

DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



December Days of Importance

December 7th A Day of Infamy, Pearl Harbor

December 12th – December 20th Hanukkah

December 25th Christmas

December 26th – January 1st Kwanzaa

UPCOMING EVENTS



2018 International Visitor Groups 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

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.



The International Center of the Capital Region is once again proudly hosting 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

2017-2018 Topics

- NAFTA
- ASEAN at 50
- India's Bid for Global Power
- Combatting Climate Change
- Cybersecurity
- Saudi Arabia
- Great Decisions
- The Peacebuilding Toolkit
- America's Diplomats
- Current Events

Winners of our local competition will win a trip 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 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.

Local Competition:

Date: Saturday March 17th



WE NEED YOU!

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

If interested in hosting the group, please contact Ryan Moll at (518) 708-7608 or ryan@iccralbany.org.



The International Center of the Capital Region Needs You Are you interested in being a part of a movement for global citizenry, 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,

Time: 9AM-12PM
Location: To Be Announced

please contact us at ryan@iccralbany.org

For more information or to sign your school up, please contact Ryan Moll at ryan@iccralbany.org or 518-708-7608

In order to prepare for local competitions, students should study the online resources outlined in the [Study Guide](#).



We would like to thank [Discover Albany](#) for awarding our organization a hospitality grant to help continue our work of welcoming some of the worlds international emerging leaders to the Capital Region!

: <https://www.albany.org/.../albany-cvb-grants-48000-to-county.../>

Community Events:
American Italian heritage Association Events

Italian Christmas Cooking Class – Tuesday, December 5th at 11:00am. The Instructor is Dolores Scalise. She will make an Italian Christmas stew and almond paste cookies. Tasting after the class! The cost is \$10. Your check is your reservation and must be received by December 1st.

“Gesu Bambino” - Please join us for a glorious Christmas Concert here at the American Italian Heritage Museum on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 3pm with Rosanne G. Hargrave, soprano and Michael Clement, piano. Light the Season with musical renditions from the Italian, Latin and English languages including composers, classical, sacred and traditional favorites. Browse the Museum exhibits as you enjoy the décor and ambiance! Lovely dessert reception provided. What a beautiful way to experience the peace and spirit of Christmas! A limited number of tickets are for sale. Please contact us for tickets, Admission: \$10.

To be listed in the Program as a Sponsor, please send us \$10 for a Sponsorship to help us cover some of the expenses for this event. This is a fundraiser for our Association.

Our Annual Immaculate Conception, San

A Quote Worth Noting... Monthly Leader Quote

“It is my firm belief that the solution to all problems lies in dialogue. Earlier, it was believed that force indicates power. Now, power must come through the strength of ideas and the effective dialogue”

**Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India**



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**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING
FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!**



Nicola and Santa Lucia Celebration will take place on Wednesday, December 6th at 11:00am. These feasts usher in the Christmas season and the programs will consist of some Italian traditions connected with the feasts. Please bring dessert for the social to follow. Open to the public. Reservations by December 4th.

Our December Business Meeting & Cultural Presentation will take place on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm. The theme of the cultural presentation is "Italian Christmas Traditions" with slides by Prof./Cav. Philip J. DiNovo. You are invited to share your family Christmas traditions. Our Chair will sing several Italian Christmas Carols. We invite you to bring dessert for our Annual Christmas Party that will follow the program. This event is an opportunity to visit with your fellow members. Free and open to the public.

LaBefana will visit our Museum on Sunday, January 7th at 3:00pm. All children are invited to our Annual Epiphany Celebration. This event is an opportunity to learn about the LaBefana tradition. There will be crafts, treasure hunt and LaBefana will pass out small gifts for each child. A social will follow. Adults are most welcome. Help us to keep alive this beautiful tradition. Free and open to the public. Ann Sweeney & Dolores Scalise are the Co-Chairs. Reservations must be made by January 5th.

Soup and Conversation – Wednesday, January 17th at 12 noon. This is an opportunity to visit and exchange ideas. Soup, bread, coffee and dessert will be served. The cost is only \$5. Reservations must be made by January 14th.

Our January Business Meeting and Cultural Presentation will take place on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00pm. The presenter is John Capano, a retired Educator. His topic "Gli Stranieri" (Strangers no more). His presentation will highlight the fruition of his research to discover the birthplace of his paternal and maternal grandparents and his memorable time with this Italian distant cugini (cousin). Free and open to the public. Please bring dessert for the reception following the presentation.

Pizza & Movie Night: Friday, January 26th at 6:30pm. The movie is "The Secret of Santa Vittoria", starring Anthony Quinn. Phil Maiello is the Chair. Cost is \$5 for pizza and refreshments. Please make your reservations by January

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