

# August 2014 Newsletter



## HAPPENINGS IN JULY

### ICCR works with Maxwell School for a Second Time

On Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, ICCR welcomed forty-five Chinese visitors to Albany through Syracuse's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. After an excursion in the New York State Capitol, the group had a bus tour through downtown Albany with Diane Conroy-LaCivita. At the end of the programming, ICCR hosted a reception in the courtyard of the Albany Visitors Center. The reception included New York State beverages and cheeses with fresh fruit from the local farmers as well as baked goods made by Jane Clemente-LaCivita.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



September 17<sup>th</sup> - September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Author Sherry Mueller coming  
to the Capital Region  
for Several Speaking Engagements



Sherry Mueller, the co-author of the book "Working World: Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development,"



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The following international delegations (IVLP) are coming to the Capital Region in August-September:

August 6 – 7  
Mongolia - National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

September 1 - 4  
Turkmenistan - NGO Management

September 10 - 13  
Poland - Community Engagement & Neighborhood Initiative Support

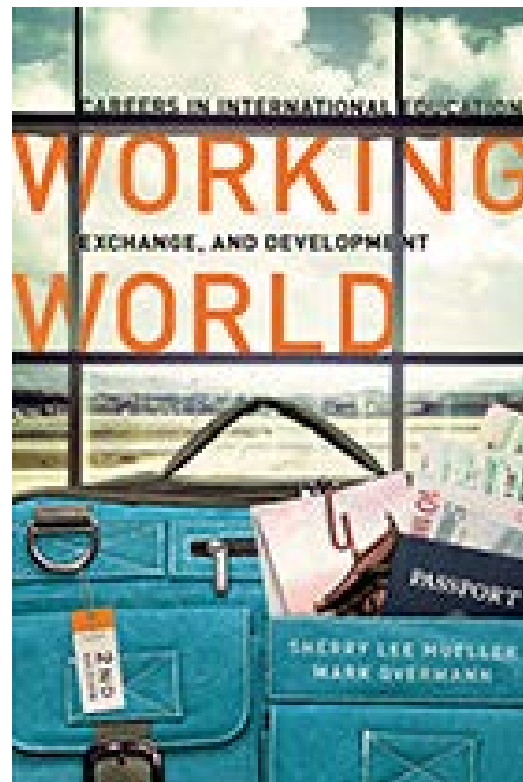
September 15 – 26  
Japan - Improvements in the reliability of the electricity supply, demand, transmission, and distribution in the United States

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**"OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH:  
THE 2ND ANNUAL EVENING OF QUÉBEC"**



On July 22nd, the International Center celebrated the relationship between the Providence of Quebec and the State of New York for the second year in a row with a mid-summer social at the gorgeous Hudson River waterfront



is coming to the Capital Region. Sherry L. Mueller was the President of the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV) from 2001- 2013 (now called Global Ties). Global Ties is the private sector partner of the U.S. Department of State in the implementation of the International Visitor Leadership program (IVLP) – one of the programs through which the International Center of the Capital Region receives its visitors. Before coming to NCIV, she worked for the Institute of International Education (IIE), served as an Experiment Leader to the former Soviet Union, an English Language Officer for the U.S. Department of State, and a lecturer at the University of Rhode Island. Ms.

Mueller is an active volunteer and has served on the boards of various nonprofit organizations including World Learning (Vice Chair), the Public Diplomacy Council, Friendship Force International, Business for Diplomatic Action, and the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy. She serves on the American University School of International Service Dean's Advisory Council and the Advisory Council of the International Student House in Washington, DC.



Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM

home of Dick and Danielle Powell in  
Glenmont.

Around 100 guests got a chance to meet  
the new Delegate General of Quebec,  
Dominique Poirier,  
as well as enjoy delicious food, including  
Quebec cheese and sap water.

We want to thank our honorary  
co-chairs  
Assemblymembers Patricia Fahy  
and  
John McDonald  
along with Senator Neil Breslin.  
Our sincere appreciation to Rafi Topalian  
for singing both  
the National Anthems of the United States as  
well as Canada.

Kudos to our event committee: Bruce  
Bushart, Jane LaCivita Clemente, Thomas  
Gallagher, Michael Gulotty, Frannie  
LaCivita, Richard Powell, Peter Rose,  
Robert Tengeler, Esq.  
and Iryna Turliai

AND

Thank you to all the attendees for  
supporting our citizen diplomacy efforts.  
Your presence was tremendously  
appreciated.



Delegate General of Quebec, Dominique  
Poirier



Senator Neil Breslin

Registration, 6:00 PM Competition

## Second Annual WorldQuest International Global Trivia Challenge for Adults

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 worldiness 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: flags and capitals,  
geography, people in the news,  
current events, international food and  
international music.

All proceeds from the competition will  
go towards the International Center's  
K-12 educational initiatives.

Cost: \$35 per person  
OR  
\$250 per team of eight.

Call (518) 708-7608  
to make reservation.



**ICCR PLANS ON VISITING THE  
ITALIAN CONSULATE IN NYC LET  
US KNOW IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED!!!**

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**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>,  
Russian Cooking Class  
with Russian Chef Regina Maksutova**



Assemblymember Patricia Fahy



The Singing Jeweler, Rafi Topalian

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ICCR is Seeking  
Local Host Families for  
FLEX Students  
*Beginning In September*

Created in 1992 by the US Department of State, the Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX) is a scholarship exchange program for high school students (ages 15-17) from Eurasia (including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine). The program's goal is to provide an opportunity for the students to spend an academic year in the United States, living with a host family and attending an American high school, while engaging in activities to learn about American society and values to experience

Trained in Russia under the guidance of her grandfather, Chef and Author Regina Maksutova will be traveling to the Capital Region to share her expertise in preparing Russian cuisine. This is an event not to be missed.

Cost: \$50 per person. Call (518) 708-7608 to make your reservation.

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INTERNATIONAL CENTER  
Welcome  
New Members to ICCR

Household Level

Margaret McGivern  
Bruno DeMan  
Anne Vander Speeten

Well Wishers

Vinodrai and Lily Parmar  
C. Daniel Keegan,  
State Farm Insurance

Organization Level

Rainbow Sprinklers and Drainage

(all of whom were recruited  
by ICCR's Membership Chair  
Manoj Ajmera)

An Extra Shout Out to our  
Benefactors! THANK YOU!!!!

Adirondack Oral and Maxillofacial  
Surgery, PC  
Benefit of the Links Foundation, Inc.  
Center for Economic Growth  
Chamber of Southern Saratoga County  
Festival of Nations  
Holiday Inn Albany  
Stewarts Shops  
Carol Whittaker  
Dave Wilcox and Victoria Zeldin

life in a democratic society. The program places special emphasis on leadership skills and seeks ways for participants to develop these skills during the school year. As former Senator Bill Bradley stated, "the best way to ensure long-lasting peace and understanding between the U.S. and Eurasia is to enable young people to learn about democracy firsthand through experiencing it". The International Center is hoping to place three students within the Capital Region this coming academic year. If you would possibly consider hosting a student for part of or for the full school year, we would like to hear from you.

For further information, please call (518) 708-7608.



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World Affairs Councils of America

[www.worldaffairsCouncils.org](http://www.worldaffairsCouncils.org)



The National Council for



## Community Events

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### Italian American Heritage Museum

On Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m., Italian American Heritage Museum will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for its Cultural Center located at 1227 Central Avenue in Albany. Call (518) 435-1979 for further information.

On Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4 p.m., Italian American Heritage Museum will host a fall dinner on the lawn.

<http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org>

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International Heritage Series at the Saratoga Race Track  
Beginning Wednesday, July 23 is the

inaugural International Heritage Series at the Saratoga Race Track, a weekly celebration of global culture and heritage. Featuring ethnic music, dance, entertainment, crafts and food each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion. The International Heritage Series lineup includes:

- August 13: African-American Day
- August 20: Asian-American Day
- August 27: The history and culture of Saratoga Springs

International Visitors (NCIV)

[www.nciv.org](http://www.nciv.org)



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University at Albany

The University at Albany, SUNY is looking for volunteer families that would host international graduate students for a couple of days in August before they find permanent housing. Graduate students are not eligible for on-campus housing. In addition, the University does not have space to accommodate them even temporarily. If you are able to provide this kind of assistance,

please email [isss@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:isss@uamail.albany.edu), call 591-8189, or visit the website of International Student & Scholar Services for further instructions <http://www.albany.edu/isss/>.

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