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Letter from the President

Spring, and hopefully all of you are invigorated with the energy that seems to come with the season. This is the busiest time of year for CIV, and hopefully each of will expend some of that energy on CIV activities.

We've had an extremely successful Great Decisions program to date, with attendance running from 25 to 50% greater than last year. Our Great Decisions Co-chairpersons, Judy Terry and Farnum Brown, have put together a tremendous program with interesting and knowledgeable speakers for each topic. Coupled with all the Publicity that Nancy Caswell has generated, we've had a tremendous increase in attendance at our Tuesday presentations, with many non-CIV members participating. Elsewhere in the newsletter is a list the remaining Great Decisions topics. If you haven't attended to date, I encourage you to participate.

Spring also brings a surge of activities, as well, with our sponsorship program. Several classes at both DIILS and the Surface Warfare Officers School will convene with international participants. In addition, sponsors are being recruited for next year's classes at the Naval War College and Salve Regina University. Have you signed up?

And finally, with all of the above activities, we're in our most active period for bringing in new members to CIV. Our Membership Chairperson, Marsha Francis has been working steadily to meet our goal of increasing CIV membership by 25% this year. But she needs your help. Our best source of new – and more importantly active - members is a current member. I'm sure each of us has a friend or colleague who shares our interest in the principals of CIV. But the question is: Have you introduced him or her to our organization? Bring a prospective member to any of our activities, or send contact information to Marsha, and she'll take it from there. We need new members if we're going to be able to keep pace with the growth of opportunities that we're seeing with the international visitors here in our area. Please, do your part!

On the horizon:

Our Annual Membership Reception is being planned for some time in early June. Deatails will be posted on our WEB site and by separate mailing as soon as they are finalized. This will be another excellent opportunity to introduce prospective members to CIV.

Next year will feature another Tall Ships event here in Newport. CIV will offer our assistance in hosting international ships visiting as part of the celebration. More information will be forthcoming on our WEB site (www.newportciv.org), as well as in future newsletters.

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Lastly, I recently received a letter of resignation from Board Member Chris Lalli which I reluctantly accepted. Chris has been an active and effective member of the Board for several years, and she will be sorely missed. It is only through the volunteer services of members like Chris that our organization can exist. Thanks for all your hard work!

Sincerely,

Walter Wasowski

President

Members Website Corner

We hope you've had a chance to check out our Website at www.newportciv.org.

This is our initial effort, and we're hoping to build and expand upon the site in the near future. We hope to be able to use this medium, as well as direct email, to keep our membership informed about our activities. If you have suggestions for additional features, or other sites which you think would be of interest to our members, please forward them to webmaster@newportciv.org. Of course, we'll continue to send our regular mailings, as well, realizing that there are some of you who would prefer to use this format for keeping up with CIV.

NOTE: To ensure that you receive email from us, you need to add newportciv.org to your list of safe senders under Microsoft Outlook. To do so, select Actions – Junk E-mail – Junk E-mail options to open the dialog box. Select the tab “Safe Senders” and click on “Add”. In the dialog box that opens enter enter@newportciv.org then click OK and OK to close the dialog boxes. If you use other Spam filters (such as Cox e-mail) you'll have to follow their procedure to ensure receipt.



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Membership Update

CIV in Newport is in the midst of our busiest time of year. This year's Great Decisions discussions have attracted standing room crowds.

Have you attended? If not, come and enjoy the knowledgeable presentations and lively discussions that follow. Bring a friend and join in!

Have you paid your 2006 dues? (If you have not paid your 2006 dues as of March 15, 2006, your name will be highlighted on the mailing label.) Our Membership Year follows our fiscal year, October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. CIV is a membership organization and it can only function if you pay your dues! If you haven't paid, please send them in now, or call me if you think you have already paid.

And get a friend to join, also, so that we can exceed our goal of increasing membership this year by 25%. See how we are doing so far:

2005 68 Memberships

2006 56 Memberships – 44 Renewals, 12 New – as of March 15, 2006

Goal: 85 Memberships (a 25% increase over 2005)

Status: 56 Memberships Received - 29 memberships to reach our goal. 17 members from 2005 have not yet sent in their renewals, although we know that some of these have moved out of the area. Hopefully they will keep up their interest in international affairs and join an affiliate in their new area!

Our best source of new members is our current members bringing in their friends. Please do your part. If you send me a list of potential members (membership@civ.org), or to CIV Membership, Box 3032, Newport, R.I. 02840, I will be happy to send them a letter explaining about CIV and a brochure including a membership application.

Thank you for your past participation in the Council for International Visitors in Newport! Several more lively Great Decisions discussions are scheduled. New classes are arriving who need Sponsors. We need volunteers to work on Special Events and the Nominating Committee will soon be looking to fill Board Positions for next year. Get involved! Stay involved! Give one of the Committee Chairs a telephone call, today!

Included in your annual membership are several Newsletters, sponsorship notices and opportunities, Great Decisions participation and invitations to our Annual Events. Please visit our web site at www.newportciv.org for our calendar and updates.

For any questions, telephone Membership Chair, Marsha Francis at 401-849-2900 x32 (work) or 857-636-0076 (mobile).

Thank you for your continued support of the Council for International Visitors in Newport!

If your name is highlighted on the mailing label, and you would like to renew your membership, or for new members: Please complete the attached form, enclose your check made out to CIV, and return to:

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Great Decisions

Co-Chairpersons: Farnum Brown & Judy Terry

If you believe that knowledge is power, then the Great Decisions Series is for you! This outstanding series of talks is the flagship educational program of the non-profit Foreign Policy Association. Founded in 1918, the FPA serves as a catalyst for developing informed opinion on foreign policy.

Since 1954, the Great Decisions Series has been informing Americans about foreign policy issues and today boasts more than 400,000 participants from coast to coast. Since its inception, Great Decisions has benefited from the wisdom of outstanding scholars and activists in international affairs. The FPA briefing book provides both accurate information and a deep context of each of the eight issues. The books can be purchased for \$15 at each of the talks.

Today, in particular, America faces challenges that demand solutions - not obfuscation - and the national discourse needs facts, not rhetoric. Dedicated to inspiring Americans to learn more about their world, the FPA has a winner in its Great Decision Series.

(Note: At the end of each talk, attendees are asked to fill out ballots, all of which are sent to the FPA at Series' end. Who knows? Your ideas and comments may make a difference!)

Remaining Great Decisions Topics:		
<i>Date:</i>	<i>Topic:</i>	<i>Speaker:</i>
April 4	Energy Resources	Cdr. Alan Boyer, USN
April 11	Brazil	Mr. Larry McCabe
April 18	China & India: Partners or Competitors?	Professor Linsun Cheng
April 25	Turkey	Col. Richard Price, USAF (Ret.)

All discussions are held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. in Room 105, McAuley Hall at Salve Regina University.

To find out more about the Great Decisions Series visit the Foreign Policy Association Web-site: www.greatdecisions.org

Sponsorship Committee

Chairperson: Peggy Phelan

CIV has been providing sponsors for the international students attending the Department Head and Division Officers' classes at SWOS for many years now, to the delight and benefit of both our members and the students.

The next Division Officer's Class will run from April 17th to August 4th. The upcoming Division Heads' Class is scheduled for April 24th through July 28th.

At this point in time, it is estimated that there will be 23 students between the 2 classes. We are unsure yet which countries and how many from each country will be attending. CIV is seeking members to sponsor these international students. We will know by mid-April who the attendees will be.

Call Peggy Phelan at 846-1640, or email her at sponsorship@newportciv.org to sign up now and let her know what region you will be interested in sponsoring. As soon as we know, we'll call you and let you know all about your student.

Our other many sponsor opportunities include international students attending Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, Naval Command College, Naval Staff College and Salve Regina University.

Sponsors are also needed for the upcoming DIILS classes, this Spring. For more information see the article on DIILS provided by Vice-President Dana Scott elsewhere in this Newsletter.

There are also upcoming classes at the Naval War College beginning this Summer. If you are interested in sponsoring an International student in either of these courses, contact Cdr. Jeff Gordon at 841-6535.

We'll keep you informed when the next class at Salve Regina University will be looking for sponsors. This is a great opportunity if you have College age children or grandchildren close to home.

Sponsorship Highlight: DIILS

The Defense Institute of International Legal Studies serves as the DoD lead agency for providing professional legal education and training to international military officers and civilian government officials in furtherance of US national security and foreign policy objectives to include:

- Internationally recognized Principles of Human Rights
- Fostering disciplined military operations through the revision, review and reorganization of Military Justice Systems
- Recognition and respect for Rule of Law principles
- Respect for and understanding of the principle of Civilian Control of the Military

Since its inception in late 1992, DIILS has conducted 760+ programs in 98 countries for over 24,000 senior military and civilian participants. DIILS has been able to call on the services of more than 1,000 U.S. and host-country subject matter experts for its faculty teams.

On 1 October 2001, DIILS assumed responsibility for the legal training of international students in the United States involved in the planning or conduct of international Peacekeeping Operations, for their respective countries. The course on Conducting Military and Peacekeeping Operations in accordance with the Rule of Law has been taught 17 times to over 700 students from 93 countries.

A very important element of these courses is the Community Sponsor Program. The role of the sponsor is to welcome the student to the U.S. and assist in making his or her stay a pleasant and educational experience. As sponsors, you are ambassadors for the U.S. and teachers. For some course attendees, this may be the first time out of their country and their first contact with U.S. citizens. The students are extremely interested in U.S. families, our way of life, and culture. CIV has played an important role in providing sponsors for the international students attending DIILS courses.

The next course for peacekeepers is 10 April – 18 May, 21 students are expected. The date for the next Military Law Development Program is 10 April – 30 June, 11 students are expected. If you are interested in sponsoring a student(s), please contact Dana Scott at DIILS, 841-1524 ext. 160.

Great Decisions Kickoff Reception

This year's Great Decision's Kickoff Reception was enthusiastically attended by some 45 people at Hibernian Hall on Feb. 28. A banquet-sized table boasted a wonderful variety of appetizers contributed by members, and a punch bowl and cash bar provided drinks. CIV president Walt Wasowski welcomed Jim Buxton and Dick Price, two of the current Series' speakers. Also attending were several officers from the current NCC class. The Hall's warming fireplace and nearby tables provided a cozy backdrop for lively conversation.....



Jim Buxton & CIV Pres.
Walt Wasowski



Lcdr Atiqur, Tina Dolen,
Farnum Brown



Pat Sherman, Dana Scott, Cynthia
& Dana Fleming, Curtis LaFrance

These, and other photographs from the event can be viewed at: www.newportciv.org/civ_event_photos.htm

South Kingston Model UN (SKMUN)

Our recent Great Decisions discussion on UN Reform was moderated by Mr. Jim Buxton, student advisor to the Model UN Club at North Kingston High School. Several of his students also attended the session, enthusiastically adding to the evenings discussion. Mr. Buxton has also served as Coordinator of the South Kingston Model United Nations (SKMUN) Conference for the past 16 years. SKMUN typically involves 350-400 students from 20-25 schools in an all day simulation of the UN.

This year's Conference will focus on Latin America. Topics for debate will include:

- 1) Civil war in Colombia
- 2) US embargo of Cuba
- 3) Deforestation
- 4) Illegal Immigration in the Western Hemisphere
- 5) Drug Trade

This year's Conference will take place on Saturday, 8 April, at the school. The Conference is open to the public. If you would like to attend the Conference, or would like additional information, please visit their WEB site at www.skmun.co.nr.

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