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January 2015 Newsletter



*Please Join Us.....
Mark Your Calendars...*

**Saturday, February 14th, 2015,
9:00 – 3:00 PM**
Local Bustrip

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

The Capital Region's diversity is reflected in its places of worship. Enjoy a unique guided Valentine's Day bus tour visiting churches, a temple, a cathedral, a mosque, and a synagogue. View the symbols and architecture and hear the history of the area's religious institutions. Cost: \$30 for ICCR members and \$35 for not-yet-members and will include transportation and sweet treats throughout the tour. Call to reserve your spot (518) 708-7608.

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Sunday, March 8th, 2015
***International Women's Day 2015
Celebration***
Theme: **MAKE IT HAPPEN**

Welcome

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WELCOME!
**Introducing ICCR's
Three New Board Members**

Thomas Gallagher



Tom works for Cornell Cooperative Extension as an Agriculture Program Leader in Albany and Schenectady Counties. A graduate of Cornell University and SUNY Delhi, Tom is very involved with agricultural initiatives around the region including the Altamont Fair and SUNY Cobleskill's Animal Science Department. He has been an active volunteer/community resource with the International Center for the past several years.
Happy Scherer



Happy is a retired mental health clinician, administrator, consultant, and teacher, spending most of her time volunteering with pet therapy in schools, hospitals, and programs for children and adults with special needs. Her international focus began with AFS (American Field Service) as a host family, volunteer, trainer, and ultimately coordinator of the Eastern New York chapter which hosted more than 40 high school students from around the world each year, and also



International Women's Day

The very first Women's day was celebrated the 28th of February 1909 in the United States, first born as a national festival it was then exported to all over the world, in honor of the previous year strike held in a garment factory about working conditions. All around the world, International Women's Day represents an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality. This year ICCR will be teaming with others to create a celebration in the Capital Region. Stay tuned for future details...One and all are welcome. Please let us know if you and your friends/colleagues would like to join us.

NOTE: Wear purple. The International Women's Day features the purple color, symbol of Venus, representing the female beings.

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Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 9:00 – 12:00 Noon

Local Academic WorldQuest

The International Center of the Capital Region will once again be sponsoring a local Academic WorldQuest competition at the Celtic Hall in Colonie 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 25th, 2015. 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 is the World Affairs Councils of America's flagship student education program. The main objective of the program is to inform and engage high school students and their teachers across the country in global affairs. Each year, over 4000 students, test their knowledge of international affairs, in regional Academic WorldQuest competitions.

Study guides are available.

<http://tinyurl.com/kfwyaza>

There is still time to sign up...

Call (518) 708-7608 or email ICCR info@iccralbany.org for additional

prepared and supported American high school students going abroad. She has lived in New Zealand twice - once for six months and once for thirteen months, where she also volunteered with AFS and did pet therapy.

Sonia Uytiepo



As a Bank Manager (TD Bank), Sonia helps personal & business customers find solutions to their problems and Achieve their financial goals. She has over twenty years of banking experience.

Sonia's industry Experience includes extensive management in business and retail banking in the us and Australia. A native of the Philippines, Sonia received a Master Of Science Degree In Economics from Iowa State University.

Sonia enjoys volunteering and giving back to the community.

In 2010, Sonia directed the First Filipino cultural show.

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**ICCR's
December
Visitor
RECAP**

**Promoting Citizens' Security
by Confronting Trafficking In
Persons**

December 6-10, Brazil

information.

**Local Academic WorldQuest Media
Sponsor**



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**Thursday, March 26th, 2015 from 5:30 -
8:00 PM**

2nd Annual TASTES of the World



The International Center of the Capital Region in collaboration with WAMC will hold our Second Annual International Food Tasting Event entitled TASTES of the World at the Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Center, 339 Central Avenue. Area restaurants will provide sample-sized world cuisine, with food ranging from French and Indonesian, to Middle Eastern and Mediterranean. Many fine restaurants, area chefs and cultural/affinity groups will be participating. Additionally, several well known NYS Vintners and breweries will be present sharing samples.

**Tickets are available for \$50 by calling
(518) 708-7608 or info@iccralbany.org.**

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Thursday, April 23rd, 2015

Thursday, June 11th, 2015

Thursday, September 24th, 2015

Friday, December 3rd, 2015

***A World Affair: International Passport
Celebrations***



ICCR will be teaming up with the Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, in Albany to hold four events to be held in



Group visited with Dr Susan Scrimshaw, President of Sage Colleges at Troy's Victoria Stroll



In front of the Governor's Christmas Tree at the NYS Capitol



Visiting with Siena College's Brazilian Exchange Students

2015 each with a distinctive theme that will highlight the history, art, food and music of a particular country/culture. **The first is scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd and will focus on Japan in honor of Washington DC's annual cherry blossom festival. Followed by India - June 11th, Kenya - September 24th and Brazil - December 3rd.** Event Passports will be distributed to those in attendance at each celebration. The small booklet will contain a page for each participating entity (artists, restaurants and organizations), with questions having to do with the evening's theme. Attendees will be able to go to the different booths where they will find the answer to the question and have their "passport" stamped. Those who answer all the questions will have their names entered into a drawing for prizes. Join us for these fun festive celebrations of the world's unique and diverse cultures.



Saturday, April 25, 2015
2015 Academic WorldQuest National Competition

The competition will take place at the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center in Washington, DC. ICCR is planning on sending our regional winners don to participate.



Monday, July 13 –
Friday, July 24, 2015
DIPLOMACY STARTS HERE:
Global Understanding and Citizen Diplomat Summer Camp

The International Center of the Capital Region in collaboration with Siena College has announced its first annual global understanding and citizen diplomat camp for students going into grades 10 through 12, set for July 13-24, 2015 at locations throughout the Capital Region including Siena College Campus and New York City, and covering negotiation, media analysis, foreign



At home hospitality with Mary and Steve Muller



Visitors met with several members of the Albany County District Attorney's Office

**December
Cooking Class**

Dec 6th Polish Holiday Traditions



Making Potato Dumplings

languages, culinary diplomacy, etiquette and communications skills. The faculty will feature instructors and guest presenters expert in their fields, including business, government and non-profit leaders, seasoned educators and diplomats. The ten-day program begins at Siena College and will conclude with a one-day excursion to New York City where students will visit the United Nations and a Consulate to learn firsthand how diplomats work together. Their final day will consist of project presentations and a parent's reception. The goal of the camp is to have the participants apply their new skills to their daily lives to create a ripple effect that can impact their own communities immediately. Everyone benefits when we create a public environment where a diverse community is challenged to share ideas about international issues while considering other points of view. The commitment to the values of inclusion and diversity of thought and perspective makes us better learners, employees, leaders, and citizens.



**International Center to Initiate a
Capital Region Immigration Oral
History Project**

Being initiated in 2015 by the International Center, the **Capital Region Immigration Oral History Project** will collect and preserve the firsthand interviews of Capital Region immigrants. ICCR will rely on staff, interns and trained community volunteers to conduct interviews to gather first-hand stories about immigrant experiences. First-person narratives, regardless of how long



Instructor Kazia Lopatniuk (far left)

Thank you Kazia!

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Buon Natale!
Christmas in Italy!



Thank you instructors
Jane Clemente LaCivita
and

ago, are enlightening and provide insight into individual immigrant stories. In addition to audio- and video-recorded interviews, a sampling of individuals interviewed will be photographed and included in a proposed upcoming pictorial exhibit.

If you or someone you know is interested in sharing your first-hand immigrant experience please contact the International Center at (518) 708-7608 or info@iccralbany.org.

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Calendar of Events

Note : For events at the Museum, free street parking after 6 PM on weekdays and all day on weekends. Please do not park in the private lots behind the Museum.

January 9, 2015, 7PM,
Stories and Songs of Irishtown and Adirondack Lore with Dan Berggren and Joe Doolittle

January 10, 2015, 6PM,
An Irish Christmas- CDIAA Hall 375 Ontario St. Albany, NY 12208

January 16, 2015, 7PM,
Waking of Ned Devine (Movie), sponsored by Energy Insurance Brokers. Free admission.

January 23, 2015, 7PM,
Opening Exhibit Reception Visions of Ireland: The Art of Michael Augustine Power O'Malley

Frannie LaCivita!

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"Thinking Globally" Talk Show on Channel 17

Recently, Diane had been asked to host a monthly half hour talk show on the Town of Colonie's Public Access Station, Channel 17. The first episode which premiered on January 2nd, deals with the subject matter of Confronting Trafficking in Persons. Gonzalo Martinez de Vedia from the Workers Justice Center of New York along with two of our visitors from Brazil were the guests on the show. Each episode will air up to twenty-four times throughout the month.

VIEW: <https://vimeo.com/115708001>

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Thank you, thank you, thank you...to all of those who assisted ICCR during the month of December

Nina Aledort, Stephanie Amann, Lynn Baniak, Bother Brian Belanger, Jessica Blain-Lewis, Sara Blake, Thomas Brooks, Zilda Buzack, Chantelle Cleary, Tricia George, Douglas Gulotty, Linda Larmon, Gonzalo Martinez de Vedia, Hon. John McDonald, Brenda and Mike Mugits, Mary and Steve Muller, Shannon Sarfoh, Patricia Tullgren, Cecilia Walsh, Bob Wolfgang and Karen Ziegler.

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**January 28, 2015, 11AM-2PM,
Open Genealogy Consultation**



ICCR is in need of Home Hospitality Hosts

Possibly interested in opening your home for an evening meal for international visitors? If so, we need you!

Very often we are asked by our colleagues in Washington, DC to provide an evening meal in a home setting for our visitors while they are in the Capital Region. An evening of Home Hospitality gives our international visitors an opportunity to meet area residents in an informal setting and for our community members to meet and learn from individuals from around the world. Frequently, our visitors comment that the best portion of their travel was the opportunity to meet average Americans in a home setting.

ICCR will hold a home hospitality orientation session on

Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 PM at our offices on the Campus of Siena College. **Dinner is on us.** We will walk through how to feel comfortable opening your home to international guests.

Please call to RSVP: 518-708-7608

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WELCOME

NEW and RETURNING

ICCR MEMBERS

Household

Paul and Lynne Shatsoff, Slingerlands

Sponsors

Richard and Danielle Powell, Loudonville
Happy and Harvey Scherer, Delmar

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March 8-13: Washington, DC
March 15-20: Chicago, IL

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