

DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



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

Aids Awareness Month
Universal Human Rights Month
St. Nicholas Day: Dec 6
**National Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day: Dec 7**
Gingerbread Decorating Day: Dec 9
**World Peace Day/Winter Solstice
Dec 21**
**Hanukkah (begins at sundown)
Dec 24**
Christmas: Dec 25
Kwanzaa: Dec 26 – Jan 1
New Year's Eve: Dec 31

Recap of November's Activities

Thank you to All Who Attended ICCR's
November 3rd
End-of-the-Year Appreciation
Reception



December 6, Tuesday, 6 - 8 PM
Christkindlesmarkt
(German Christmas Cooking Class)
with Chef Kurt Vincent



Chef Kurt Vincent

Over eighty individuals attended the appreciation event.



Joe LaCivita, Rafi Topalian, Carolyn Woods, Bob Huber and Tom Gallagher (ICCR's 2016 Golden Globee Recipient)



Board Members Mike O'Brien and Fred Erlich converse with NYS Assemblyman Phil Steck



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Brought back by popular demand, join Chef Kurt Vincent for an entertaining evening of preparing, sampling, and instruction on the fabulous foods of the Christmas Markets of Nuremberg, Germany. The enticing smells of mulled wine and gingerbread will fill the air. Cost is \$20 for members of the International Center and \$25 for not-yet-members.

Space is limited. To make a reservation, please call ICCR at (518) 708-7608 or email, info@iccralbany.org

International Center is Looking for Area High School Teams to Participate in a Local Academic WorldQuest Competition this Spring



For the fourth year in a row, the International Center will be hosting a "local" Academic WorldQuest Competition in late March in which the winning team will be sent to Washington DC to represent our region in the National Academic WorldQuest on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

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

**Past Board Member Barbara Opitz
greeted by current Board Member Bob
Huber**

The reception, which was held at the American Italian Heritage Museum, provided ICCR's Board of Directors and staff the opportunity to once again recognize that our volunteers and community resources are the key to our success and their continual assistance makes the world a smaller place. Kudos to the American-Italian Heritage Museum and Prof./Cav. Philip DiNovo for allowing ICCR to use their beautiful facility and to Jane LaCivita Clemente for providing an amazing spread of international delights.

**ICCR Staff asked to provide Keynote
Presentation for GSNENY's Girl Scout
University**



On Saturday, November 5th, Diane traveled to SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury to deliver the keynote presentation on **Supporting Inclusivity and Diversity** as part of the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York's Girl Scout University. The audience, which was made up of both Girl Scout staff and

challenges and the opportunities of the 21st Century.

- The ten (10) categories for this year's AWQ National Competition are:
- Current Events
 - Great Decisions
 - Peace and Conflict in Today's World
 - Combating Infectious Disease
 - European Union
 - Countering Violent Extremism
 - Turkey
 - Global Megacities
 - China
 - Women in Technology

Study guides are available and there are **NO** fees/costs to participate. <http://worldaffairsCouncils.org/2011/images/insert/AWQ2017StudyGuide.pdf>

Founded in 2003 by the World Affairs Councils of America, Academic WorldQuest is a team game testing high school students' knowledge of international affairs. In the game, four-person teams compete by answering questions divided into ten (10) unique and engaging thematic categories. The winner is the team with the most correct answers.

If your school is interested in participating in Academic WorldQuest, please contact the International Center at (518) 708-7608 or info@iccralbany.org

International Travel Opportunity



If you are interested in participating in an Intercultural Study Trip to East Africa (Rwanda and Kenya) the end of May 2017, please let us know. Participants are responsible for a \$100 application fee, a \$700 program fee, and both their international round-trip airfare, as well as their Kigali-Nairobi flight.

**Upcoming International
Visitors Coming
to the Capital Region**

Financial Journalism	Nigeria	12/07/16 - 12/09/16
Transparency and Accountability	Regional European	March 2017

community volunteers, was interested in discussing ways to embrace the new and changing demographics in their communities. ICCR staff is available and happy to assist with program ideas for Girl Scouting; just give us a call (518) 708-7608.

Japanese IVLP Participant Kazutaka Nakagawa
Assistant Director, Competition Enhancement Office, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Albany Program: November 6-8, 2016

Mr. Nakagawa's professional program in Albany focused on the reasons for introducing regulations, the balance between encouraging energy industry growth and protecting the environment, and how to coordinate the interest of all stakeholders.



Mr. Nakagawa in the beautiful Lobby of the NYS Senate



Community Events
(DECEMBER 2016)

ITALIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION & MUSEUM
1227 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12205
(518) 435-1979

www.americanitalianmuseum.org

FRI., DEC. 2 & SAT. DEC. 3:
10 am to 5 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4:
11am to 3 pm

Share with us in this truly old *Italian Tradition* in our Museum building. Our Exhibit rooms will be transformed into market places filled with many items for you to enjoy, with something for almost everyone on your Christmas shopping list -- including yourself! Be sure to look for unique Italian merchandise that will be available for purchase featuring things that are hard to find, Italian language greeting cards, Ceppos, Befana items, Hand-Packed Olive Oils, personalized & themed ornaments, Sicilian carts, tri-color winter hats, trinkets, delicious Italian Baked Goods, etc. Come, see the always beautiful room-sized *Annual Italian Nativity Special Exhibit* and celebrate our culture at this most beautiful time of the year. And, be sure to visit our *Market Café* for refreshments & fellowship. ***Buon Natale!***

Mr. Nakagawa takes a moment to speak with Assemblyman John McDonald (left) at the NYS Capitol



Taking a tour of the Port of Albany with Richard Hendrick, General Manager

Indian Cooking and Culture Class with Chef Anand "AJ" Jaypal and Restaurateur Dave Swifty



On November 15th Chef AJ and Dave Swifty (owner of Swifty's Restaurants) instructed over twenty participants on *Creative Indian Fare*. The evening included instruction on making coconut chutney, Samosa Log and Tandoori Chicken Chapatti. No one left hungry...

THANK YOU

Welcome
New and Returning ICCR Members!
THANK YOU!
Adirondack Oral Maxillofacial Surgery

Benefactor
Ariel Collins Household
Tom DellaRocco Household
Jolene Dirolf Household
Patrick and Rebecca Frament Household
Paul Rosenburg Household
Ritamarie Sullivan Household
Richard Vitkay Household
Gail Wrieden Household

THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
THANK YOU!!!



For those in our community who have assisted with programs this past month, we are tremendously appreciative. We could have not done it without you! These wonderful individuals include:

Conor Bambrick, Mary Berry, Bob Bullock, Jane LaCivita Clemente, Jessica Close, Brooke Curran, Philip DiNovo, Fred Erlich, Tom Gallagher, Olivia Gulotty, Rich Hendricks, Chris Hogan, Bob Huber, Peter Iwanowicz, John Justino, Joe LaCivita, Barbara LaMarche, Don Lavada, Bill Little, Gary McCann, Hon. John McDonald, Elizabeth Moran, Mike O'Brien, Yono Purnomo, Kevin Roe, Hon. Phil Steck, Bob Tangorre, Rafi Topalian, Larry White, John Williams, Carolyn Woods...



Thank you Chef Anand "AJ"



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Secret Family Recipes, llc



Restaurateur Dave Swifty

**World Affairs Councils of America
(WACA) National Conference
November 16-19**

Being that ICCR is a WACA affiliate,
Diane flew to Washington DC in

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international visitors
than through a meal?

Home hospitality allows you to make
deeper connections by hosting an
international delegation
at your home for dinner.

*Currently, there are many dinner
hosting opportunities available.*

To learn about upcoming opportunities
to be a dinner or cultural host, please
contact Diane at (518) 708-7608.

mid-November to participate in the World Affairs Councils of America's National Conference, ***America and Global Megatrends***. In addition to attending numerous briefings and discussions on such topics as the U.S. Pivot to Asia, the Challenge of Resurgent Authoritarianism, Countering Violent Extremism, and the Future of International Order, Diane had an opportunity to meet and speak with George J Mitchell (U.S. Special Envoy for Middle East Peace, Jan. 2009-May 2011), Philip Balboni (CEO, *DailyChatter*), Abdulhamid Bilici (former Editor in Chief, *Zaman Newspaper*, Istanbul), Thomas L. Friedman (Columnist, The New York Times) and His Excellency Gerard Araud (Ambassador of France to the U.S.). Please let ICCR know if you might be interested in attending WACA's National Conference in the future. Attending is a tremendous way to stay current with global happenings.



Senator George J. Mitchell (left)



Abdulhamid Bilici, former Editor in Chief, *Zaman Newspaper*, Istanbul, Turkey (right)



We Need You...Please consider becoming a member of the International Center.



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 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 info@iccralbany.org.



World Affairs

Councils of America

www.worldaffairscouncils.org

A Quote Worth Noting...

"It is not fair to ask others what you are unwilling to do yourself."



Eleanor Roosevelt



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