

July 2016 Newsletter



Happy Independence Day!
July 4th

**Happy Filipino-American
Friendship Day**
July 4th

A commemoration in the Philippines held annually on 4 July. It was formerly an official holiday designated as Independence Day, celebrating the signing of the Treaty of Manila granting Philippine Independence from the U.S. in 1946.

World Population Day
July 11

In 1989, the Governing Council of the UNDP recommended that, in order to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues in the context of overall development plans and programs and the need to find solutions for these issues, 11 July should be observed by the international community as World Population Day. **Population Day** aims to raise awareness of global population issues. Hunger, disease, warfare, welfare and human rights are key themes, and 2012 focuses specifically on ensuring *universal access to reproductive health services*.

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

Monday July 11, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
**Upcoming German Cooking and
Culture Class with Kurt Vincent**
**Venue: Celtic Hall, 430 New Karner
Road, Colonie**

Kurt Vincent's German ancestor's emigrated from central Germany to Columbia County, New York in the late 1880's. Raised amid the tastes, smells and delights of "old fashioned" German cooking, there's little wonder he pursued study at Schenectady County Community College in Hotel Management, worked in German and Austrian restaurants and served as chef at the New York State Governor's Mansion in Albany. Travelling extensively throughout Germany, he has been a keen observer of German food traditions and cooking styles for over 40 years. While there's no guarantee he'll wear his *lederhosen*, he will share his love and passion for German food along with the traditions, history and local lore of this hearty, easy to prepare cuisine. To reserve your spot please call the International Center at (518) 708-7608.

Tuesday, October 4th, 2016, 6 – 8 PM
Italian Cooking Class/FEAST

Celebrate the end of the growing season with a hands-on,

Happy National Ice-Cream Month!

**Happy Bioterrorism/Disaster
Educational Awareness Month!**

**Recap: Recent International Visitors to
the Capital Region**

Parliamentarians

**Ukraine
June 22-26, 2016**



Delegates with Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan



**Delegates met with members of the
NYS Legislative Bill Drafting
Commission in the Assembly Parlor**



**Saying Good-By to Host Families at
the Albany International Airport**

ICCR had the honor of hosting four (4) Ukrainian Parliamentarians along with a Ukrainian Liaison. A huge thank you goes out to the five local families who served as home hosts for our distinguished visitors. In addition to many professional meetings, the delegates were able to visit NYC for a day.

Women's Empowerment

participatory Italian Feast. Join local restauranter and entrepreneur Jane LaCivita Clemente as she instructs attendees on using the freshest and tastiest ingredients from the garden to make a classic Italian feast inclusive of vegetable soup, homemade tomato sauce, Italian soft-dough dumplings (Gnocchi), chicken parm and dessert. Space is limited.

**Upcoming ICCR International
Visitors/Activities**

July 11

German Cooking and Culture Class
(last one of three-part series)

July 13

Maxwell School, Capital Region Tour for
Visiting College Students (China)

July 25

Girls Inc., Culture and Diversity Program
Workshop (Brazil and Mexico)

July 27 – Aug 6

Global Leadership and STEM Program
(Pakistan)

July 31- Aug 3

Women Capacity Building and
Entrepreneurship (Niagara)

Aug 3-7

Arts as a Vehicle for Community and
Economic Development
(Niagara and India)

September 8 –11

Innovation Science and Technology
Education in the U.S. (Columbia)

September 21- 24

Youth Baseball (Brazil)



Turkey
June 22-24, 2016



Turkish Women's Group meeting with Saratoga Mayor Joanne Yepsen (second from left) on June 23, 2016.



Turkish Women's Group meeting with NYS Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner (third from left) at the Saratoga District Office on June 23, 2016.



Turkish Women's Group meeting with Janet Tanguay,

Subway Game at Yankee Stadium

Mets at Yankees



COOL EVENING GAME
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
Cost: \$99
(Terrace level seats)



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Call (518) 371-3737 now, to reserve your place!



These tickets will sell out fast
so call ASAP!

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Ramadan (Iftar) Dinner- Turkish Cultural Center

Date: Saturday, July 2, 2016
Time: 8:00 PM

Address: 291 Broadway, Menands NY 12204

Contact: Please RSVP to
director@tccalbany.org by July 1, 2016

Ramadan is the month of fasting, developing self-control and kindness, a time of comprehensive thanksgiving and charity for Muslims all around the world. It's a time of training oneself to become a better person spiritually and improving relationships with family, friends and neighbors. Dinner is FREE, People of ALL FAITHS are welcome to attend and bring imperishable - canned food to be donated to the local refugee families.

Shaker July Craft Fair & Cruise In-Shaker Heritage Museum

Date: July 9-10, 2016

Time: 10 AM - 4 PM

Address: Rte. 163/Heritage Lane (Shaker Heritage Museum) by Albany Intn'l Airport

Contact: shakerheritage.org/ (518) 456-7890

Find the perfect item for your home or gift for a friend at our summer Craft Fair! Explore the work of local crafters on the grounds of the Shaker Heritage Society. Jewelry, apparel, ornaments, household goods, toys and gourmet foods are among the most popular items. A Family Activity Station will host activities for all

**Entrepreneurship Manager
(middle) at the Capital Region
Chamber on June 23, 2016.**

This project was established to explore various aspects of women in politics, business, and media in the corporate world. Observe candidates and campaign staff (at all levels), the relationship between elected officials and the press, and examine the critical role of a responsible and independent media in a democracy.

**Young Transatlantic Innovation
Leaders Initiative (YILI)
Azerbaijan, Croatia, Czech Republic,
Serbia, Slovakia, Ukraine
June 4-19, 2016**



Branimir challenges the American style BIG bigger breakfast at Memorys restaurant in Troy



After the Alive at Five concert in Albany



age levels. Site tours are offered on both days at 11:30 and 1:30. Admission: \$4 per person or \$3 with this ad. Veterans, Active Military, SHS members, and children under age 18 admitted free.

NYS International Film Festival

Date: July 9-15, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

**Address: Madison Theatre, 1036
Madison Avenue Albany, NY 12205**

**Contact: films@themadisontheater.com/
(518) 438-2094**

Are you ready to watch dozens of short movies this summer? The most educational and enjoyable film festival is happening July 9 - 15 at Madison Theatre. The New York State International Film Festival has received over 200 short-film submissions and we have selected the best to screen for you! Ten films will be shown each day during the festival week. Everyday between 6pm and 9pm you will have opportunity to watch drama, comedy, documentary, animation, horror, action, experimental and music videos from all around the globe. Tickets are just \$10. We will serve free food and you will have a chance to win a unique prize with our raffle. You also have the opportunity to be a judge by selecting your favorite short film. On Thursday July 14th, documentary night is free, sponsored by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. On Friday July 15th, our gala night, we will honor the best short film for each different category and the audience's favorite movie.

**Italian Meal on the Lawn- American-
Italian Heritage Museum**

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2016

Time: 5PM-8PM

Address: 1227 Central Ave. Albany, NY

**Contact: americanitalianmuseum.org /
518-435-1979**

Come join in the fun and the great Italian food. Free Admission!

**Welcome
ICCR's
Summer
Intern**

The Albany YTIIL group is already running the UN after only a week in the US

The 2016 Young Transatlantic Innovation Leadership Initiative (YTIIL) is an international exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau for European and Eurasian Affairs, focused on the themes of developing entrepreneurial skills and enhancing economic opportunities for young professionals in Europe. Participants from around Europe spent three weeks in the U.S. working at host institutions (NGO's, private businesses, academic institutions, or local government offices) arranged by selected Community-Based members (CBMs) or other local organizations based on the participants' areas of expertise and professional goals. Participants were assigned a mentor and had the opportunity to participate in day-to-day operations of American organizations, job-shadowing, and professional interaction with American peers.

**Higher Education and Workforce Development
Kazakhstan
June 11-17, 2016**



Kazakhstani group at Hosted Lunch Meeting at SUNY Albany on June 15, 2016. From left to right, Mark Rentz, Associate Vice Provost for International Education, Kevin Kinser, Associate Professor and Department Chair, Educational Administration & Policy Studies, Kathryn Schiller, Associate Professor, Educational Administration & Policy Studies, Alan Wagner, Professor, Educational Administration & Policy Studies, Igor Lednev, Professor of Chemistry



My name is Tess Sagatis and I am an intern for the summer with Diane at the International Center. I am currently working towards my Masters in International Affairs with a concentration in Global & Homeland Security.

I hope, in the future, to be working in the international affairs field. I am thrilled to be working on this team and learning about the various aspects involved with the International Center.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

So many to thank...

Thank You, Thank you, Thank you... for all those who assisted ICCR over the last two months. We could not have accomplished so much, if was not for your assistance.

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." James Allen

Dr. Arash Alari, Kris Alberga, Dr. Anne Anderson, Susan Arbetter, Bilge Avci, Kathryn Bamberger, Angela Beddoe, Molly Belmont, Rebecca Berman, Mary & Dan Berry, Laura Bierman, Randall Bluth, Paul Bray, Marty Broccoli, Michelle Brown, Robert Bullock, Christopher & Courtney Burke, Mary Buszuwski, Donna Canestraro, Cathleen Cenci, Prof. Sridar V. Chittur, Hilary Clagget, Jane LaCivita Clemente, Dr. Jennifer Clinton, Joanne



Meeting at Center for Economic Growth; John Giordano, Director, Talent Connect (left) and President and CEO Andrew Kennedy (third from left)



Group met with officials from Hudson Valley Community College. Dean Jay Deitchman (second from right)

This program was aimed to develop a strong understanding of the U.S. higher education system, including its structure, administration and financing, as well as current debates for education reform. The

Ministry of Education in Kazakhstan explored various topics such as Nanotechnology, machine automation, and mechanical engineering. Overall, their visit to the U.S. was aimed at helping or developing partnerships between U.S. and Kazakhstani universities.

**STEM Education and Teacher Education Associations
Romania
June 11-14, 2016**



Romanian Visitors hanging out with SUNY Albany Fraternity members at the Juneteenth Festival in Albany's Washington Park.

Clute, Alison Coan, Joe Corr, Dr. Rebecca Cortez, Michael Creaser, Diane Crow, Starlyn D'Angelo, Jerry Danielski, Omayra L. Padilla DeJesus, Ph.D., Francesco Del Signore, *Director of A Capella Ensemble*, Andrea DeRocco, Tom Della Rocco, Dr. Jay Deitchman, Gregory Dewey, Jolene Dirolf, Owem Donovan, Jennifer Dorsey, Monica Duffy, Allison Dunne, Fred Erlich, Hon. Pat Fahy, Helen Farrell, Nicholas & Maria Fil, Jenna Flanagan, Robert Frazier, Bob Freeman, Tom Gallagher, Michael Gaynor, John Giordano, Jennifer Gish, Dr. Alice Green, Prof. Paul Hai, Dan Harrison, Charles Hartley, Penny Hill, Hon. Kathy Hochul, Brendan Hoffman, Director of *The Albanettes* Ryan Horstmyer, Bob Huber, Deborah Hughes, Anthony "Will" Jaacks, *Darrin Jahnel*, Jennifer Jahnel, Cecelia Johnson, Darryl Johnson, Daquetta Jones, Danae Jones-Persip, Andrew Kennedy, Dr. Kevin Kinser, Deb Koen, Jen Kretser, Dr. Susan Kutryb, Joe & Louis LaCivita, Tandra R. La Grone, Prof. Barbara LaMarche, Annmarie Lanese, Dan LaSalle, Dr. Igor Lednev, Dr. Dan Levy, Hillarie Logan-Dechene, Laurel Logan-King, Ariel Lynch, Franceska Macsali-Urbi, Hon. Paula Mahan, Lani Makhholm, Lauren Manning, R. Burleigh McCutcheon, Hon. John T. McDonald, Hon. Jack McEneny, Keith McKeever, Cynthia Melcher, Henry N. Mendelsohn, Lea Vacca Michel, Paul Miessing, Sara Mobley, Ellen Moorhouse, Joseph Morelli, John Morse, Kelly Mucci, Brenda & Dr. Mike Mugits, Vana Nespore, James A. Niedermeier, Jennifer Nupp, Tracey Ormsbee, Lynne Oudekerk, Lauren Payne, Angie Pender-Fox, Marta Pereyema, Josephine M. Perini, Mark Perry, Reed Philippi, Freddy Pica, Linda Piccirilli, Usha Elizabeth Pitts, Pamela Polacsek, Libby Post, Connie Prickett, Mark Quandt, Rosemary Queenan, Dr. Lori Quigley, Zuleyma Ramirez, Dr. Dina Refki, Kathy Regan, Anna Remet, Dr. Mark Rentz, Sarah Reynolds, Sarah Richards, Richard Rifkin, Karen Roy, Maryellen Rudolph, Jacquelyn Ryan, Tess Sagatis, Dr. Gregg Sagor, Eric Scheffel, Tom Schrek, Dr. Susan Scrimshaw, Hon. Kathy Sheehan, Susan Shultz, Barbara Smith, Hon. Andrew Sommers, Elaine Spaul, James E. Spencer, Captain John Streiff, Robert Tangorre, Janet Tanguay, Jason Terry, Hon. Paul Tonko, Rafi Topalian, Gerald & Cynthia Tysiak, Veysel Ucan, Toby Uecker, John & Nancy Uruskyj, Dr. Ester Vargas, Michele Vennard, Nick Viggiani, Dr. Alan Wagner, Michael Weidrich, Derek Werthmuller, Larry White, Prof. Carol Whittaker, Jennifer Wilson, David



Romania Group had an opportunity to meet Uncle Sam at Troy's Flag Day Parade.



Visitors met with North Colonie Superintendent Joe Corr (second from left) and School Board Member Mary Nardolillo (fourth from left) at Shaker High School.

This project focused mainly on state level teachers associations and U.S. experiences in STEM curriculum reform. They also examined the role of professional associations and the services they provide to members.

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation
Multi-Regional Project: Argentina, Botswana, Cambodia, India, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Russia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Togo, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zimbabwe
June 9-14, 2016

Winchell, Hon. Carrie Woerner, Bob Wolfgang, Carolyn Woods, Stephanie Woodward, Hon. Joanne Yepsen, Isabelle Zsoldos...

A Quote Worth Noting...

**"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."
*Eleanor Roosevelt***



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Environmental Group in the Eagle's Nest at the WildCenter in Tupper Lake



Home Hospitality in the Adirondack's



Building a Bog Bridge at Brewster Peninsula

This project focused mainly on assessing U.S. efforts to protect biodiversity through environmental protection policies and sustainable land and water management programs. These visitors explored governmental and non-governmental programs in the Adirondack region, particularly how lakes and rivers are protected and monitored to address pollution that comes from major Midwest coal-burning sources.

Investigating Judicial and Prosecutorial Misconduct
Republic of Kosovo
June 5-8, 2016



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The Visitors met with staff from the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct



The Visitors at the Million Dollar Staircase at the NYS Capitol

This project was aimed at examining best practices in criminal and non-criminal disciplinary investigations and procedures for judges and prosecutors as well as study processes for establishing rules of conduct, standards, and disciplinary procedures. The group explored the inherent challenges of investigating judicial and prosecutorial misconduct in order to improve the ability of the participants to make distinctions between misconduct and the need for professional development.

Countering Violent Extremism
Venue: William K Sanford Town Library,
629 Albany Shaker Rd, Colonie
May 25th, 2016

Violent extremism poses a threat to worldwide security, and countering it should be a priority. The International Center of the Capital Region and the Turkish Cultural Center of Albany organized this event on countering violent extremism. The Keynote speaker was Hasan ARSLAN, Professor of Criminal Justice at Pace University. He is a specialist in terrorism and extremism. Thank you to TCCA and the Colonie Town Library.

Summit VIP Resource Tour
May 31st, 2016



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Thank you, thank you, thank you to the Hon. Jack McEneny (retired) who served as the tour guide for a group of US Department of State and National Program Agency Staff who came to Albany one day early so they could learn about all the wonderful resources we have in the Capital Region. The group visited the SUNY Polytechnic Institutes, the NYS Capitol and the Albany Visitors Center.



***Global Ties U.S. Regional Summit-
Women Empowerment: Keys to
Leadership
Albany, NY***

Venue: The Sage Colleges

June 1st, 2016

[**VIEW PHOTO GALLERY**](#)

The Global Ties U.S. Regional Summit in Albany, NY, is one of many summits across the U.S. focused on the intricate and important role that the International Center of the Capital Region, Rochester Global Connections, World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts, Global Ties U.S., and the U.S. Department of State play in helping make the world a better place. The Women Empowerment-Keys to Leadership Summit celebrates the critical role that public and citizen diplomacy programs play in building a more peaceful, knowledgeable, and prosperous world at home and abroad. The Summit brought local, regional, and national leaders from crosscutting fields together. Attendees were able to foster better connections with businesses, local government, international exchange, development, and education NGOs and the U.S. Department of State. Participants in the Summit furthered their understanding of U.S. public diplomacy and foreign policy.

It highlighted the importance of international exchange programs and the abundance of strong local community resources within our region.

***PART 2 of our Three-Part German
Cooking & Culture Class held on June
13th***

**Chef Kurt Vincent
Celtic Hall, 430 New Karner Road,
Colonie**



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