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Letter from the President

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the next president of this distinguished organization. With the support of our excellent Board of Directors, I look forward to a year of continued service in our mission to foster world understanding through people-to-people contacts between international visitors and citizens of the Newport County area. I am grateful to Walter Wasowski, who I succeed as president, and to his able Board, for all they have done to support and sustain this worthy organization. Walter will continue to serve on the Board and will be our webmaster for the CIV web site, www.newportciv.org.

In addition to our core mission of personal contact and support for international visitors, we will continue our efforts in the areas of educational programs and cultural activities. Of particular significance, once again, is the Great Decisions seminars that will be held at 7:00 pm each Tuesday at Salve Regina University's O'Hare Academic Center starting February 27 and continuing for eight weeks. All members are urged to attend the Great Decisions Kickoff Reception that will be held at 7:00 pm on February 20, the Tuesday before the first session, at Elks Lodge, 141 Pelham St. Newport. The event is free - cash bar. Members are encouraged to bring their international students, if they are sponsoring, and a friend if not, who may be interested in joining the organization. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre. The variety of really good international samplings is growing each year thanks to the gastronomic skills of our talented members!

A particularly significant international event for the Newport area this year will be the visit of a group of Tall Ships at the end of June. These magnificent sailing ships will be the centerpiece for an international maritime festival that is being organized by the Newport volunteer organization Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007. This can provide an especially satisfying opportunity for CIV members to participate in an international event with a distinctive Newport maritime flavor. Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007 Co-Chairman (and CIV member) Vice Admiral Thomas R. Weschler will speak at the Great Decisions Kickoff reception on February 20 and provide us with an insider perspective

on the Tall Ships festival. This will also provide an opportunity to learn about ways to participate in this event.

Another significant international event this summer will be the 50th Anniversary reunion of the Naval Command College international program at the Naval War College. That celebration of 50 years of international outreach at the Naval War College will be held June 25-29 and will coincide with the Tall Ships festival. Many alumni of the Naval Command College will return to Newport for that reunion and it may provide an opportunity for CIV members to meet up once again with international students that they have sponsored in the past.

Best wishes to all in 2007! Peter Tarpgaard

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**Manny and Carmen
Soto-Berlin
Wish us all a
Happy New Year
from Mexico**

NSC Class 2005

Great Decisions

For over 50 years Great Decisions has given an inspiring example of the role citizens can play in discovering, discussing and deciding how some of the world's greatest challenges can be met. The Series takes you beyond the headlines and provides a revealing look at some of the most significant and far-reaching challenges facing the world.

This year the talks will be held in Salve's O'Hare Academic Center second floor lecture hall. The dates are as follows: February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 10, April 17 and April 24. Topics are: **Middle East, Climate Change, Mexico, Migration, South Africa, War Crimes, Central Asia and Children.** Speakers/topics/dates will be announced.

Ballot Report Highlights

Do you remember filling out that little paper ballot at a Great Decisions talk last year? Last year, 26,605 ballots were received from people who took part in study and discussion of the 8 topics, with approximately 3,300 participants, on average, sending in ballots for a given topic.

The ballots cast by participants in the Foreign Policy Association's study and discussion program indicate:

Support For:

- Peacebuilding as the No. 1 U.N. function
- Promoting a global public health drive to minimize the likelihood of worldwide pandemic outbreaks
- The U.S. attempting a genuine dialogue with Iran
- Raising consumer oil and gas taxes, imposing fuel taxes and offering tax breaks for energy-efficient technologies
- Turkey's eventual acceptance into the EU
- India and China expanding trade channels between them
- Providing basic health care to the largest number of Americans possible, some 50 million of whom are without insurance coverage

Opposition to:

- The practice of coercive interrogation, ever
- Continuing the current policy of containing and punishing Iran
- Pressuring Turkey to recognize its responsibility for the Armenian Genocide, although this has now become a prerequisite to accession
- Persisting U.S. resentment about the Iranian hostage crisis

Other views from balloters:

- "We need to give incentives to the auto industry to develop more fuel-efficient autos; then give tax breaks to buyers of these autos."
- "Iran has the potential to be a 'pleasant surprise' someday. Crucial: correct analysis of intelligence about Iranian internal affairs."
- Why is modern Turkey being asked to answer for the action of the Ottoman Empire (the Armenian Genocide), which was a different government of a different era? The world is full of old tragedies. They should be put in the past."
- "Most of our current problems with Iran are related to dealing with radical elements. More emphasis should be placed on relating to and communicating with that large portion of the population that appreciates Western ideals and lifestyles."

Judy Terry, *Vice-President and Great Decisions Chair*

Special Sponsorship Opportunity

International Tall Ships Coming to Rhode Island This Summer

Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007 is an international celebration of world-class Tall Ships and youth training programs, culminating in the most extensive Rhode Island maritime festival ever. It will spread across the entire Newport Harbor from June 27-July 1, 2007. Highlighted by the presence of the Tall Ships Fleet and capped by the grand Parade of Sail to sea, it is expected to attract over 250,000 visitors as it reaches out to the entire state of Rhode Island and neighboring New England states.

In an international celebration of sail training and sea education, the Tall Ships will arrive in Newport the week before the Fourth of July holiday on June 27, 2007, and remain until July 1, 2007. Festivities will include ship visiting, an international village with country exhibits and entertainment, an integrated teen program, fireworks, a street parade of crew and cadets, and a black tie ball. The website is tallshipsrhodeisland.org.

An International Village, made up of tent-pavilions representing the participating countries, will stand in the heart of Newport to celebrate the global community and to educate and entertain visitors. Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007 will also coincide with the 50th Anniversary Reunion of the US Navy's international Naval Command College (NCC), which will attract many senior level government and naval officers from around the world, many of whom will participate in the festivities.

Newport CIV has offered to assist in supporting Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007. One of the earliest activities that CIV participated in after its founding in 1975 was the Tall Ships event in conjunction with our Bicentennial celebration in 1976.

Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007 is Co-Chaired by VAdm Thomas Weschler, USN (ret.), a long-time member of CIV. He will be the keynote speaker at this year's Great Decisions Kick-Off Reception on 20 February. Further details on this event appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

Board members Judy Terry and Walter Wasowski will co-chair CIV's participation in the event. Although our participation in the event is still in the early planning stage, some form of participation by CIV members to welcome visiting international crewmembers is being discussed. Ideas from the membership are encouraged, as well as volunteers to assist with the CIV effort. E-mail TSRI@newportciv.org or contact us with your suggestions/or offers of assistance to: CIV TSRI Committee, P.O. Box 3032, Newport, RI 02840

Additional information about the event, and links to the Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007 website can be found at www.newportciv.org.

Tall Ships Rhode Island Schedule

Wed June 27	Ships arrive. Proceed to berths. Prepare for visiting.
Thurs June 28	10am-6pm - General Visiting. Crew & Cadet picnics and sports events. (each day) 11:00am - Entertainment stage at Newport Yachting Center. Children's playground at Museum of Yachting and play area also at Newport Yachting Center.
Fri June 29	6:00pm - All hands picnic (food available for purchase) at Dewey Field (Naval Station) 9:30pm - Band concert and fireworks.
Sat June 30	12:00pm - Parade with marching bands for crews and cadets departs from City Hall. Special lunch for crews and cadets after parade. Captains and VIP lunch. Evening Tall Ships Ball - Breakers. Black Tie. Subscription only.
Sun July 1	No visiting. People welcome to visit dock areas to watch ships prepare to depart. 9:00am - Ships underway to seaward. Take approximate position in order of Parade of Sail. 12:30pm - Parade of Sail commences with lead ship passing Castle Hill heading North. 2:30pm - First ship completes Parade circuit (up Bay and around Gould Island, then South and out to sea!) 3:00pm - Parade of Sail completes. Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007 ends.

RESERVE THE DATE 2/20/2007

Two opportunities in one to foster world understanding through people-to-people contacts between international visitors and citizens of the Newport County area.

Come to the Great Decisions and meet Adm Weschler,
find out what you can do to Volunteer at the Tall Ships

AND

get the Schedule and Books for the Great Decisions Series

Great Decisions 2007 Kickoff Reception

When: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 6-8:00 pm

Where: Elks Lodge, 141 Pelham Street, Newport

Keynote Speaker: Retired Navy Vice Admiral Thomas R. Weschler,
Co-Chair 2007 Tall Ships Festival, CIV Member

This year's Great Decisions Kickoff Reception has a two-fold mission. 2007 Great Decision Booklets have arrived and will be for sale for \$15.00 each. This is an opportunity to read ahead and be prepared for the 8 week discussion series that begins on Tuesday, February 27th at the O'Hare Center, 2nd Floor Lecture Hall, Salve Regina University. (See the Great Decisions article elsewhere in this Newsletter).

Our Keynote Speaker, Admiral Weschler, is a CIV member who retired to Newport with his wife in the mid 1970's. For more than thirty years Tom has dedicated himself to enhancing the city he loves, and we are the beneficiaries. His latest endeavor is to bring Tall Ships 2007 to Newport. Come and hear an update on this year's fabulous program. As we go to press, 16 ships have committed to attend, 6 of them Class A (over 161 feet)!

This Reception is also an opportunity for people who are sponsoring international naval officers to introduce their officers to the rest of the CIV community. Whatever program the officers are participating in, this is a peek into one area of activity in Newport during the Winter.

This Reception works because it is a joint effort by Members of CIV. The venue is historic and welcoming. There is a cash bar and Members bring a snack or Hors d'Oeuvres to share. There will be a Wine Basket Raffle! Mark your calendars and post the attached invitation on your refrigerator.

See you on Tuesday, February 20th at 6:00 pm at the Newport Elks!

Marsha Francis, *Entertainment Chair*

International Village

As part of the Tall Ships Festival, an International Village of tent-pavilions will come alive June 28-30 in the center of Newport in Washington Square and along Long Wharf Mall. Ethnic-American groups representing the countries in the Tall Ships will man these pavilions and portray the distinctive art, crafts, attractions, and native dress of each particular country and culture. Live performances will take place on the outdoor stage in Washington Square.

Country Tent Pavilion

Bermuda; Brazil; Canada; Germany; India; Netherlands; Sweden; United Kingdom Ethnic-American groups and/or individuals are invited to volunteer to participate in activities at the International Village.

TALL SHIPS PARTICIPATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Cadets from visiting ships will participate in community programs and special sports activities designed to provide Newport hospitality and promote goodwill among the visitors. The Tall Ships Committee needs volunteers from the local community to support this effort and it represents a great opportunity to support the CIV mission of promoting goodwill among nations.

Although a specific role that CIV might play to support the Tall Ships event has not yet been defined, we need, for planning purposes, an estimate of how many members may be able and willing to provide volunteer services for this event.

Board members Judy Terry and Walter Wasowski will co-chair CIV's participation in the Tall Ships event. Suggestions from the membership are encouraged, as well as volunteers to assist with the CIV effort. If you may be willing to assist in this effort please e-mail them at TSRI@newportciv.org with suggestions/ or offers of assistance or send this form to them by mail at:

CIV TSRI Committee
P.O. Box 3032
Newport, RI 02840

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

I am willing to help the Tall Ships Rhode Island event on:

June 27 June 28 June 29 June 30 July 1

____ *International Village*

____ *Direct support to ships*

____ *Administrative support*

____ *Whatever needs to be done*

____ *I am not sure of my availability but may be able to help, call me*

Sponsorship

CIV assisted Cindy Martin, IMSO at the War College in finding civilian sponsors for Naval Staff College Class 70.

This class has recently begun and will graduate in June with the other War College, Command College and Naval Staff College classes.

Cindy has also asked that sponsors make an effort to attend their student's country presentation. It is an excellent opportunity to learn about their part of the world. An added enjoyment is retiring to the Ward Room after the presentation to lunch on their national dishes, usually prepared by them!

Current CIV members sponsoring 38 International Officers and some of their families, in Class 70, plus 2 USA officers include Vince and Joan Arnold, Cynthia Brown, Roy Callahan, Farnum Brown, Walt Wasowski, Kathy Apanovitch, Sheila and Lou Burns, Cecile Fontaine, Anne Huot, Albert Dragon and Mirtha Crisostomo, Barbara Fontaine, Tony Cercena, Ginny Long and Peggy Phelan.

The last SWOS (Surface Warfare Officer's School) class graduated in December 2006. No information has been received as of now about the incoming class which begins in April 2007. Stay tuned.

If you would like to sponsor an International Student in this upcoming SWOS class, please contact Peggy Phelan at 846 1640.

CIV is always looking for new sponsors for the International Students. It is a very interesting and rewarding experience. Read more about the opportunities on our webpage:

http://www.newportciv.org/sponsorship_opportunities

For Members who are sponsoring Naval Staff College Class 70 and Class 2007, go to Class 2007's website <http://nsc2007.smugmug.com/>. There are great pictures of your students and maybe even you ! Those members who are not sure if sponsoring is right for them, a quick look at this web-site will convince you it is a great and worthwhile investment of your time.

SOME CLASS 2007 WIVES RELAX AFTER INTERNATIONAL NIGHT'S EXCELLENT CUISINE



THE NEW DIRECTOR AT THE NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE, CAPT WINNEG AND MRS. WIN- NEG WELCOME THE INCOMING NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE 70



A Letter from Capt Wedan Concerning Sponsorship at the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our international participants in the Conducting Military and Peacekeeping Operations in accordance with the Rule of Law course and Military Law Development Program.

This spring we have had to dramatically change the course's schedule and program prompted by having Major General Patrick Cammaert, former military adviser to Kofi Annan and Deputy Force Commander of MONUC in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in residence. These course modifications will allow the participants to take full advantage of MG Cammaert's presence and expertise, but leave little free time.

Moreover, during the past few years, we have continually updated the course to remain current with the ever-changing world of peacekeeping. These course changes, which now necessitate several evening sessions, have put ever increasing academic burdens on the students and dramatically reduced their ability to socialize outside the program. Therefore, due to schedule/course revisions, we have decided to suspend the sponsorship program at this time.

I can assure you that your past efforts have been fully appreciated by the students, our faculty and the staff at DIILS. As citizen ambassadors you have strived to introduce American culture to international visitors and it has been readily apparent that through your gracious hospitality and friendship, our students have gained a fresh, positive perspective on our customs and way of life. Your tireless volunteer efforts have been a direct factor for the ten year success of our course and in contributing to a greater understanding between the people of the United States and other nations.

Thank you again for joining with us at DIILS in our efforts to create greater international good will and understanding.

Capt. Wedan
441 Elliot Avenue
Newport, RI 02841



Sponsor Roy Callahan prepares to photograph his NSC student at a recent reception.

TRAVEL WITH A DIFFERENCE

In July 2004 CIV hosted in conjunction with the Newport County Convention and Business Bureau a group of Japanese visitors, ordinary citizens, here on a “Grassroots Exchange” on a Japan-America Grassroots Summit sponsored by the John Manjiro-Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange. John Manjiro was a 14 year old Japanese fisherman’s son rescued by W H Whitfield who came to America. Later he became vital by participating in interpreting and negotiating the opening of Japan-America relations after Newport’s Commodore Perry’s black ships pried open Japan’s doors after 200 years of isolation.

The annual summit alternates each year with visitors going from one country to the other. In 2004 Japan came here. This year America visits Japan.

Through participating in cultural activities and staying in each other’s homes, sight-seeing and attending various cultural events, participants discover much about the other’s culture and way of life. People of all ages and backgrounds participate in the Summit, but all have a common desire to create a greater understanding.

This year the Summit takes place on Noto, a beautiful rural peninsula jutting out of the west coast of Japan. It is an area relatively untouched by Western influences so traditional Japanese culture is everywhere. This year stays will also include traditional hotel visits (ryokan) ; hot springs in the resort of Wakura and “kiriko” lantern festivals. A rewarding, beautiful, unique and authentic experience. Trips leave from New York and run from June 5th to June 13th 2007. Deadline for reservations is March 31st.

Contact Info: The US Coordinator Volunteer and Vice-President is Paul K. Maruyama

E-mail: pmaruyama@earthlink.net

Web-site: <http://manjiros Summit.org/>



A small fishing village on the Noto peninsula north of Kanazawa.

Members Website Corner

www.newportciv.org

To ensure that you receive e-mail from us, you need to add [newportciv.org](http://www.newportciv.org) to your list of safe senders under Microsoft Outlook. If you use other Spam filters (such as Cox e-mail) you'll have to follow their procedure to ensure receipt.

Please go to our website to find out what your organization is doing for you and how to reach us with your ideas, volunteering or interests. We continue to improve, add and update the features on our website.

Following are a list of websites mentioned in this newsletter and e-mail addresses.

<http://www.fpa.org>

<http://www.nsc2007.smugmug.com>

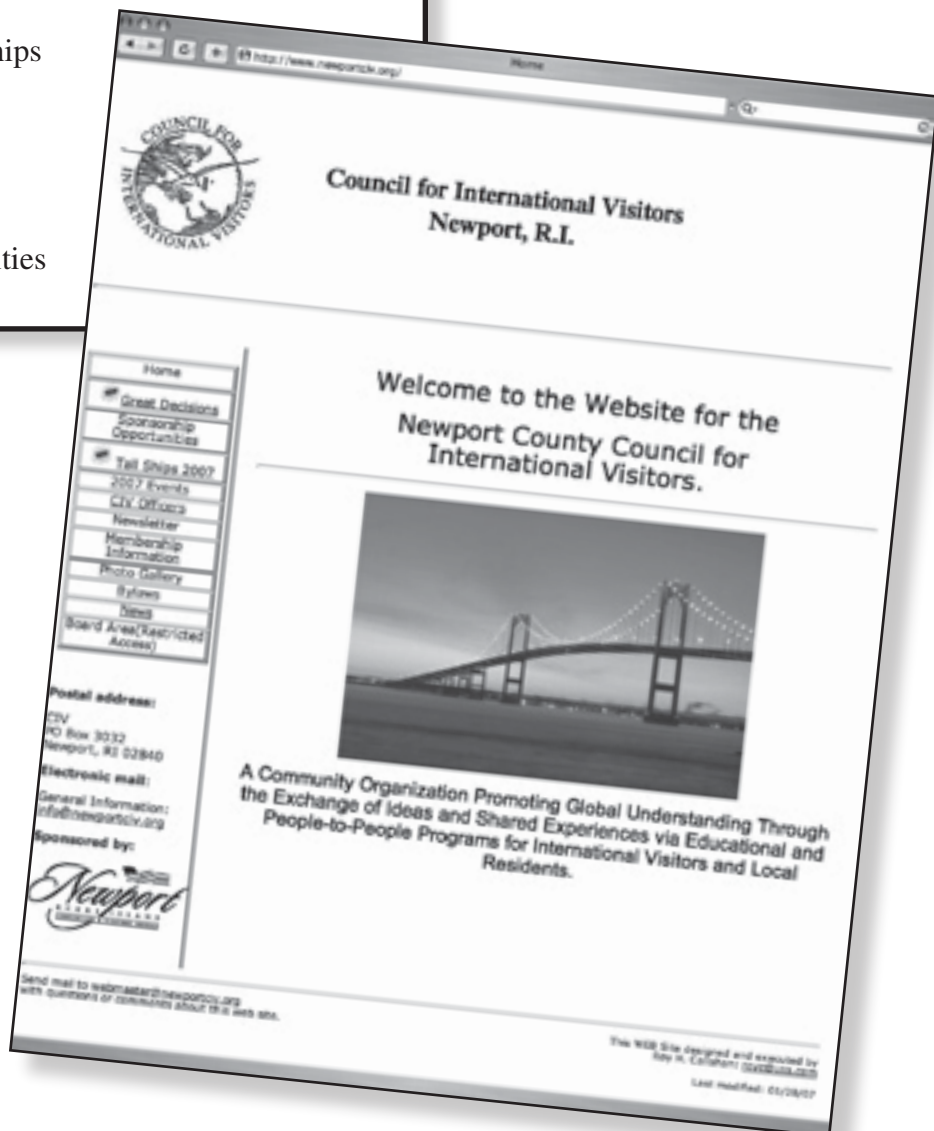
<http://www.manjiros summit.org>

<http://www.tallshipsrhodeisland.org/ships>

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TSRI@newportciv.org

newportciv.org/sponsorship_opportunities



Membership

Membership is currently at 66 which includes singles and family members. We also extend honorary memberships annually to individuals, officials and organizations at the discretion of the Board. Of these we have 22, for a total of 88. We have been pushing to try and reach 100 for the past few years.

It is our goal to become a good efficient communicator to our membership about sponsorship opportunities (as they come up), events, etc. To this end, we have a secure portion of our website available only to select members of the Board where we will keep a membership list to include your email address.

Please email us your address at membership@newportciv.org to be included in these updates. Your address will never be sold or otherwise misused. To increase efficiency and cut down costs, I am hoping to be emailing you your Newsletters and dues reminders in the future...I hope...!

Our organization needs to grow. We need to bring in new active, enthusiastic members to help with a mission that has to be one of the most valuable in the world - really.

The fee is nominal. Where on Earth will you get such great value while doing something truly significant?

Membership includes receptions, newsletters, opportunities to be involved in fun activities and a really good group of interesting members.

Get friends involved. Get your family to join you when you are entertaining your international student. Talk about the program at work and tell them what you are achieving through personal contact with potentially influential internationals - a better chance for peace through understanding and friendship. While having fun.

Remember the mission: to foster world understanding through people-to-people contacts between international visitors and citizens of the Newport County area.

Make a difference - get one person to join us - and you will have made that difference.

If you have not paid your dues yet for 2007, they are payable now. Send them in please along with the completed tear off below. Include your sign up for sponsoring at the Tall Ships as well.

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: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Please indicate areas you would be interested in helping with:

Newsletter Finance Special Events Membership Sponsorship Great Decisions

Other _____



Did You Know?

Rhode Island's Day of Independence is May 4, 1776. On that day Rhode Island's General Assembly repealed a test oath written in 1765 requiring government officers to swear allegiance to King George III. They substituted the King's name with "the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations"



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