

August 2015 Newsletter



*Please Join Us.....
Mark Your Calendars...
Upcoming ICCR
Activities*

Sunday, August 16th, 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

Annual Indian Day Parade in NYC



Reflections from an ICCR Summer Intern

My name is Haddie and I am working as an intern at the International Center this summer. I am excited about all the opportunities it has given me and for the many experiences to come. With many programs occurring simultaneously, it is important that everyone works as a cohesive team, which The International Center does very well. I have been assigned some projects to work on, while assisting with others. My recent project was to coordinate a program for a delegation from Israel. By calling to set up meetings, emailing to coordinate schedules, and being flexible with the many changes that occurred throughout the process, the itinerary was completed. There are many tasks to complete and the challenge of unpredictability every day in the office. You can never be bored at the International Center, that's for sure! There are so many great additions to the job. Being able to travel around the city with people from around the world is such a unique experience. Plus, baseball games are always a fun perk! I look forward to the rest of the summer here!



Hosted by the Federation of Indian Associations, the parade is considered the largest such event in the World. Join the International Center as we travel to Manhattan to watch the parade and take advantage of the Indian Food Court, merchandise booths and cultural performances, which last all afternoon. We will leaving from the campus of Siena College in Loudonville at 8:30 am and returning at approximately 8:30 PM. **Cost (which includes transportation and snacks on the bus) is \$69 for ICCR members and \$79 for not-yet-members.**

Thursday, September 24th, 2015
Friday, December 3rd, 2015
A World Affair: International Passport Celebrations

Recap of Community Programs

in
July

"Mexico Meets America"

ICCR hosted 24 individuals (students and professors) from the University of Guadalajara in Mexico on the campus of Siena College. Their seven-day program included professional development/networking, academic learning and cultural exchange centered around STEM.



Mexico delegation on Siena College Campus



Mexico delegation at Transfinder with Rick D'Errico, Director of Public Relations



Mexico delegation on the Million Dollar Staircase, NYS Capitol

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Switzerland - Advocating for Human and Civil Rights for the LGBT Community
July 12-15, 2015



Switzerland group with Rex Smith, Vice President and Editor at the Times Union



ICCR is teaming up with the Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, in Albany and the Central Avenue BID to hold four events starting in September 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, September 24th and will highlight Japan. Followed by India on December 3rd, and Brazil and Kenya in 2016. 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. **Tickets are \$25.**

Saturday, September 19th, 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM
Oktoberfest in Central Park



The German-American Steuben Parade of New York marches with German-American groups from around the country. Parade starts at noon and goes from 68th street to 86th Street. The Oktoberfest in Central Park follows the parade. We will leaving from the campus of Siena College in Loudonville at 8:30 am and returning at approximately 8:30 PM.

Cost (which includes transportation, snacks on the bus, and ticket to Oktoberfest in Central Park) is \$85 for ICCR members and \$95 for not-yet-members.

Starting in September, 2015
Destination Dinners – Capital Region International Dining Series

Mark your calendars – Beginning this fall, the International Center will sponsor destination dinner each month to a variety of ethnic restaurants. Choosing from a set menu, attendees will have an opportunity to try a variety of ethnic cuisine and meet the individuals/chefs behind it. Get the



Switzerland group with Dawn Smith Pliner with Friends in Adoption



Switzerland group with members of the Albany Bombers hockey team

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Bulgaria U.S. Campaign Practices and Electoral Process July 8-12, 2015



Bulgaria with Assemblymen John McDonald and Assemblywoman Pat Fahy



Bulgaria with Rex Smith, Vice President and Editor from Times Union



Bulgarians with Albany County Young Democrat Members

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Uzbekistan - Journalism: Print media and Blogging July 28th-31st, 2015



On tour at the NYS Capitol

inside scope on our area's ethnic happenings.
Restaurants who have signed up to participate thus far include:
Terra International Cuisine
Salsa Latina
Capital Thai

Friday, October 16th, 10 AM
The Energy Landscape: a Global Perspective with Guest Speaker the Hon. James Clad



Through our affiliation with the World Affairs Councils of America in Washington, D.C., the International Center in collaboration with School of Business at the University at Albany will be hosting a morning dialogue at the School of Business with the Hon. James Clad. James Clad is a senior adviser at the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) in Arlington, and also advises IHS Jane's and Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA). During 2002-10, he was US deputy assistant secretary of defense for Asia, senior counselor & director for Middle Eastern affairs at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and a senior counselor for the US Agency for International Development. From 1995-2002 he was a faculty professor of Asian Studies at Georgetown University and concurrently Director/Asia-Pacific Energy at CERA. He trained originally as a New Zealand lawyer, his career shifted in the 1980s to commercial and security affairs in Asia, broadening after 2002 to include the Middle East. In the 1980-90s, he wrote for the Far Eastern Economic Review, and won fellowships from St. Antony's College, Oxford, and from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Harvard's Center for International Affairs. He also served in the New Zealand diplomatic service. His first book, Business, Money & Power in Southeast Asia (1991) critiqued Asia's crony capitalism; his next volume, After the Crusade (1996), dealt with American foreign policy. He received the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Public Service Award in 2009 and a royal honour from HM the Queen in 2011. The event is free and open to the public. (Note: there may be a small fee for parking at the University at Albany)

October 17th, 2015, 10:00 – 4:00 PM
International Grocery Store Tour

ICCR, in collaboration with the Central Business Improvement District and "foodie" Daniel Berman, will be sponsoring a fabulous bus tour of area international markets including: Rolf's Pork Store, Breakthrough West African Market, Tay Vietnamese Market, Chester's Smokehouse, and Parivar Spices and Food. Get an in-depth insider's look at what's available in some of these very unique grocery stores while sampling along the way. Call ICCR at (518) 708-7608 for more details or to make a reservation.



Intern George Sanderson with radio personality Fred Dicker



Meeting with David Klepper from Associated Press and Rick Karlin from the Times Union



Group with Home Hospitality Host Erdinc Jarakas

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**Pakistan - Youth in Technology
July 26- Aug 6, 2015**



Pakistan STEM with Ashok Adikoppula from Capital Region Cricket Club



Pakistan STEM group action shot of a pickup cricket game

**UPCOMING
INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS
COMING TO
THE CAPITAL REGION**

**08/04-08/06/15
Educational Leaders Building Diverse
Communities - Israel**

**08/05-08/07/15
Youth Agriculture Outreach and
Extension - Russia**



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**A SIGNET OF HOPE –
Exquisite Indian Dance Ballet
at the EGG**

A Signet of Hope is a beautiful blend of emotions: romance, valour, despair, compassion, amazement, laughter and horror through a vibrant journey of expressions. The exquisite dance ballet, which represents parts of the Indian Epic Ramayana will take the viewer through a roller coaster of emotions through the unparalleled choreography of classical Indian Dance



From Lord Rama's angst at being separated from his soul mate Sita, to the entry of Hanuman, the slaying of demon Vali gives way to the more action-packed Sundara Kandam, where Hanuman travels to Sri Lanka.

WHEN: Friday, September 25th, 2015

WHERE: The Egg, Center for the Performing Arts

ADDRESS: State Street, Albany, NY

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:30 pm

PERFORMANCE: 7:00 pm

Program details:

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Donations:

08/09-08/12/15
The Role of Media in Democracy,
Egypt

08/11-08/14/15
Advancing Youth Engagement and
Leadership, Regional – Europe

08/13-08/14/15
Human and Civil Rights for the LGBT
Community, Multi-Regional

08/26-08/28
Collaboration and Cooperation in
Combating Crime – Portugal

09/06-09/08/15
Parks and Protected Area Management
in the US, Multi-Regional

09/08-09/12/15
Agriculture and Economic
Development – Palestinian Territories

09/20-09/23/15
The U.S. Political System: Background
for Journalists – Multi-Regional

10/06-10/08/15
21st Century Secondary Education:
Bridging High School Students to a
Promising Future – Brazil



With tremendous appreciation...

Gratitude makes each one of our lives happier and our world and universe a more positive and forgiving environment. On behalf of the International Center, we are grateful to those who gave of themselves this past month to assist us in accomplishing our mission. These wonderful individuals/groups include the following:

Ashok Adikoppula, Albany Bombers Hockey Team, Albany County Young Democrat Members, Manoj Ajmera, Kim Andersen, Amelia Bach, Barbara Bartoletti, Blanca Barquera, Mary Berry, Rachel Bledi, Katie Britton, Mike Brooks, Schuyler Bull, Phil Burse, Sarah Calderon, Dr. Ali Can, Capital District Pride Center, Dr. Alan Chartock, Jane LaCivita Clemente, Matthew Clyne, Richard Collier, Fred Dicker, Rick D'Errico, Debbie Delbelso, Fred Erlich, Assemblymember Pat Fahy, Robert Freeman, Tom Gallagher, Frank Gazeley, Azra Haqqie, Philip Hicks, Eric Hoppel, Blair Horner, Bob Huber, In Our Own Voices, Tandra Jones, Hillary and John Justino, Adam Kaplan, Ummahan and Erdinc Karakas, Rick Karlin, David Klepper, Joseph LaCivita, Barbara LaMarche, Linda Larmon, Laura Lass Bierman, Maya Lindner-Lesser, Supervisor Paula Mahan, Hadleigh Maier, Assemblymember John McDonald, III, Maeve McEneny, Mary Molgard, Mike and Brenda Mugitis, Steve and Mary Muller, Chris Nolin, Yono Purnomo, Joseph Rossi, Gregg Sagor, George Sanderson, Dr. Alberto Santamaria-Pang, Nicole Parisi, Saratoga Pride, Melli Rose, Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Rex Smith, Dawn

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