

May 2016 Newsletter



THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER
OF THE CAPITAL REGION, INC.

**Cinco de Mayo
Mother's Day
Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Armed Forces Day
National Maritime Day
Memorial Day**

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

RECAP of Activities

TASTES of the World



Mike Gulotty, Chef Yono Purnomo, Gary McCann, Hon. Paula Mahan, Bob Huber, Diane Conroy-LaCivita and Bob Tangorre

**Wednesday, June 1st
U.S. Diplomacy Summit - Women's
Empowerment: Keys to Leadership
at the SAGE Albany Campus (with
lunch at Albany Law School)**



JUNE 1, 2016: ALBANY, NEW YORK

Women's Empowerment: Keys to Leadership

Please join us for **Diplomacy Begins Here: Albany!** The International Center of the Capital Region, the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts and Rochester Global Connections, in partnership with Global Ties U.S. and the U.S. Department of State are hosting a diplomacy summit in Albany on Wednesday, June 1.

The theme for the day is **Women's Empowerment: Keys to Leadership**. Together, we will celebrate the critical role that public and citizen diplomacy programs play in building a more peaceful, knowledgeable, and prosperous world at home and abroad.



Connect with the Local Globally-Minded Community

The Summit will bring local, regional, and national leaders from cross-cutting fields together. Foster better connections with businesses; local government; international exchange, development, and education NGOs; and the U.S. Department of State.



Expand and Develop Your Skills

Participants in the Summit will deepen their understanding of U.S. public diplomacy and foreign policy. It will shine a spotlight on the importance of international exchange programs and the abundance of strong local community resources within our region.

This Diplomacy Summit is made possible with generous support from:



Learn more and register at GlobalTiesUS.org/DiplomacyBeginsHere

(FLYER)

Mondays, May 9, June 13 and July 11,



Veysel Ucan, Rafi the Singing Jeweler and Gary McCann



Jeremy Stanton from Fire Roasted Catering



Dave Swift, Chef Anand "AJ" Jayapal and Chef Yono Purnomo

6:00 – 8:00 PM
Upcoming Three-part 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. The cost for the three-part series is \$60 for ICCR members and \$75 for not-yet members. Spaces are limited. To reserve your spot please call the International Center at (518) 708-7608.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016, 6:00 PM
Panel Discussion

Countering Violent Extremism

Venue: William K Sanford Town Library,
 629 Albany Shaker Rd, Colonie
 Free and Open to the Public Violent
 extremism poses a threat to worldwide



ICCR intern Isis Maldonado and ICCR Volunteer Carolyn Woods

Russian Cooking Class

Final Class of Russian Cooking and Culture Series Held

On April 12, Russian Cooking Instructor Tanya Deptola taught her last class of the series.

Once again the food prepared by the group was delicious.



Instructor Tanya Deptola is the 3rd from the left

security, and countering it should be a priority.

The International Center of the Capital Region and the Turkish Cultural Center Albany will be organizing Panel on countering violent extremism. The keynote speaker will be Hasan ARSLAN, Professor of Criminal Justice at Pace University. He is a specialist in terrorism and extremism.

June 4 – 19, 2016 ICCR is Seeking Both Mentors and Home Hosts for New Initiative



The 2016 Young Transatlantic Innovation Leadership Initiative (YTILI)

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 will spend three weeks in the United States working at host institutions (NGOs, 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 will be assigned a mentor and have the opportunity to participate in the day-to-day operations of American organizations and benefit from job-shadowing and professional interaction with their American peers. ICCR will be seeking individuals in the Capital Region willing to serve as mentors and home hosts for this program.

International Groups Confirmed to Visit thus far in 2016:

June 4 – 19
Young Transatlantic Innovation Leadership Initiative – Azerbaijan, Croatia, Czech Republic, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine



**June 5 - 8
Investigating Judicial and
Prosecutorial Misconduct – Kosovo**

**June 9 – 14
Environmental Protection and
Biodiversity Conservation
A Multi-Regional Project**

**June 22 – 24
Women’s Empowerment – Turkey**

**June 25 – July 2
OPEN WORLD
(U.S. Congress sponsored)
Ukraine**



Lets go METS!

Atlanta at Mets



AFTERNOON GAME
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
Cost: \$87
(Field level seats)



Includes:
Transportation on Deluxe and AC Video Bus
Games, Lots of Prizes on the bus,
Lunch with Beverages, Game tickets, Movies and Lots of Fun!

**Join the fun. Bring your Family and friends
Call (518) 371-3737 now, to reserve your place!**



These tickets will sell out fast
so call ASAP!

**"10% given to the members and
friends of ICCR"**

**The New Russia Cultural Center has
launched a Capital Campaign to
purchase its own facility**



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Combating High Level Public
Corruption**



The New Russia Cultural Center starts a Capital Campaign to raise \$159,000 needed to purchase its own facility located at 1550 Broadway, Rensselaer NY. Following the building acquisition and renovation, the Center will conduct various operations to foster the underlying theme of a Russian-American cultural center. The building will house local and international artists, accommodate educational and cultural programming and special events, such as the Russian language and art school, drama studio, teens club, book club, women's club, art workshops, exhibitions, lectures, dance, cooking classes, events observing major holidays, poetry readings and film screenings. The building includes a Concert hall, Exhibition/Ballroom /Banquet hall, 3 classrooms, kitchen, and the meeting room.

New Russia Cultural Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization: donations are tax deductible. Gifts of all sizes are welcome and greatly appreciated. Donations maybe send to the New Russia Cultural Center by mail to:
New Russia Cultural Center PO Box
2383 Scotia, NY 12302
Donations can be made online at <http://www.newrussiacycenter.org/capital-campaign-2016>

**Upcoming Calendar of Events for
American-Italian Heritage Museum
1227 Central Avenue, Albany, NY
(located in the Town of Colonie)**
<http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org>

Wednesday, May 4th - 7:00pm:
Briscola/Scopa Card Group

Wednesday, May 4th - 1:00pm: Practice
your Italian

Saturday, May 7th - Starts - 10:00 am -
Tentative date for Annual Garage Sale

Tuesday, May 10th - 1:00pm: Book Club

Wednesday, May 18th - 1:00pm: Practice
your Italian

Thursday, May 19th - 7:00pm: Monthly
Meeting & Cultural Presentation

Friday, May 20th - 6:30pm: Pizza and
Movie Night

Wednesday, May 11:00am: Coffee &
Discussion (Memorial Day theme)

**Seanachie Evenings at the Irish
American Heritage Museum**

The visitors enjoy a themed party at their hotel Staybridge Suites with ICCR volunteers Larry White (left) and Debbie Huber (right)

W e l c o m e

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

Michael Fondacaro – household
Nony Melia – household
Deborah Richards – household

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
THANK YOU!!!**

**We so appreciate your dedication and
assistance during the month of April**

***“If the world had more people like you
it would be a better place.”***

**Thank you to Membership Chair Manoj
Ajmera!**

Manoj Ajmera, Kathryn Bamberger, Christopher Baynes, Robert Bullock, Hilary Claggett, Joan Dembinski, Andrea DeRocco, Kathy Dorn, Fred Erlich, Robert Frazier, Tom Gallagher, Paul Grondahl, Mike Gulotty, Bridget Holohan-Scally, Bob Huber, John Justino, Joe Kehlm, Jane LaCivita Clemente, Cat LaCivita, Joe LaCivita, Isis Maldonado, W. Gary McCann, Hon. John McDonald, Hon. Jack McEneny, Diane Morgan, Mike Mugits, Hon. Michael O'Brien, Yono Purnomo, Pam Rowley, Maryellen Rudolph, Rex Smith, Hon. David Soares, Greg Stapleton, Rafi Topalian, Veysel Ucan, Richard Vitkay, Carol Whittaker, Larry White, Carolyn Woods, and John Woods

**An Extra-Special THANK YOU to all
those who presented at
the 3rd Annual TASTES of the World**

**The Albany Pump Station
Amber Tyan
Bake for You
Linda Kindlon, Proprietor**

**Stories of Spring's Green, and
Surprises: Claire Beetleston and Lee
Ellen Marvin
May 13, 7 PM**

Claire Beetleston from Cooperstown and Lee Ellen Marvin from Ithaca combine a range of interests of life and story, to bring charm and insight into their tales, and performances. Claire Beetleston was born into a creative family, who were professionals yet thrived on avocations in the arts, music and literature. She's following in their footsteps! The mother of five, she has been a docent to a tropical zoo, a dancer, and an art impresario. Dr.

Beetleston is a practicing specialist physician and calls Cooperstown, NY or Argyllshire Scotland (home).



She has traveled through Europe, Africa, and Asia listening along the way. Dr. Beetleston has collected stories and legends, specializing in international folktales, making sure to create a few of her own. Lee Ellen Marvin has devoted over 30 years to understanding storytelling from all angles. Her journey began in Boston, Massachusetts as a producer for a children' radio program heard on NPR and went on to producing storytelling conferences, festivals, and concert series, performances of a wide range of materials, and study. In her performance she'll feature "The Three Wise Women" and will weave traditional Irish folklore with oral histories of Irish-American women, seeking connections between everyday life, the heartbreak an adventure of immigration an the themes of fairytales. She holds a Ph.D. in Folklore and Folk life, and is currently is the Director of the education program for Suicide Prevention & Crisis Service of Tompkins County, where she uses storytelling to start conversations about difficult subjects.

Seanachie Eves will run from January through May on the second Friday of each month.

Brookview Station Winery
Karen Gardy, Director of Marketing
The Century House
Chef Eric Bolton
Chefs Consortium
Chef Rebecca Joyner
Fire Roasted Catering
Jeremy Stanton
Normanside Country Club
Chef Ken Ruud
R & G Cheesemakers
Sean O'Connor, Proprietor
Red Lion Inn
Chef Brian Alberg
Restaurant Navona
Chef Mike Niccoli
Swifty's Restaurant and Pub
Dave Swift
and
Chef Anand "AJ" Jayapal
Yono's Restaurant
Chef Yono Purnomo
and
Chef Joan Dembinski

The admission cost is as follows: for
Members of IAHM \$5/person
\$12/Family; Non Members \$10/person,
\$25 family- Reservations suggested
please call (518) 427-1916. All
performances will take place in the
Museum's Trustco Bank Gallery and
Hogarty Family Exhibition Hall.
Seanachie Eves at the Irish American
Heritage Museum is sponsored by
Berkshire Bank.

A Quote Worth Noting...

*"Here are the values I stand for:
honesty, equality, kindness,
compassion, treating people the
way you want to be treated and
helping those in need. To me, those
are traditional values.*

Ellen DeGeneres



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colleagues!

**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING
FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!**



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