

AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday September 2nd- ICRC's 2nd Historic Hudson Tour to Newburgh NY visiting the Washington Headquarters, and Pride of the Hudson Boat Tour!

**Expanding Agricultural Markets
West Bank
August 21st- September 8th**

**Parks and Protected Area Management
Multi-Regional Group
August 21st- September 8th**

**Our Planet: Environmental Protection
and Biodiversity Conservation
Multi-Regional Group
September 11th-29th**

**Government Accountability II
Multi-Regional Group
October 15th- 18th**



The International Center of the Capital Region presents their second Historic Hudson Tour Saturday September 2nd

August 21 Solar Eclipse
For the first time since 1979, a solar eclipse will be occurring on U.S. soil on August 21st. The path of the total eclipse will go across the United States from Oregon through South Carolina. Observers within this path will be able to see the moon completely block out the sun, causing the sky to go dark during the daytime. Viewers from the Capital Region will see a partial solar eclipse, where the moon blocks out around 70% of the Sun.

This past month, the ICCR welcomed a group from Pakistan in a project titled "Hydroelectric Power". Ten Pakistani Nationals involved with energy development in their home country came to the Capital Region to take part in the project. Many of the Pakistanis worked for Kyber Pakhtunkhwa Oil & Gas Company or for Pakistan's Energy & Power Department.

In Albany, the group met with representatives from National Grid, the

New York Department of Public Services, and NYISO, a non-for-profit responsible for operation of New York's power grid. During these meetings the group discussed topics ranging from regulation in the energy sector to strategies for improving efficiency and reliability for power and distribution systems. But luckily for the Pakistanis, their time in the Capital Region wasn't all work and no play. They were able to participate in some fun cultural activities while in our city, including touring the New York State Museum and visiting Crossgates Mall. And for their last night, the Pakistani Association of the Capital Region hosted a dinner for the group at Lazeez Restaurant in downtown Albany.



While the group enjoyed their time in Albany, their favorite meeting took place in a little town an hour west of the city called North Blenheim. Here, they were able to tour Blenheim-Gilboa Dam and meet with its operators, who work for the New York Power Association (NYPA), the United States' largest power development organization. The power station at Blenheim Gilboa (pictured below) is one of the main energy sources for New York City, as well as one of the largest dams in New York State.



In September we will continue to explore New York's rich history by visiting the Washington Headquarters located in Newburgh where General George Washington spent months making important decisions that shaped the United States as we know it today.

Following a lunch in downtown Newburgh experience the Hudson Valley region like never before with a narrated sightseeing tour down the Hudson river viewing the following locations:

- **Washington's Headquarters** – established as a historic site in 1850 because George Washington spent so much time here during the Revolutionary War!
- **Mount Beacon** – the highest point between the Catskills and the Atlantic Ocean. Beacon fires were built here during the Revolutionary War.
- **Bannerman Island** – this historic Island is known for its warehouse, built to resemble a Scottish Castle.
- **Breakneck Mountain** – legend has it that the mountain was named for a farmer's bull that fell down the cliff and broke its neck. A granite quarry at its base supplied material for the towers of the Brooklyn Bridge, the base of the Statue of Liberty, and sidewalks in New York City.
- **Cold Spring** – a quaint town known for its restaurants and antiques.
- **World's End** – the deepest point of the Hudson River. Explorers believed that the river stopped there, but eventually realized that after the sharp "S" bend it continued
- **Constitution Island** – during the Revolutionary War, chains were run from here to West Point.
- **West Point** – the United States Military Academy at West Point boasts beautiful & historic buildings including Eisenhower Hall, their



We would like to thank our friends at the Pakistan Association of New York Capital District, and LaZeez for their wonderful hospitality and a fantastic dinner with our Pakistan delegation!



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chapel, field house, & more.

Not Yet ICCR Members: \$89

ICCR Members: \$69

Cost includes guided tours of both locations as well as travel accommodations by Brown Coach. Lunch will take place in downtown Newburgh.

Join the ICCR now for the member price!

Stay posted for future International Center events that are currently being planned! As soon as details are finalized, we will be sure to make them public.

More groups coming soon! The International Center of the Capital Region is always looking for new and exciting events, and places to visit around the Northeast.

If you or your family have ideas for events contact Ryan Moll at 518-708-7608 or ryan@iccralbany.org



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led by a sheep;
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