



Interfaces

Providing Services to International College Students & Department of State Visitors

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION HONORS RIC

RIC is excited to announce its citizen diplomacy program has been selected as a Top Program by the Community-based Organizations Task Force and the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy (USCCD).

The innovative program, called "Student-to-Student: Creating a Globally Competent Society," was developed by RIC Board President and Director of the International Visitor Leadership Program, Josephine M. Perini. It will be highlighted at the upcoming U.S. Summit for Global Citizen Diplomacy, to be held November 16-19, 2010 in Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Summit, a national meeting presented by the USCCD in partnership with the U.S.

Department of State, Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, is designed to broaden the momentum generated from the work of the USCCD as a national resource base and network for Americans to be engaged as citizen diplomats.

Perini said she believes the Student-to-Student program was selected for its "creative approach to encouraging American students to learn about and embrace the world beyond their classrooms."

The Student-to-Student program involves selecting international students from local universities in Rochester, NY to participate in activities with area schools to

develop and promote cultural understanding. The initial program will occur during the school year 2010-2011, with the culmination at the Rochester Summit on Global Citizen Diplomacy in spring 2011.

As a kickoff to International Education Week – a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State that celebrates the importance and benefits of international education in the United States and around the world – Perini said the following individuals have already been selected to work with students (grade 9) at the Rochester Early College International High School:

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New Global Gourmet Cookbook is here!

Looking for a terrific holiday gift? Check out our hot-off-the-press Global Gourmet cookbook (only \$10, including sales tax). Boasting a sumptuous full-cover color, the 86-page cookbook features 150 authentic recipes (and tips!) from RIC members, international visitors, students and friends. Whether you purchase the cookbook for yourself or as a gift, it provides a delicious way to explore cultures through the universal language of food, and also serves as a great resource for hosting international guests.

Since supplies are limited, we encourage you to order your copies today through the RIC office. Please send your name, quantity of books and a check (made out to Rochester International Council) to Rochester International Council, 229 Morey Hall, University of Rochester, Rochester NY 14627. If you would like the cookbook mailed to you, include \$2 more per book; otherwise, we can arrange for delivery at an RIC event or curbside at the University of Rochester. Thank you for your support!

- Molly Jolliff

A tempting fall recipe, submitted by RIC member Sonja Phongsavanh, along with a cookbook order form, can be found on page 5.



President's Corner

sponsors and grants to support our programs and student activities. We are very thankful to the National Council for International Visitors for the various grants they have given us, especially the Community Partnership Grants for the U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program funded by the U.S. Department of State.

Dear Members and Friends,

As we say farewell to another season of beautiful autumn colors, we welcome the delights of winter. Adapting and adjusting to change is key to survival.

Since our last newsletter, RIC has held a variety of enjoyable, interesting activities, many of which are highlighted in this issue. As always, we appreciate your participation and look forward to seeing you at the many activities we have scheduled for the coming months.

During the last three months, members of the Board of Directors have been working hard to address several issues, especially those concerning finances and the budget. We thank our treasurer, Josh Barrett, who has outlined measures we need to consider to ensure that RIC continues to operate at the level it has in the past.

Specifically, we are looking into obtaining additional

We are also looking at how RIC is perceived in the Greater Rochester area and beyond. Many Councils for International Visitors (CIVs) in the U.S. are the focal point for all international activities in their cities.

Anne Palumbo, the new editor of Interfaces, has accepted the position of public relations coordinator .

If you have any ideas or suggestions related to any of the above, please contact me at 288-5607 or JMBlackbird2000@yahoo.com.

Best wishes for the upcoming holidays.

Sincerely,

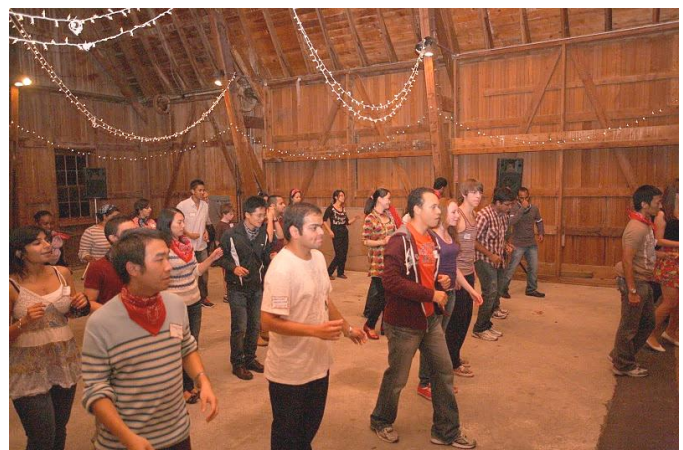
Josephine M. Perini
President, RIC Board of Directors

STUDENTS HAVE A HOOT AT FALL HOEDOWN

When Ashima Chhabra and Adhiraj Mathur, RIT engineering students from India, signed up for this year's square dance in September, they expressed concern about what they were getting themselves into. "We were skeptical," said Chhabra, "but it exceeded our expectations!"

That's music to the ears of RIC and everyone involved in orchestrating this lively event, held this year in the barn at the home of RIT's President Dr. Bill Destler and his wife, Dr. Rebecca Johnson.

Chhabra, who said he enjoyed everything from donning the colorful neck scarf to learning the traditional dance steps to meeting other international students, also enthusiastically remarked that he felt the event has inspired "many students to sign up for future RIC events."



Students learn to folk dance at RIC's annual Square Dance

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Lili Zhou, from China; and four graduate students from the University of Rochester: Alejandro Gomez and Julian Martinez from Colombia, and Richmond Kwesi and Kwadwo Antwi-Fordjour from Ghana. “I am thrilled our program was chosen,” said Perini. “I am excited to be presenting it at the upcoming U.S. Summit in November, and I will be just as excited to share its implementation in local schools at our very own Rochester Summit this spring.”

Overall, Perini said, the program will focus on providing American students with an in-depth understanding of how they can become world citizens with a readiness for living and working in a global society.

MARATHON SHOPPING SPREE WITH MOROCCAN VISITORS

On a Sunday afternoon in August, I picked up four delightful women from Morocco for a short shopping spree and a dance performance on the lawn at Nazareth College (see article about these IVLP participants on page 12). At least, that was the plan. But nine hours and one missed dance performance later, it appears we helped the American economy by shopping only!

They were hungry when I picked them up and wanted to eat something before the shopping expedition. So, off we went to Wegmans, where they fortified themselves with a whole roasted chicken, naan bread, rice and a chickpea dish.



RIC board member Doreen Smethurst shopping with women from Morocco

They loved T.J. Maxx and generally tore through the store, as they searched for clothing and items (one woman bought an enormous suitcase) for themselves and for their families. We stayed there for at least two and a half hours; and when asked whether they wanted the cultural event - without missing a beat – they all said, “No culture - more shopping.” Good enough for me, so across the road we went to Marshalls.

In Marshalls, they tried on many elegant dresses, walked around in very high-heeled shoes, again searched for presents for children, sisters and husbands, and (once again!) helped the American economy with their many purchases. By now it was almost 9 p.m. and, much to their

dismay, shops were closing. We drove around Pittsford Plaza, trying a couple of shop doors, but to no avail. They brightened up a little when I told them that Miami, their next port of call, had shopping also.

We then headed back to Wegmans, where they had a ball tasting different foods: cheeses, turkey breast, hummus, Asiago with artichokes, and other items from the salad bar. A talkative bunch, the women laughed, had a lot of fun and were truly amazed by Wegmans and the large selection of foods. While there, they purchased enough food for the next three days, with favorites being pizza, yogurt, cheese and bread rolls.

We had more fun than I can possibly describe – a whale of a good day! They loved shopping, were pleased about the prices, enjoyed the people we met and had lots of photos taken. At about 10 p.m., I dropped them back at their hotel, where we said our goodbyes. It felt as though I had made four really fun, new girlfriends. What a great way to spend a long Sunday “afternoon” with our International Visitors from Morocco.

--Doreen Smethurst

FALL COLORS GRACE MT. HOPE CEMETERY TOUR

Neither sleet nor rain interrupted our Mt. Hope tour on Sunday, October 24: the first time we enjoyed glorious weather in five years! The visit to our historic Victorian cemetery introduced our international students to a brief history of Rochester, to some of the city's famous innovators, and to the unusual landscape formed by the glaciers. We covered the presence of the Seneca Indians in the region prior to the advance of General Sullivan's army, the founding of Rochesterville in 1817, the "Boom Town" atmosphere following construction of the Erie Canal, the Civil War, the Underground Railroad, the Women's Movement, the change from "Flour" to "Flower" City and industrial innovation.



Sarah Oliviera from Brazil carved this year's pumpkin

After meandering through the impressive tombstones and grounds, we gathered for afternoon tea, lively conversation, and the carving of the Halloween pumpkin, accomplished by this year's volunteer artist Sarah Oliviera from Brazil. Clearly, students enjoyed the historical tour. One participant announced she had attended two years ago and met students who became her best friends. This year, we attracted students from Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, and Saudi Arabia. Special thanks to RIC members for providing such a scrumptious spread to delight our students: Cookie Campbell, Chris and James Fleming, Tanya Schueler-Choukairi, and Terry May.

- Terry May

WELCOME PICNIC DRAWS BIG CROWD

RIC's Annual Welcome Picnic, held on September 12 at Greece Canal Park, ushered in another academic year for incoming international students. Over 100 students from surrounding colleges and universities came to enjoy the good food and to make new friends and connections. More than 50 RIC members, many of whom contributed home-prepared dishes, came to meet the new students.

As international students settle into their courses and acclimate to life here in Rochester, RIC will continue to support and augment their journeys, through the year's activities and through host family connections (30 requests for a host family were made at the picnic!). So thank you to all our wonderful, committed members who made our annual kick-out event another grand success.



-Audra Dion

Welcome New Members!

Judy Goldstein
Michael and Fran Haselkorn
Deborah Valinzo
John & Annemarie Groth-Juncker
Jim & Alice Hooper



Afghan Pumpkin

Sweet and savory, this dish is delicious for dinner or lunch with brown or basmati rice, naan or couscous.

Sweet Tomato Sauce

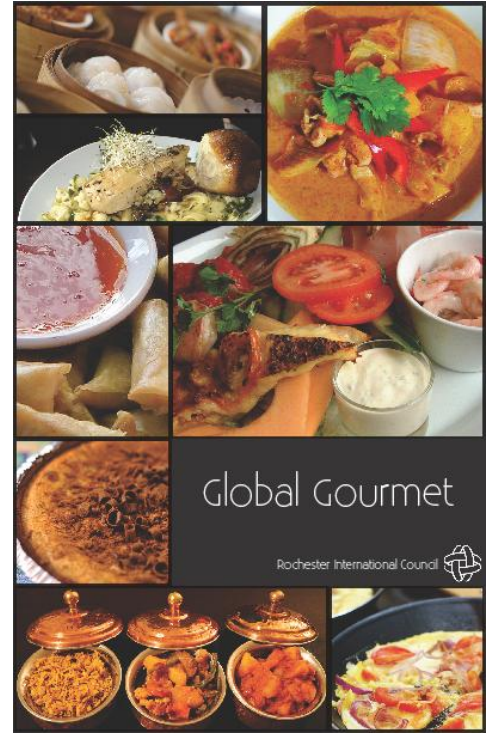
- 1 clove crushed garlic
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup tomato paste mixed with 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 tsp. grated fresh ginger
- 1 Tbsp. ground coriander or 3 Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper

Mix together ingredients for Sweet Tomato Sauce in a bowl.

Pumpkin

- 2 lb. fresh pumpkin or orange winter squash such as butternut squash
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3/4 cup plain, fat free or Greek yogurt
- chopped fresh mint leaves for garnish

Peel the squash and cut into 2-3" cubes; set aside. Heat oil in a large frying pan with a lid. Fry the pumpkin on both sides until lightly browned. Add the tomato sauce. Cover and cook 20-25 minutes over low heat, until the pumpkin is cooked through and most of the liquid has evaporated. To serve: Spread half of the yogurt on a plate and lay the cooked squash on top. Top with remaining yogurt and any cooking juices left over. Sprinkle with mint leaves. Yum!



Order Form for Global Gourmet
See article on page 1 about the new RIC International Cookbook

Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **St.** ____ **Zip:** _____

Phone No: _____ **Email:** _____

No. of copies: _____ **@ \$10 (\$9.26 book & \$.074 sales tax)** **Subtotal:** _____

I will pick up books at U of R: _____

I will pick up books at RIC event: _____

Mail books to my home address: _____

Shipping, if desired, @ \$2 per book: _____

Total _____

Mail check to Rochester International Council, 229 Morey Hall, University of Rochester, NY 14627

IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF FRED INGALLS



We are sorry to share the sad news that Fred Ingalls, a longstanding member of RIC, passed away on September 12, 2010. For decades, he and his wife, Jean, served as Friendship Volunteers to dozens of students. Though Fred will no longer be part of the beloved “Ingalls team,” Jean intends to stay active with RIC.

In Fred’s honor, we asked Jane Cole, an RIC member who worked closely with Fred, to share some thoughts on who Fred was. We also asked Fred’s wife, Jean, for some remembrances from students – and children of students – whose lives were deeply touched by Fred’s generous hand. Even if you never had the pleasure of meeting Fred, we think you’ll get a pretty good idea of what an amazing man he was from the following excerpts:

“Fred is someone I will always remember for his good humor and kindness. Nothing was too much to ask when it came to international students and friends. I’m sure he made many middle-of-the-night trips to the airport, campuses, and elsewhere on their behalf. And he was always so helpful with moving furniture for students and setting up and cleaning up garage sales. He faithfully attended so many RIC events and always pitched in to help. Most of all, although it sounds silly, I’ll remember his great, loud whistle when we needed to get everyone’s attention.”

-- Jane Cole, RIC member

“His smile, friendly voice, and genuinely warm personality will always remain with me, until I die. He was a true gentleman and a graceful individual, who always believed in helping others without expecting anything back in return.”

-- First student Jean and Fred hosted

“I still have very distinct memories of Fred from throughout my childhood – how he would always come over to our house to help my mom whenever she needed assistance, as well as when we used to come to your cottage by the lake when we were little kids and Fred would take us out on a ride on the row boat. They were such great memories. He is lucky to have had such a long and wonderful life and will be greatly missed.”

-- Daughter of former student

“Ultimately, because of the love and caring you gave to my parents, I was brought into this world. I owe the very fabric of my life to you and Fred. I will always remember how Fred took me out to fish and how I came to love the sport, your beautiful house and the wildlife. I will always see you as my grandparents. You and Fred have been the most beautiful symbol for love and acceptance to me.”

-- Son of former students

“No words can adequately express how special Fred has been in our lives. He embodied friendship, service and kindness in all his acts. His energy, his work ethic, his love and his constant big smile are his legacy and will be part of our memories forever.”

-- Former student from Colombia

“I remember every moment we spent. I treat you as my real grandparents because my real grandparents don’t like girls and they never visited me when I was young. But when I was in the US, I met you and you really gave me lots of love and care. I treasure it so much! Grandpa was really a wonderful grandpa. He was nice, patient with people and he had a million stories.”

-- Former student from China

ROCHESTER VISIT INSPIRES BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO DO MORE

This past April, more than 100 community activists, government officials, nongovernmental organization leaders, educators and journalists from 97 countries traveled to the United States for a three-week volunteer program, "Volunteerism: United We serve." The program, prompted by President Obama's call for a renewed commitment to public service, began in Washington D.C. and extended to more than 50 cities throughout the United States, including Rochester, NY.

Brazilian citizen Eduardo Lang, a non-profit organization manager chosen by the U.S. State Department to represent his country, visited four cities – Washington, D.C., Indianapolis, San Francisco and Rochester – to observe a variety of volunteer activities. During this time, he said he "experienced beautiful lessons of citizenship and voluntary service performed by the American people."

He also said that of the four cities he visited, he felt "most welcomed and most at home" in Rochester.

"After a week in Rochester," he said, "I left the city with an ambitious desire: to return and learn more from these people who received me so well." While here, Lang visited the Flower City Habitat for Humanity (where he videotaped high school volunteers to use as a vehicle to encourage young Brazilians to volunteer), Community Foundation, Great Rochester Red Cross and School Without Walls.

He also observed the efforts of volunteers involved with the Rochester International Film Festival, which occurred during his visit, and was particularly moved by the dedicated time and attention that Clemencia Delosrios-Batman and his "beloved Josephine" (Josephine Perini) showered him with during his stay.

"Rochester gave brilliant examples of volunteerism that I will carry with me forever," said Lang. "Soon, Brazil will host the World Cup and the Olympic Games. Certainly, all the lessons from this exchange program will be applied for volunteer engagement in Brazilian society."

Lastly, he mentioned how valuable he found the discussions he had concerning communications strategies for enticing people to volunteer, using online tools such as Facebook and Twitter.



Eduardo Lang, from Brazil, visits School Without Walls

In The News



RIC member Nannette Nocon received the Rochester Area Community Foundation's highest honor at the organization's Philanthropy Awards and Annual Report to the Community Luncheon on September 22. Nannette was recognized for her involvement in many arts- and education-related organizations. A former Community Foundation board member, Nannette is an Ameriprise financial planner and serves on the board of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. She previously served on the boards of Geva Theatre Center and The Little Theatre. Nannette has served as a professional resource for IVLP participants to discuss philanthropy. She and her husband, Karl Wessendorf, also serve as Friendship Volunteers.

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:

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If you haven't already made your annual contribution, please renew your membership on our website or send payment to the RIC office.

We received gifts in memory of Fred Ingalls from Sania C. Irwin, a former student, and Lois Saeger.

Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Sworn In

Ann Stock, confirmed by the Senate to serve as the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs in June, was sworn in at a ceremony presided over by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Assistant Secretary Stock leads the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, which promotes international mutual understanding through a wide range of academic, cultural, professional, and youth exchange programs, including the International Visitor Leadership Program. ECA exchange programs engage youth, students, educators, artists, athletes, and emerging leaders in many fields in the United States and in more than 160 countries. Alumni of ECA exchange programs comprise over one million people around the

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world, including more than 40 Nobel Laureates and more than 300 current or former heads of state and government. The following are excerpts from Assistant Secretary Stock's remarks at the Swearing-in Ceremony.



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton congratulates newly sworn in Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs Ann Stock

“Madame Secretary, our exchange programs are an especially important, long-term investment in international understanding and stability. Through the Fulbright Program, and our professional, academic, cultural, youth and sports exchanges, we build the bridges that link our diverse American culture with cultures around the world.

Today, nearly half of the world's population (almost 3 billion people) is under the age of 25. Finding new ways to communicate with and engage these young citizens of the world is critical. We must strengthen our bonds with them —reaching them wherever they are around the globe, by using every tool at our command, particularly new media and technology that are key to modern communication.

And exchanges create such a legacy for us. Today, there are more than a million alumni of our programs worldwide, including many in

key leadership positions. In the last six weeks alone, six of our program alumni have become heads of state or heads of government. Through our ongoing contacts with these “alumni”, we foster relationships with new generations and fuel an engine for change that is perhaps unprecedented in American diplomacy.

Working with you, Secretary Clinton and with Under Secretary McHale, we at the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs will continue to develop diverse and innovative exchanges that rely on and engage our single greatest asset – the American citizen. When you meet Americans, you meet American values.

Exchanges, together with other forms of cultural and educational outreach, are a quintessentially American form of diplomacy that I hope to increase, to amplify, and to sustain in a lasting and meaningful way.”

Member Events

Thank you to the over one hundred RIC members who shared their opinions, thoughts, and time in completing the Summer 2010 Membership Survey! The Membership Committee has shared initial analysis with the board, and we will be using the results and trends identified to further engage and interest RIC members. The Committee would like to thank Stephanie Beetle, of the U of R International Services Office, for her assistance with the survey design.

A decisive majority of respondents would like more chances to socialize with other members, like the August Picnic for Members & Friends that drew over sixty attendees. The next Member Event will be dinner at Henrietta's The King and I (thekingandithaicuisine.com), at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9. Email jw@rific.org to RSVP for this dinner by November 30. Come and get to know other members while enjoying great Thai food (no cost except for your meal). Watch for more events in the spring!

RIC has also started an International Book Club. December's discussion of “Reading Lolita in Tehran” by Azar Nafisi, will be Tuesday, December 7. If you are interested in attending a discussion or joining the group, please email Judy Weinstein at jw@rific.org.

-- Lisa Larson Read

A VOLUNTEER SHARES HER WATKINS GLEN EXPERIENCE



International students from the University of Rochester and Rochester Institute of Technology spend a beautiful fall day at Watkins Glen.

Watkins Glen was a place I had loved, but had not been to in perhaps 50 years. So, this October, I thought I would enjoy showing it to a group of foreign students. I was pleased to learn that over 70 students would be going on two buses. Udo Fehn and I rode on a bus with students from the University of Rochester, while Gary Bogue rode on the bus from RIT. As we left, Udo introduced himself and welcomed the students. I sat next to a student from the Ukraine and had a good conversation with her as we traveled through Geneva (where I went to college) and along the length of Seneca Lake. It was a clear, sunny day and the autumn leaves seemed to be at their height of color.

When we arrived, we were told that we would be there about three hours and that lunch would be ready for us at the top of the short climb (less than two miles). Everyone

was free to climb at his or her own pace. Although Udo had suggested waiting until the trip down to take photos, no one seemed to want to do this. At each turn there was another waterfall; in one place, a series of three; 19 in all. There were also signs *along* the way telling the history of the formation of the gorge. At one point, two students indicated that they wanted to take a photo. I thought that they wanted me to take a photo of them; no, they wanted to take a picture of me with falls in the background. In one place, the sun shining on yellow leaves made the view especially beautiful. I was hustling along, using my walking sticks, afraid that I would not have time to eat and get back down on time, but when I got to the top, only about 10 students had preceded me. We sat at picnic tables that Terry May, the trip leader, had saved for us and enjoyed the sun, conversation with students, and a sumptuous lunch. One student at my table quizzed me about my travels and also told me where she had traveled.

Since I was a little worried about hiking down slippery steps, I was pleased to find out that there was another way down. It probably took me less than half the time going down that way. Some students, noticing my hiking sticks, water bottle carrier, and hiking shoes, asked me whether I often hiked. When I said that I did, they asked me to take them along whenever I could. I hope to do so. From comments I heard, I think everyone was glad they had gone and appreciative that good weather had made the day especially enjoyable. -- *Ruth Hyde*

International Visitor Leadership Program News

Over the past months, we've enthusiastically hosted delegations from Indonesia, Morocco and South Africa. Due to similarities in program themes, we called upon some resources to do several presentations. Delighted visitors expressed great appreciation to the numerous resources who met with them to address the goals of each project as determined by the U.S. Department of State.

In addition to thanking everyone who was involved in the professional appointments, we would also like to thank Nazareth College Arts Center, The Strong and the National Museum of Play, Memorial Art Gallery, the Rochester Museum and Science Center and the Monroe County Fair for their kindness to IVLP participants.

A big round of applause for all the drivers: Cookie Campbell, Pat Pogue, Mary Charipar, Yeh-Her Lee, Peggy and Brian Fleming, Ruth Hyde, Kathy Powers. Doreen Smethurst, Gin and Steve Busack, Susan Rice, Jean Sikora, Brenda Campbell, Harriette Royer and Simos Economides.

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Visitors from Indonesia enjoy lunch at Strong Museum with RIC volunteers Peggy and Brian Fleming and IVLP Director Josephine Perini.

And a huge thank you to all who entertained visitors in their homes: Walter and Gerri Mauer, Ronald and Lois Dworsky, Dolores Kleinberg, Jean Sikora, and Peter Oddleifson and Kay Wallace.

Grassroots Democracy --- Indonesia

Seven visitors and three interpreters were in Rochester June 24-30, 2010.

Sandra Frankel, Brighton Town Supervisor, discussed the challenges and opportunities facing women in politics, along with leadership skills needed for a career in politics. Tim Donaher gave an overview of the Public Defender's Office and talked about the legal services available to criminal defendants. Sherry Walker-Cowart, Executive Director, Donna Durbin, Director of Training and other staff at the Center for Dispute Settlement discussed alternative means of resolving disputes, including mediation and arbitration by volunteers, consultants and professional staff.

Jeanne Carlivati, Isobel Davies and Ashley Bellis talked about the mission of Partners in Restorative Initiatives and the success they have had with schools and in the courts. Germaine Knapp, Executive Director, Sojourner House at Pathstone provided information about the program for women and their children in crisis including independent living skills that are taught.

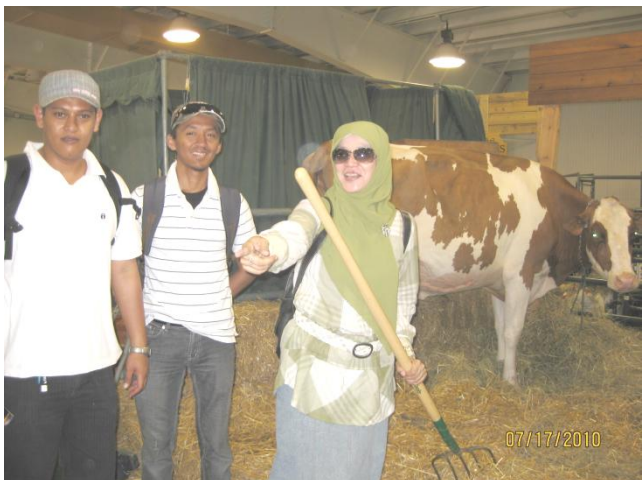
A visit to the Susan B. Anthony House included a presentation and tour of the house by Deborah Hughes, Executive Director. Rochester Women's Network, Sandy Richardson, Heather Smith and Ann Michael Henry shared challenges facing women in the workplace and resources available for networking and for professional development.

Members from The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester who met with the delegation included Marilyn Wienk, Neil Jaschik, Paul Brayer, Sr. M. Gratia L'Esperance and Nina Bansal. How TIAR brings together members of diverse faith groups to address issues such as government reform, immigration, and healthcare was discussed.

The final day was spent in Seneca Falls visiting the Women's Rights National Historic Park and the home of Elizabeth Cady Stanton.



Indonesian visitors enjoy posing with "The First Wave" bronze statues in the lobby of the Womens Rights Historic Park Visitors Center in Seneca Falls.



Visitors from Indonesia enjoy Monroe County Fair.

Gender Issues and Women in Society --- Morocco

Five women with two interpreters were here July 10-14, 2010 to meet with members of the Greater Rochester Women's Council. Barbara Cutrona of the Rochester Business Alliance, assembled Cindee Gray, Susan Sullivan, Jennifer Leonard and Linda Hall to talk about the recognition of women in business. Also, Leanne Reed and Angella Luyk of Rochester Women's Network met to discuss how RWN has grown from a small gathering of 5 women in 1978 to a thriving organization of over 400 today, offering workshops on networking, mentoring, and leadership skills.

At meetings with Sandra Frankel, Brighton Town Supervisor; Mary Joyce D'Aurizio, Supervisor Town of Irondequoit; and Anne Seeley, Director of Finance, women's participation in local government and obstacles women face in public office were discussed.

A very informative meeting was held with members of the Rochester Regional Library Council –Alice Harrington Wilson, Elizabeth Kettell, Debby Emerson, Michelle Costello and Kimberly Davies Hoffman – where goals of the Library Instruction Leadership Academy were talked about.

During a tour of the Susan B. Anthony House, Ellen Wheeler, Director of Development, spoke about the history of the women's rights movement and Susan B. Anthony's life.

A special visit was arranged to watch a rehearsal of Garth Fagan Dance and later meet with Garth Fagan. He talked about women as role models and continuing positions for women in the dance company after the dance career ends.

State and Local Government in the U.S. --- Indonesia

Evaluations from the four participants and two Department of State Language Officers were overwhelmingly positive (July 15-20).

Cynthia Kaleh and Mary Valerio, Monroe County Legislators, spoke about the relationship between the executive and the legislative branches, along with the division of authority and responsibility between state and local governments. Brian Roulin, Joe Mustico and Charles Benincasa, City of Rochester officials, discussed municipal budgeting and the transfer of financial resources from federal to state and from state to local government. James Sheppard, Director of the Office of Public Integrity, City of Rochester, spoke about the Code of Ethics and investigating local reports of fraud, corruption, waste and abuse. A meeting with Bob Franklin and Nancy Forgue, both

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Brighton Town Supervisor Sandra Frankel spoke to Moroccan visitors about women's participation in local government.



Garth Fagan, founder and artistic director of Garth Fagan Dance, talked with Moroccan women about dance careers.



Members of the Small Business Council and Rochester Area Business Ethics Foundation discuss local economic issues with visitors from Indonesia.

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from the Monroe County Department of Human Services, included information about government supports for the social welfare system. Attorney William Gargan, Chief of the White Collar Crime and County Court Bureau, Monroe County, addressed issues of transparency, accountability and anti-corruption.

Barbara Cutrona, Vice President of Business Information, Training and Events for Rochester Business Alliance, arranged a meeting with the Small Business Council, at which businessmen Bruce Zicari (SBC President) and Phil Pecora discussed economic development at the local level. Alan Ziegler, Rochester Area Business Ethics Foundation President, and James Nortz, Compliance Director at Bausch & Lomb, talked about recognizing ethical excellence in business.

Sue Gaffney provided another informative tour of the Susan B. Anthony House. Germaine Knapp, President of Sojourner House at Pathstone, generously met once again with this delegation.

Combating Gender Based Violence --- South Africa



County Court Judge Alexander Renzi met with visitors from South Africa.

A delegation of five visitors was in Rochester August 21-25, 2010 with a Department of State Language Officer. Visitor evaluations were across-the-board "excellent," with the program described as "focused, practical and insightful," "relevant and informative," and "memorable."

Appointments included talking with Alexander Renzi, County Court Judge, Integrated Domestic Violence Court, along with observing court proceedings.

Debra Allen, Program Director Unity Health System (McCree McCuller Wellness Center), and her staff shared valuable information about HIV/AIDS: testing, outreach efforts, raising awareness, prevention and training staff and volunteers.

Anne Potter spoke about the Bivona Child Advocacy Center. "Bivona impressed me the most," said one visitor, "as they are dealing with child advocacy and safety, which is a gap in our program. I will be in touch with them for material so we don't reinvent the wheel."

After an informative discussion, given by Catherine Mazzotta, Executive Director of Alternatives for Battered Women, and her Assistant Executive Director, Jeannine Lucas, the delegation engaged in volunteer work with Ruth Kramer.

Brenna Gibson, Director of Transitional Housing, provided the presentation for the Sojourner House at Pathstone; and Deborah Hughes, Executive Director, Susan B. Anthony House, again impressed the delegation with her vast knowledge of the history of the women's rights movement and Susan B. Anthony's life and work.

The visit ended with an enjoyable evening at the home of Doreen and Philip Smethurst with the RIC Board of Directors.



Deborah Hughes, Executive Director of Susan B. Anthony House, on steps of historic house, with visitors from South Africa.



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