

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



March Days of Importance

Wednesday March 6th
Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 10th
Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday March 17th
St. Patrick's Day

Check out our Facebook & Instagram for more group photos!



Facebook: International Center of the Capital Region



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Instagram: ICCRALbany

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Interesting Fact!

Sam Wilson, a meat packer from Troy who's caricature Uncle Sam came to personify the United States is buried at Troy's Oakwood Cemetery. During the War of 1812, he stamped "U.S. Beef" on his products which soldiers interpreted the U.S. abbreviation as meaning Uncle Sam.

Community Events:

**American Italian Heritage Association
Events**

March 2019 Calendar of Events
(All events take place at the Museum unless otherwise noted.)

**Monthly Meeting and St. Joseph Day
Celebration**
3/19/2019
7:00 p.m.

The business meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., followed by a slide presentation by Prof./Cav. Philip J. DiNovo followed by a short, interesting film. We will then partake of breads, fruits, desserts (zeppole – a Calabrian-style custard - from Bella Napoli Italian Bakery) and refreshments around our St. Joseph Day table. You are invited to bring bread, fruit, candles and dessert on Monday, March 18 to decorate our traditional St. Joseph table. Please bring can goods for donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, as feeding the needy is an important part of St. Joseph Day. Cost is \$5 to cover zeppole, coffee, etc. Your check payable to AIHAM by March 15th confirms your reservation.

"Celebrating Italian Artists" Exhibit
Through March 2019
During Museum Hours

Over the centuries artists everywhere have been inspired by the beauty of Italy and its artists. A group of talented local artists demonstrate this through

Upcoming ICCR Events!

World Affairs Councils of America's Student Academic WorldQuest!

Saturday March 16th 9:00am- 1:00pm

Location:

Bush Memorial Hall

Russell Sage College of Troy

Cheer on some of our areas brightest students from Shaker, Catholic Central, The Academy of Holy Names, and Shenendehowa as they compete at the areas toughest quiz on international affairs! The winning team is sent to Washington DC for a chance at winning the World Affairs Council of America's WorldQuest National Event!

6th Annual Tastes of the World

Tuesday April 9th from 5:30-8:00pm

Located at the Hampton Inn & Suites -

Downtown Albany

\$50 General Admission

\$35 Young Professional (35 & under)

At the event, 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 breweries will be present sharing samples. The evening will be topped off with international music, and a silent auction to help raise money.

Judicial Training and Management, Argentina

April 11th- 13th

10 Visitors

Argentine officials from the Superior Court of Justice, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, and provincial judicial leaders will be traveling to Albany to discuss the adversarial system and trial by jury in the United States.

Cooperative Efforts in Combating Corruption and International Crime, Regional Project

Balkans Region

April 24th-27th

5 Visitors

Officials from various agencies combating corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia will be traveling to Albany to build on investigative techniques into finding political corruption.

Open World: Anti-Corruption

Serbia

May 17th-25th

Help us welcome 5 government officials from Serbia traveling to Albany for a week long program on exposing corruption! We are currently looking for host families.

Open World: Members of Parliament

their artworks in this exhibit sponsored by the Schenectady Art Society.

A Second Chance Thrift Shop Come visit our thrift shop offering clothing and accessories for men, women, and children, household items, books, toys, linens, small appliances, and jewelry, all at reasonable prices. We feature a boutique room for upscale and designer clothing for women. The Shop is located at 1229 Central Avenue, parking off of Frederick Avenue. Hours are: Tues. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All proceeds benefit the American Italian Heritage Association and Museum, a non-profit organization.

The American Italian Museum and Cultural Center is located at 1227 Central Avenue in Albany, NY. Since 1979 the museum has fulfilled its mission - to record and preserve Italian heritage for present and future generations - with the help of its dedicated, all volunteer staff. Ours is the largest American Italian museum in the eastern U.S. maintaining 10 exhibit rooms, a Hall of History and a library including research materials. Our gift shop offers many one-of-a-kind and "Made in Italy" items. Hours of operation in January 2019 are Fridays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. However, because we rely on volunteer staff, please call ahead to confirm we are open. (518) 435-1979.

New Russia Cultural Center
1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY 12144

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

When: Sunday, March 17, 2019

Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: New Russia Cultural Center
1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY 12144
Bring something to the table.

Book of March 2019

"Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro
From the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature and author of the Booker Prize-winning novel The Remains of the Day comes a devastating novel of innocence, knowledge, and loss. Suspenseful, moving, beautifully atmospheric, Never Let Me Go is modern classic.

If you want to read this book in

Armenia
November 15th-21st

For the first time we will be welcoming 5 Parliamentary Members from Armenia looking to expand their knowledge on the legislative process here in New York.

The International Center of the Capital Region
Annual Student WorldQuest



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!

Russian online - here the link:
http://loveread.ec/read_book.php?id=13324&p=1

Russian-Speaking Adult Day Program

When: Monday, March 18, 2019
Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Where: New Russia Cultural Center
1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY
Admission: \$45/week (3 days)

Looking for worry-free adult day program in the Capital Region of New York State where you or your loved one can to socialize with Russian-speaking friends, find quality companionship and supervision along with proper enjoyment? **Russian-Speaking Adult Day Program located in 1550 Broadway Rensselaer, NY**, is a wonderful option to consider – where your loved ones can enjoy themselves by engaging with peers like them.

Social assistance for Russian-speaking elderly people in a supervised environment to improve or maintain the person's health and daily function by providing access to affordable non medical services. The program includes planned recreational activities and meals. Door-to-door transportation is provided through CDTA Star Bus program
www.cda.org/star-program.

Recreational activities: Having a shared language is a great comfort and unifying force. For example, you'll be able to enjoy singing songs together to bring back pleasant memories, and reminisce. Interacting with others in a fun and relaxed way is extremely beneficial for the health of older people. The program provides therapeutic recreation, cultural activities, music, crafts, dance, and more ensure everyone can be stimulated, engage with others and have fun

Meals: Food is adapted to the cultural needs of the Russian-speaking population we serve. Holiday and festive meals are also arranged for their delight.

Transportation: STAR is Special Transit Available by Request; a Para-transit CDTA service offering transportation for people who are unable to use the regular fixed route (city) buses for their transportation needs.

Program Planned to Start: March 18 2019

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

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Walk Ins Welcome
Cash, Card, or Checks accepted made out to
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Buy Your Tickets now online!
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-tastes-of-the-world-tickets-58340773825>

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Thank You to our Tastes of the World Sponsors!



Silver Level

Program schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am to 2pm.

Cost: \$45 per person/week (transportation is not included)

Admission: Submit an admission application ([here](#)) and email to info@newrussiacenter.org. Once the application is accepted, there will be a health record form to fill out. Make the payment and allow us to take care of you or your elderly loved ones.

Looking for College Interns!

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



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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 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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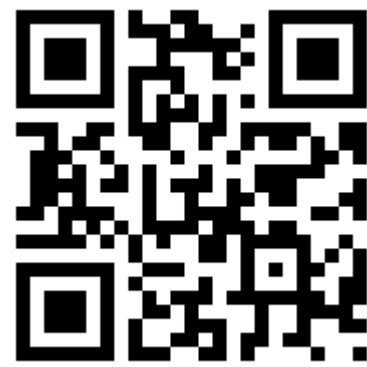


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