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Letter from the President

As with all of you, I am still waiting for spring to really arrive here in Newport. Hopefully, by the time this spring issue reaches you, the weather will have warmed up and the sun will be here for more than a day or two each week.

We've had an interesting period with the CIV since I last wrote in December, both in programs and in organizational activities. Our Great Decisions series, co-sponsored by Salve Regina University's Model U.N. Club was a huge success, with many thought-provoking evenings on a wide range of topics. Our winter weather only adversely impacted one evening's turnout. Our grateful thanks to our excellent speakers (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) for volunteering their time and expertise to the series. The results of the ballots taken after each presentation have been forwarded to the Foreign Policy Association for inclusion in their report to Washington. Additional information about the Foreign Policy Association and the Great Decisions Series can be obtained online at www.fpa.org.

Prior to the Great Decisions series, CIV sponsored a Great Decisions Kickoff Reception at the Newport Artillery Company. More than 30 members attended this event which was intended to generate publicity and interest in the series. I would like to congratulate our Co-chairpersons Vince Arnold and Judy Terry, as well as all CIV members who helped plan, organize and run both this event, as well as this year's Great Decisions Series.

Other members of the Board have also been very active during the past several months. I'd like to highlight the work done by the Membership committee Co-chairpersons Farnum Brown and Marsha Francis who have almost met this year's membership goals with almost half a year still to go. We'll be having our Membership reception in June (details elsewhere in the Newsletter), and I hope that each one of you can assist Farnum and Marsha in exceeding their goals by bringing new, prospective members to this event.

We were also successful in opening our own Web site at www.newportciv.org this February due primarily to the efforts of CIV member Roy Callahan. This is part of the Board's effort to increase communication to both our members, as well as the community at large. Our publicity Chairman, Adam Samuels has also played an important role in this endeavor.

An ongoing, and important part of our activity, involves sponsorship of International students and visitors. Many of our members are currently sponsoring students from various schools at the Naval Station including the Naval Staff College, DIILS (Defense Institute for International Legal Studies), and the various courses at the Surface Warfare Officers School. The summer will see a large turnover of students at these schools, and our Sponsorship Co-chairpersons Joyce Dawson and Peggy

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NCCVB Grant

We recently received word from Kathryn Farrington, Communications Director of the NCCVB that we have been awarded a \$500 grant for marketing support for the period April 2005 through March 2006.

The support of the Newport County Convention and Visitors Bureau is greatly appreciated and acknowledged.



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Phelan will be looking for volunteers to team up with incoming students from locations throughout the world. If you've never acted as a sponsor before, and would like to volunteer, or even just get more information about the program, don't hesitate to contact either of the above individuals, or any other Board member, as convenient.

We will also continue to cooperate closely with the Newport County Convention and Visitors Bureau (NCCVB) to provide assistance in sponsoring international visitors and delegations, as requested. I recently met with NCCVB President Evan Smith regarding our ongoing relationship with his organization. If you haven't seen it already, I highly recommend a visit to their Web site at www.gonewport.com which contains lots of useful information and links for both visitors as well as local residents.

Finally, a sub-committee of the Board has been set up to review and draft proposed changes to the organization's By-Laws. It is hoped that this work will be completed in the course of the next few months.

In closing, I would like to gratefully acknowledge the support I have received from the entire Board of Directors, as well as the many individual members who have stepped forward to help with our various activities.

Thank you,

Walter Wasowski
President



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Editor's Note

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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.

Great Decisions

Co-Chairpersons: Vince Arnold & Judy Terry

This year's Great Decisions Series was held during February and March 2005 at McCauley Hall at Salve Regina University. The series was co-sponsored by Salve Regina University Model U.N. Club. Attendance averaged over 40 persons for each event, with a mix of CIV members/ University students and faculty, as well as local residents attending. A number of new members joined CIV as a result of interest gained in attending the lectures.

Topics and Speakers included:

U.S. INTELLIGENCE REFORM – Capt. Santiago Neville, USN, Naval War College
PUTIN'S SECOND TERM: A SCORECARD FOR RUSSIA – Dr. Thomas Nichols, U.S. Naval War College
SUDAN AND THE WAR IN DARFUR – Capt. Jonathan P. Edwards, JAGC (Ret)
THE U.S. AND GLOBAL POVERTY – Ambassador Paul Taylor, U.S. Naval War College
CHINA: ECONOMIC GIANT EMERGES – Dr. Lyle Goldstein, U.S. Naval War College
FRESHWATER AND FOREIGN POLICY: NEW CHALLENGES – Dr. Peter H. Liotta, The Pell Center, Salve Regina University
U.S. CHALLENGES IN IRAQ AND IN THE MUSLIM WORLD – Dr. Ahmed Hashim, U.S. Naval War College
OUTSOURCING JOBS: U.S. DILEMMA – Prof. Angela Casey & Prof. John McQuilkin, Salve Regina University

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

Sponsorship Committee

Co-Chairpersons: Joyce Dawson and Peggy Phelan

Upcoming International Sponsorship Opportunities

This fall is shaping up to be an outstanding season to meet new International students from around the world and show them our old fashioned American hospitality. The Naval War College (Naval Staff College, NSC), Defense Institute for International Legal Studies (DIILS), and Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) are bringing almost 100 students from nearly every continent (sorry, no penguins from Antarctica this year) to Newport for advanced leadership, peacekeeping, or multi-national training. If you ever wanted to show the rest of the world why America and Americans are better people than what they watch in the cinema, see on Baywatch, or hear about in their local news, or talk to them about what it is like to grow up, raise a family, and live in the United States- this is your opportunity! It costs nothing but your time and is a great chance to make a new friend.

Being a sponsor is not a full time or even weekly task- you will have as much fun as the student going to dinner, seeing a movie, or just talking on a drive up to Boston or Mystic every week or two. You can put as much or as little time into the program as you are able; the students are just happy to speak informally with an American and to get out of the Naval Base BOQ dormitory. You can find out about each individual program by visiting the links at www.newportciv.org/

The following schools are taking place with international students later this year:

Naval Staff College - Class 67

Point of Contact: Mrs. Alice Deery, (401) 841-4782
JAN 2006 – JUN 2006: 40 students

Defense Institute for International Legal Studies

Point of Contact: Ms. Dana Scott, (401) 841-1524 x 160
10 OCT – 17 NOV 2005: 24 students (Peacekeeping Operations)
10 OCT – 08 DEC 2005: 8 students
(Military Law and Development Program)

Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) International Programs

Point of Contact: LT Mark Ferrar, (401) 841-4971
22 AUG – 09 DEC 2005: 10 students (Intl Division Officer Program)
17 OCT – 09 DEC 2005: 17 students (Joint Maritime Officer Program)

Entertainment Committee

Chairperson: Chris Lalli

Please Save the Date!

Our annual CIV summer reception will be held on Tuesday evening, June 21, 2005, at the Hibernian Hall, located at 66 Wellington Avenue in Newport, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to bring along a friend or two who may be interested in becoming an active member of the Council of International Visitors. Traditionally, the summer reception is an opportunity to recruit new members to our organization. Brochures and membership forms will be available at the reception.

Please bring along a favorite hor d'oeuvre or dessert to share. Street parking is available, you do not need a Newport parking sticker to park your car on the water-side of Wellington Avenue. Punch and soft drinks, as well as a cash bar, will be available. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Membership Report

Our co-chairs of the Membership Committee are Farnum Brown at 849-2491 and Marsha Francis at (857) 636-0076. Please call them if you have a friend, relative or colleague who is interested in joining, or if you have any membership questions.

Membership dues for 2005 are \$20.00 for a single person and \$30.00 for a family. Donations are always gratefully accepted. Membership starts in January and ends in December. Membership includes 3 to 4 newsletters a year; sponsorship opportunities; Great Decisions participation; and invitations to our annual events.

New members are welcomed warmly – our mission is big , and the more our organization grows, the more we can accomplish. Encourage your contacts to become “Citizen Diplomats.”

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

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

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Newsletter Finance Special Events Membership Sponsorship Great Decisions

Other _____



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