

# FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



**FEBRUARY**  
 Ground Hog Day  
 Superbowl Sunday  
 Happy Chinese New Year  
 Mardi gras  
 Ash Wednesday  
 Happy Valentine's Day  
 Presidents' Day

The International Center of the Capital Region would like to announce Ryan Moll as our new Executive Director who will be replacing Diane Conroy-LaCivita. Ryan Moll, is a recent graduate of the State University of New York at Fredonia who lives in Lake George, NY and managed a hotel restaurant there. Ryan brings an extensive background in hospitality to the ICCR, along with fundraising experience from raising a record amount of money for his college collegiate rugby team. The ICCR believes these assets will greatly help our organization build onto the fantastic work Diane has accomplished in her years at the ICCR.

The International Center would also like to thank Kim Anderson, Manoj Ajmera, Mary Berry, John Justino and Michael Gulotty for their contributions to the ICCR over these past few years.

### Education Reform and Accountable Governance

Albany Portion: February 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>  
 Accompanied by a translator six visitors from Ukraine visited the United States to further their knowledge of our educational system, and the reforms we put into place to keep it working.



The delegates visited Dr. Jason Lane

**CALLING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** World Affairs Councils of America Academic WorldQuest 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 21<sup>st</sup> century. America's ability to face the economic and security challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 25, 2017 in Albany, NY Winner of the Local Competition will be sent to Washington DC to compete in the National Competition!! National Competition: April 29, 2017 in Washington D.C. 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

Would you like to become a member of the International Center to help support our programs? Membership offers you a discount on many of the events we sponsor and an opportunity to support global education and exchange in our local area.

The annual fee is  
 \$35 Individual/Household  
 \$50 Friends  
 \$100 Organization  
 \$200 and up Benefactors

Please make your check payable to: International Center of the Capital Region and mail to  
 65 First Street  
 Hart Hall Room #306  
 Troy, NY 12180

**Upcoming International Visitors Coming**

third from the right) at the University of Albany to discuss higher education.



Thank you again to the Ukrainian American Citizens Club for a fantastic evening on Friday and showing our guests a great time before heading back to Ukraine.



The delegates visited Hudson Valley Community Colleges State of the Art Tec Smart facility in Malta, NY.



**World Affairs**

**Councils of America**

[www.worldaffairsCouncils.org](http://www.worldaffairsCouncils.org)

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## to the Capital Region 2017

Accountable Government & Education	UKRAINE	Feb. 10-18/17
Anti-Corruption Program & Strategies	SOUTH KOREA	Feb. 12-15/17
Investigative Journalism	REGIONAL EUROPEAN	March 2-4/17
School Facilities Management	GEORGIA	March 9-15/17



## Community Events

Albany Hindu Temple  
450 Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY 12211  
[www.albanyhindutemple.org](http://www.albanyhindutemple.org)

The Hindu Temple Society of Capital District was founded in 1976 and is located in Loudonville, NY. It is a place of worship by Hindu devotees in and around Capital District and also visitors from other areas and all over the world. Upcoming Activities at the American

Upcoming Activities at the  
American Italian Heritage Museum  
1227 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205  
<http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org>

**Book Club**  
Tuesday, February 9th - 1:00pm

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**Valentine Celebration**  
Friday, February 10th - 11:00am

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**Monthly Business Meeting & Cultural Presentation**  
Thursday, February 16th - 7:00pm

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**Pizza & Movie Night**  
Friday, February 24th - 6:30pm

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**Carnival Celebration**  
Monday, February 27th - 11:00am

Upcoming Activities at the New Russian Cultural Center  
PO Box 2383 Scotia, NY 12302  
<http://www.newrussiacenter.org>

## RUSSIAN POETRY RECITAL CONTEST

Children and adults recite poems of their choice in Russian. There will be prizes awarded to the best poetry recitations.

**Saturday  
February 4,  
2017  
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## BOOK CLUB

Join us as we have a great time analyzing the books and hanging out with friends. Treat yourself to a glass of wine and

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February 15,  
2017  
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delicious refreshments.

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### GRAND OPENING

The New Russia Cultural Center celebrated its new facility with a grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the facility.

**Saturday  
February 18,  
2017**  
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**Check out our website!**

[www.iccralbany.org](http://www.iccralbany.org)

### RACHMANINOFF MUSIC COMPETITION

Glamorous collections of three Russian High Fashion Designers. This is going to be an event showcasing couture and luxury fashion with Russian theme.

**Saturday  
February 11,  
2017**  
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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](mailto:info@iccralbany.org).



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