

# FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER



## February Days of Importance

**Saturday, February 2nd,  
Groundhog Day**

**Sunday, February 3rd  
Super Bowl  
New England Patriots  
vs  
Los Angeles Rams**

**Thursday, February 14th,  
Valentine's Day**

**Monday, February 18th,  
Presidents Day**

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Check out our Facebook &  
Instagram for more group photos!



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Capital Region



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### Interesting Fact!

There are two hydroelectric plants in the Niagara River that are capable of producing 2.5 million kilowatts of energy. That is enough to power all of New York State and Ontario, Canada!

### Community Events:

American Italian Heritage Association  
Events

#### Our February Monthly Meeting & Cultural Presentation will take place

on Thursday, February 14th at 7:00pm. You are invited to share stories and heirlooms of your family memories.

Members and friends are invited to share stories, heirlooms and collections representing their memories of the past. Bring in photos, recipes, ornaments and other items.

Members sharing memories are lots of fun and give a chance for us to reminisce.

Please bring desert for our Valentine party following the program. The meeting and program are free and open to the public.

In case of bad weather, the event will be held on Thursday, February 21st at 7:00pm

Pizza & Movie Night will take place on Friday, February 22nd at 6:30pm. The movie will be announced at the January Pizza & Movie Night.

Reservations suggested. The cost is \$10 for pizza & beverage. Please make your reservation three days before the event (call: 518-435-1979). Phil Maiello is the Chair of Pizza & Movie night.

#### Our 39th Annual St. Joseph Celebration will take place on

Tuesday, March 19th. The business meeting will start at 7:00pm, followed by the St. Joseph presentation with slides by Prof/Cay. Philip J. DiNovo and a short interesting film. You are invited to bring bread, fruit, candles and dessert on Monday, March 18 to decorate our traditional St. Joseph Table. This year we will serve delicious Sicilian style Zeppole (with ricotta) from Bella Napoli Bakery. The cost is \$5 for a Zeppole, coffee, etc To make a reservation, please send your check by March 15th. Wear, the color red and

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**2019 Global Ties National  
Meeting**



The Global Ties U.S. National Meeting is the premier gathering of organizations, U.S. government agencies, advocates, and leaders in the international exchange field. Held each year in Washington, DC, the National Meeting brings together nearly 1,000 participants over three days to gain high-level insights on trends affecting the international exchange field.

Pictured above the International Center of the Capital Region teamed together with the International Institute of Buffalo, and Rochester Global Connections to help highlight everything New York has to offer international delegations!

### Upcoming ICCR Events!

Police Professionalization Exchange Program, Community Policing & Ethics  
Mexico February 10th-13th

Transparency and Accountability in Government  
Multi-Regional Project  
March 2nd- 7th \*Postponed Sorry!

World Affairs Councils of America's Student Academic WorldQuest!  
Saturday March 16th 9:00am- 1:00pm  
Location TBA

Open World: Anti-Corruption  
Serbia May 17th-25th

Open World:  
Members of Parliament  
Armenia  
November 15th-21st

The International Center of the Capital Region Annual Student WorldQuest

as part of this great tradition. You are welcome to come without a reservation but Zeppole will reserved to those who have made a reservation. Please bring canned goods for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Feeding the needy is an important part of the St. Joseph Celebration.

**Pizza & Movie Night Friday**, March 29th at 6:30pm. The movie will be announced at the Feb Pizza Night. The cost is \$10 for pizza & beverage. Phill Maiello is the Chair of Pizza & Movie

**Italian 103 will start Monday, April 8th** at 7:00pm. Prerequisite 102. Maximum of 20 students. For information and registration for Italian 103, contact Anthony Viccarone at (518)664-7909. Registration up to 10 days prior to the class.

**New Russia Cultural Center**  
1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY 12144  
**9th Annual Russian Poetry Reciting Contest**

When: Saturday, February 2, 2019  
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Where: New Russia Cultural Center  
1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY  
Admission: Free

**Tchaikovsky Music Competition**  
**Committee Seeking Contestants 2019!**

**The Tchaikovsky Music Competition (Vocal Division)** will be held at the Center's Concert Hall on Saturday February 9th, 2018 starting at 1:30pm. It is open to solo vocalists from age 12 to adults and divided into three categories: School, Young Adults (including college students), and Adults.

Contestants will sing one song composed by the Russian composer of their own selection, including Classical Russian Arias, Russian Art songs, and Russian Folk songs in classical arrangements. A panel of 3 professional vocal educators will judge performances.

**Tchaikovsky Music Competition 2019 - Piano Division**

The Tchaikovsky Music Competition (Piano Division) will be held at the Center's Concert Hall on Sunday, February 10h, 2019 starting at 10:00am. The Piano Division open to pianists from age 6 through 18. Contestants will perform a piece written by any Russian composer. Each performance will be judged by a panel of three music educators.

**Looking for Interns!**



On Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 9:00AM – 1:00PM, the International Center of the Capital Region will once again be sponsoring a local Academic WorldQuest competition with the anticipation of sending the winning four-member team and faculty coach down to Washington DC to represent our region in the National Academic WorldQuest competition taking place on Saturday, April 28th, 2017. There is no cost to participate. Additionally, ICCR will cover the costs of overnight accommodations and flights for the winning team plus faculty coach to attend the national competition

**Academic WorldQuest 2018-2019 Categories** The categories for this year's AWQ National Competition have been updated by the World Affairs Councils of America, with input from member World Affairs Councils across the country, to reflect several of the most critical global and U.S. foreign policy issues:

1. Country in Focus: Qatar
2. How to Deal with North Korea
3. Global Refugee and Migration Crisis
4. #WeAreNATO – The Alliance at 70
5. Great Decisions
6. Japan-U.S. Relations
7. Space Policy
8. World Trade Organization (WTO)
9. Bridging Divides to Build Peace
10. Current Events

Schools can enter up to three (3) four-member student teams plus alternates in the Local Competition.

ICCR staff and volunteers are available to help get you organized and on your way to prepare for the local competition in March. We will come to you!

For further information or to register your school please e-mail [ryan@iccralbany.org](mailto:ryan@iccralbany.org) or (518) 708-7608.

The International Center of the Capital Region is a small nonprofit located at Russell Sage College in Troy. Our organization serves as citizen diplomats by hosting international visitors and delegations from around the world through the Department of State's many exchange programs. We are looking for college students interested in interning for a semester, who are globally minded and eager to expand their knowledge on the Capital Region, and the rest of the world. Interested?

Contact Ryan Moll at (518) 708-7608 or at [ryan@iccralbany.org](mailto:ryan@iccralbany.org)



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**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 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

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