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Letter from the President

Can you believe Summer is over and we are gliding into Fall already ?

I do hope that you all had a great summer filled with travel, fun, friends and many opportunities to discover new ones from other lands.

Many of us who sponsor have by now met our students and settled them into Rhode Island life.

Recently we had our Annual Member's Reception at the Elk's Lodge, which was a balmy summer evening allowing us to enjoy the deck and lawns. Jennifer Maizel, Executive Director of the Newport International Film Festival and Kathleen Staab, President of the Jane Pickens Theater and Events Center were recipients of Awards. Jennifer was also guest speaker. As one sees so very often in these economic times, good, worthy non-profits experiencing financial stress as revenue sources dry up. It would be a shame to loose this cultural treasure with it's mission of exposing international filmfare in Newport. Please support them as you can. Great appetizers were supplied by the Members and our photographers Tony Cercena and Ken Scigulinsky covered the event. Great job Co-Chairs Merrilee Zellner and Judy Terry and thank you Angela Vars for making it so pretty. Thanks to George Wardwell for his cash donation - way to go George !

Expanding our commitment to international education, CIV this year is undertaking an Academic Award for the Fall semester of College, for the first time. We hope to make one annually. The Board has agreed to fund a \$300 grant to a college-bound Island high school student who is active in promoting an interest in international relations. Thanks to Ken Scigulinsky and Tom Feeney for their work on this.

Coming up on October 26th will be our Annual Dinner at Ochre Court at Salve Regina University, which is one of our Corporate Members.

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Members Website Corner

If you have any great websites you think we should link to our website please let us know. The content and interest of the websites does need to be relevant to our mission of fostering international exchanges fostering friendship, understanding and tolerance. Please check out the Foreign Policy Association website at www.fpa.org to read up on the Great Decisions Seminars. To better understand the Mission of the Newport CIV, check out the www.NCIV.org site and it will explain your value as a Citizen Diplomat. According to Colin Powell, "As Citizen Diplomats, you bring world issues home to the American people in the most direct way possible"

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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Council for International Visitors awards meeting at the Elks Club Newport. August 18, 2009 (Photos and graphics by Tony Cercena, CIV member)



SWOS C.O. Capt. Neil Parrot and Peggy Phelan, Sponsor Co-ordinator and guest.



Pres. Anne Huot present awards to Kathy Staab and Jennifer Maizel of Newport Int'l. Film Festival.



The Fang family from Taiwan with Anne Huot



George Wardwell welcomes Henk and Anita Warnar from Holland.



Annette Schilling and John Hamni



Angela Vars with her fruit bowl



Newport Mayor Jeanne Marie Napolitano presented Certificates of Appreciation to Bryan Belmore, Joe Ruggeri and Ken Seigulinsky



Young Brandon with father.



Mayor Jeanne Marie Napolitano and young friends



Joe Ruggeri and Jennifer Maizel applaud Kathy Stabb of the Jane Pickens Theater. Tom Feeney Catherine Hanni of WACRI, Brenda Bachman, and Sandra Flowers of Npt. Hosp. Comm. and Dr. Cornelia Schacht.



Peter and Judith Tarpgaard and Judy Terry, Event Co-Chair



Merrilee Zellner, Event Co-Chair



Barbara Fenlon and friend with Tillie Tompsen.



Angela Vars, floral designer and Tony Cercena, CIV Photographer.

Nominating Committee Report:

As required by CIV Bylaws, Article VI, Section III, the following candidates for election to the Board of Directors are proposed by the nominating committee:

Jolene Polidoro

Jolene is married, has two adult children and lives in North Kingstown. She retired after thirty-two years of teaching and is an advocate of literacy programs for people of all ages. She has traveled extensively and enjoys meeting people from different walks of life.

Cynthia Martin

Cynthia serves on the staff of the Naval War College with the International Programs Office. Her duties include, among other things, organizing sponsors for the international students. She has been an important point of contact for CIV activities with the War College and has generously agreed to work even more closely with us.

Anthony Cercena

Tony is a former member of the CIV Board of Directors who has agreed to stand for reelection after a year's absence. After leaving the board he continued to contribute valuable services to our organization as a photographer for many CIV functions.

"Great Decisions" Committee Report

Newport CIV's 2010 "Great Decisions" Program

Your "Great Decisions" Seminars Committee has begun preparations for presenting the 2010 series of the Foreign Policy Association (FPA)'s topics dealing with ongoing and emerging global political, economic, and ideological challenges.

The 8 topics for 2010 are: "Special Envoys"; "USA - China Security Relations"; "Preventing Genocide"; "Globalized Crime"; "The Global Financial Crisis"; "Russia & Its Neighbors"; "The Persian Gulf"; "Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution"

We're now in the process of seeking out and selecting qualified individuals from our various surrounding academic and other resources to present these topics and to moderate subsequent in-depth audience questions, comments and discussion.

FPA Briefing Booklets concerning these topics will be available to us in late January and we encourage interested CIV members to purchase copies in order to be appropriately informed for the seminars.

The seminars will be presented one evening each week during February and March.

Your Committee currently consists of Bob Sleiertin and Judy Terry. We'd like to have another one or two interested CIV members join us on the Committee. Please contact Bob at 847-5196; spectrumba@mindspring.com.

Presidents Letter (Cont)

Our theme this year is International Education For All Ages and we will be honoring Salve Regina University and their many on and off campus international programs and institutions, including the Pell Center. We will also be honoring the late Sen. Pell for his significant contributions to education and improving cultural exchanges and relations around the globe. Marika Terlecky is doing a fine job Chairing what looks like another rewarding event. Dean de la Motte, Vice President of Salve Regina University will be our guest speaker and we are hoping Mrs. Claiborne Pell will be able to accept the Award on behalf of Sen. Pell. CIV extends a very hearty "thank you" to Sister M. Therese Antone for her stellar years as SRU's outgoing President and also a very warm welcome to Sister Jane Gerety as the incoming seventh President. We know Sister Antone will continue to shine in her new position as Chancellor. At the Annual Dinner we will be voting three new members on to the Board. Board Members we will be saying goodbye to are Barbara Fontaine, Paul Marshall and John Bagwell. CIV thanks them for their time and dedication and looks forward to still seeing them at all of our events.

Nominees for these positions are Anthony Cercena, Cdr. Cynthia Martin and Jolene Polidoro. Members can make nominations from the floor at the Annual Dinner also.

As we round the corner of September we will be coming up on our next fiscal year which starts in October. This also means time to renew your membership.

IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR MISSION THAT YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW. PLEASE. YOU WILL RECEIVE A REMINDER IN THE MAIL. PLEASE FILL IT OUT, ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK AND MAIL IT BACK IN THE STAMPED RETURN ENVELOPE. BETTER STILL- GET A FRIEND TO JOIN AS WELL.

Without you, CIV cannot function and in this world of conflict, every Citizen Diplomat is essential to spread the handshake of friendship.

Anne Huot

President

Awards Committee Report

The Newport Council for International Visitors will sponsor a first-time Academic Award for the 2010 fall semester of college.

The \$300 award will be made to an Aquidneck Island high school senior, as recommended by the student's guidance department, with the final decision by the CIV Scholarship Committee.

A key area of consideration for the award will be the student's involvement in promoting international relationships.

The details for the nomination of award candidates will be promulgated in early December 2009.

Ken Scoulinsky and Tom Feeney / Co-Chairs

Sponsorship Report

The 50 students in Class 2010 at the Naval Command College and 35 students in Class 2010 at the Naval Staff College have arrived and are settling down with their studies and getting to know their sponsors. In the NCC class, of the 46 international students attending, 31 have their families with them and in the NSC class, of the 30 international students 21 have their families with them. Between January 04-05, 2010, NSC Class 76, the 5 1/2 month class will be reporting in, and sponsors are needed. All classes will be graduating June 11, 2010. For more information you can reach Cindy Martin, at 841-4782 CIV sponsors welcomed the new CO of the SWOS program. Capt. Neil Parrot and Mrs. Parrot on August 19, 2009 at a reception for the new International Department Head class which ends on December 4, 2009. There are 12 students attending. Five new students are also expected to arrive on October 13, 2009. If you would like to sponsor, call Peggy Phelan, CIV Sponsorship Committee Chair at 846-1640 CIV welcomes the new Director of the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies, Colonel John Dyer, we look forward to our continued close relationship with DIILLS attendees as they prepare for the fall international courses again. They are Conducting Stability and Peacekeeping Operations (PKRL) in accordance with the Rule of Law (PKRL) - begins on 12 October, graduating on 19 November. Countries participating in that class are: Botswana (2), Bulgaria (2), Cameroon, Egypt, Gabon (2), Lesotho, Mongolia, Macedonia, Papua-New Guinea and Tanzania. Military Law Development Program (MLDP) - begins on 12 October and graduates on 18 December. Those countries attending are: Albania, Bulgaria (2), Egypt, Georgia, and Turkey. We wish outgoing Director Col Anne Ehrsam-Holland (USAF) all the best at her new post. Opening reception for both courses is on Sunday evening, 11 October at the Officer's Club. For more details contact Dana Scott at 401-841-1524 ext. 160 Of special note: Cindy Martin who has done a fabulous job of putting students and sponsors together at NCC and NSC, has agreed to stand for nomination to our Board of Directors. Thank you Cindy.

Hospitality and Culture Committee Report

Annual Members Reception 2009: This took place on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Elks Club. A good turnout of approximately 50 people attended. Honored with Certificates of Achievement were Jennifer Maizel, Executive Director of the Newport International Film Festival, the Newport International Film Festival, Kathleen Staab, President of the Jane Pickens Theater and Events Center and the Jane Pickens, for their support of NIFF. Jennifer Maizel was also the guest speaker.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded by Newport Mayor Jean Napolitano, who was a guest, to NIFF volunteers Bryan Belmore, Joe Ruggeri and Ken Scigulinsky, CIV Board Member, and his wife Tia. Also in attendance were several of the International students from the Navy Base and the new CEO of SWOS, Capt Neil Parrot. A fundraising 50/50 raffle raised \$84 and Membership Chair, George Wardwell, who was the winner, donated his winnings to CIV.

Annual Dinner Meeting 2009: The Annual Dinner this year will be held at Ochre Court at Salve Regina University. The activities will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. The theme for this year's event will be International Education For All Ages. The guest speaker will be Vice-president of Academic Affairs at Salve Regina University, Dean Dean de la Motte. We will be honoring Salve for it's invaluable contributions to international education and the late Sen. Claiborne Pell for his immense contributions to international rapport through his efforts in government and the great work being carried on in his memory at the Pell Center.

Annual Members Reception 2010: We are hoping to honor George Wein, founder and mentor of the Newport Jazz Festival, for his contributions to the international music scene at our Annual Members Reception. We will be notifying you in Spring as we set the dates and location for this great event.

We can expect another fabulous evening from Annual Dinner Committee Chair Marika Terlecky who will also emcee the event.

MEMBERSHIP

This year has seen significant gains but has also experienced some disappointing losses. Of note is the tenacious effort put forth by our Secretary, Bob Sleirtin. Not only has he been instrumental in delivering out newsletters and other pertinent documents of interest, he has been key in identifying potential new members. Great work Bob!

We have provided meaningful events that always attract energetic attendees and offer a means of contacting new members. One example is the Annual Great Decisions series. This well publicized program is a terrific way of bringing potential new members in by acquainting them with our Council activities. Many new members join as a result of this speaking series.

Additionally, we need you to become more involved. The Board is very much a working Board but it would benefit all of us if more of the membership would step up and help us out in the operation of the Council. It is a very rewarding experience.

Our membership form for renewal is being distributed separately with the hopes that all in receipt will send in their dues. Let's make this a banner year for membership!

George Wardwell

Membership Chair

2009 Schedule of Events

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| Sept | International Visitor Month
Start of Salve Regina ESL student sponsorship |
| October | Annual CIV Dinner.
Start DIILS Sponsorship
Halloween |
| Nov | Finish DIILS/PKRL sponsorship
Thanksgiving |
| Dec | Finish DIILS/MLDP Sponsorship
Happy Holidays |

Members Lou and Sheila Burns enjoy the home cooking of their Moroccan family, Khalid and Lubna Jaoui, with their 2 yr old son at last year's NSC International Night.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please send in your 2010 dues now as the membership year 2009 expires as of September 30, 2009.

Please use the form below to renew or if you are a new member joining for the first time.

Please fill it out so we know more about you.

Enclose your check and mail to CIV, PO Box 3032, Newport, RI 02840.

If you have any inquiries contact George Wardwell at geodna@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Renewal for 2010 (10/01/09 – 09/30/10) New Member for 2010

Single \$25.00 Family \$40.00 Corporation \$100.00 Donation \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Please mark areas of interest to you for committee volunteer work:

Newsletter Finance Special Events Membership Sponsorship
 Great Decisions Other