

February 2016 Newsletter



*Ground Hog Day
Superbowl Sunday
Happy Chinese New Years
Mardi Gras
Ash Wednesday
Happy Valentine's Day
Presidents' Day
Happy Leap Day*

**WELCOME
ICCR's Spring Semester Interns**

Savannah Brancato



My name is **Savannah Brancato** and I am a senior at Tech Valley High School. I am working with the International Center of the Capital Region as a part of my Senior Project. Every February, my school allows us to explore careers in fields that might interest us. We are required to have 30-40 hours of hands-on work experience, and will present about our experience in front of a panel of teachers, business partners and peers. This year I chose to look into international relations, and am looking forward to my time at ICCR.

Isis S. Maldonado

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

**the Second Annual Sacred Spaces
Tour: Places of Worship, Love &
Understanding
Saturday, February 6, 2016**

The Capital Region's diversity is reflected in its places of worship. Enjoy a unique guided bus tour visiting seven (7) locations; several churches (Roman Catholic, Non-denominational, Orthodox, and Presbyterian), an Islamic Center, and a Hindu Temple (note: one site waiting on final confirmation).

View the symbols and architecture and hear the history of the area's religious institutions.

Cost: \$30 for ICCR members, \$35 for not-yet-members, \$15 for students and will include transportation, tip for the driver and snacks on the bus. (the bus will leave at 8:30 am for first stop)

To reserve your spot call (518) 708-7608 or email info@iccralbany.org



Join the International Center of the Capital Region for
the Second Annual

***Sacred Spaces Tour:*
Places of Worship, Love & Understanding**



on

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(VIEW and PRINT INFORMATION)



"Hockey for Dummies"

Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 6-7 PM
Times Union Center, Albany
This free ICCR event will take place at



My name is Isis S. Maldonado and I am from Mexico. I am the proud mother of a four-year-old son who is my inspiration and I am married to an amazing man.

Thanks to their support and encouragement, I am in my last semester at Hudson Valley Community College completing my associate's degree in human services. Being from a Hispanic community, my goal is to gain more education to professionally be able to help others especially minorities.

**WELCOME
ICCR's New Board Members**

Wm. Garrett McCann



Married to Christine, a Reading Specialist at Guilderland Elementary School.

Father to Molly, an Ithaca College graduate completing Masters in Nursing Home Administration at Sage, Brendan, a senior at University of Tampa, a Criminology Major, and Connor, a Senior at Bethlehem High School. Gary lives in Glenmont and is a lifelong resident of Albany County. He is a NYS Licensed Insurance Agent Property & Casualty/Life, Health, & Accident. Gary began his Commercial Insurance career in 1987 with Wausau Insurance Co., and has been with Jaeger & Flynn Associates for the last 10 years. He is a current board member and on the steering committee for the Family Promise of the Capital Region which provides sustainable housing for homeless children and their families including refugees. Additionally, he is on Foundation Board at St. Clare's Hospital and Hope House Fundraising Committee.

the Times Union Center and will provide an unique opportunity to meet some of the Albany Devils while learning the game of hockey.



**INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF
THE CAPITAL REGION
HOCKEY 101**

FREE ICCR EVENT - WILL PROVIDE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SOME OF THE ALBANY DEVILS PLAYERS WHILE LEARNING THE GAME OF HOCKEY

**FEBRUARY 17TH
6-7PM**

TIMES UNION CENTER

PEARL STREET VIEW CONFERENCE ROOM
LOCATED ON 2ND FLOOR OFF OF THE MAIN ATRIUM - WALK UP STAIRCASE TO YOUR LEFT WHEN WALKING UP FROM SOUTH PEARL STREET

PLEASE RSVP TO ROB SOTO BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH BY CALLING 518-433-8457 OR VIA EMAIL RSOTO@THEALBANYDEVILS.COM



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**Tuesday, March 8th, 2016,
5:30 -8:00 PM
International Women's Day**

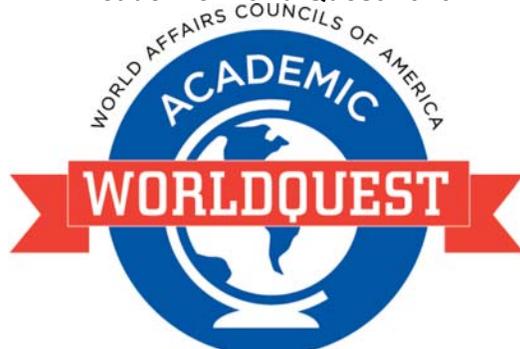


**International
Women's Day**

International Women's Day represents an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality. For the second year in a row, ICCR will be teaming with many, many others in the community to create a celebration in the Capital Region. The event will take place at the Opalka Gallery, 140 New Scotland Avenue, on the Sage College of Albany campus. There will be plenty of parking available. The event is FREE and open to the public.

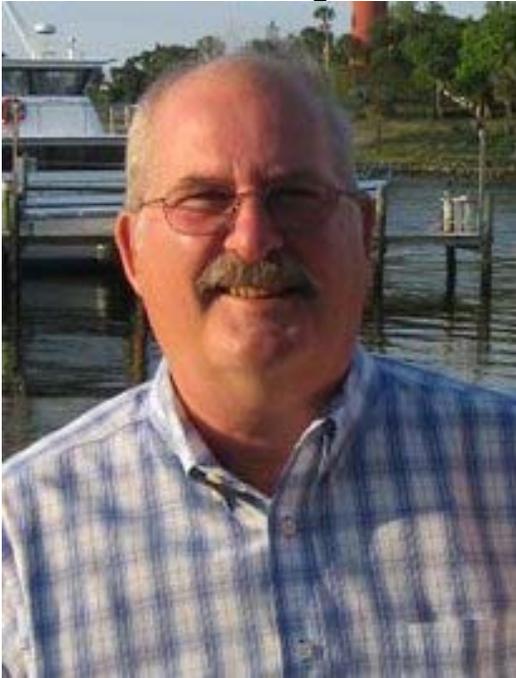
CALLING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**World Affairs Councils of America
Academic World Quest 2016**



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

Robert F. Tangorre



Married to Susan Perreault Tangorre, an educational consultant and Assistant Superintendent for the Guilderland Central School District. Bob has two sons, Matthew and Brian, daughter-in-law Beth and twin grandchildren Jack and Allison. He worked for the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance for thirty-four years, retiring in 2007 as the Chief Financial Officer. Bob's community service includes thirteen years as a Scoutmaster for Troop 75 Boy Scouts of America. He is a woodworking hobbyist and avid traveler.

Legislative Reception

Monday, February 1st, ICCR's Board and staff were invited by the Consulate General of Canada in New York in partnership with the Québec Government Office and the Province of Ontario to attend a *Legislators' Reception* at the Renaissance Albany Hotel.

The event included several speeches about Canada's connections with the United States, specifically New York. The Consulate General of Canada in New York, John F. Prato, focused on the trade industry, discussing the benefits of New York's relationship with Canada, as well as the policies that impede the positive relation. He suggested ways to strengthen Canadian partnerships with New York in order to ensure a positive future for our youth.



(from left to right) Jean-Claude Lauzon, Delegate General of Quebec, Mary Berry, ICCR Board Member, and Savahhah Brancato, ICCR Intern

Session One of Russian Cooking Held - fun was had by all!

century and seize new opportunities is dependent on an educated and informed citizenry and workforce. Academic WorldQuest is a unique opportunity to expose our youth to the world outside our borders and prepare them for the challenges and the opportunities of the 21st Century. Academic WorldQuest, a flagship program of the World Affairs Councils of America that engages more than 4,000 high school students annually across the U.S. to test their knowledge of global issues and foreign policy.

**Local Competition:
March 12, 2016 in Albany, NY**

Winner of the Local Competition will be sent to Washington DC to compete in the National Competition!!

**National Competition:
April 23, 2016 in Washington D.C.**

Topics:

- Current Events
- Great Decisions
- NATO
- Asia Matters for America
- International Trade and Finance
- Sultanate of Oman
- Privacy in the Digital Age
- The Arctic
- Food Security
- Organization of American States

For more information or to sign your school up, please contact Frannie at fran@iccralbany.org (518) 708-7608.

KeyBank



**WHITEMAN
OSTERMAN
& HANNA LLP**

**Thursday, April 7th, 5:30 – 8:00 PM
3rd Annual TASTES of the World**



This one-of-a-kind event will once again feature many of the area's new and already celebrated chefs presenting an array of international cuisine



Participants line up to try Russian Soup (Rassolnik)



Rassolnik



Mom and Daughter enjoy the class



ICCR Volunteer Carolyn Woods with Chef Rebecca Joyner

Global Ties US 2016 National Meeting in Washington January 27-30

accompanied by premium New York State wines and microbrews. Fabulous live and silent auctions will occur during the event, as well as live entertainment.

Our venue will be the beautiful Pruy House, the Town of Colonie's Cultural Center, an idyllic setting to highlight the bounty of culinary offerings.

Long Island International Agricultural Outing Saturday – Sunday, April 30 – May 1, 2016



The International Center of the Capital Region Presents an

International Agriculture Weekend to Long Island Saturday April 30th – Sunday May 1st, 2016



Diane will once again be escorting a small group to Long Island for a two-day bus outing to understand the agricultural side of Long Island that very few have seen. The group will be visiting wineries as well as other producers, and all with an international flare. The group will be staying overnight in Greenport and meeting many locals. This is a weekend you do not want to miss!

Stops will include but are not limited to:

- Greenport Harbor Brewing Company
- Lenz Winery
- North Fork Potato Chip Company
- Palmer Vineyards
- Pellegrini Vineyards
- Pipe's Cove Oysters
- Sang Lee Farm
- Sparkling Pointe Vineyards and Winery
- Tweed's Buffalo Restaurant and Farm

Cost is \$334.00 for ICCR members, and \$349.00 for not-yet members. Cost includes: transportation, snacks on the bus, overnight accommodation at the Silver Sands Motel (<http://www.silversandsmotel.com>), all tasting fees, lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. NOTE: Dinner on Saturday April 30th is not included.

To get your name on the list, please call the International Center at (518) 708-7608.



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Wednesday, June 1st U.S. Diplomacy Summit - Women's Empowerment: Keys to Leadership

Today's effective leaders stress collaboration, inclusion, and a commitment to improving the world around them. A leader is defined not only by the qualities and skills they develop but also by how they use those skills and qualities to make a difference. The State of New York supports cultural understanding and provides educational resources for people interested in learning about/ engaging with the theme of Women's Empowerment while connecting with others and taking action to make both the State of New York and the world a better place. Our region is ripe for Women's Empowerment both past and present. Many have led and worked diligently to promote development to ensure that women's issues are fully integrated into society by empowering women politically, socially and economically. Join us for this full-day summit to meet and engage with the best and brightest.

International Groups Confirmed to Visit thus far in 2016:

International Visitor Leadership Program
(US State Department sponsored)

Montenegro
Strategic Trade Management and Export Control
February 10 - 11, 2016

Albania



ICCR Treasurer Mike Gulotty with Ohio Lt. Governor Mary Taylor



Diane, Mike and Haddie Maier, Previous ICCR intern nominated as an Emerging Leader at the Conference



NYS Colleagues- Ruth Ragonese from Syracuse and May Shogan from Buffalo

Diplomacy Summit Venue
Wednesday, June 1st,
9:00 AM - 8:30 PM



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Municipal Governance in the U.S.
 "Postponed until June 2nd"

Turkey

Women's Empowerment
 February 24 – 26, 2016

Sub-Regional

Women Political Leaders
 March 8 - 10, 2016

Indonesia

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation: Forest Fires
 February 25 – March 2, 2016

West Bank

Improving Law Enforcement Partnerships
 March 20 – 23, 2016

OPEN WORLD

(U.S. Congress sponsored)

Ukraine

"Social Services:
 Serving Disabled Veterans"
 September 16 – 24, 2016



Irish American Heritage Museum

370 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207

Frederick Douglass and the Irish
February 6, 2 PM

Join Professor Tim Madigan for an interesting look into one of America's most famous historical figures. This talk will discuss the life of the great social reformer, statesman and orator Frederick Douglass (1818-1895), with an emphasis on his lecture trip to Ireland



as a young man in 1845 and how this influenced his later views on abolition and human rights. In particular, Dr. Madigan will talk about the role which meeting the Irish Emancipator Daniel O'Connell played in his commitment to the cause of human freedom. Dr. Madigan also will examine how Douglass remains a powerful figure for reconciliation in modern-day Ireland and Northern Ireland, with plaques commemorating him in Cork and Waterford, murals honoring him in Belfast and a statue to him in Dublin -- all cities he spoke at during his lecture series. In the words of President Obama, when he visited Dublin in 2011: "His time here, Frederick Douglass said, defined him not as a color but as a man. And it strengthened the non-violent campaign he would return home to wage." Tim Madigan is the Director of Irish Studies at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York, the city where Douglass lived for over 20 years after his return to America from his trip to Ireland.

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Welcome

**Welcome New and Renewing
ICCR Members!**

We so appreciate your support!

Kathy Baseel - Household
Leassa Iler - Household
Elizabeth and William Nathan
Well Wishers
Laura Shea - Household
Eileen Steinburg - Household
Brian Zweig - Well Wishers



World Affairs

Councils of America

www.worldaffairscouncils.org



Check out our website!

www.iccralbany.org

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AT THE CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Global Ties U.S. is a network of over 100 nonprofit organizations across 44 states and 13 countries that connect leaders in U.S. communities with leaders from all around the world.

www.globaltiesus.org

Upcoming Activities at the American Italian Heritage Museum

1227 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12205
<http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org>

**Special Exhibit Room
Exhibit – Special Exhibit Room
“Painting Porcelain” by Marge Marra
Mark**

Friday, February 26th, 6:30 PM

Pizza and Movie Night - The movie is "Bread & Tulips". The cost is \$5 and two pieces of pizza and soda will be served. Reservations required by Wednesday, February 24th.

Tuesday, March 8, 11:00 am

Italian Easter Baking Class - The Instructor is Dolores Scalise. She will make an entrée and dessert that will be a great touch to your Easter Dinner. The cost is \$10 and you have an opportunity to try the food prepared. Seating is limited, please make your reservation by March 1st

Upcoming Activities at the New Russian Cultural Center

PO Box 2383 Scotia, NY 12302
<http://www.newrussiacenter.org>

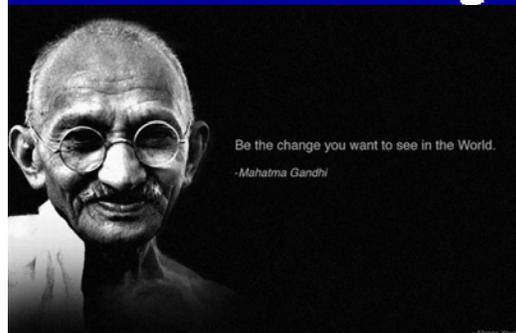
**Thursday, February 11, 2016,
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

Opalka Gallery, The Sage College, 140 New Scotland Ave, Albany
"The Notorious Mr. Boot" - This fascinating documentary explores events leading up to the sensational arrest of notorious arms dealer and war profiteer, Viktor Bout, utilizing Bout's own home movies and DEA surveillance material.

**Thursday, February 27, 2016,
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany
It's a full day of Russian traditional food, music, costumes, exhibits, performances, dances, crafts and contests: Poetry Recital Contest, Best Braided Hairdo Contest, and Best Cake Contest.

A Quote Worth Noting...



"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." — **Mahatma Gandhi**



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WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!



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.



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