

OCTOBER 2016 Newsletter



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

**Rosh Hashanah (Oct 3)
Columbus Day (Oct 10)
Native Americans Day (Oct 10)
Yom Kippur (Oct 12)
Diwali (Oct 29)
Halloween (Oct 31)**

**Welcome!
Allow us to introduce ICCR's New
Board President
Robert E. Bullock**



Robert Bullock is the principal assistant to the director of the Rockefeller Institute for major support in managing overall day-to-day Institute operations. Areas of responsibility include, but are not limited to; strategic planning, budgeting, human resources, marketing and communications, general management, and program development and implementation. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Bullock served as the director of institutional advancement for the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park and president of the New York State Archives Partnership Trust in Albany. In addition, he is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel. Mr. Bullock holds a bachelor of arts from SUNY Potsdam and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Welcome ICCR's Fall Intern!

WE NEED YOU!

What better way to interact with international visitors than through a meal?

Home hospitality allows you to make deeper connections by hosting an international delegation at your home for dinner.

Currently, there are many dinner hosting opportunities available.

To learn about upcoming opportunities to be a dinner or cultural host, please contact Diane at (518) 708-7608.

UPCOMING ICCR

CULINARY/ CULTURE PROGRAMS

CALL TO REGISTER (518) 708-7608

**October 4, Tuesday, 6 - 8 PM
Italian Classics Made Simple**

Learn, laugh and eat with Jane LaCivita Clemente as we prepare the ever-popular Italian macaroni dish, Fettuccini Alfredo and create the "perfect" pizza. Explore the simplicity of cooking 2 unique entrees, believed to be very labor intensive. At the conclusion of the interactive class, we will partake in our meal.

**October 19, Wednesday, 6 - 8 PM
Pierogi Passion**

With Kazia and Diane, we will explore the versatile pierogi. Come and prepare three unique versions of pierogis that will surprise even your Polish guests.

**November 15, Tuesday, 6 - 8 PM
Short Cut To Nirvana**

Explore Indian cuisine with Chef A.J. as he brings his passion for the unique combination of spices and flavors that he enjoyed in India.

**December 6, Tuesday, 6 - 8 PM
Christkindlesmarkt**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Brought back by popular demand, join Chief Kurt Vincent for an entertaining evening of sampling, power point presentation and instruction of the fabulous Christmas Markets of the quaint city of Nuremberg, Germany. The enticing smells of mulled wine and gingerbread fill the air.

Upcoming International



Please help us welcome our fall semester intern Brooke from Shenendehowa High School. She is a senior and is very much looking forward to learning about world cultures.

Recap: September International Visitors to the Capital Region

Russia
Agricultural Journalism
Albany Portion:
September 28 – 30, 2016



Tom DellaRocco from the NYS Department Ag. & Markets (center left) and Tom Gallagher from Cornell Cooperative Extension (center right) meet with the group to provide an overview of the NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets and its role in supporting and regulating agriculture in the State.

Visitors Coming to the Capital Region

Cultural Heritage Preservation	Afghanistan	10/05/16 - 10/08/16
Global Government-to-Government Partnership (G3P)	Japan	11/06/16 - 11/08/16



Community Events
(Oct 2016)

45th Annual Festival of Nations
Sun, October 23, 2016

12:00 PM (Noon) to 5:00 PM

**Where: Empire State Plaza Convention Center
 Albany, NY**

Cost: Adults \$5, Children (3-12) \$2

www.festivalofnations.net/?p=287

The 44th Annual Albany Festival of Nations represents 23 different countries, with each country celebrating their culture through food, crafts and performances. The festival is presented by ethnic groups from Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Burma, China, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Korea, Liberia, Lithuania, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Russia, Scotland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine.

Book Talk

[Beirut on the Bayou: Alfred Nicola, Louisiana, and the Making of Modern Lebanon](#)

The State University of New York, SUNY Press, and the Rockefeller Institute of Government cordially invite you to an author conversation, book signing and



Our Russian visitors take a well-deserved break on the Million Dollar Staircase in the NYS Capitol after a meeting with NYS Assemblyman John McDonald.

**France
21st Century Agriculture and
Communication Strategy
Albany Portion:
September 25 – 29, 2016**

The programmatic themes assigned to Albany included State level initiatives and regulatory actions, reporting on Agriculture and food production in today's society and Agri-tourism.



An evening of Home hospitality with volunteers and staff of ICCR. French participant Helene Sauvage, Ph.D. is pictured on the far right. US DOS Liaison Aggie Kuperman is pictured in the center.



Assemblywoman Pat Fahy (second from left) took the time to meet with our French visitor to discuss the NYS budget, support of agriculture from the state and NGO perspective, and current issues with ethics and transparency. ICCR Board Member and

reception for [Beirut on the Bayou: Alfred Nicola, Louisiana, and the Making of Modern Lebanon](#) with author [Raif Shwayri](#) on Tuesday, October 25, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, 411 State Street, Albany, New York. The conversation will be led by James Ketterer, director of the Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program and dean of international studies at Bard College.

Beirut on the Bayou intertwines a family narrative with the story of a people, of Lebanon in the making. From the Fertile Crescent that was Syria to the Crescent City that is New Orleans, the saga of the Shwayri family reflects the experiences of those Lebanese who walked the path of immigration to the United States, as well as those who stayed behind ---- or returned ---- to help forge a nation.

Raif Shwayri begins his family's story with his grandfather's arrival at Ellis Island in 1902. Having left Beirut only weeks before, Habib Shwayri was given the name Alfred Nicola at Ellis Island, and set off immediately for New Orleans in search of family members who had arrived several years earlier. There he began peddling down the Bayou Lafourche, making friends along the way. He continued to peddle for the next 18 years in the harshest conditions, sending money home to family, keeping them alive. When he returned to Lebanon in 1920, he invested the money he had made in real estate and died a wealthy man in 1956. Raif's father, Nadim Shwayri, used his inheritance to fund the establishment of the Al-Kafaat Foundation, an iconic and unique institution that serves the disabled and socioeconomically disadvantaged populations in Lebanon. Raif never had the privilege of meeting his grandfather, but in writing Beirut on the Bayou he set out on a quest to learn more about the man who had such an incredible impact on Lebanese history. His fascinating book tells not only the story of Nicola, but also the history of a people and the making of modern Lebanon.

To register, contact Michele Charbonneau at michele.charbonneau@rockinst.suny.edu or by calling (518) 443-5258.

***With Heartfelt Thanks
Please join us for ICCR's End of the
Year Appreciation Reception***

program escort Tom Gallagher is pictured on the left.

Brazil
Youth Outreach through Baseball
Albany Portion:
September 20-23, 2016

Although soccer is considered the national sport, baseball's popularity has grown substantially throughout Brazil and more and more Brazilians have shown a great deal of enthusiasm to learn about the game. Numerous amateur teams have developed throughout Brazil and a competitive, nationwide system of leagues has taken hold.



Brazilian Participant Roberto Fudio Mizushima (left) talks baseball with Albany Police Athletic League Executive Director Sergeant (Ret.) Leonard Ricchiuti.



The Group visited Joe Bruno Stadium in Troy and met with Tri-City Valley Cats General Manager Matt Callahan (center).



Our volunteers and resources are the key to our success. Your assistance makes the world a smaller place.

Thursday, November 3rd, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 PM

at the American Italian Heritage Museum, 1227 Central Avenue, Albany, NY.

RSVP to (518) 708-7608 or
info@iccralbany.org

THANK YOU

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

For those in our community who have assisted with programs this past month, we are tremendously appreciative. We could have done it without you! These wonderful individuals include:

Sgt. Bob Barrett, Dan and Mary Berry, Laura Bierman, Robert Brehm, Matt Callahan, Camilla Campisi, Jim Church, Jane LaCivita Clemente, Debbie and Tim Close, John Conklin, Thomas Connolly, Jean Paul Cortens, Bob Craig, Veronica Cruz, PhD, Christopher Dawson, Tom DellaRocco, Mike DiCrescenzo, Lt. Rob Donnelly, Blaine Drescher, Joanne Dwyer, Ray Dykeman, Bill Farrell, Helen and Eddy Farrell, Hon. Pat Fahy, Jim Feldman, Sarah Fiess, Rifat Filkins, Bob Freeman, Sean Gahagan, Tom Gallagher, Caroline Gold, Gary and Deborah Goldstein, Laura V. Gonzalez-Murphy, PhD, Sarah Gray Miller, Sharon and Bill Harold, Matt Hazzard, Stephanie Hazzard, Penny Hill, Dr. Jere



Looking onto the field from one of the dugouts at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown. Richard Reiter, the Consul General of U.S. Consulate in Brazil is pictured on the far left.

**Pakistan
Forensic Sciences
Albany Portion:
September 20 – 22, 2016**

The objectives for the project included looking at law enforcement procedures and training related to investigate evidence collections, exploring new biometric and forensic technologies and to become acquainted with the judiciary processes, forensic data collecting and document archiving.



ACCF Chief Brian Mooney is presented with a plaque from one of the Pakistani visitors for the group's appreciation to have had the opportunity to tour the Albany County Correctional Facility.

Hochman, Diane Irwin, Susan Jagedorf, Quentin Jensen, Hon. Kathy Jimino, Jeff Jones, Jessica Kaszeta, Prof. Gary Kleppel, Joe LaCivita, Prof. Barbara LaMarche, Laurel Logan-King, Michael Lyons, Hon. Patrick Madden, Bruce Markusen, Hon. John McDonald, Ken Meifert, Chief Brian Mooney, Craig Muder, Michael Nardolillo, James Niedermeier, Casey O'Connor, Dr. Omayra Padilla De Jesus, PhD, David T. Pelchar, Natasha Pernicka, Sergeant (Ret.) Leonard Ricchiuti, Brendan Roberts, Gregg Sagor, Detective Lieutenant Howard Schechter, Jon Shestakofsky, Blair Smith, Mike Spain, Greg Stapleton, Erik Strohl, Julie Suarez, Bob Tangorre, Peter TenEyck, Linda Waxman Finkle, Mark Weinheimer, Paula Weiss, Bob Wolfgang, Deputy Chief Michael D. Woods, Gail Wrieden, Kate Ziehm, Rick Zimmerman...

A Quote Worth Noting...

"In a world where war is everybody's tragedy and everybody's nightmare, diplomacy is everybody's business."



LORD STRANG, attributed, The Practice of Diplomacy: Its Evolution, Theory, and Administration



ICCR's Treasurer, Bob Tangorre (pictured on left), who escorted the delegation during part of their stay in Albany, is presented with both a Sindhi cap and scarf by a member of the group

**Israel
Building Government Capacity for
Municipal Leaders
Albany Portion:
September 11 - 15, 2016**



Bob Freeman, Executive Director on Open Government, NYS Department of State (third from right) spoke to the visitors on open government laws and concepts.



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All the delegates helped host an Israeli Cooking and Culture Class at the Jewish Community Center in Albany. With over twenty in the audience who were instructed how to prepare several dishes, all present shared good food and company.



A highlight of the Israeli group's Albany program was an evening activity with participants and parents of Children at the Well. The children did a tremendous job sharing their stories and answering questions from the visitors. Paula Weiss, Executive Director of Children at the Well is pictured on the far right.

Columbia
Innovation Science and Technology
Education in the U.S.
Albany Portion:
September 8 – 11, 2016



The participants visited HVCC Tech Smart in Saratoga County to meet with administration and faculty, as well as tour their state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories that are used to train the workforce in semiconductor manufacturing and green technologies. (pictured with delegates: Laurel Logan-King, Ballston Spa Central School District (fourth from left) Diane Irwin, Ballston Spa Central School District (fourth from right) and Associate Dean, TEC-Smart Penny Hill (third from right))

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We Need You...





Meeting with representatives from the Governor's staff on the second floor of NYS Capitol (pictured with delegates: Jere Hochman, Deputy Secretary of Education (far left) and Caroline Gold, NYS Excelsior Fellow (center))

Please consider becoming a member of the International Center.



The International Center of the Capital Region Needs You

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 committee 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 info@iccralbany.org.

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