State Bureau & Investigations who discusses coverage of state level politics in the news and legislative sessions.



The Georgian delegates visiting New York City, and enjoying lunch at Juniors near Time Square!

**Regional Project: Middle East and North Africa
Transparency and Financial
Accountability in Government and
Business**



Leaders from Iraq, Tunisia, Egypt and

2018 Participating
Schools & Teams
Shenendehowa High
School
Coach: Krissy Saddleire
Team 1:
Jessica Zhang, Bianca
Cabrera, Daniel Kim,
Jonathan Indajang
Team 2:
Jiyoon Kim, Nida Ansari,
Claire Merkle, Grace Mayo
Catholic Central High
School
Coach: Andrew Krakat
and Lexi Cuomo
Team 3:
Paul Barnas, Lucas Kania,
Sebastian Kania, Michael
Paglia
Team 4:
Colby Beach, Spencer Daley,
Zoe Ientzi, Amber Fisher

2018 Participating
Schools & Teams
Academy of the Holy
Names
Coach: Jane Ladouceur
Team 1:
Zara Pyle, Rachel
DiStefano, Elizabeth
Larrabee, Kathleen
Harris
Team 2:
Virginia Brown,
Elizabeth Hanchaz,
Meredith Franchini
Team 3:
Katherine Buddenhagen,
Cecilia Myers, Megan
Martucci, Meghan
McLary

The International
Center of the Capital
Region Presents:

Saturday March 17th 2018
9am - noon
Russell Sage Colleges
Bush Memorial
55 1st Street
Troy, NY 12180


Thank you to all the

Participating teams from
Shenendehowa High School,
Catholic Central High School,
and
Academy of Holy Names!



Palestine meeting with Albany County
District Attorney Soares and his staff
on anti-corruption and transparency
problems relevant here in the United
States.



Meeting with Mr. Nelson Sheingold
Deputy Comptroller and Counsel for
Investigations discussing financial
investigations in the state of New
York.

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

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
A Regional Project
March 20th – 24th, 2018

Brand New: Open World Project,
Georgian Parliamentary Officials
7 Visitors
March 23rd-29th, 2018

INTERNATIONAL FOOD TASTING FESTIVAL

Help support the International Center of the

Incoming 2018 Visitors!

at our
5th Annual Tastes of the World Taste Testing
Event

on Wednesday April 11th from 5:30-8:00 pm
at the

[Hampton Inn & Suites located at 25 Chapel St
downtown Albany.](#)

We will be joined by great restaurants such as Yono's, New World Bistro, Zaitoons, The New Russia Cultural Center, Sake Japanese Steakhouse, Browns Brewing, and more to be announced. Come thirsty as there will be tea from Divintea, microbrews from the Albany Pump Station and Browns Brewing, and spirits from Yankee Distillery. More names to be announced, and your support helps us welcome hundreds of international visitors each year from over 60+ countries looking to combat some of the world's toughest problems.

There will also be a silent auction, raffle, and guest appearance from the Rafi Topalian the Singing Jeweler



INTERNATIONAL FOOD TASTING FESTIVAL

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018
5:30 – 8:00 PM*

[The Hampton Inn & Suites Albany-Downtown
25 Chapel St.
Albany, NY 12210](#)

*Admission: \$50, \$35 for Young
Professionals (35 & Under)*

Community Events:

**American Italian Heritage
Association Events**

Learn Italian (Beginners)
4/9/2018 (Mondays for 7 weeks; ends 5/21)
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Get your registration in early for this 7-week course focused on building conversational skills. Seating is limited. First come, first served. Secure your seat by check payable to AIHAM. Cost is \$55 for non-members, \$50 for members.

Women in Politics and Civil Society, A
Multi Regional Project
8 Visitors
April 14th-18th

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

If interested in hosting a group, please
contact Ryan Moll
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ryan@iccralbany.org.

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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
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A Quote Worth Noting...
Monthly Leader Quote

**"No country can ever truly
flourish if it stifles the
potential of its women and
deprives itself of the
contributions of half of its
citizens."**

Michelle Obama

Learn Italian (Advanced)
4/10/2018
(Tuesdays for 7 weeks; ends 5/22)
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor Dr. John Angerosa, Jr., will lead this course beginning Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It runs for seven weeks with the last class being Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Students should be able to converse in Italian and have an interest in enhancing their knowledge of the grammatical basis of this beautiful language. Our goal will be to speak the language smoothly with the correct use of phraseology and idiomatic expressions. The main reference text book will be "Prego! An Invitation to Italian," 6th edition. It is available online at Amazon.com and students should have the text for the first class. If you have "Italian Demystified" by Marcel Danesi, a text used in some of our previous course offerings, it may be helpful but not necessary.

Seating is limited, pre-registration is required and is on a first come, first served basis. To secure your seat, send a check payable to AIHAM and note on your check "For Advanced Italian Course." Cost is \$50.00 (members) and \$55.00 (non-members) plus the cost of the text book.

Monthly Meeting and Cultural Presentation
4/19/2018 7:00 p.m.

The business meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., followed by author Lisa Petrocelli. Many books have tried to give readers an idea of what it is like to live, eat, and breathe motorcycles, but "The Gloves Come Off" really delivers. These bikerographies come straight from the heart and that heart beats to the thunderous rhythm of a Harley-Davidson. In her book "The Heart of Rome," Ms. Petrocelli's character, Anna Padula, embarks on her third trip to Europe, along with her brother Rocco. They have longed to revisit their father's home country of Italy to fully explore its rich heritage and hopefully feel his spirit. A dessert reception follows. Free and open to the public.

Mombaroccio Village of Heroes: Saving the Family Sarano
4/26/2018
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

This Jewish-Catholic Dialogue Lecture, led by La Rabinessa Liora Kelman of Congregation Beth Israel, will discuss how her family, the Saranos of Milan, were saved from the Holocaust in the small village of Mombaroccio where her Nonno (grandfather) saved thousands of lives by hiding the lists of the Milanese Jewish



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The International Center of the Capital
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community. A new book "Siamo Qui Siamo Vivi" ("We are here, we are alive") is a result of research by Robert Mazzoli, who brought to light the diary of Alfredo Sarano, which was guarded for over seventy years in a drawer by his daughters Matilde, Vittoria and Miriam. The diary re-emerges from the past adding new, precious pages of history to the book of the genocide of the Jewish people, framing it in the historical context of the time and reporting the testimonies of the survivors. It was presented in the Italian parliament on March 15th. In addition, a first-time screening of a short film, "Il Giardino Dei Giusti" ("The Garden of the Righteous"), will take place. This event is sponsored by the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue Committee, Jewish Federation of Northeastern NY, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, and the American Italian Heritage Museum. Free and open to the public, a reception will follow.

Special Exhibit Room
April – May 2018
During Museum Hours
"Gifts from Our Grandfather"

The grandchildren of Julius Pardi, an Italian born artist (1884-1961), present an exhibit of his classical artworks, poetry and musical compositions. Among the items on display will be drawings, porcelain bas reliefs, plaques, vases and plates honoring William Shakespeare, Galileo, Giuseppe Verdi, Thomas Edison, Charles Lindbergh and more. Many items were commissioned by General Electric, where Julius worked in the porcelain department for 47 years.

New Russia Cultural Center Events

Open House on Saturday, April 7 from Noon to 3pm

New Russia Cultural Center
1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY 12144



Vladimir Nikitin, Artistic Director and Founder, offers expert teaching and training with a strong foundation in Russian dance technique and artistry. Dance classes are available for children and adults.

Introduction to character dance. Dancers learn body placement, intricate rhythms, and folk dance steps. Classes include instruction in basic ballet and Russian Folkloric dance technique, while fostering a love of dance and Russian culture.

international and cultural understanding and to increase global awareness of the region's assets. We are looking for committee members, interns & volunteers.

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Thanks

Welcome New and Renewing
ICCR Members!

We so appreciate your support,
thank you!

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

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Debra Gerlach, Household

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ALBANY SYMPHONY

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MEETS SYMPHONY

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018
6PM

SAILI OAK - Hindustani Vocalist
REENA ESMAIL - Composer
"...brilliant...subtle and sophisticated."
Sequenza 21

- **\$10 per person** •

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