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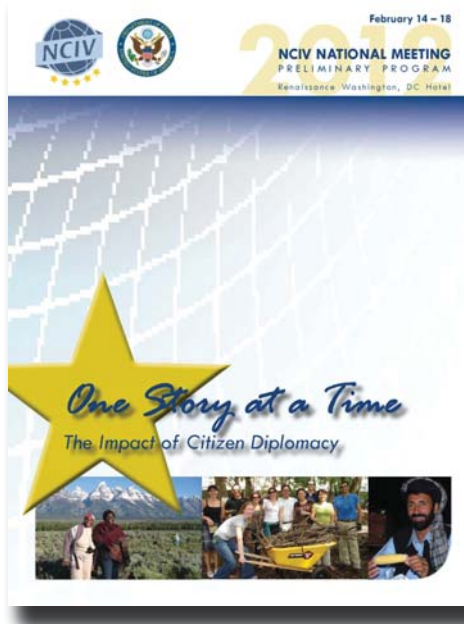
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Sharing Stories of Citizen Diplomacy: The 2012 NCIV National Meeting, Washington, DC, February 15 to 18

BY ZAC CARR, PROGRAM ASSOCIATE, COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY, NCIV

NCIV will focus on One Story at a Time: The Impact of Citizen Diplomacy as the theme of the upcoming 2012 National Meeting. Stories are the most effective, powerful form of communication. When an audience hears a good story, they develop empathy with the storyteller, experience the events themselves, and can be inspired to action.

The 2012 National Meeting program will help NCIV members become better storytellers capable of conveying the impact of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) and other exchanges on visitors, hosts, communities, and the United States. Citizen diplomacy improves human relations one handshake at a time, but



the effectiveness of citizen diplomacy is told one story at a time. Impactful stories can transform a member of Congress into a champion for our cause. It all starts with being able to say, “I’m a Citizen Diplomat, and this is my story.”

The young artists and storytellers of “Poetic Portraits of a Revolution” will perform at The Global Connections event on February 15, sharing their reflections on the Arab Spring gathered during their trip to Tunisia and Egypt in the summer of 2011. Poetry and recordings from their journey have been featured in radio segments broadcast nationally on the American Public Media show “The Story” with Dick Gordon. (For more about the artists visit their

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NCIV Board Hosts Salute to Sherry Mueller

BY MARGARET A. FERRY, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT

NCIV members from 17 states across the country joined national program agencies, State Department colleagues, donors, and other guests for a “Salute to Sherry Mueller” hosted by the NCIV Board of Directors on October 26 at Meridian International Center in Washington, D.C. More than 200 people gathered for the farewell event, which honored Sherry and paid tribute to her 16 year legacy of outstanding leadership at NCIV.

The evening’s program featured tributes showcasing all aspects of NCIV’s work with member organizations, national

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The A’s Have It! Albuquerque, Arkansas, Arizona Host Summits On Citizen Diplomacy

BY KAREN SCHAFER, NCIV DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

NCIV-funded Summits on Citizen Diplomacy are excellent opportunities for network members to showcase citizen diplomacy, build partnerships, and engage elected officials. Highlights of recent summits include a sumptuous reception hosted at Pueblo of Isleta in Albuquerque, a Parade of Nations leading to the William J. Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, and a museum event featuring a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in Phoenix. Initiated through seed grants from NCIV as part of its 50th Anniversary celebration, each of these summits showcased the ability of NCIV member organizations to reach important

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Letter From The Interim President

By MARK REBSTOCK, INTERIM PRESIDENT, NCIV

Dear Colleagues,

On December 3, to commemorate the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a packed auditorium of people gathered in Termez, Uzbekistan to watch the “Count Me In” program developed by the PACER Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, featuring six, child-size, multicultural puppets that portray children with disabilities. Originated in 1979, the PACER Center program has reached 350,000 people and proven effective in fostering understanding, acceptance, and compassion to overcome misconceptions about persons with disabilities. How did this innovative program get to Uzbekistan?



In honor of U.N. International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Nargis Ziyatdinova introduces the *Count Me In* program to an audience in her native Uzbekistan.

Ms. Nargis Ziyatdinova was still new to the NGO sector in Uzbekistan when she participated in an IVLP project on Women and NGO Development in 2002. But upon returning home from her IVLP experience, she transformed IMKON, an organization that provides educational opportunities for children with disabilities, into a leading voice for disability advocacy and inclusion. (IMKON means “opportunity” in Uzbek.)

Nargis’ 2002 program brought her to Seattle, WA, Rochester, NY, and Minneapolis, MN and introduced her to a variety of nonprofit centers for children with disabilities. The PACER Center in Minneapolis seeks to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children

and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents. The meeting there, along with other professional appointments organized during her stay, provided Nargis with inspiration and ideas for her own

work. She returned home with a road map for how she could implement similar educational processes at Uzbek schools.

Nargis returned to Minneapolis in February 2011 when she was selected to participate in the IVLP Gold Stars Tour as part of NCIV’s 50th Anniversary celebration. The Minnesota International Center once again organized her program, including a return visit to the PACER Center, and as a result of that visit, the Center graciously donated six puppets to IMKON. The U.S. Department of State Office of International Visitors, along with the U.S. Embassy in Termez, delivered the puppets to Uzbekistan in time for IMKON’s December 3 event. With curricula, scripts, and training

materials translated into Uzbek, Nargis intends to use the “Count Me In” program in primary schools and other public venues to help children and adults learn about disabilities and chronic illnesses in an effort to bridge the gap between typical students and those with disabilities.

Nargis’ story serves as a valuable reminder about the power of citizen diplomacy and the ability of people working in NGOs and government to collaborate and accomplish a worthwhile project with remarkable results. NCIV members and the International Visitor Leadership Program make a difference in the lives of hosts and participants, as well as those touched by the inspired projects these collaborations

produce.

“One Story at a Time: The Impact of Citizen Diplomacy” will be the focus of the 2012 NCIV National Meeting in February. Plan to join us as we share more stories like Nargis’ and celebrate the important results of our work.

With sincere thanks for all that you do.

Mark W. Rebstock
Interim President



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U.S. Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA 8) congratulates Dr. Mueller on her receipt of the “coveted” NCIIV Gold Star

program agencies, U.S. Department of State partners, and IVLP alumni. In his remarks Ambassador Stuart Holliday, President of Meridian International Center, noted that NCIV had once been housed at Meridian and thus there could hardly be a more fitting location for the evenings events. Max Stewart, Executive Director, World Affairs Council of Central Florida, recognized the important role that Sherry has played as a mentor for countless interns and staff over the years, as well as for him personally.

Ambassador J. Adam Ereli, Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of

State, called Sherry “an outstanding partner and friend to the Department of State” and said she possesses many of the same characteristics the Department looks for in IVLP participants. “We look for people who have the ability to lead, who can have a multiplier effect and can share their knowledge with the broadest possible audience” he said. Ambassador Ereli added, “And, we look for someone who is inspirational, dedicated to their field and passionate about their work.” Alma Candelaria, Director, Office of International Visitors, joined Ambassador Ereli to present Sherry with a formal citation recognizing her leadership, vision, and ongoing support of citizen diplomacy.

Willem Post, Senior Visiting Fellow, Clingendael Institute for International Relations, The Hague, Netherlands

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Alexander P. Durtka Jr. (left), current NCIV Board Chairman, with former Board Chairs Bruce Buckland, Larry Chastang, and Jim Stockton (right)



NCIV Advisory Council members Ambassador Walter Cutler (far right) and Edie Fraser (second from left) along with Sharon and Al Durtka and Didi Cutler



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constituencies and maximize the resources of their local communities in support of citizen diplomacy.

Albuquerque: October 4-5

Albuquerque’s Mayor, Richard J. Berry, declared October 5th Citizen Diplomacy Day at the Albuquerque Council for International Visitors-sponsored Community Summit on Citizen Diplomacy. With support from 20 community partner organizations and 17 sponsors, more than 120 people participated in the Summit program sessions, held at the University of New Mexico Student Union Building. Keynote speakers included Cari Guittard, Senior Associate, Global Strategic Partners, who outlined “Five Global Trends Americans Can’t Afford to Ignore,” and NCIV Advisory Council chair Ambassador Walter L. Cutler, who spoke on “America and the Middle East—Coping with Crisis and Change.”



Carol Grabauskas, Deputy Director of the Office of International Visitors, (left) and Carol Yarnall, President of the Albuquerque Council for International Visitors (right) at the Albuquerque Community Summit on Citizen Diplomacy

the experiences of International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) participants who visited New Mexico in recent years. Luis Doménech, President of Market Intelligence Latin America, a Mexico City based consulting firm, spoke about how cultural differences helps a business succeed.

“Our community partnership program allowed us to highlight

the wide range of the Council’s activities, as well as the other international organizations that give their time, leadership, and professional expertise to further the cause of citizen diplomacy in our community,” said Carol Yarnall, President of the Albuquerque Council for International Visitors.

Arkansas: November 6-7

A colorful Parade of Nations at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center with more than 80 people carrying the flags of more than 40 countries kicked off the Arkansas Council for International Visitor’s Summit on Citizen Diplomacy. Skip Rutherford, Dean of the Clinton School of Public Service, gave the opening address and read a letter from President Bill Clinton in which he stated, “More than just a colorful ceremony, the parade beautifully represents the spirit of [this] summit: individuals from diverse

Interactive workshops featuring local panelists focused on Business and Global Markets, Diplomacy Education and Careers, Citizens Meet the World, and Memorable International Experiences. Carol Grabauskas, Deputy Director of the Office of International Visitors at the U.S. Department of State, highlighted



Students from the Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas carry the flags of their home countries in the Parade of Nations

backgrounds coming together to foster a better understanding of one another.” More than 115 people participated in the two-day program.

The Summit also included panels on international business at the local level, international programs in higher education, and nonprofits in the

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Interested in Summits on Citizen Diplomacy?

Information on applying for Community Summit grants up to \$4,000 is available under “grants” in the Member Section on the NCIV website. The next deadline for grant requests is January 27, 2012.

National Meeting Session: A Recipe for a Successful Summit on Citizen Diplomacy

A concurrent session at the 2012 NCIV National Meeting, “A Recipe for a Successful Summit on Citizen Diplomacy” will be presented on Saturday, February 18, 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.



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website at www.ppr2011.org. To learn more about “The Story” visit <http://thestory.org/>

Effectively using stories to engage corporate partners will be the focus of Cari Guittard’s keynote presentation at the Citizen Diplomacy Luncheon on Saturday, February 18. NCIV is also proud to feature our trademark NCIV Luncheon with the Ambassadors on Thursday, February 16, which will include the presentation of NCIV’s 2012 Corporate Citizen Diplomat Award. The IVLP Alumni luncheon on

Friday, February 17 will feature two returning International Visitors (IVs) selected by the Department of State to share their stories.

National Meeting concurrent sessions will focus on how gathering stories about home hospitality dinners, memorable program events, and IV experiences can help NCIV members recruit volunteers, secure corporate partnerships, and gather supporters. A story about the experiences of a single IV and how the IVLP changed his or her opinion of the United States is a powerful way to engage audiences

at Rotary luncheons, Chambers of Commerce, and other events. As Dr. Carina Black, Chair of the 2012 NCIV National Meeting Planning Committee and Executive Director of the Northern Nevada International Center, says, “Telling potential private sector partners that the visitor they met today could become president of a country tomorrow is a great way to secure support.”

The NCIV network must share stories about the impact of citizen diplomacy with legislators and their staff, locally and on Capitol Hill.

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NCIV and Girl Scouts of the USA Celebrate First Collaborative Project

By ZAC CARR, PROGRAM ASSOCIATE, COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY, NCIV

The first joint project between NCIV and the Girl Scouts of the USA, *Girl Scouts and Girl Guides: Developing and Building Capacity for Girl-Serving Organizations* brought 24 English-speaking Girl Guides from around the globe to the United States for a three week program that exceeded all expectations. The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)-sponsored project fulfilled Girl Scout’s Manager for Global Action Karen Scheuerer’s hope that, “having NCIV as an affiliate organization will present exciting opportunities for Girl Scouts” to expand their activities into new and innovative programs.

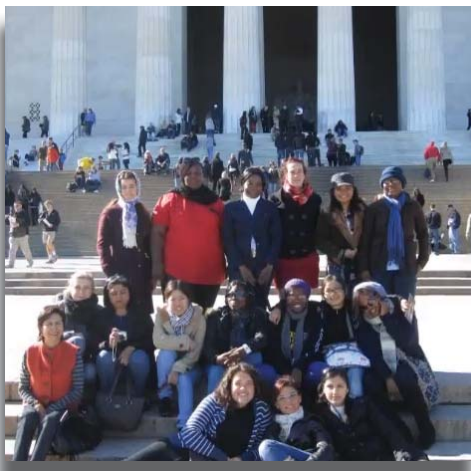
Designed for both volunteers and paid professionals who work with girls, the program explored the benefits and challenges of developing girls’ leadership skills, place in civil society, and the roles of non-formal education in leadership building. Alma Candelaria, Director of the U.S. Department of State’s Office of International Visitors, praised the program, stating, “[Girl Scouts and Girl Guides] dovetailed fabulously with our overarching effort this year to focus on empowering women

and girls through international exchanges.”

The multi-regional project, administered by World Learning, ran from October 31 to November 13 and included site visits to other youth-serving organizations across the country that promote leadership, skill-building, and responsible citizenship, with a focus on female empowerment. The program culminated in Houston, Texas, where

participants attend the Girl Scouts of the USA’s National Convention.

The Houston convention honored the Girl Scouts’ 100 years of service, and included a session moderated by CNN reporter Soledad O’Brian on moving beyond diversity to inclusion. The Girl Guides addressed many young Girl Scouts, parents, and Girl Scout officials. One powerful example of the program impact came when the International Visitor (IV) from Afghanistan befriended an Afghan-American Girl Scout, and they promised to keep in touch.



The Girl Scouts - Girl Guides IVLP Group on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC

The success of the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides project represents an opportunity for IVLP-focused groups to branch out into new types of programming. NCIV members are encouraged to include local Girl Scout councils in the planning and administration of new programs. NCIV, the U.S. Department of State, and Girl Scouts of the USA look forward to further collaboration. Candelaria expressed her support for more programs of this kind, noting, “this project is an exciting new partnership,” one that hopefully will encourage other organizations to craft similar creative initiatives. ★



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international arena. A panel on high school student exchanges featured a teacher who was a former exchange student, a Rotarian, a host family member, and a current exchange student from Sweden. Another highlight was the presentation of the first Albert Porter Citizen Diplomacy Award. The award was presented to Mr. Porter, a 20-year Board member of the Arkansas Council, in recognition of his tireless work volunteering for dozens of local nonprofits.

Walter Nunn, Director of the Arkansas Council for International Visitors, remarked, "We found the Summit rewarding on several fronts: It increased [our] connections to local businesses, educational institutions, and nonprofits that have a strong international interest, and provided our members with a chance to expand their networks."

Arizona: November 10

A culturally rich audience of more than 200 local lawmakers, City Council Members, international students and dignitaries attended the Arizona Council for International Visitor's (AZCIV) Summit on Citizen Diplomacy held at Phoenix's new Musical Instrument Museum. The program included passionate and knowledgeable speakers emphasizing the value of citizen diplomacy to Arizona and our nation.

The highlight of the evening was a keynote address from U.S. Congressman Ben Quayle (R-AZ 3), who said, "Listening to the stories tonight it's clear how bringing people together and really getting involved in the process starts breaking down barriers [and] preconceived notions. That's going to help all of our countries going forward." He added,



U.S. Congressman Ben Quayle (R-AZ 3), son of former Vice President Dan Quayle, delivers the keynote address at the Summit on Citizen Diplomacy in Phoenix, AZ.

"As the world grows more and more inter-connected, I think the National Council [for International Visitors'] mission is really more important than ever."

Kyle Moyer, Vice Chairman of NCIV's Board and AZCIV Board Member, told the story of the journey to Arizona by one International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) participant, revealing him at the end of the presentation to be Ivo Josipović, recently elected President of the Republic of Croatia. Other speakers included Dr. Sherry Mueller, NCIV President Emeritus, who spoke about the importance of citizen diplomacy in America today, as well as the scale and depth of the NCIV network. Alma Candelaria, Director of the Office of International Visitors at the U.S. Department of State, highlighted the IVLP's achievements over the past 70 years. Don Heniger, publisher of the *Phoenix Business Journal*, conveyed his support for citizen diplomacy and appreciation of the Arizona Council's work. The

program concluded with AZCIV's new signature gift, "The Highly Coveted Copper Star," being presented to Congressman Quayle, Ms. Candelaria, and Dr. Mueller.

The wide range of activities, venues and program content at each Summit showcased the ability of NCIV member organizations to maximize the resources and connections in their respective communities. "Each had memorable highlights and stirring moments, and each showcased the strengths of the hosting NCIV member organization," said Dr. Mueller. "I came away convinced," she added, "that these Summits are an excellent way for NCIV members to play key leadership roles in their communities and to expand outreach on behalf of the IVLP and other programs they implement." ☆

For More Information on the Summits

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Who Do I Call? NCIV Members Guide to Calling Our Office

Several new staff members have joined the NCIV office in Washington, DC, and other familiar faces have moved on. The *NCIV Network News* would like to provide our members with a quick guide of whom to call at the NCIV office to get your questions answered and your concerns addressed. Naturally, all staff members at NCIV are engaged in many different projects and areas of responsibilities overlap (just as is the case in many of your organizations), but the list below details areas of major responsibility for each of the NCIV staff members.

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- Advocacy
- Development and fundraising
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- Internship coordination



A Special Thank You From Sherry Mueller

Dear Colleagues,

The Salute to Sherry Mueller event that the NCIV Board hosted in my honor on October 26 was truly a stellar event. The meticulously planned gathering demonstrated yet again the NCIV board and staff commitment to excellence.

My remarks that evening have been posted on the NCIV website, under speeches. I want to convey my heartfelt thanks to:

- ★ The leaders of our member organizations who came from all across the country to be part of that memorable occasion. Your presence was an extraordinary gift.
- ★ My family and friends who traveled so far to participate. Your support of the cause I embrace means more than words can express.
- ★ Those who sent cards, letters, photos, flowers, creative gifts – what treasured memories you captured.
- ★ Those who spoke at the event for your eloquent and exceedingly generous remarks.
- ★ My Congressman Jim Moran for honoring me with his presence.
- ★ The NCIV board for all your thoughtful and significant gifts.

Most of all, I'm grateful to the board for giving me the title President Emeritus because it symbolizes an ongoing and deep connection to the organization that means so much to me. As I often observe, a calling is

where your greatest passion and the world's greatest need intersect. I have been blessed that NCIV and the cause of citizen diplomacy have been my calling for so many years. As John Gardner phrased it: "What could be more satisfying than to be engaged in work in which every capacity or talent one may have is needed, every lesson one may have learned is used, every value one cares about is furthered."

It has been a privilege to represent the NCIV network for almost 16 years. Your capability is unmatched and your work on a daily basis reflects your dedication and determination to be a force for good in the turbulent world of ours. You give me hope.

With thanks for all you do,

Sherry
Sherry

FOR THE FULL TEXT OF SHERRY'S REMARKS
VISIT NCIV ONLINE:

<http://www.nciv.org/Speeches>

U.S. Department of State Honors Sherry Mueller

At the October 26 event hosted by NCIV's Board of Directors, Ambassador J. Adam Ereli, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, and Alma Candelaria, Director, Office of International Visitors, present Sherry with a special citation on behalf of the U.S. Department of State.





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From left to right, Karen de Bartolome, IIE Rocky Mountain Regional Center, Denver, Colorado, Annette Alvarez, Miami Council for International Visitors, Carol Byrne, Minnesota International Center, Minneapolis, and Peggy Parfenoff, World Chicago

(1995 IVLP Alumnus) introduced himself as “one of the thousands of Sherry’s best friends.” He spoke about Sherry’s friendship, hospitality, and guidance over the years. Describing her as “the ultimate bridge builder,” he said: “Sherry is on the one hand a proud American, a true ambassador of her country. But on the other hand she is a global citizen, reaching out to all cultures and religions, to people from all over the world. That is no contradiction or paradox – that is simply Sherry’s world.”

Alexander P. Durtka, Jr., President, International Institute of Wisconsin, and Chairman, NCIV Board of Directors, was joined by former Board Chairs Bruce Buckland, Larry Chastang, and Jim Stockton to present Sherry with three gifts: a “memory book” featuring letters and photos from colleagues and friends; a certificate noting that a star in the constellation Pegasus was named “Sherry Lee” in her honor; and finally of course the “coveted” NCIV gold star (which Sherry had presented to so many visitors, speakers, donors, and other guests over the years).

Chairman Durtka concluded the evening’s program by officially

announcing the Board’s decision earlier that day to name Sherry President Emeritus of NCIV, a title she will carry as she continues to speak on behalf of the network and to support NCIV and citizen diplomacy efforts globally. ☆



Willem Post, Clingendael Institute for International Relations, The Hague, Netherlands (IVLP 1995)



Max Stewart (left), Executive Director, World Affairs Council of Central Florida, former NCIV Board Chair Larry Chastang (far right), and four interns from WACCFL



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In keeping with NCIV’s commitment to advocacy, the 2012 National Meeting will feature two sessions on building partnerships with elected officials and the importance of stories in conveying program impact. As Dr. Black reminds us, “In order to assure the important work we do can continue to be funded by Congress . . . documenting our stories and learning to tell them is critically important.” NCIV members also are urged to invite their Congressmen and legislative staff to the February 17 NCIV Breakfast on the Hill, an important opportunity to engage with representatives in Washington.

Building on the Emerging Leaders Program launched in 2011 as part of NCIV’s 50th Anniversary celebration, NCIV will bring ten young adults ages 18 to 24 from around the country to participate in the National Meeting. Dr. Black notes that these young people “tell the story of citizen diplomacy in far more effective, widespread, and immediate ways than we could have ever [imagined].”

The NCIV National Meeting has long served as an opportunity to exchange ideas, develop knowledge, and cultivate skills in support of the IVLP and other exchanges. In February, NCIV members have the opportunity to learn about gathering stories of citizen diplomacy, crafting impactful narratives, advocating to their elected officials, building corporate partnerships,

engaging diverse constituencies, working with youth, and connecting with IVLP alumni. “As members of the NCIV network, we’ve been telling our stories about citizen diplomacy for a long time,” says Dr. Black. After the 2012 National Meeting we will be a little better at it. ☆

Preview of the 2012 NCIV National Meeting: Youth Programming Workshop

NCIV members are encouraged to expand their activities to include new youth focused programs. The U.S. Department of State’s Office of International Visitors has made expanding youth programs a priority. Expanded youth programs is a golden opportunity for NCIV members to leverage their programming excellence in a new and innovative way.

NCIV in partnership with World Learning will host a pre-conference Workshop on Youth Programming on February 14 and 15. The eight hour workshop will provide NCIV members with a broad introduction to programming for young audiences.

The program will:

- ☆ Feature hands-on skills development;
- ☆ Teach best practices for experiential education and youth leadership development;
- ☆ Discuss benchmarks and procedures for host family recruitment, evaluation, and financial reporting.

NCIV members will be able to strengthen their CIVs knowledge and capacity to deliver quality youth programming. At the end of the workshop participants will receive a certificate of completion.



Register for the 2012 National Meeting

The easiest and fastest way to register is online. From the National Meeting page on NCIV’s website, choose the “register now” option. If you have questions about how to register, please contact NCIV toll-free at 1-800-523-8101.

Download a paper registration form from www.nciv.org. Complete the registration form and mail with payment to:

NCIV National Meeting Registration
1420 K Street, NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005



Capacity Building Workshop with Gail Perry: Special Member Workshop Precedes NCIV National Meeting

NCIV presents a special two-day workshop on capacity building designed specifically for NCIV member organizations. Attendees will receive tips on crafting an effective message about citizen diplomacy.



encouraging them to make their own commitment to action.

Wish you could ignite your board's passion, get them excited about possibilities for your organization and your hard at work in making it happen? Join Gail Perry to discover her Fired-Up system for changing your board's culture, creating new enthusiasm, and setting them up to win. Ms. Perry takes board development to a deeper level by sparking your board members' vision for change in the world and

When: Tuesday February 14 (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, February 15 (9:00 a.m. to noon)

Where: Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, 999 9th Avenue North West

Who: CIV executives and board members are encouraged to attend

Cost: \$95

Ms. Perry will review cutting edge techniques and proven strategies in fundraising that will help you develop a consistent base of donors who will stick with your organization for the long run. Learn how to launch a major gifts effort to bring in big bucks and get the most out of your events, mailings, and proposals by being effective and efficient. Discover what donors are looking for in this economic environment and have fun while helping your organization bring in the resources it needs.

NCIV Welcomes Two New Members

NCIV is pleased to welcome two new organizational members to the network: the Riley Institute at Furman University, a Provisional CIV Member, and the new program agency Cultural Vistas.

The Riley Institute

The Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics, and Public Leadership, at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, is the newest NCIV Provisional Member. Inaugurated in 1999, the Riley Institute has a broad array of programs focusing on important public policy issues ranging from social security to national security. Special strengths include urban politics and policy; women in politics; the environment; politics and the media; the American Congress; and international programs. The Riley Institute will arrange IVLP projects in the 10 countries in northern South Carolina.

Cultural Vistas

Cultural Vistas is the newest National Program Agency in the International Visitor Leadership Program. The result of a recent merger between two nonprofit organizations providing international exchanges, Cultural Vistas has an active partner network in over 100 countries and offers international internships and training; professional fellowships; work and study abroad opportunities; study tours; and short-term experiential programs. It is designated by the U.S. State Department as a J-1 visa sponsor in five categories: intern, trainee, teacher, camp counselor, and summer work and travel. Programs include USA Internship Program, Global Career Launch, Korea WEST (Work, English Study, Travel), and Teach USA.

Please check the Online Resource Directory (ORD) for contact information and details. ★



NCIV Staff Update

Andrea Otte Says Farewell

For the past two years I have had the privilege to serve on the NCIV staff as Program Assistant. From “Snowmageddon” (2010 National Meeting), to the NCIV 50th Anniversary Conference in February 2011, my experience here has been a flurry of activity filled with enriching learning experiences.

Thursday, December 1 marked my last day on the NCIV staff as I make preparations to relocate back to the Midwest in order to be closer to family. I will always admire the NCIV passion for citizen diplomacy, skilled leadership, and the amazing work that this nationwide network is able to accomplish. I look forward to remaining involved in the years to come. ☆

Collin Burden New Program Associate

Collin Burden joined the NCIV staff as the Program Associate for Social Media and Special Projects in November 2011. Prior to joining NCIV, he worked at the Congressional Management Foundation, where he worked on projects to improve Congress’ use of social media and the Internet to better communicate with citizens and programs to help congressional staff at all levels become better leaders and managers.

Raised in Los Angeles, Collin graduated *cum laude* from the University of California, San Diego with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and came to Washington, DC after participating in the University of California’s UCDC program. ☆

NCIV Calendar

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NCIV National Meeting February 15 - 18
Washington, DC

CIVs Requesting More Visitors

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