

# SEPTEMBER 2016 Newsletter



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

## **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.

**VJ Day (09/02)  
Labor Day (09/05)  
International Literacy Day (09/08)  
Patriot Day (09/11)  
Grandparents Day (09/11)  
September 911 Remembrance Day  
Uncle Sam Day (09/13)  
Mexican Independence Day (09/16)  
International Peace Day (09/21)  
National Good Neighbor Day (09/28)  
Hispanic Heritage Month**

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

***U.S. – Pakistan Global Leadership and STEM Program  
Pakistan  
July 24-August 9, 2016***



**Pakistani Group Members pose on the steps of the Million Dollar Staircase during their tour of the NYS Capitol.**



**The Visitors have their photo taken on the first floor of Albany City Hall during a tour of the structure.**

## **UPCOMING ICCR**

### **CULINARY/ CULTURE PROGRAMS**

**CALL TO REGISTER (518) 708-7608**  
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**September 13, Tuesday, 6 - 8 PM  
Israel Cooking with our Israeli Visitors**  
Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet and share culture, customs and cuisine with our Israeli guests. They will prepare their popular recipes. Afterwards, we will partake in sampling the delicious entrees.

**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



Just prior to their departure to New York City, the Group Members pose in front of the Albany home, the Staybridge Suites.

Meridian custom-tailored the U.S.-Pakistan Global Leadership and STEM Program's curriculum to blend the study of global leadership with an immersive Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education immersion component. The group of women engaged in a global leadership skills training program in Washington, D.C., as well as leadership and cultural activities in Albany and New York City.

**Art As A Vehicle For Community And Economic Development**  
**UNESCO (France) - India & Nigeria**  
**August 3-7, 2016**



UNESCO group at Albany Barn- a place for artists to live, work, and inspire



The Visitors had an opportunity to meet Stephanie Blythe, American mezzo-soprano, whom they met at the Glimmerglass Festival in Cooperstown.

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**  
**Visitors Coming**  
**to the Capital Region**

STEM	Colombia	09/08/16 - 09/11/16
Building Gov't Capacity for Municipal Leaders	Israel	09/11/16 - 09/15/16
Forensic Science	Pakistan	09/20/16 - 09/22/16
Youth Baseball	Brazil	09/20/16 - 09/23/16
21st Century Agriculture and Communication Strategy	France	09/25/16 - 09/29/16
Agricultural Journalism	Russia	09/28/16 - 09/30/16
Cultural Heritage Preservation	Afghanistan	10/05/16 - 10/08/16



**Community Events**  
**(Sept-Oct 2016)**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Italy Street Fest**  
**Sat, Sept 10, 2016**

**12:00 PM (Noon)- 9:00 PM**

**Where: Little Italy, North Jay St., Schenectady, NY**

**Cost: FREE Admission**

A taste of Italy right in the heart of Schenectady - introducing the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Schenectady Little Italy Street Fest!** Featuring some of Schenectady's most well-known Italian bakeries, restaurants, pastry and spumoni shops.

**Hispanic Heritage Celebration**  
**Sat, Sept 10, 2016**

**5:00 PM- 10:00 PM**

**Where: Empire State Plaza Albany NY**

**Cost: FREE Admission**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with



The Visitors met with several members of the Albany Wine and Dine for the Arts Festival committee and were treated a fabulous lunch prepared by Chef Yono Purnomo, who also serves on ICCR's Board of Directors. Here they are pictured outside of Yono's Restaurant on Chapel Street in Albany.

The project brought up two up and coming professional women in the fields of production, artistic administration, filmmaking and the performing arts from India and Nigeria and introduced them to arts management as a vehicle for sustainable development in the U.S. These visitors attended meetings and events such as Albany Barn, Yono's Restaurant -Wine & Dine for the Arts, and Glimmerglass Festival.

**Women Capacity Building and Entrepreneurship  
Nigeria  
July 31-Aug 3, 2016**



The Visitors had a personal tour of the Times Union given by George Hearst III, Publisher.



this tribute to Latin culture. Rich in tradition, the Hispanic community comes together in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center for a colorful pageantry of live music, dance, food, and family friendly activities. The festival will also feature performances by DJ Boy Boy, Luis Damon, and Judy Torres.  
**Schedule:**

- 5:00pm DJ Boy Boy
- 5:45pm Luis Damon
- 7:15pm Judy Torres
- 8:30pm Michael Stuart

**Irish 2000 Festival**  
Fri, Sept 16- Sat, Sept 17, 2016  
Fri (5:00 PM-11:00 PM) & Sat (12:30 PM-11:00 PM)  
Where: Saratoga County Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa, NY  
Cost: Friday: \$16 advance, \$20 gate; Saturday: \$18 advance, \$25 gate; 2-Day Pass: \$29 advance only

The 20th annual Irish 2000 Festival returns for 2016, once again offering a unique line up of Irish music including everything from Celtic punk and jam music to traditional and everything in between. The celebration welcomes more than 20 acts and has been ranked one of the **top five festivals of its kind in the U.S. Bring the kids along!** There will be a Celtic Kids area featuring rides and games from Green Mountain Amusements, Celtic Critters, and a variety of other fun for the youngest members of your family.

For more information and lineup:  
<http://www.albany.com/event/irish-2000-festival-48500/>

**Capital Cinema Cultural Exchange**  
Thurs, Sept 22- Sun, Sept 25, 2016  
Where: The LINDA,  
339 Central Ave.  
Albany, NY 12206  
Cost: Single Tickets & All Access Passes  
ICCR Sponsored  
[www.cinemaexchange.org](http://www.cinemaexchange.org)

**LarkFEST**  
Sat, Sept 24, 2016  
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Where: Lark St. Albany, NY  
Cost: FREE Admission  
LarkFEST is Upstate NY's largest one-day street festival. The event features hundreds of vendors and two stages of music with both local and national headlining musical acts. Lark street will be filled with local artisans, food and drink stands and fun for the whole family!

**45<sup>th</sup> 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  
<http://festivalofnations.net/?p=287>

The Visitors had a very productive meeting with the founder of Tidy Tots Diapers, Sandra Beck (third from left), as well as NYS ESD Representative Kathryn Bamberger (third from right)



The Group traveled down the thruway to Athens to meet with Donna Williams, President and Founder of Fields Goods (pictured third from right).

This program explored State government support and legislation for women's entrepreneurial business development across the U.S. These women attended meetings with focus on local female-owned business and encouragement of entrepreneurial business such as Times Union, NYS Assemblywomen Pat Fahy, Tara's Kitchen, Field Goods, SCORE and even NYS ESD (Empire State Development).



World Affairs

Councils of America

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**GLOBALTIES > U.S.**

AT THE CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE  
Global Ties U.S. is a network of over 100 nonprofit organizations across 44 states and 13 countries that connect leaders in U.S. communities with leaders from all around the world.

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The International Center of the Capital

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.

**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:

Kathryn Bamberger, Sandra Beck, Angela Beddoe, Debra Bell, Stephanie Blythe, Holly Brown, Mike Camoin, James Carriero, Amra Catovic, Jane LaCivita Clemente, Joan Desens, Tom Evans, Hon. Pat Fahy, Donald Finney, Dennis Gaffney, Tom Gallagher, Jennifer Gish, George Hearst III, Prof. Kathy High, Kristen Holler, Lawrence Krause, Andrea Lyons, Hon. John McDonald, Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill, Prof. Branda Miller, Ken Moore, Heidi Pasos, Steve Pierce, Donna Purnomo, Chef Yono Purnomo, Aneesa Waheed (and her fabulous dad), Donna Williams, Bob Wolfgang, and Francesca Zambello...

**A Quote Worth Noting...**

**"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."**

*Aristotle*



**Check out our website!**

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



### 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](mailto:info@iccralbany.org).

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