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Letter from the President

September, and our Summer is rapidly drawing to a close. And also my term as President of the Newport CIV. This will be my last Newsletter as President, and I wanted to share some final thoughts with you.

First, speaking for the Board, I think that we've had reasonable success in meeting our goals during the last two years. Major accomplishments have included completing a revision of our By-Laws, establishing an online presence for the CIV through our WEB site at www.NewportCIV.org, and significantly increasing our attendance at our Great Decisions series. We've also greatly increased our visibility within the community through increased press and media coverage of our events. In addition, we've expanded our involvement in sponsoring International students studying both at various courses at the U.S. Naval Station, as well as at Salve Regina University. Meeting these goals was only possible because of the hard-work and cooperation of our entire Board of Directors, and I would like to publicly acknowledge their hard work over these last two years.

Which brings me to my next item, our upcoming Annual Meeting on Monday, 2 October. You've find details elsewhere in the newsletter, and I hope that all of you will set aside the date and plan on attending. Our Entertainment Committee has an excellent menu lined up at one of Newport's historic locations, with an interesting speaker. We will also have a short business meeting to both report on the state of the organization, as well as to hold elections for our Board of Directors. In this regard, I have appointed Judy Terry, Ken Kurze and Pat Sherman as this year's Nominating Committee. I hope that if you are contacted by one of them to fill a position on the Board that you will accept the challenge, and allow your name to be placed in nomination. We have a large Board, and only ask that each member devotes just a few hours a month to the work of the organization.

Finally, I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to invite potential members to join us at our Annual Dinner. Our best source of new members is through word of mouth contact with an existing member. Particularly in these troubled times our mission of "promoting global understanding through educational and people-to-people programs for foreign visitors and local residents" takes on added meaning and significance.

Sincerely,

Walter Wasowski

President





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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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, 2 October

2006 Annual Dinner Meeting

Location: Canfield House

5 Memorial Boulevard, Newport

6:00pm social hour 7:00pm dinner

Guest Speaker: Ambassador Gene B Christy

State Department specialist in Political Affairs

Minister Counselor at Senior Foreign Service

State Department Advisor to the President, NWC

Our Annual Dinner is the event of the year for the CIV. We reunite after a summer full of travel, summer fun and outdoor activities. For those of us who are sponsoring, we have been busy meeting and getting our new students settled.

At this special event we get an opportunity to relax and hear about CIV's achievements of the past year, plans for the upcoming year's exciting events, and elect new members of the Board.

For those of us who have not been to the Canfield House, it is located at 5 Memorial Boulevard. The building used to be a Casino in the 1800's and has hosted many of the rich and famous since before the turn of the last century. On the National Historic Register, its interior decor is noteworthy. Our hostess will be Maggie Wiggins and their chef is Ken Wosczyzna. Please plan to join us for the reception hour, with cash bar, starting at 6:00 PM in the elegant bar. At 7:00 we'll move in to the dining room with its beautifully coffered ceiling. The evenings menu begins with a garden salad and balsamic dressing followed by your choice of English cut prime rib, herb and three cheese stuffed chicken breast with Marsala sauce, or peppered salmon with lemon beurre blanc, all accompanied by the chef's vegetable and potato. Dessert of strawberry cheesecake will accompany the coffee.

Our guest speaker will be Ambassador Gene B. Christy. He is currently at the US Naval War College on loan from the State Department as Advisor to the President.

His State Department specialization is political affairs and, as a member of the Senior Foreign Service, he has the rank of Minister Counselor. His experiences have taken him from Haiti to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. He will discuss his experiences in an insightful presentation. Not to be missed.

The dinner is also an excellent opportunity to help us grow our organization by bringing a friend, family member or colleague to enjoy the evening, get exposed to the organization and be inspired to join. It has been our goal to increase the membership by 25% a year. Let's make this year a record breaker for new membership enrollment. To this end, your Board will rebate any new member joining at the dinner \$5.00 off the price of their meal. Members \$25 and non-members \$30 per person. Bon Appetit!

Look for your invitation in the mail. For more information email Vincent Arnold at vjarnold@cox.net or Anne Huot at ahhuot@cox.net.

Membership Update

Membership in CIV provides not only friendship, the comraderie of a club, and shared interests, but the enriching experience of contact with people from all over the Globe. Membership is a unique and rewarding opportunity to make a difference locally in our own community and in the world internationally.

It is our mission to be citizen diplomats.

It should be our goal as members to each bring in more new members, increase CIV's visibility in the community and spread the good work of the organization's mission.

This is the time to tell friends, family, colleagues and acquaintances about your organization. Get them inspired. Have them come to the Annual Dinner and learn more.

We offer sponsorships, the Great Decisions lecture series and several social events during the year to which international visitors and students are invited.

Help us help you. Volunteer to sponsor; work in special events; get on the Board. The Nominating Committee is looking to fill Board positions for next year. Judy Terry is Nominating Committee Chair with able assistance from Ken Kurze and Pat Sherman

If you are interested please contact Judy at judyterry05@cox.net

The membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Memberships can be renewed and initiated at the Annual Meeting. Dues this year are \$20 for a single and \$30 for a family. We are encouraging businesses to become members as well. New member interest can be directed to membership@civ.org or to Membership, Box 3032, Newport, RI 02840. We will be happy to send a brochure out to any inquiries.

Our website is updated regularly and you can find our calendar, events and updates listed at:

www.newportciv.org.

Membership Chair Marsha Francis can be reached at 849-2900 ext. 32 or 857-636-0076

So come on, get a friend to join and make CIV really meaningful!

CIV is a non-profit, 501-C-3 organization.

Great Decisions

Co-Chairpersons: Farnum Brown & Judy Terry

This year's Great Decisions lecture series was a resounding success, with an average of over fifty attendees at each discussion. 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.

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.

If you missed any of this year's discussions, or want to delve further into any of the topics, you can find a wealth of information by going to the Foreign Policy Association Web-site: <http://www.fpa.org/> and selecting the Great Decisions tab.

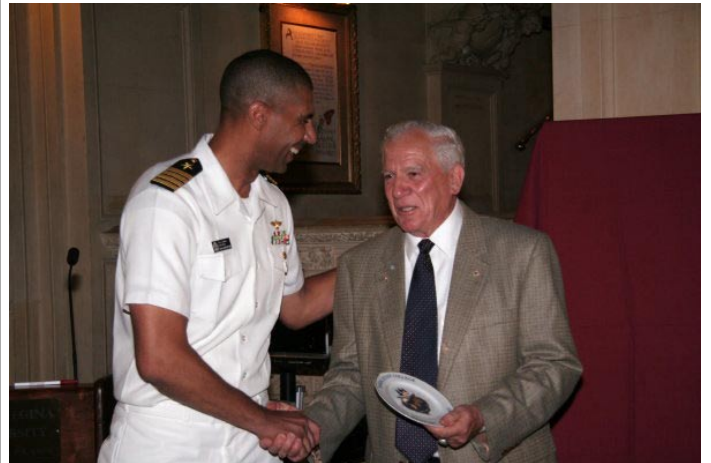
Newport Civ will host the 2007 Great Decisions Series during the winter. Watch our WEB site this fall for the list of topics and series details.

Recent Events

NSC Class 2006 Farewell Reception



NSC Class President unveils Class Memento.



Capt. Senteio presents award to sponsor.

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Recent Events (Cont'd)

Great Decisions 2006



CIV Board Member Vince Arnold presents memento to Great Decisions lecturer Prof. Linsun Cheng.

DILLS Farewell Reception



CIV Member Merilee Zellner & Students



CIV Member Bonnie Burns & Student



**Board Members Barbara Fenlon & Sybil Morris
& Student**



**Sponsorship Chairwoman (& Board Member)
Peggy Phelan with Students**

Sponsorship Committee

Chairperson: Peggy Phelan

One of the most rewarding aspects of CIV membership is the opportunity to participate in the sponsorship program. CIV actively looks for opportunities in the community in which its membership can offer internationals a positive interaction with American culture.

The following is a list of the next three upcoming programs looking for sponsors for their participants:

1. Salve Regina University's incoming freshman class of International Students will be arriving around the end of August/ early September and staying until June.

This is a newly expanded program for CIV. Although we have had some contact with the University in the past, we are promoting this new program to assist with international students studying at the University. Included are returning students who do have some experience of living in America. But for the new arrivals it may be their first experience of our culture and possibly the first time they have been away from their families. We might all remember being homesick at some time. Additionally, they are not allowed to stay on campus during Thanksgiving, Christmas and spring vacation. While not a prerequisite for sponsoring a student, it would certainly be a help to them if a sponsor would be willing to house their student during one or more of their vacations. This would be greatly appreciated by the student and the school.

Some activities may include:

- * exposing the student to American family life
- * exposing the student to local culture
- * offering support services such as
 - showing students around Newport
 - answering questions
 - assisting in opening a bank account
 - assisting with some practical chores

Sponsors are needed for the following incoming students:

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| 1 - Canada | 1 - China |
| 1 - France | 2 - Ireland |
| 6 - Japan | 1 - Portugal |
| 1 - Venezuela | 1 - Zimbabwe |

The following students are returning students:

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| 1 - Bahrain | 1 - Belize |
| 10 - Japan | 1 - Switzerland |

The following are graduate students:

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| 1 - Brazil | 1 - Iraq |
| 1 - Nigeria | |

The sponsor's responsibilities for the Salve Regina students will vary a little from those of the international schools at the Naval Station Newport and will vary from student to student as some are more independent than others, Your student may really want to learn more about American culture and family life while others may be more interested in shopping or sightseeing. Points of contact may be frequent while others may always be busy with campus life. CIV offers a great number of activities to share with your student if you sponsor at the NWC/NETC or you attend the Great Decisions Series.

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Sponsorship Committee (CONT'D)

2. Joint Maritime Tactical Development Class from October 13 to December 8.

2 - Bahrain

1 - Ghana

1 - Kenya

1 - Malaysia

1 - Singapore

1 - South Korea

1 - Turkey

And of course in October we will be looking for sponsors for the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies. This program serves as the Department of Defense's lead agency for providing professional legal education and training for international military officers and civilian government officials in the furtherance of recognizing and respecting international rules of law and order and human rights.

Please contact our Sponsorship Chair Peggy Phelan at 846-1640 or sponsorship@newportciv.org if you are interested in sponsoring any of these international students or for more details on any of these wonderful opportunities to make friends in the world while making a difference at the personal level.

Thank you in advance for your efforts!

Membership Renewal and New Member Application *(Make out checks to CIV)*

Mail to: **Council for International Visitors, P.O. Box 3032, Newport, RI 02840**

Membership year: 1 October through 30 September.

Membership Year _____

Single \$20.00 Family \$30.00 Donation _____ *(Please help with our operational cost)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please indicate areas you would be interested in helping with:

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Other _____

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