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Letter from the President

Season's Greetings. How quickly 2008 has passed - a year which promised at the beginning to be much like any other year, but instead turned out monumental changes, both economically, (the results of which will surely change our lives significantly for several years to come) and politically (some historical firsts in the Presidential elections).

So in this "time of change", I look forward to keeping the mission of CIV firmly in focus while expanding our membership, mentoring with other civic organizations, celebrating our Sister City relationships and becoming a resource for the community I'd like to say thank you to immediate past President Peter Tarpgaard for his dedicated years of service to CIV and we are delighted to have him as our Vice President this year.

Thank you also to departing past Vice President Judy Terry. She has always been there to efficiently help out in any situation. The office of Secretary was the second stint on the Board for Pat Callahan, who is the picture of quiet efficiency and a rock as a past president. Our past Treasurer, Barbara Fenlon took the responsibility of Treasurer on with excellent dedication and determination and we thank her for her time on the Board.

Other departing Board Members whose time and efforts were all stellar are Tony Cercena (our star photographer) and Dana Scott who co-chaired Great Decisions - thank you! May I say also that Committee Chairs were a huge part of a productive CIV year - Marika Terlecky, Judy Terry, Dana Scott, George Wardwell, Paul Marshall, John Bagwill, Peggy Phelan and Merrilee Zellner for pitching in wherever she was needed.

In the same vein I would like to welcome new officers and Board Members and look forward to a great year together. New on the Board are Robert Sleiertin as Secretary and also Chair of the Great Decisions; Conrad Donahue as Treasurer;

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Members Website Corner

Good news on our website woes! At a recent board meeting a committee chaired by Martin Cohen with members Robert Sleiertin, Ken Sciqulinski and George Wadrell was appointed. The committee will meet to identify how our current website can best be updated and enhanced as necessary. The committee will contact Prof. Bert Emerson, Professor of Ats at Salve Regina University who has offered to help. Friends and members have offered input and we thank you for your suggestions.

If you would like to be a part of this committee please contact Maartin Cohen at mlcohen@ieee.org.

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“Great Decisions” Committee Report

Our 2009 “Great Decisions” discussion series will get underway on Wednesday, 28 January with a “Kickoff Reception” at the Elks Lodge on Bellvue Ave that will provide an opportunity for existing CIV members and interested new members to become acquainted.

This is a few weeks earlier than in past years. The Committee is currently in the process of selecting and confirming a speaker for the Reception as well as speaker / moderators for each Discussion Topic.

The series of eight (8) Topics will include: Afghanistan and Pakistan; The Arctic Age; Cuba After Castro; Egypt in the 21st Century; Energy and the Global Economy; Global Food Supply; The USA and Rising Powers; and Universal Human Rights?

Discussion presentations will be at 7:00 PM each Wednesday evening from 4 February through 25 March.

“Great Decision” Briefing Books will be available for purchase at the Kickoff Reception and thereafter at \$20 / copy.

A flyer with specifics about the Topic Schedule and speaker / moderators will be distributed to the membership in January.

Sponsorship Opportunity Update

The international students for the Naval Staff College at the War College will be arriving in Newport around five to eight January 2009. Orientation for the new students will be held on 13 January. Students from approximately 40 countries are expected in the incoming class which will graduate in June 2009.

If you are interested in sponsoring someone in this class, please contact Cindy Martin at 841-4782 as there may be a few students who still need a sponsor.

SWOS (Surface Warfare Officer School) International held the graduation for the last class on four December. The new SWOS International class will start in March, 2009. The first course is the Command Combat Information Center Watch class. It begins on 16 March and runs for three weeks. There are presently five students expected to attend the course.

The Division Officer (DIVO) class will begin 13 April, 2009 and will run through 31 July. There are 14 students expected for this course. The last course is the Department Heads class which begins on 20 April 2009 and runs through 24 July. There are six students expected in this course. Right now we do not have any specifics on the incoming students. From past experience everything won't be firmed up until a few weeks before classes start.

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the SWOS students please call Peggy Phelan at 846-1640 or email peggyphelan@aol.com

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Martin Cohen as Chair of our new Web-Site Review Committee; Peggy Phelan as the continuing Chair of our Sponsorship Committee; and Betty Jane Owen, Ken Scigulinsky and Tom Feeney. I thank continuing board members and Chairs Marika Terlecky (Hospitality and Culture); George Wardwell (Membership); Paul Marshall (Publicity); John Bagwill (Corporate Membership Development) and Merrilee Zellner and Barbara Fontaine. Of special note is CIV member Ted Wrobel, our new Editor of the Newsletter. Welcome Ted, and I know already you are going to do great things for us - with some new and interesting changes in the wings.

The Board of CIV has always been a working board. I hope fervently that the membership will pitch in and help us on our various projects so that our doubled efforts will grow in to an abundant success in our community for CIV. On October 6, 2008 we held our Annual Dinner at the Canfield House at which business meeting we voted in our new board. We also honored our Guest Speaker and the Executive Director/Manager of the Newport Music Festival, Dr Mark Malkovich, III. Our Hospitality and Culture Chair, Marika Terlecky arranged a very elegant evening with a superb meal by the Canfield House and glorious decorations by member, Angela Vars and her daughter-in law, Melissa Vars. We also enjoyed the participation of Mrs. Joan Malkovich, III, members of the Music Festival Board and their volunteers - some of whom have joined CIV - welcome !

Coming up in February and March is the primary educational event of the CIV year - the Great Decisions Series. Please also note on your calendar to attend the Kickoff Reception for the Great Decisions on Wednesday 28 January, 2009 at 6:00 PM at a location to be announced. This will be an enjoyable event which we hope our guest speakers for the Series will attend . Books outlining each topic in the series will be on sale. If you have not attended a Great Decisions seminar yet, be sure to attend this year. It is not only informative on eight topics the Foreign Policy Association feel are significant concerns for American foreign policy, but it is an opportunity for you, our Citizen Diplomats, to participate in expressing your opinions on a grass roots level as you anonymously can complete a ballot which is then tallied and forwarded to the State Department on these issues.

Welcome also to our newest corporate member , NewportFed at 100 Bellevue Ave. Newport. As always, we encourage our members to support our Corporate Members as they support our mission.

Any members who have not renewed yet, please do so right now. We are in need of your support to stay on budget. If you are unsure as to whether you owe dues, please contact Chair George Wardwell at geoedna@aol.com.

In closing, as we seek to simplify our budgets and cut costs in these hard time, let us not forget our country is among the most fortunate. Nations already stressed by their own failing economies and internal strife will become more desperate for fragile survival. As we help our own at home, the need for support elsewhere grows more resoundingly profound. If you can possibly contribute to a charity this year, please consider donating globally to a worthy international charity such as Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF and Red Cross, to name a few.

Be safe and happy this Holiday.

Anne Huot, President

Entertainment Report

I am sure we all agree that dinner at the Canfield House was superb for our Annual Dinner on October 6, 2008.

The table decorations and chocolate boxes made by Angela Vars and Melissa Vars were elegant and appropriate. And the very clever tuxedo vase made by Angela will be a wonderful memento of the evening for our guest speaker and honoree, Dr. Mark Malkovich III, Executive Director of the Newport Music Festival.

Dr. Malkovich received a Certificate of Appreciation from CIV for his contributions to international goodwill in his 36 years of service to the Newport Music Festival. His presentation was animated and interesting and kept us all fascinated, including Mr. Shinji from Japan, who is one of the organizers of the Black Ships Festival in Shimoda.

Members of the Newport Music Festival also shared the evening with us. Thanks also to Barbara Fenlon for the chocolates and George and Edna Wardwell for their valuable assistance.

We are in the planning stages for our upcoming events in 2009. We will be looking at ways to celebrate our mission as Citizen Diplomats and getting to know you, the membership, so we can better serve your interests. We hope to have two membership receptions this year in addition to the Kickoff Reception and the Annual Dinner.

We encourage members to always bring a friend, colleague, relative or neighbor to our events as this is one great way to show them what your organization does. Please take a look at the calendar to see what our proposed schedule is for these events. We will be notifying you via the Newsletter and sending out invitations for each event. Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support.

Marika Terlecky.

Corporate Sponsors Of C.I.V.

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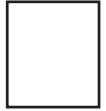
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2009 Schedule of Events

- January** Kickoff Party for Great Decisions Seminar Series, Wednesday, 28 Jan.
(Location will be th Elks Lodge on Bellvue Ave)
Start of Naval Staff College (NSC) 6 month class sponsorship
- February** Great Decisions Seminars, each Wednesday at 7 PM, Newport Library
- March** Continue Great Decisions Seminars each Wednesday at 7 PM, Newport Library
- April** Start Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS) Sponsorship for Military and Peacekeeping Operations (PKRL) and Military Law Development (MLDP)
Start of International Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS)
Sponsorship for Division Officers School (DIVO) and Department Head School (DH)
- May** Finish DIILS/PKRL sponsorship. Finish Salve Regina University (SRU) English as a second language (ESL) student sponsorship
- June** Naval War College Graduation. Finish sponsorship for Naval Command College and Naval Staff College. Black Ships Festival. CIV will collaborate with festival organizers to support this important Newport international event. CIV Summer Reception at a date to be specified.
- July** Naval War College international students arrive. Sponsors meet their students for Naval Command College and Naval Staff College classes graduating in 2010. Begin efforts to help students get established for their time in the US.
- Aug** Finish DIILS/MLDP sponsorship. Finish of SWOS/DIVO sponsorship
Annual Summer Membership Reception
- 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

Council for International Visitors
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NOTE: If your name is highlighted on the mailing label, please renew your dues now for 2009.

MEMBERSHIP

Our annual dinner reaped the benefit of several new members and renewals as a direct result of the extraordinary efforts of Marika Terlecky. Thank you Marika! Our thanks to John Bagwill also for signing up NewportFed as a Corporate Member. John is willing and able to visit any business to explain the advantages for joining our Council as Corporate member.

If you have yet to renew your existing membership for year 2009, please hurry. Our membership year for 2008 has expired as of 30 September. You may wish to renew using the form below, mail it to our PO Box 3032, Newport, RI 02840.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Renewal for 2009 (10/01/08 – 09/30/09) New Member for 2009

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

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