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## May 2014 Newsletter



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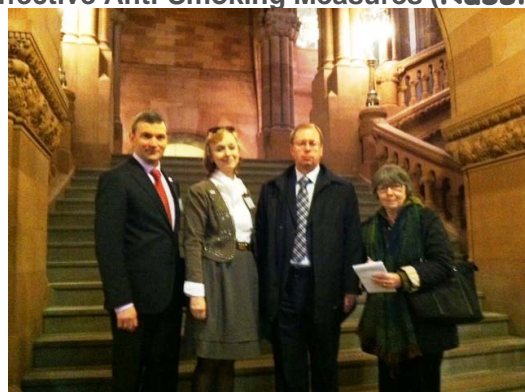
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### Busy Month for International Visitors

The International Center was once again very busy with international visitors in April with four spate delegations; a total of 35 visitors accompanied by 9 English Language Officers/Interpreters, 4 programs and representing 22 countries with fifteen home hospitality volunteer hosts.

Our four programs were as follows:

#### Effective Anti-Smoking Measures (Russia)



Group on tour of the NYS Capitol



The grateful Staff and Board of Directors of the International Center of the Capital Region cordially invites to attend our Spring Volunteer Recognition and Community Involvement Breakfast

on  
Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014  
from 7:30 – 9:00 AM  
at the

Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square,  
Albany, NY.

Because of you and your involvement with our programs and initiatives, we continue to grow. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude.

A light breakfast will be served.

Please RSVP to  
[info@iccralbany.org](mailto:info@iccralbany.org)  
or  
(518) 708-7608



Visiting the American Cancer Society and Hope Club in Latham



At NYS DOH Bureau of Tobacco Control  
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Transparency in Federal, State and Local Government (Iraq)



Visiting the NYS Committee for Open Government with Bob Freeman and Camille Jobin-Davis



Meg Levine, Deputy for the NYS Attorney General's Office  
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Women and Justice (multi-regional with 20

## Upcoming International Center Sponsored Activities

Growing and Utilizing an Herb Garden (in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension)

Thursday, May 8th  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Venue: Albany Visitor Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany  
Cost: \$10

Space is limited.

Call (518) 708-7608 for reservations.

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Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 PM at the Albany Visitors Center  
in collaboration with the Turkish Cultural Center Albany  
Turkish Film Screening of *SELAM*

Plot summary: This epic story is based on true events that has been in progress for more than 20 years in which a number of young people in love of peace and humanity leave their countries to teach, help and live in countries they have never heard of before. This is the story of people who live for their ideals and other people before themselves, and who leave their families, loves, friends, countries behind.

They set on this pet just with the inspiration of the words which said "A couple of eyes are waiting for you here, but thousands of eyes are waiting in faraway lands." They had sacrifice and kindness in their bags, love in their hearts and a smiling Selam (greetings) in their tongues. This is indeed just three examples of the unbelievable real stories experienced by the devoted teachers all around the world.

Reception to follow.

***This is a FREE public event.***

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counties represented)



Visiting Val-Kill in the Hudson Valley



Park Ranger Victor with our visitor from Turkey  
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Promoting Transparency, Accountability and Ethics in Government (Armenia)



Visiting the NYS Governor's office



**Italian Consulate and Little Italy Outing to New York City**

Join Diane for another fun-filled one-day ambassadorial bus outing.

**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

We will be leaving from the Hampton Inn and Suites Albany Downtown at 7:00 AM

and

returning at approximately at 7:00 PM.

Fee includes transportation and snacks on the bus.

**Cost: \$70**

**Space is limited.**

**Call Diane at (518) 708-7608**

**TO MAKE A RESERVATION.**



On Friday, April 11, 2014, sponsored a Day of Poland & Polish-American Heritage in New York City. The group visited the Polish Consulate, a Polish parish and spent time in Greenpoint ("Little Poland"). Fun was had by all!



Consulate in Manhattan

The group outside of the Polish



**Meeting TU's Editor Rex Smith and Investigative Reporter Brendan Lyons**  
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**In May, we are expecting three International Visitor Leadership Programs:**

**Young Leaders: Influential Voices (sub-regional for South and Central Asia)**

**Disability Rights (regional for the Near East and North Africa)**

**Rights of a Disabled Person (Mauritius)**  
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**Welcome New International Center Members!**

**Thank you to Manoj Ajmera for sponsoring all three!**

- **Renu Kallianpur**
- **Shantilal Ramani**
- **Yogesh Gupta MD**

**Would you like to become a member of the International Center to help support our programs?**

Membership offers you a discount on many of the events we sponsor and an opportunity to support global education and exchange in our local area. The annual fee is

- \$35 Individual/Household
- \$50 Friends
- \$100 Organization
- \$200 and up Benefactors

**Please make your check payable to: International Center of the Capital Region and mail to 423 State Street, Albany, NY 12203. Thank you!**

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**The group inside the beautiful Polish Consulate in NYC**

## **Global Cuisine**



**Led by Chef Yono with the assistance of many of the top chefs from around the Capital Region, our internationally themed classes will provide students with a world class educational experience in a fun, hands-on, participatory environment.**



**Recap of Cooking Classes in April 2014**  
**Great BBQ Techniques with Chef Yono on April 10, 2014 at the Celtic Hall**



## Community Events



**Tuesday, May 6th, 7:00 PM**

at the Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio,  
339 Central Avenue, Albany  
The Global Campaign for Education, US  
Chapter  
and The International Center of the Capital  
Region

**Presents Girl Rising**

with a wine and cheese reception featuring  
labels from

Hudson-Chatham Winery

and a panel discussion featuring Christine  
Lowery, COO and

Executive Producer of Girl Rising

From Academy Award-nominated director  
Richard E. Robbins, Girl Rising journeys around  
the globe to witness the strength of the human  
spirit and the power of education to change the  
world.

Viewers get to know nine unforgettable girls  
living in the developing world: ordinary girls who  
confront tremendous challenges and overcome  
nearly impossible odds to pursue their dreams.  
Prize-winning authors put the girls' remarkable  
stories into words, and renowned actors give  
them voice.

The Global Campaign for Education,  
U.S. Chapter GCE-US is a broad-based  
coalition of national and community-based  
organizations, international NGOs, teacher  
unions, faith-based groups,  
and think tanks dedicated to ensuring universal  
quality education for all children.

The mission of the Global Campaign for  
Education-US Chapter is to promote  
education as a basic human right and mobilize  
to create political will in the United States  
and internationally to ensure universal quality  
education, which is at the core of all human  
development. Founded in 2003 by Gene



**Thank you Yono!**

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**Turkish Culture and Cuisine with Instructor  
Nuray Menekse on April 26th at the Celtic Hall  
A special note of thanks to the Turkish Cultural  
Center Albany which is located in Menands and  
their Executive Director Veyssel Ucan.**



Sperling, formerly the Director of the Center for Universal Education, GCE-US has grown into a thriving and diverse coalition with more than 60 member organizations across the country working together to increase awareness of the need for Education for All.



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Tickets are \$8. and can be purchased through the Linda's website, <http://tinyurl.com/qdy3sp2> or by calling (518) 465-5233 ext. 4

### 2014 Greek Festival

St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church  
440 Whitehall Road, Albany, NY  
Call 489-4442 for more info



3 Days

Friday May 16th to Sunday May 18th  
\$3 Admission fee,  
Children under 12 free  
Includes free raffle ticket and commemorative booklet  
Rain or Shine – Indoor accommodations and large tent  
Free Parking  
Extra parking at Center for Disability Services with free shuttle service

### Irish American Heritage Museum



### 15th Annual Irish Golf Classic!

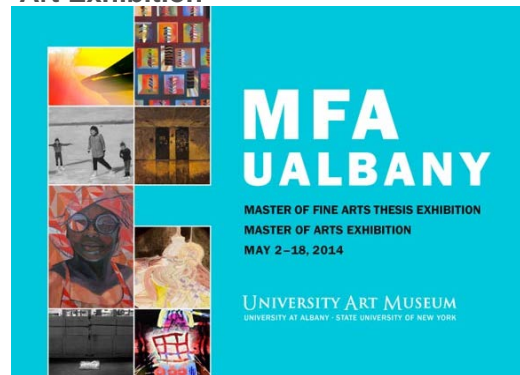
The Museum's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Joseph J. Dolan Jr. "Irish Golf Classic" fundraiser is Monday June 2 at the gorgeous Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany.

For more information:  
370 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207



### University at Albany Events

Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition/Master of Art Exhibition



May 2 through May 18, 2014  
Reception: Friday, May 9, 5 – 7 PM  
Expanded Commencement Hours:  
Saturday, May 17, 11 AM – 4 PM (Closed 1 – 3 PM for private reception);  
Sunday, May 18, 11 AM – 4 PM  
Where:

[University Art Museum Fine Arts Building](http://www.albany.edu/museum/20140502_mfa.shtml)

Cost:  
no charge  
See:

[http://www.albany.edu/museum/20140502\\_mfa.shtml](http://www.albany.edu/museum/20140502_mfa.shtml)

University-Community Symphony Orchestra  
Sunday, May 4 at 3pm  
\$6 general public / \$3 students, seniors &

(518) 427-1916

<http://irish-us.org/>

Wednesday - Friday: 11am - 4pm

Saturday - Sunday: 12pm - 4pm

Monday - Tuesday: CLOSED

**American Italian Heritage Museum**



**Italian Language Class**

We will offer an Italian language class with emphasis in teaching the fundamental grammatical rules, such as conjugation of verbs and orthography, and the syntactical principles involved in sentence structure.

**Class meetings: First and third Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 PM (May 7th, May 21st)  
Cost for the twelve classes is only \$30**

**Make a reservation! The instructor is Egidio Currenti, a native of Italy and a scholar in Italian culture..**

**For more information:  
American Italian Heritage Museum  
1227 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12205  
(518) 435-1979  
<http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org>**

**New Russian Cultural Center**



**For more information:  
<http://www.newrussiacenter.org/>**

**Turkish Cultural Center**

**For more information:  
<http://www.turkishculturalcenter.org/category/tcc-albany/>  
Turkish Cultural Center Albany  
291 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204**

**UAlbany faculty-staff - Main Theatre  
A group of students, faculty and community musicians present symphonic favorites under the direction of conductor Christopher Neubert.**

**The Sound of the Trumpets, the Roll of the Drums  
Monday, May 5 at 7pm  
\$6 general public / \$3 students, seniors & UAlbany faculty-staff - Main Theatre  
The University-Community Symphonic Band and the University Percussion Ensemble present a shared concert.**



**2 of our FLEX students enjoy sharing their culture**

**Host a U.S. Department of State-Sponsored Exchange Student**

***The International Center is seeking host families for high school exchange students from Eurasia who will arrive in August to spend an academic year in the Capital Region. Won't you consider opening your home to one of them?***

These promising young leaders live with American host families, attend high school, participate in extracurricular and community service activities, and give back to their host communities. These exchange students arrive as strangers, but leave as family. The benefits of hosting an exchange student go beyond simply welcoming someone new into your family's life and sharing American culture, values, and traditions - when you host an exchange student you welcome a new culture, a new language, and all the richness that comes with it into your home. Your family will be able to experience the world from the comfort of your own home, while showing a new life and culture to a student eager to see it.

## Updates On The Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX)



Albany FLEX students pictured here with Simon Norton, World Learning Youth Programs Director, preparing to leave for Brattleboro, VT for their Re-entry Workshop.



Earth Day beautification volunteer project in Albany's South End neighborhood. FLEX students Ariana and Diana worked at the Catherine St. park with other youth volunteers

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**Thank you(s)  
to our tremendous  
April Home Hospitality Hosts:**

- Robert and Ellen Bach
- Mary and Dan Berry
- Jean and Tony Gerbini
- Christine Guerin
- Camille and Kevin Jobin-Davis
- Yuri and Irina Khmelitsky
- Linda Larmon and Douglas Gulotty
- Ken Larsen and Leslie Thiele
- Andrey and Varvara Meshkov
- Brenda and Mike Mugits
- Mary and Steve Muller
- Meg O'Leary and Jordi Estevadeordal
- Stefanie and David Perez
- Chip and Kathy Rowan

*If you are Interested - Please call the office (518) 708-7608.*

### Home Hospitality



Two International Visitors from Iraq enjoying Home Hospitality at the home of ICCR member Meg O'Leary



Visitors from Armenia at the home of hosts Chip and Kathy Rowan



**ENJOY THE OLD RIVALRY**




on cool evening of  
**Saturday June 28, 2014**  
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[www.worldaffairscouncils.org](http://www.worldaffairscouncils.org)



Visitor from Armenia at the Meskhov's home with their daughter Eva

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**The National Council for  
International Visitors (NCIV)**

[www.nciv.org](http://www.nciv.org)



Check out our website!

[www.iccralbany.org](http://www.iccralbany.org)





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VOLUNTEERS!!!!**



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