

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



February Days of Importance

**February 2nd, Groundhog Day
6 more weeks of winter!**

February 14th, Valentine's Day



Join the International Center of the Capital Region
for

The Third Annual

Sacred Spaces Tour:

**Places of Worship, Love &
Understanding**



on

Saturday, February 10th, 2018
9:00AM – 4:00 PM



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

The Capital Region's diversity is reflected in its places of worship. Enjoy a unique guided bus tour visiting fix (5) locations. View the symbols and architecture and hear the history of the area's religious institutions, as well as a guided prayer with the Al-Hidaya Islamic Center with time for questions



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

Cost: \$30 for ICCR members, \$35 for not-yet-members, \$15 for students and will include transportation and snacks on the bus.

To reserve your spot call (518) 708-7608

or

email ryan@iccralbany.org

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

Time: 9AM-12PM

Location: To Be Announced

For more information or to sign your school up, please contact Ryan Moll at

UPCOMING EVENTS



2018 International Visitor we have welcomed 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

Incoming 2018 Visitors!

Effective Disaster Management and Emergency Response, Afghanistan
A Single Country Project
March 3rd- 7th, 2018

Criminal Prosecution and the U.S. Penal System, Africa
A Regional Project
March 5th- 8th, 2018

Transparency and Financial Accountability in Government and Business, Middle East/ North Africa

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



Save the Date!

5th Annual TASTES of the World
Wednesday, April 11th, 2018, 5:30 – 8:00 PM
at the Hampton Inn & Suites,
25 Chapel St, Albany, NY 12210
\$50 General Admission
\$35 Young Professional (35 & under)

Checks and questions can be directed to
The International Center
of the Capital Region
65 First Street
Hart Hall, Room 306
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 708-7608
ryan@iccralbany.org

Community Events:

American Italian Heritage Association Events

No events yet!

Museum Hours: January 1st to March 31st
the museum will only be open on Friday
11am-2pm & Saturday from Noon to 3pm
and by appointment

New Russia Cultural Center

Tchaikovsky Music Competition: Piano Division. The Piano Division open to pianists from age 6 through 18. Contestants will perform a piece written by any Russian composer. Date: February 3rd, 1:30pm-4pm. Admission: Free

Tchaikovsky Music Competition: Vocal Division. It is open to solo vocalists from age 12 to adults. Contestants will sing one song composed by the Russian composer, including Classical Russian Arias, Russian Art songs, and

A Regional Project
March 20th – 24th, 2018

**Brand New: Open World Project,
Georgian Parliamentary Officials**
March 23rd-29th. 7 Visitors

Photos from our past 2018 groups!

South America Law Enforcement and Community Policing



South American police officers and government officials from Argentina, Chile, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela visiting the New York State Troopers Academy in Albany



The visitors got an opportunity to visit the Albany Police Academy to learn firsthand about their extensive community policing programs and initiatives.

Switzerland Equal Rights for the Disabled

Russian Folk songs in classical arrangements.
Date: February 4th 12:30pm-2pm. Admission:
Free

Russian Poetry Reciting Contest. The contest emphasizes the pleasure of reciting poems. There are three age levels and two divisions: Russian Native and non-Native Speakers. Date: February 10th, 1pm-2pm. Admission: Free.

16 Day Polish Dream Tour
Please Come On This Once in a Lifetime
Adventure
July 20-August 4, 2018

Visiting:
Warsaw, Masiuria, Malbork, Gdansk, Torun,
Wroclaw, Cracow Auschwitz, Zakopane,
Czestochowa

A short list of trip inclusions:

Warsaw Uprising Museum

Chopin Piano Concert ... Malbork Castle

Land of a Thousand Lakes

Wolf's Lair & Swieta Lipka

Wadowice - Pope John 11 birthplace

Gentle Raft Trip on Dunajec River ...
Wieliczka Salt Mines

Black Madonna Horse Drawn Carriage
Ride

5 City Tours .. And much, much more ...

Please Contact Milly for pricing and
availability ...

3 other dates also possible ...

518-273-7861 or 518-857-8832

Email- millyjr@aol.com

Too Long? 12 Day Grand Tour of Poland
also available ...

Chinese Community Center



Our visitors with Mr. Bardin (Middle
back row) Shaker High School
Supervisor of Special Education



Our visitors alongside Mrs. Delaney
Acting Commissioner of the Office for
People with Developmental Disabilities
(second from the left, middle row), and
Fred Erlich, Chief Executive Officer of
Living Resources
(third from the right, back row)
visiting Living Resources Smart Home.



Thank you so much to our amazing
members and volunteers for everything
you do!



Dear ICCR members, and members of
our community.

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Capital District of New York
2018
 Lunar New Year Celebration

Sunday, February 18, 2018, 1:00 PM
 Kitty Carlisle Hart Theatre, The Egg, Albany, NY

Tickets: \$10 (non-CCC member)
 \$5 (CCC member)

The Egg Box Office at the Empire State Plaza, Albany NY
 Phone: 518-476-1845 Web: www.theegg.org/events

Tickets also available at the Chinese School.

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CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our Open World projects are unlike our typical groups of visitors, in that instead of having them stay in a hotel they stay in members of our community's homes. This helps give our visitors a true American feel from the inside out, and this is only possible through your generosity and hospitality.



Benefits of hosting a visitor!

Have an empty room, kids off to college? This unique opportunity of hosting a parliamentary official from the country of Georgia is a great way to expand your family's horizons by bringing a country's culture, language, thoughts, ideas and food into your own home without the hassle of travel.

For many of our visitors this will be their first time visiting the United States, and being a host family is the perfect chance to be the ultimate citizen diplomat, and possibly even expand on your extended family. Many of our members and visitors have built lifelong friendships.

If interested, or just have more questions please contact Ryan Moll, at 518-708-7608 or ryan@iccralbany.org



Location: Sand Creek Middle School GYM

Date: March 9th

Time: 5:00-8:00pm

ADMISSION: Free! *Donations WELCOME

Celebrating our heritage cultures through music, art, games, informational displays and food!!!!



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.



**ZAKIR HUSSAIN
WITH
RAKESH CHAURASIA**

One of the finest Indian tabla players in the world, Zakir Hussain, and renowned flautist player Rakesh Chaurasia team up for one legendary night!

Thurs. March 22, 7:30 PM

Tickets : \$36 and \$29



For discounted tickets, call Manoj Ajmera at 518.371.3737. Call early for better seats! This will benefit Hindu Cultural Center. Checks payable to HCC. Questions? Call Manoj!

518.273.0038 troymusicall.org 32 Second Street, Troy, NY 12180

Looking to attend? Mentioned the ICCR to help support our organization and continue to welcome international visitors through 2018!

Thanks

Welcome New and Renewing ICCR Members! We so appreciate your support!

Jack and Jan McEneny, Household

Richard Vitkay, Household

Elena Oliver, Well Wisher

Sean Bell, Household

Ken Salerno, Household

Paul Rosenberg, Household

Brian Zweig, Well Wisher

Spraggs family, Donation!



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 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 ryan@iccralbany.org



Check out our website!

www.iccralbany.org

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It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

Harry S. Truman



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FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!



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