



Interfaces

Providing Services to International College Students & Department of State Visitors

**Rochester International Council
Picnic for Members & Friends**

**Saturday, June 18, 3:30-6:30
South Lodge, Powder Mills Park, Pittsford**

Please join us for a potluck picnic to thank you for all your contributions to RIC during the year.

Connect with old friends and meet new ones.

Bring the whole family! Bring your friends!

Feel free to bring your outdoor folding chairs.

Please bring a dish to pass
Food served at 4:30

RSVP BY June 14 to Clemencia Batman at cdelosrios@yahoo.com with the total number of attendees and if you can help set up or break down the facilities.

Powder Mills Park is at 154 Park Road in Pittsford, NY. Full directions at www.rifc.org.
www.rifc.org ♦ (585) 275-8779 ♦ jw@rifc.org ♦ 229 Morey Hall ♦ University of Rochester

54th Annual Awards Dinner



The 54th Annual RIC Awards Dinner was held on Sunday, May 1 at Gatherings at the Daisy Flour Mill. Long-time RIC members, new members, and guests conversed during the social hour while enjoying the music of Al Biles and GenJam. Following the delicious international buffet, the following awards were presented:

Outstanding Volunteer Award for Service to Jean Sikora for her contributions to the International Visitor Leadership Program by providing home hospitality and driving participants on a frequent basis.

Outstanding Volunteer Award for Service to Linda O'Connor for her work as Layout Editor of Interfaces. Her fast work, attention to detail, flexibility,

amazing MS Word skills, and patience with all of our last minute additions and changes contribute greatly to our publication.

Outstanding Volunteer Award for Leadership to Clemencia Delosrios-Batman for her contributions to the Membership Committee. To help sustain RIC by getting new and younger community members involved, she and her friends started an outreach international book club, open to members and non-members alike. They meet each month, and over time the club gets to know more about RIC, which has resulted in four new RIC members.

The next two awards were very moving to the audience. Both Fred Ingalls and Peggy Fleming passed away during the past year and will be missed by RIC and the numerous students they have befriended and made part of their families. May Crowley Award to Fred and Jean Ingalls for their decades of support to RIC. They gifted uncountable hours of time and energy to RIC, hosting students and international visitors in their home, preparing meals for events, volunteering as chaperones, and taking students and international visitors from Niagara Falls to Watkins Glen or wherever there was something exciting and interesting to be seen. They also gifted furniture and transported it for students wherever it was needed.

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President's Corner

Dear Members and Friends,

May is my favorite time of year in Rochester when there is a new beginning, a fresh start. Nature opens up with all its beauty. As I write this letter, the petals are drifting off the trees onto the sidewalk creating a soft pink carpet as spring flowers blossom all around.

I look forward to another year as President of the RIC Board. Just as the rebirth of nature, I anticipate increased membership, increased funding sources and new activities and events. Our first event will be a Picnic for Members and Friends on June 18.

In reviewing 2010-2011, we had many successful accomplishments:

- The new program Student to Student: Creating a Globally Competent Society was highly praised by staff and students at Rochester Early College International High School where it took place.
- Clemencia Delosrios-Batman started an International Book Club that is bringing in new members to RIC.
- Audra Dion worked on all the student events.
- Mary DeLaney Hale, Lilli Holdgaard Jensen, Tanya Schueler-Choukairi, and Ellen Zuroski provided a variety of International Insights Programs.
- Sonja Phongsavanh and Lisa Larson Read lead the membership committee in new initiatives.
- Other activities and board members who participated include Jessica Clawson and Ellen Zuroski for the Wine Tasting; Audra Dion and Lisa Larson Read on the Awards Program at the Annual Dinner.
- Harriette Royer and Ellen Zuroski wrote the first Performance Appraisal for the RIC Executive Director.
- At the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, chaired by Doreen Smethurst, the board reduced its size to improve board efficiency.
- A special note of appreciation is for Josh Barrett, our treasurer who helped the Board understand how to strive for fiscal responsibility.
- Judy Weinstein and I represented RIC on the steering committee for the Rochester Summit on Global Citizen Diplomacy which was an exemplary program for the entire community.

I would like to thank everyone on the Board and other RIC members, including Jane Cole, International Women's Program; Linda O'Connor, Interfaces Layout Editor; and Hank and Sheila McLeod, Friendship Volunteer Coordinators; who worked together to keep Rochester International Council as the organization whose purpose is to establish ties of friendship, goodwill and understanding between local residents and international visitors and students.

Thanks also go to Judy Weinstein for her participation in all of the activities listed above. Best wishes for an enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you at RIC events and activities.

Sincerely,

Josephine M. Perini
President, RIC Board of Directors

New Members

Welcome to all those who joined RIC since last June 1. If you haven't already, please get involved – become a Friendship Volunteer, provide home hospitality to international visitors, come to a members' event, student event, or an International Insights program.

Gin & Steve Busack
Susan Hickey
Judy Goldstein
Claudia Gonzalez
Mr. & Mrs. John Groth-Juncker
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Haselkorn

Alice & Jim Hooper
Jeff Jozefski
Barbara Kruger
Michael Lebowitz & Leslie Berkowitz
Jo Anne Leegant
Rigmor Miller

Lena Ovcharov
Corinna Schlombs
Stephanie Smart
Deborah Valinzo

Rochester International Council Notices

Do you receive the Rochester International Council Notices? The notices are emailed to members about twice a month. They provide information of upcoming RIC events, international events in the community, requests for home hospitality hosts and drivers for international visitors, and other items of interest to members. If you don't receive our notices, call the RIC office so you can be added to the list. Some members have asked if students also receive the RIC Notices. Students for whom we have email addresses (that is, those who have applied for Friendship Volunteers or attended events) receive a separate RIC Notices that has information relevant to their interests.

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Mildred Feinbloom Award to Brian and Peggy Fleming for their volunteer commitment to RIC, spanning over 3 decades. They have hosted dozens of students throughout the years. Brian also served as a dedicated and active board member over different periods throughout these three decades of indelible service.

Outstanding Service to the International Visitor Leadership Program (individual) to Dr. Muhammad Shafiq, Executive Director of the Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue at Nazareth College. Dr. Shafiq made arrangements for numerous people to participate in the many meetings he held with the IVLP delegates. He also hosted many visitors for prayers, dinner, and dialogue at the Islamic Center.

Outstanding Service to the International Visitor Leadership Program (organization) to Nazareth College. President Daan Braveman accepted the award for the College which has provided professional meetings with many departments for almost 20 IVLP delegations since 2003.



The final presentation was the International Citizen Award to William and Joanne Cala. The Calas are the co-founders of Joining Hearts and Hands, a non-profit organization working to fight AIDS and poverty in Kenya. Joining Hearts and Hands is rebuilding schools and providing scholarships for orphaned children in the villages of the Lake Victoria area of Kenya. The Calas narrated photos of the projects of Joining Hearts and Hands, which range from building classrooms, kitchens, and lavatories, to providing shoes and economic assistance by creating IGLA (Income Generating Learning Activities) projects at each school site. Contributions by many Rochesterians enable them to provide high school scholarships.

Many thanks to Mary Ann (Cookie) Campbell for arranging the dinner and to the Awards Committee members and presenters Audra Dion, Lisa Larson Read, and Josephine M. Perini.

Member Events!

The Membership Committee is inviting you to the June 18th Members' Picnic in Powder Mills Park! Come to see old friends and meet new members. Feel free to bring anyone interested in getting to know people from around the globe. More information is on the front page.

We will be creating a series of new events next year and want to know if you will be interested in helping us! Please feel free to contact us, the Membership Committee (Clemencia Delosrios-Batman, Cookie Campbell, Claudia Castillo, Elisa Cockburn). You can send an email to Clemencia at cdelosrios@yahoo.com or call the office at 275-8779.

13th Annual Wine Tasting



Language Intelligence Attendees

The 13th Annual Wine Tasting, chaired by Jessica Clawson with assistance from Ellen Zuroski, was held once again at the elegant Strathallan Hotel. RIC members, friends, supporters, and wine lovers were in a festive mood as we tried a wonderful variety of wines,

generously donated by Marketview liquor and Century Pittsford Wines. The Strathallan provided a varied and unusual selection of cheeses, fruits, crackers, and desserts. Our volunteer pourers, Jessica Clawson, Audra Dion, Patricia Helfer, Jon Ramsey, Doreen Smethurst, and Ellen Zuroski, added to the liveliness of the evening, particularly Doreen and Pat, natives of England, with their tiaras (the Wine Tasting took place on March 29, the evening of the royal wedding).

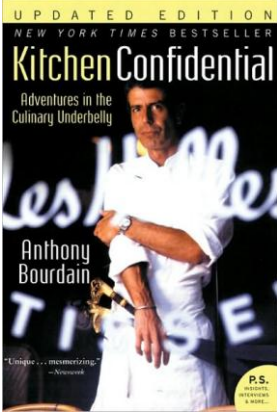
People lingered with their last glasses of wine, chatting, laughing and enjoying themselves until late into the evening. Business cards were exchanged and plans made for future

meetings. Thank you to our event sponsors, *Bailey, Carr, & Co.; Crane Point Communication; Egger & Leegant, and Language Intelligence, Ltd.* A great time was had by all, and we hope to see you next year!



Patricia Helfer & Doreen Smethurst

The International Book Club



The Rochester International Book Club started in November 2010 with four friends of the community and two RIC members. Right now, we have twelve members. We are a very international group; at the moment we have members from Sweden, Mexico, USA, Colombia, England and Peru. In addition, many of the ladies in the group have traveled, lived in other countries or are married to men from a different culture, so we have an incredible amount of

experiences and insights.

We meet once a month at members' homes. The host may offer coffee or tea and we try to keep it simple and fun. For the last meeting, we discussed a Peruvian book and the host offered us some exquisite Peruvian desserts. We all enjoy visiting each other's homes.

What We're Reading

For those who haven't made it to the International Book Club, you might be interested in learning about the books that were read and discussed. Here are two recent books. Please let us know what books with an international theme you've enjoyed to entice others to share your enthusiasm.

The book for the April meeting of the RIC International Book Club was *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See. It is a story of two Chinese sisters, and two cities. For those of us that have hosted students from China for many years it is a revelation of life in China, and for the Chinese in the U.S.

Shanghai in the 1930s, before the Japanese came, and before WWII began, was an amazing place. Known as the "Paris of the East," it was especially amazing for the sisters Pearl and May who are beautiful *Shanghai Girls*. They pose for portraits used to promote new and modern products to the prosperous and "modern" young of Shanghai. Their lives are pleasant and easy with little regard to those around them who lead horrific lives.

All that changes when, just as the Japanese invasion begins, their father tells them he has lost all of their money. The changes and events that follow make the story of how the girls end up in Los Angeles, more precisely Hollywood. The information about the entry of Chinese into the United States is relevant to events now. The stories of life in Chinatown, about the only place they could live, within the extended family are riveting. Always the girls are sisters first, though the differences in their lives are striking. The insights into life in those times seem to be very well researched by the author and it makes for a very interesting book.

Judy Kroon

For online video interview with the author see: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgPUhTYTiV0>

*Having grown up in Peru, I was thrilled to see that the group had selected a book from Peruvian Nobel Prize winner Mario Vargas Llosa: *Death in the Andes*. The book gave me an opportunity to talk about my country and my culture to all the women in the group. I believe that they all left with a better understanding of Peru, South America, and Latin America in general. I hope that this experience helped to spark an interest in them to visit Latin America at some point in the future.*

Elisa Cockburn

Student Events

Line Dance

RIC's tried and true annual Country Western Line Dance was held at the Brighton Town Park on February 18th. A large group of 40 or so students came together to eat chili, salad, and cornbread, and to be led through dance formations with Professor Terry May and his Line Dancing friends. They showed the students the basics, and then put the steps together into full-on dances. Students from all over the globe picked up this American classic dance style, and had themselves a proper hoe-down! The many gracious RIC volunteers that came brought all different types of chili for folks to try, as well as green salads, and cornbreads. So bellies were full, dancing shoes were on, and the music was playing well into the evening. Many thanks to all who came, donated food, and volunteered time with set up and take-down, especially Linda & Bernie O'Connor!! We look forward to another great Line Dance next year. **Audra Dion**

Thanksgiving



In addition to all the international students who celebrated Thanksgiving with their Friendship Volunteers, an additional eighty students and scholars were invited to join RIC members and friends in their homes for Thanksgiving. The students were very appreciative of the opportunity to be a part of this American tradition. At one home, a married couple who are both RIT students from Saudi Arabia and a Simon School student and his wife from Japan were delighted to discover that they were each expecting a baby in the next few weeks and were neighbors at Rustic Village. We would not have been able to serve all these students without the faculty and staff from the University of Rochester and Rochester Institute of Technology who graciously volunteer to host students. Next year, let your friends know of this wonderful way of adding meaning to Thanksgiving. **Judy Weinstein**

Frigid Fun!

This year RIC decided to venture away from the warm and cozy Cabin Party of years past, into the cold frozen landscape of the beautiful Mendon Ponds Park. A brave and adventurous group of international students and RIC volunteers came out to the event on the below-zero day. They came to watch Siberian Husky Dogsled Races, to try cross-country skiing, to go sledding, and to see what Rochester had to offer during the cold gray months of winter. It was snowing sideways at times, with the wind whipping in the faces of students and volunteers. It was surely a bonding experience for all those students and volunteers who were out there braving the elements. The Winter Fest had a lot to offer, and those students who went were glad to have gone and to have had the experience. Unfortunately, even visits to the warm lodges with food and hot beverages, didn't help some bear the cold. Therefore, a handful of volunteers and their groups of students escaped to the Panera Bread Company in the 12 Corners Plaza at the conclusion of the dog sled races. There the groups enjoyed delicious sandwiches, piping hot soups, hot chocolates, and coffees to help their bodies warm up. The conversations were lively, and new friendships were formed. While that group was relaxing at Panera, others continued to enjoy the Winterfest, learning to cross-country ski, observing knitting, and sledding.



We will likely try a different winter event next year, so please contact the office with any 'warmer' ideas that you might have!

Audra Dion

My roommate and I had a very good time in the Winterfest at Mendon Ponds Park:)

We drove about half an hour from University of Rochester to the Park, and arrived at about 11 am. There we found the Skiing Club, for free! It's the first time skiing for both my roommate and me, and we both had a great time!

Later we went to the nature center, and had a fantastic experience visiting the owls there. All the owls were somewhere injured and therefore protected by the center.

*Thanks very much for letting us know such a wonderful Winterfest!
Jingwen Zhang, a University of Rochester student*

Other Student Events

Other RIC events for students since the last issue of Interfaces included the popular trips to Cumming Nature Center for a Maple Sugar Tour and Pancake Breakfast and to Corning. Thanks to Terry May and Jessica Clawson for leading these events.

**Jessica
Clawson and
students at
Corning
Museum of
Glass**



Memorial Gifts



Since the last issue of Interfaces, we received additional gifts in memory Fred Ingalls from Jane Cole and Gayle and Kenneth Compton. We received contributions in memory of Peggy Fleming from Jane Cole, Udo Fehn and Christine Long, John Lynd, Mike and Lynne Fitzpatrick, and Donna Treat. We appreciate these contributions which will enable us to continue the work that was so integral to the lives of Fred and Peggy.

International Visitor Leadership Program

Seven delegations, which were in Rochester during March and April, are listed below along with the resources and the number of visitors and interpreters.

Saudia Arabia, Religious and Public Education, March 2-5, 2011, 10+3

Pittsford Mendon High School: Principal Karl Thielking, staff and students
 Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue at Nazareth College: President Daan Braveman, Nazareth College, and representatives of the Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue
 Rochester City School District: Jennifer Gkourlias, Executive Director, Social Studies, and RCSD staff
 State University of NY College of Brockport: Linda Balog, Executive Director of the Professional Education Unit; Douglas Scheidt, Dean of the School of Education; and staff
 Students for Interfaith Action, University of Rochester



Two delegates from Saudi Arabia are delighted at seeing their flag.

Haiti, Leadership Development for Women, March 9-13, 2011 7+2

Alternatives for Battered Women: Janine Lucas and Carolyn Washington
 Sojourner House: Tree Clemonds and Torsha Hawkins
 Planned Parenthood: James Stewart and Amy Hsi
 SAATHI: Shashi Sharma, M.D.; Ravi Sharma, M.D.; and Padmanabh Kamath, M.D.
 Susan B Anthony House
 The National Park Service Women's Rights National Historic Park, Seneca Falls
 Women's Interfaith Institute of Finger lakes
 National Women's Hall of Fame



Haiti - Leadership Development for Women - Women's Rights National Historic Park in Seneca Falls

Bosnia-Herzegovina, Local Government in the U.S., March 30-April 1, 2011, 6+2

Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council: David Zorn and Gregory Albert
 COMIDA: Lydia Birr
 City of Rochester Office of Public Integrity: Ted Wright
 Monroe County Department of Finance: Scott Adair
 Town of Irondequoit: Supervisor Mary Joyce D'Auruzio, Annie Sealy and Larry Heinger
 Center for Interfaith Studies & Dialogue at Nazareth College: President Daan Braveman, Nazareth College; Dr. Muhammad Shafiq, Executive Director, CISD; and Dr. George Eisen, Director, Center for International Education, Nazareth College
 Sister Cities International: Nancy Huppert, Global Envoy



Bosnia-Herzegovina - Local Government in the U.S.-Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue, Nazareth College

Bulgaria, Child Welfare and Adoption Issues, April 3-6, 2011, 4+2

Catholic Family Center: Anne Eichas, Kathryn Young, Nanette Pokalsky and Sally Partner
 Hillside Family of Agencies: Gregory Reynolds, Marjorie Montag, Mike Finn and Tess Mahnken-Weatherspoon
 Bivona Child Advocacy Center: Anna Potter and Robert Way, New York State Child Protective Services
 Family Court Judge Joseph Nesser and law clerk Galo Proano
 Rochester Police Dept, Family and Crisis Intervention Team: Elias Lopez
 Children Awaiting Parents: Mark Soule
 Gregory Franklin, Esq., Attorney
 Family with adopted child: Loren Gifford-Skizim, Gregory Skizim and family



Bulgaria - Child Welfare and Adoption Issues-with a local family

Iraq, Best Practices in NGO Management, April 10-13, 2011, 7+3

Center for Youth: Elaine Spauil, Donna Pritchard and Kathy Cummins
 Lifespan of Greater Rochester: Ann Marie Cook and Jody Rowe
 Ibero-American Action League: Hilda Rosario-Escher and Zory Martinez
 American Red Cross: Sheryl Karch and Debbie Bleier
 Southwest Area Neighborhood Association: Patricia Jackson and Staff
 Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network: Nancy Elliott
 Greece Olympia High School: Marc Fleming, Kathleen DeGoey, William Colelli and students



Bulgarian delegation with Rochester Police Chief James Sheppard

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Kazakhstan, Civil Society and Volunteerism, April 13-16,2011, 4+2

American Red Cross: Sheryl Karch

Citizens for a Better New York: Neil Jaschik

Southeast Neighborhood Service Center: Nancy Johns-Price and Lt. Wayne Harris

Center for Disability Rights: Chris Hilderbrant and Diane Coleman

Ibero-American Action League: Zory Martinez

Center for Youth: Kathy Cummins and Donna Pritchard



Iraq - Best Practices in NGO Management at the American Red Cross, Greater Rochester Chapter

Poland US Mid-Term Elections April 19-21 3+1

Rochester Business Alliance: Sandra Parker, Christopher Wiest and Barbara Cutrona

Flight delays caused us to have to cancel other appointments

I would like to express sincere appreciation to all these resources for their exemplary presentations and exchanges with the delegations. A special thank you to all who provided dinner and conversation: Jean Sikora; Judy Goldstein; Joan Rosenthal; Joan Ruffels; Elisa and Juan Cockburn; Susan and Richard Rice; Doreen and Phillip Smethurst; Judy and Art Weinstein; and Bettie and Chris Lindley. Thanks also to

Rigmor Miller and Jean Sikora who provided transportation to the Philharmonic concert and to Yeh-Her Lee and Amy Roll who took the visitors shopping.

Josephine M. Perini, Director, IVLP RIC



Home hospitality - Doreen Smethurst and her dinner guests from Kazakhstan

In Memoriam

Peggy Fleming came from an outward looking post-World War II family that embraced the creation of the United Nations. She had two brothers who travelled the world through the military, and an aunt who left the sisterhood to help open hospitals in Nepal, Jordan, and Ethiopia as a public health nurse. Her parents hosted international students, and her husband Brian remembers her parents' home being frequently inhabited by students from all of over the globe.

This way of connecting with the world became sewn into the fabric of Brian & Peggy's lives - so much so that in the last two years, when Peggy had pancreatic cancer, she wanted to visit their student friends in Costa Rica and Turkey. Brian said it was partly for her sense of accomplishment that she had been able to do that while, as she would say, she was "living with" cancer. Peggy also hosted a large group of international students for Thanksgiving dinner in her last months and drove international visitors whenever she felt up to it. These activities allowed her to feel that she had done everything she needed to do. Her loss will be mourned by many, not the least of whom are the people from around the world whom she kept in her heart.



Peggy Fleming

In Memoriam

Adapted from Lisa Larson Read's presentation for Peggy and Brian at the Annual Awards Dinner

Contributions

We appreciate all our member contributions and wish to gratefully acknowledge the generous contributions made above the Envoy level of support. The following contributions for 2010-11 were not previously reported:

Consul

The Honorable Elizabeth Pine
Jean Ingalls

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Powers
Susan Quick Rice
Stephanie Smart
Judy Weinstein

Ruth Hyde
Barbara Kruger
Rigmor Miller
Corinna Schlombs
Jeffrey Schwartz
Ellen Zuroski

Attaché

Ronald Karekin
Jody Lehr
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Neivert
The Rev. & Mrs. Hugh Outterson

Citizen Diplomat

David Berg & Dr. Dawn Riedy
Claudia Gonzalez
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Hartley

But what is more, if we have succeeded in adding to the basic understanding of our universe and ourselves, we will have made a contribution to the totality of human culture.

Haldan Keffer Hartline

International Insights



RIT Student Mona Komeijani and a traditional Nowruz table.

The screening of the documentary "Our Summer in Tehran" took place at RIT during Nowruz, the Persian New Year celebration. Justine Shapiro, a Jewish-American filmmaker and former host of the travel series GlobeTrekker, took her 6-year-old son Mateo with her to Tehran where they spend the

summer getting to know three families: a religious family with ties to the government; a cosmopolitan, secular family; and a single mom who is an actress. The 60 people who attended the event enjoyed not only the fascinating film, but also the musical presentation by the RIT Kazakh Students Association and refreshments provided by RIC and the student group. Much thanks to Tanya Schueler-Choukairi for making the arrangements for the program and for Bev Zajkowski for baking delicious cookies and purchasing other refreshments.

Chilean Night! was held at the Simon School. The evening included a Power Point presentation, dance demonstration, and poetry recital. The presentation was enhanced by brochures and maps distributed to the audience members. The poetry recital was lovely. The question and answer part of the presentation was followed by empanadas from Juan and Maria's at the Public Market. About 70 people - RIC members, UR faculty, students, and members of the Chilean community - enjoyed the program. Thanks to Ellen Zuroski for arranging the program and to the English Language & U.S. Culture Program at the Simon School for providing the refreshments.

About twenty RIC members, friends, and students had a private docent tour of the Fiberart International exhibit at the Memorial Art Gallery. We enjoyed the creativity and skill of the artists whose works were displayed. Our tour was followed by a lecture by one of the artists, Jeanne Raffer Beck. Her talk focused on the path that she took to becoming a fiber artist and the process that she uses to create her works. The evening was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Mary DeLaney Hale for arranging this program for us.

Friendship Volunteer Coordinators

After ably serving as Friendship Volunteer Coordinators for the past several years, Hank and Sheila McLeod are stepping down. They jointly did a fantastic job of placing students with members, providing student information to Friendship Volunteers, and reporting the placements to the office. We hope to continue to see Hank and Sheila at the Welcome Event and other activities!

Jane Cole has volunteered to be the new Friendship Volunteer coordinator. Jane is an experienced Friendship Volunteer and, should you need ideas of what to do with your Friendship students, Jane will be glad to make suggestions of simple ways to interact with your students. When Jane contacts you, please take her call and be willing to take more, or your first, students.

National Council for International Visitors 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting

Josephine M. Perini, RIC Board President and IVLP Director, and Judy Weinstein, RIC Executive Director, attended the annual meeting of the National Council for International Visitors. As a celebration of NCIV's 50th anniversary, this year's meeting had many special features. In their remarks, Senator Richard Lugar and Representative James Moran, two of the primary co-sponsors of the NCIV 50th Anniversary Resolutions in the Senate and House respectively, highlighted the importance of the International Visitor Leadership Program. In most years, two IVLP alumni attend the meeting to discuss the impact that their participation in the program had upon their careers and lives. This year, eighteen IVLP

alumni were selected from around the world to participate in the "IVLP Gold Stars' Tour: Alumni Connecting the World." These alumni attended the NCIV meeting to share insights about the impact of their IVLP experiences on their work and lives. They then visited some of the communities that were part of their original IVLP programs. At the end of their two week program, the alumni regrouped in St. Petersburg, Florida, for a leadership summit. In recognition of the Anniversary, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton took time out of her busy schedule (this was the week of dramatic events in the Mideast) to address us during the reception at the Department of State. (see Page 9)

One of the speakers said that one of the values of the meeting was that we were taking "time out from sawing wood to sharpen the blade." The working sessions provided both new ideas and refreshers on best practices. Josephine and Judy attended different sessions so that we could gain as much knowledge as possible. The Communications and Fundraising sessions were valuable. The discussion of Social Media was particularly topical as dramatic events were taking place in Libya. The Advocacy session gave some tips that will help in our Advocacy efforts. Another session, Fire Up Your Board, provided information on a new approach that incorporates team building and motivational ideals to

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take CIV boards to new levels. One session dealt with engaging the Corporate Community in Citizen Diplomacy. Strategic planning requires CIV partnering with organizations such as businesses that are becoming more aware of the importance for them to become more involved with the promotion of Global

Citizen Diplomacy.

Judy had the opportunity to host Jacinth Henry-Martin, the newly appointed ambassador from the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis at the Ambassador's Luncheon. Ambassador Henry-Martin was very excited to learn about the International Visitor Leadership

Program and expressed interest in having people from her country become participants.

You can learn more about the NCIV meeting and Citizen Diplomacy by visiting the NCIV's Citizen Diplomacy Channel on You Tube.
www.youtube.com/citizendiplomacy

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on the National Council of International Visitors and the International Visitors Leadership Program

Excerpts from remarks at the Department of State Reception for NCIV, February 17, 2011.



"Now, as Ann [Assistant Secretary Ann Stock] said, we are celebrating two big milestones tonight – the 50th anniversary of the National Council, which now has more than 90 chapters connecting leaders from around the world with their American counterparts, and the 70th year of the International Visitor Leadership Program, the State Department's premier professional exchange program, through which 80,000 American hosts – or we like to call you citizen diplomats – have cultivated relationships. And every year, 5,200 international visitors, either individually or in a group, come to the United States for programs designed to reflect their professional interests, from business entrepreneurs, aspiring politicians, civil servants, human rights activists, teachers, and so much more."

"Now, this is all part of our larger effort to broaden the reach of our diplomacy. I believe very strongly that in the 21st century, statecraft cannot just be government-to-government. It has to be government-to-people, and most importantly, people-to-people. So we are always looking for opportunities to engage civil society, women, youth, and everyone else. And that's why the work of the International Leadership Program and the National Council are so vital."

"Programs such as this are so important. By helping people engage in people-to-people diplomacy, they help us deepen the fundamental goal of American public diplomacy, which is to promote mutual understanding between Americans and the people of other nations.

"So I hope the National Council for the International Visitors Program and the International Visitor Leadership Program continue for many, many more years to come. I will not be around on the 140th anniversary – (laughter) – or the hundredth anniversary, but our successors in all walks of life, including here in the State Department, will. And hopefully, we will see the results of all of this dedicated effort – greater understanding, a greater commitment to peace, an effort to try to give every person in the world a chance to fulfill his or her God-given potential. And we will do it all in the name of a country that believes so strongly in the value of each individual. And that is really at the core of what makes this program successful, because it relies on volunteer help. It relies on individuals across America who are willing to take time out of their busy schedules to invite people into their lives. And we are so grateful to all of you who have done that year after year.

"I thank you for what you do not only for the United States of America, but for what you do for the world. Thank you all and God bless you."



Get to Know Us: The National Council for International Visitors (NCIV) is a nonprofit membership association currently marking 50 years of leadership in citizen diplomacy. NCIV serves the international exchange community and helps build person-to-person relationships "one handshake at a time." Our membership includes a nationwide network of Community Member Organizations, National Program Agencies, Associate Member Organizations, and individuals. NCIV members design and implement professional programs, provide cultural activities, and offer home hospitality for foreign leaders, specialists, and scholars participating in the U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) and other exchanges. With leadership and training provided by NCIV, member organizations are expert at matching the resources of their communities with the needs of International Visitors.

Save the dates:

Welcome Event for International Students, September 11, 2011, 3:00-7:00pm, Greece Canal Park
Square Dance at Liberty Hill, September 23, 2011, 7:00-10:00pm

Student to Student: Creating a Globally Competent Society



Skype session during which the students from Rochester are talking with students in Ghana.



Class with Richmond Kwesi and Kwadwo Antwi-Fordjour, University of Rochester students, and Josephine M. Perini.

After hearing about my proposal for Student to Student: Creating a Globally Competent Society, RCSD Superintendent Brizard recommended that I meet with Marlene Blocker, Principal of Rochester Early College International High School to discuss the program. She was very enthusiastic and accepting of the concept. Although my original plan was to work with three high schools, we decided to work with three different classes at RECIHS. I proceeded to select the University graduate students who would start as presenters and then become the conduits between the local students and students in their respective countries. They represented China, Colombia and Ghana. The classroom sessions included sharing information on geography, history, politics, families, holiday celebrations, sports and education. The contacts between students included exchanges of emails, telephone conversations, YouTube, and Skype. How marvelous it was to see RECIHS students demonstrating dance steps and students in Ghana reciprocating!

The post-program surveys and discussions showed that the students not only learned a lot of information but also developed a great deal of understanding about their peers in other countries.

In addition to Marlene Blocker's support, Annaliese Wilmarth, International Coordinator, was very helpful in making arrangements for the classroom sessions and preparing the slide presentation which was used at the Rochester Summit on Global Citizen Diplomacy in April.

The program, presented by Ms Blocker, Richmond Kwesi from Ghana, and two students from RECIHS, received very positive feedback from the audience. There were also requests that the program be expanded to other schools.

I was invited to present the Student to Student program at the U.S. Summit on Global Citizen Diplomacy in Washington in November. Rochester International Council was recognized by the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy for its selection as a "Top Ten Best Practice Program" by the Community-Based Organizations Task Force at the Summit. A grant from NCIV helped to cover expenses for me to attend the conference.

Thanks go to Cookie Campbell, Pat Pogue and Jean Sikora who helped drive the U of R students throughout the year.

Josephine M. Perini

2011-12 Board of Directors

RIC held its Annual Meeting prior to the RIC Board Meeting on May 16. The proposed slate for the 2011-12 board was approved.

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We thank our departing board members Lilli Holdgaard Jensen, Sonja Phongsavanh, Lisa Larson Read, Anita Rohr, and Amy Roll, as well as Brenda Campbell who resigned during the year, for all of their work, time, and energy. Edwin Nguti has since resigned from the Board.

News from the Office

RIC will be moving to a new office on the University of Rochester campus on July 5. We will be moving from the tunnel level of Morey Hall to the 4th floor of Dewey Hall, across the quadrangle. The new address will be:

**Rochester International Council
4-219 Dewey Hall
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Mail sent to 229 Morey will get to us in the new office. Our phone number and fax will remain (585) 275-8779 and (585) 756-8086, respectively. There is always the possibility that the phone number will not be moved immediately, so if you get voice mail in the first few days, please leave a message or send an email to jw@rifc.org. We will be able to call in for messages and will return calls.

Rochester Summit on Global Citizen Diplomacy



**Martin Babinec, Alma Candelaria,
Josephine M. Perini, and Thomas
Warfield**

The Rochester Summit on Global Citizen Diplomacy was held on April 7, 2011 at the Rochester Plaza Hotel. Alma Candelaria, Director, Office of International Visitors, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, discussed the value of international exchange programs and the importance of understanding our responsibility as global citizen diplomats. She was followed by keynote speaker, Martin Babinec, noted Silicon Valley entrepreneur and Founder/Chairman of Upstate Venture Connect. He spoke about 'Mobilizing Entrepreneurs as Citizen Diplomats.'

Attendees then selected two of the six concurrent sessions. These included 'Managing International Assignments' with Kirstin Sampson; 'Artists as Cultural Ambassadors' with Thomas Warfield and Rohan Krishnamurthy; 'Extend Your Global Reach with Social Media' with Emily Carpenter; 'Living and Learning in a New Culture' with Jeff Cox and Emily Craft; 'Student-to-Student: Creating a Globally Competent Society' with Marlene Blocker,

Josephine M. Perini, Richmond Kwesi from Ghana and students from Rochester Early College International High School; and 'Exporting to China and India' with Tim McCall, Heidi Hu Ames and Amar Mehta.

A networking lunch was followed by Michael Leach reading the Rochester/ Monroe County Proclamation that proclaimed April 7, 2011 as Citizen Diplomacy Day.

Sarah Clark, Regional Director for U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, brought greetings from the Senator. Richard Kaplan closed the Summit with his presentation, 'A Time for C.A.R.I.N.G.,' speaking about his new and unique theory regarding social remediation in democratic countries.

Surveys indicated a very positive response to all aspects of the Rochester Summit on Global Citizen Diplomacy.

The Steering committee included Rachel Adonis, Vice-President, Marketing, HSBC Bank USA; Sriram Bakshi, Director, Society for Ethnic Arts and Culture; Emily Craft, Assistant Director, Center for Education, Nazareth College; Barbara Cutrona, Vice-President, Operations, Rochester Business Alliance; Tim J. McCall, Director, U.S. Export Assistance Center; Josephine M. Perini, Board President and IVLP Director, RIC; and Judy Weinstein, Executive Director, RIC.

Sincere appreciation to all of the speakers and presenters for donating their time and sharing their expertise along with the National Council for International Visitors [NCIV] for the very generous grant. We thank the Summit sponsors: Center for International Education at Nazareth College, Harold and Joan Feinbloom, International Sister Cities of Rochester, Rochester Business Alliance, Rochester International Council, and WhizBang! Web Solutions.

Josephine M. Perini, Chair, Rochester Summit on Global Citizen Diplomacy

Thanks to Josephine for her able leadership and time spent!

Recipe from Global Gourmet

Jean Ingalls concluded her remarks at the Awards Dinner with "Serve Chili".

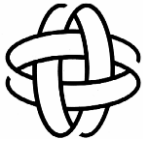
Here is a vegetarian chili recipe that will be enjoyed by international students and visitors from all countries (as well as Americans.)

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 1-lb. can black beans, drained
- 1 1-lb. can white cannellini beans, drained
- 1 1-lb. can red kidney beans, drained
- 1 28- to 32-oz. can crushed tomatoes
- 1 12-oz. jar medium salsa (or 2/3 of a 1-lb. jar)
- 2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. cumin

Heat olive oil in a 3-4 quart pot. Sauté all beans 1-2 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer 20 minutes.

Note: If desired, 1 pound of ground beef, browned and drained of fat, can be added to the chili along with the tomatoes.

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Saturday, June 18th – Picnic for Members & Friends (see Page 1)
Sunday, September 11, 2011, Welcome Event for International Students
Friday, September 23, 2011, Square Dance at the Barn at Liberty Hill

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