

IVC 2001 ANNUAL REPORT



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“The State of Ohio is proud to be involved in a public-private community partnership with the International Visitors Council (IVC) which allows us to enrich Ohio’s international prominence. The contributions of IVC over the years are appreciated and its enduring commitment to the promotion of cultural understanding and knowledge is to be commended.”

- Ohio Governor Bob Taft

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

2001 has been recognized by the United Nations as the International Year of the Volunteer. What better way to celebrate volunteerism than to have your own volunteers nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

At our national meeting in March, we discovered that the volunteer Citizen Diplomats of IVC's sister organizations across the country were nominated for this distinguished award by US Senator Arlene Specter. We were nominated for the role we have played in implementing the State Department's International Visitor Program, which helps bring peace to the world by promoting cultural understanding through the exchange of ideas and knowledge.

On behalf of the IVC Board of Trustees, I would like to thank and congratulate our outstanding volunteer Citizen Diplomats and look forward to the Peace Prize announcement in December.

IVC has also embraced the International Year of the Volunteer distinction by partnering with FIRSTLINK, Franklin County's volunteer center, on two very exciting initiatives to promote the democratic concept of volunteerism and civil society.

One program sent IVC Executive Director Kevin Webb and FIRSTLINK representatives to Chile for an assessment of the state of volunteerism, an evaluation of Chile's volunteer center and to recruit for a Columbus-based training program. The train-the-trainer program brought six non-profit leaders to Columbus for two-weeks to learn volunteer management techniques. The second program worked with ten non-profit leaders from Ukraine for a three-week program on non-profit management issues. These are just two examples of the thirty-six programs IVC conducted for 172 visitors from 40 countries over the past year.

As we look ahead to 2001-2002, IVC is beginning a new era in its history. We are “going home again” as IVC returns to the International Center at 57 Jefferson Avenue to become a more centrally located “Global Resource Center” for the citizens of central Ohio and international visitors to the region. I thank my fellow board members for making my year as President of IVC so rewarding and wish my successor, Jim May, the best as IVC embarks on another year of peaceful volunteer Citizen Diplomacy for Central Ohio.

Sincerely yours,
Vasil Babamov, PhD
President, IVC Board of Trustees

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Due to the still too recent events of September 11, 2001 that permeates our national conscious, my annual report, like much in our country, has taken on a different form than originally planned.

That fateful day, Ms. Fauzaya Talhaoui, a Belgian Member of Parliament and a Muslim, was in town as a guest of the State Department sponsored IVC International Visitor Program. My family had the pleasure of hosting her in our home where we spent a somber evening in front of the television. Amidst the waiting and wondering it was interesting to have a non-American point of view of these devastating events.

Upon returning our visitor to her hotel that evening, my wife, who is French, said sympathetically, "You know, Europeans and people in other parts of the world live in constant fear of terrorist activity. Americans haven't known this feeling before, are you afraid now?"

I responded, "No, not afraid exactly. I am filled with profound sorrow, anger and dread of what this means for our families, our communities, our country and our world."

Before terror reached our shores, I was one who promoted international collaboration, acceptance of diversity, and free trade. Now, I feel like building a wall a mile high so that this might never occur again. But I know that walls are not the answer. Mutual understanding is. Meeting and discussing differing points of view and ideas with colleagues across our borders has, can and will make this a more peaceful world free from terror.

This is the role that IVC's Nobel Peace Prize nominated Citizen Diplomats—our volunteer home and professional hosts—play on a daily basis by welcoming emerging world leaders like Ms. Talhaoui into their classrooms, boardrooms, homes and hearts. The dialogue that develops, gives Central Ohio residents and our international visitors the opportunity to share their hopes, fears, dreams, and desires so that we may come to some common understanding and appreciation of each other's culture and point of view.

As IVC embarks on its thirty-seventh year of service to Central Ohio, establishing a community Global Resource Center and developing new programs for 2002, I hope that you will join our small group of Citizen Diplomats to help us change the world into a more peaceful and prosperous place in which to live, work, trade and travel.

Very truly yours,
Kevin R. Webb
Executive Director, IVC

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever does.”

– Margret Meade, American Anthropologist

IVC's mission is to build partnerships between Central Ohioans and citizens of other countries that strengthen democratic ideals, encourage economic development and promote cultural understanding through the exchange of ideas and knowledge.

STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY

City and State Government, Uganda

October 5-10, 2000

Mr. Christopher Godfrey Kiwanuka-Musisi, District Chairperson
Mukono District & Head, Uganda Local Authorities Association

Mr. Kiwanuka-Musisi visited Columbus to observe council and planning commission meetings and establish linkages with leaders in agricultural production and university faculty involved with government reform and training. Professional Hosts: Ohio Secretary of State, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Ohio Department of Agriculture, John Glenn Institute-The Ohio State University, and County Commissioners Association. Home Host: Annette Trembly.

Russian Leadership Program: "Open World 2000"

October 17-24, 2000

10 Government Officials and Business Leaders

This program, sponsored by the US Library of Congress, was designed to introduce Russia's new political leadership to the infrastructure of democratic governance, American business life and an open, free election system. Professional Hosts: Ohio Department of Development, Ohio Republican Party, Huntington Bank, The Columbus Dispatch, Ohio Governmental Services, City of Columbus-Office of International Business, The Ohio State University-Department of Agriculture, Ohio Legislative Budget Office, Ohio Supreme Court, Franklin County Board of Elections, Ohio Secretary of State, Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio Department of Taxation, Ohio League of Women Voters, Councilwoman Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, and Ohio Representative Pat Tiberi. Home Hosts: Sue Catana, Vasil Babamov & Terri Moore, David & Brenda Diener, Charles Emery & Ludmila Kirsanova, Gregory & Mira Axelrod, Richard & Mary Ann Amari.

Russian Leadership Program: "Open World 2000"

October 24-November 1, 2000

5 Business Leaders and City Council Members

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Elections, United Kingdom

November 1-2, 2000

Mr. Andrew Porter, Political Correspondent *Sunday Business*

Mr. Porter visited Columbus to observe domestic politics at the grassroots level and report on the election back in the UK. Professional Hosts: Ohio Republican Party, Councilwoman Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Franklin County Board of Elections, Ohio Democratic Party, and *The Columbus Dispatch*. Home Hosts: Palmer & Barcy McNeal.

"...promoting Ohio and a better understanding between countries of how our system of government works."

- JoAnn Davidson, Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives

American Government Program, Malaysia

January 21-25, 2001

Mr. Mohamed Hatta Mohamed Ramli, MD, Political Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition in the Malaysian Parliament, and Member of the Central Working Committee, Parti Islam Semalaysia

Dr. Hatta's visit to Ohio focused on the American government and political party system and the place of Islam in American society. Professional Hosts: Ohio Secretary of State, Columbus State Community College, Governor's Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Relations, Interfaith Association of Central Ohio, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Ohio Legislative Services Commission, Ohio Senate, and Ohio University. Home Hosts: Palmer & Barcy McNeal.

Strengthening Grassroots Democracy: Volunteer Management & Leadership Program, Chile

February 21-March 5, 2001

Phase I: Assessment & Recruiting Trip

Under a FIRSTLINK initiated and State Department Funded Citizen Exchange Program, IVC Director Kevin Webb, FIRSTLINK President Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher and FIRSTLINK VP Beth Eck traveled to Chile to assess the current state of volunteerism in Chile, provide preliminary training to VOLUNTAR (Chile's volunteer center) and recruit participants to come to the US on Phase II of the program.

Drug Education & Prevention, Chile

April 18-21, 2001

Mr. Remigio Munoz, Executive Director, Therapeutic and Educational Program Corporation

Mr. Munoz visited Columbus to examine drug education, prevention and rehabilitation efforts and strategies. Professional Hosts: CompDrug, DARE, Maryhaven, ADAMH, First Lady Hope Taft, and ODADAS. Home Host: Julie Dorrian.

Open & Unfettered Access to Information, Nigeria

April 17-21, 2001

Press Secretaries to the Vice President, Senate President, Minister of Defense, House

A central tenet of democracy is that government should operate in a transparent manner. Open and unfettered access to information by the media and ordinary citizens is of critical importance in maintaining transparency. This program was designed to introduce these information gatekeepers to information dissemination techniques. Professional Hosts: City of Columbus-Office of the Mayor, The Columbus Dispatch, Office of Governor Bob Taft, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, American Electric Power, and Ohio Highway Patrol. Home Hosts: Ameka & Yvette Aniagolu and Didi Anekwe.

"The program in Columbus gave us insight in how to manage the media during crisis situations and the need for openness, truth and cordial relationship with media practitioners."

- Musa Aduwak, Deputy Director of Information/Deputy Chief Secretary of the State House, Nigeria

Strengthening Grassroots Democracy: Volunteer Management & Leadership Program, Chile

May 3-19, 2001

Phase II: US Training Program for 6 Chilean Non-Profit Leaders

These identified leaders of the Chilean non-profit community, participated in a 2-week train-the-trainer program in volunteer management techniques. Professional Hosts: FIRSTLINK, Columbus Crew, The Ohio State University-College of Business, Marty Sweterlisch, Co-Creating Learning Organizations, WBNS 10-TV, WBNS Radio, This Week Newspapers, The Columbus Dispatch, The Wolfe Companies,

United Way of Franklin County, Ohio Association of Non-profit Organizations, Ohio House of Representatives, Columbus City Council, Ohio Governmental Services, Office of Governor Bob Taft, Hodge, Cramer & Associates, Columbus Museum of Art, Goodwill Industries, Franklin University, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, and Ohio Village. Home Hosts: Kevin Webb & Emmanuelle Murga-Webb, Bob Zuercher & Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher, Iroabuchi Arum & Melanie Paris-Arum, Hal & Phyllis Duryee, Jeff & Peggy Mitchell, Carl & Ann Morahan, and Jeff & Bridget Wolf.

Citizen Participation, People's Republic of China

May 16-20

National People's Congress Delegation of 4

China's tenth five-year plan has listed expanding the voice of the people as a priority, and we have been told that there is substantial interest in both improving existing election procedures and, eventually, in gradually raising the level at which Chinese Officials are elected. This program is designed to provide a more accurate understanding of the US elections system. Professional Hosts: Ohio Republic Party, Franklin County Board of Elections, Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio Secretary of State, and The Ohio State University-Department of Political Science. Home Hosts: David & Brenda Diener and Dorothy Cheng-Ihochi.

AIDS Awareness & Policies, Brazil

June 10-13, 2001

1 Health Ministry Official and 1 AIDS NGO Leader

These two Brazilian AIDS experts were in Ohio to examine the development and application of AIDS prevention programs. Professional Hosts: State of Ohio Health Department, Columbus AIDS Task Force, Ohio AIDS Coalition, and Columbus Urban League. Home Hosts: Stephen & Gail Summerhill.

Women in Political Leadership, Belgium

September 8-15, 2001

Ms. Fauzaya Talhaoui, Member, Federal Parliament, Flemish Green Party (AGALEV)

Ms. Talhaoui's current parliamentary mandate is to ensure that human rights and non-discrimination become central issues at all policy levels and to contribute to Belgium's foreign policy, making sure that human rights, security and fair trade relations become priorities. Professional Hosts: Ohio Senate, Ohio Supreme Court, Columbus City Council, and Office of Lt. Governor Maureen O'Connor. Home Hosts: Ken & Jennifer Miller, Jeff & Leslie Rich, and Kevin Webb & Emmanuelle Murga-Webb.

"It was fun to talk about cultural differences and similarities. I enjoyed sharing our life with her and learning more about Belgium."

- Jennifer Miller, IVC Home Host

NGO Development, Ukraine

September 11-30, 2001

10 Non-Profit Leaders

Ten leaders of Ukrainian non-governmental/non-profit agencies are visiting Ohio to learn non-profit management and development techniques to help improve third sector development in Ukraine. Professional Hosts: FIRSLINK, Office of Governor Taft, OSU-Extension Office of Community Development, Co-Creating Learning Organizations, United Way International, CIVICUS, International Center for Non-Profit Law, National Center for Non-Profit Boards, Office of Senator Voinovich, ONN, WBNS 10-TV, West Central High School, City Year, The Buckeye Ranch, Clintonville Community Market, Global Action Plan, Ohio Environmental Council, Directions for Youth, Center for New Directions, Salvation Army, Downtown Kiwanis Club, Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame, Foundation Center, Ukrainian Museum, and Ohio Village. Home Hosts: Chris and Cindy McGovern, Orest Holubec, Sue Schlepp, Palmer & Barcy McNeal, Chuck & Barbara McLean, Gail Neal, Bob Kennedy, Gary & Peggy Nielson, Jeff & Carol Simpson, Bob & Lu Mone, Bob & Kathy Beatty, and Don & Bettenell Miller.

ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Western Business Practices, Ukraine

October 17-November 18, 2000

10 Entrepreneurs

Designed to introduce entrepreneurs to western business practices and American culture, this program immerses the visitors in internships with local companies and home stay experiences. Professional Hosts: Office of Governor Bob Taft, The Ohio State University, City of Columbus-Office of International Business, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce-International Trade Assistance Center, Franklin University, Chicago Board of Trade, Federal Reserve Bank, Boris Custom Tailoring, Columbus Countywide Development Corporation, Murphy Epton, The Strategy Team Ltd., Kal Kan, Columbus Business International, Promo Net Technologies, Applied Virtual Vision, TDCI Consulting, Flowerama, Maple Lee Florists, WBNS 10-TV, Dealer's Lumber, The Palmer Donavin Manufacturing Co, Weyerhaeuser, Geitgey's Furniture Outfitter, Ohio Lumberman Association, Atria Building Products, B & T Distributors, Window & Door Factory, Tectum, David's Bridal, Bridal Design Studio, the Wedding Plantation, Alan Ray Bridal, King Thompson-Meg Michael Realty, Columbus Board of Realtors, Franklin County Auditors Office, US Realty Consultants, Dr. Mervyn Samuel, Dr. Charles May, Children's Hospital, St. Angela's Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Columbus Department of Health, Mid Ohio Pediatrics, and OSU Thomas Rardin Family Practice Center. Home Hosts: Dick & Lynn Curtis, Hank Stonerook & Janet Barker, Palmer & Barcy McNeal, Sandra Heusinkveld, Nick Soulas, Myroslava Mudrak, Bobidar & Marika Stanojevic, Ralph & Terri Napletana, Josie Gonot, Chuck & Barbara McClean, Matt Smith & Meg Michael, Beverly Maselli, Norma Wallace, Jim & Barbara Kimmel, and Jackie Holton.

Chambers of Commerce in the US, Azerbaijan

November 26-28, 2000

6 Chamber Leaders

This program is designed to aid Azerbaijan chamber leaders in development of their institutions and providing support for private sector development. Professional Hosts: Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Rickenbacker Port Authority. Home Hosts: Michael Reese & Bob Kennedy.

Western Business Practices, Moldova

February 20-March 25, 2001

10 Entrepreneurs

Designed to introduce entrepreneurs to western business practices and American culture, this program immerses the visitors in internships with local companies and home stay experiences. Professional Hosts: Office of Governor Bob Taft, The Ohio State University, City of Columbus-Office of International Business, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce-International Trade Assistance Center, Franklin University, Chicago Board of Trade, Federal Reserve Bank, United Refrigeration Services, Inc., API Safelife Security Systems, Inc., Anchor Hocking, 5/3 Bank, Prospect Bank, Telhio Credit Union, US Small Business Administration, Columbus Countywide Development Corp., Credit Bureau of Columbus, Andrew's House, United Way, Helpline, Ohio Association of Non-Profit Organizations, Greater Linden Development Corp., FIRSTLINK, Jewish Family Services, Midwest Express, Schenker International, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Nationwide Insurance Co., Interactive Inc., PC On-call, Lord Sullivan & Yoder, eMerging Marketing, Highlights for Children, Small Business News, Central Ohio Minority Business Association, Rickenbacker Port Authority, and CM Media.

Home Hosts: Ray Troyer, Rev. Don & Janet Meadows, Pete & Jean Steva, Richard & Linda Smith, James & Evelyn Mason, Bob Kennedy, John & Cheryl Ropp, Peggy Johnson, Jim & Mari Seitz, Norma Wallace,

Palmer & Barcy McNeal, Nick Soulas, Arnett Howard, Greg Hammer, Don Bettenell Miller, John & Lynn Konheim, and James & Frances Michalec.

Human Resources & Economic Development, People's Republic of China

March 11-14, 2001

Mr. Zhao Yongxian, Section Chief, Jiangsu Provincial Human Resource Bureau

Mr. Zhao came to the US to examine governmental human resource techniques and programs designed to encourage economic development. Professional Hosts: City of Columbus-Department of Finance, The Ohio State University-Department of Management & Human Resources, City of Columbus-Office of International Business, Columbus City Council, Ohio Office of Professional Development and Ohio Department of Development. Home Host: Weldon & Carolyn Abels.

Small Business Development, Russia

April 25-May 13, 2001

10 Small Business Development Representatives

Designed to introduce representatives of small business development agencies to economic development techniques and American culture. Professional Hosts: Office of Governor Bob Taft, City of Columbus-Department of Trade and Development, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce-International Trade Assistance Center, BalletMet Columbus, Venture Resources International, Franklinton Board of Trade, Columbus Rotary Club, Ohio Secretary of State, Ohio Department of Development-Economic Development Division, Columbus Clippers, Cheryl & Co., Jewish Family Services, Columbus Countywide Development Corporation, Ohio University-Innovation Center, US Small Business Administration, Center for International Private Enterprise, Senator DeWine's Office, Senate Committee on Small Business, The Longaberger Co., Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio, and Ohio Village. Home Hosts: Richard & Julie Helenthal, Harold & Jeane Anderson, Kim & Anthony Padgett, Bob Kennedy, Rob Aiken, Mark Levy & Wendie Gerus, Annette Trembly, Joe Sanda & Janet LeDuc, Victoria Bonner, and Bill & Loraine McNutt.

Environment, Korea

June 14-16, 2001

Mr. Dong-Won Shin, Director, International Affairs Office, Ministry of the Environment

Mr. Shin has played an important role in improving the working relationship between Korean officials and US environmental technology firms. Mr. Shin was in Columbus to improve understanding of state environmental policy and cooperative relationships between government and the private sector. Professional Hosts: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, The Ohio State University-Carbon Management and Sequestration Program.

Small Business Development, Bhutan

June 27-30, 2001

2 Construction Company Owners

As Bhutan continues its gradual opening to the outside world, these two entrepreneurs came to Columbus to look at the American free market economy and in in-depth exposure to privatization. Professional Hosts: Hilliard Rotary Club, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce-Small Business Development Center, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Community Capital Development Corporation, Business Technology Center. Home Hosts: Chuck & Barbara McLean.

Small Business Development, Russia

July 10-29, 2001

10 Small Business Development Representatives

Designed to introduce representatives of small business development agencies to economic development techniques and American culture. Professional Hosts: Office of Governor Bob Taft, The Ohio State

University, City of Columbus-Department of Trade & Development, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce-International Trade Assistance Center, Great Mohican Pow Wow, Malabar Farm, Pleasant Valley, Ohio Department of Taxation, Kirkey & Co., Inc., Columbus Clippers, Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio, Ohio Secretary of State, Ohio Department of Development-Economic Development Division, Columbus Countywide Development Corporation, Ohio University-Innovation Center, US Small Business Administration, Center for International Private Enterprise, Senator DeWine's Office, Senate Committee on Small Business, The Longaberger Co., Terra Cotta, Circle Journey, and All-A-Cart Manufacturing. Home Hosts: Jim May & Mary May-Steed, Jim & Ann Reiser, Sue Schleppe, Sara Phelps, Carolyn Hodge, Peggy Johnson, Ray Troyer, Brent & Connie Stratton, Bobidar & Marika Stanojevic, and Norma Wallace.

Biotechnology, Taiwan

August 16-19, 2001

Dr. Huang Hsiau-Wen, Senior Researcher, Bureau of Pharmaceutical Affairs, Department of Health

Dr. Huang plays a key role in designing and formulating procedures for biological and drug review and for the regulation of medical devices, issues that are of key concern to Ohio pharmaceutical and healthcare companies. Professional Hosts: Chemical Abstracts Service and Edison Bio Technology Center.

Disability Issues, Jordan

August 30-September 5, 2001

Mr. Mohammed Tarawneh, Director,
Special Building Code Department, Greater Amman Municipality

Mr. Tarawneh, himself disabled, came to Columbus to observe implementation of ADA standards in building construction and to meet with disability rights activists. Professional Hosts: Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities, Americans with Disabilities Act of Ohio, Board of Building Standards, Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, Easter Seals Central and Southwest Ohio, Creative Living Housing Corporation, and Goodwill Industries of Central Ohio. Home Host: Lou Sikora.

"It is always good to network and bounce ideas off of people with a different perspective."

- Derek Mortland, Technical Specialist, ADA-Ohio

PROMOTING CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

University Administration, Angola

October 16-19, 2000

Bishop Damiao Antonio Franklin, Rector, Catholic University of Angola

The conflict in Angola that has been going on since 1975 has severely hindered post-secondary education in Angola and the quality of the state run school has diminished. To fill the void the Catholic Church established the Catholic University of Angola. The University is considering an expansion program, so Bishop Franklin visited Columbus with the goal of learning more about university administration, which will aid in defining the university's development efforts. Professional Hosts: The Pontifical College Josephinum, Capital University, and Columbus State Community College. Home Hosts: Ted Inbusch & Catherine Evans.

Library Management Program, Kazakhstan

December 16-20, 2000

5 Librarians

These 5 experts are leaders in the nationwide reform efforts in library systems throughout Kazakhstan. The visitors came to Columbus to learn about library information technology systems. Professional

Hosts: OhioNet, OhioLink, OCLC, Ohio Public Library Information Network, and the State Library of Ohio.
Home Hosts: Keith Turpie & Celianna Taylor and Pat Larson.

Education in the 21st Century, Multi-regional Project

January 31-February 3, 2001

4 Educational Leaders

This diverse group from Qatar, Romania, Taiwan and Thailand came to Columbus to look at the use of technology in education. Professional Hosts: Ohio Department of Education, OCLC, Franklin Heights High School, Centennial High School, Columbus Public Schools, Horizon Science Academy. Home Hosts: Franklin Heights High School Students, Jim & Pam Allen and Bob & Lu Mone.

"The visit in Columbus gives me the warmest moments in my whole trip!"

- Mr. Laurentiu Anghene
Teacher, Romania

American Studies Program, People's Republic of China

January 31-February 3, 2001

Mr. Qi Dexiang

Director, International Cooperation & Exchange Office, Northeast Normal University

Mr. Qi's principle goal was to familiarize himself with American Higher Education and to examine university exchange program opportunities. Professional Hosts: Ohio University, Rural Action, Rich Farms, Capital University and The Ohio State University. Home Hosts: Chuck & Anne Hyland.

Information Management in the Electronic Age, Greece

April 12-18, 2001

4 Librarians

Greece lags behind its European counterparts in the development of practical strategies for managing the information revolution. These 4 university librarians are working to move toward inter-library networking to help manage information in this electronic age. Professional Hosts: Kent State University Libraries, Kent/East Liverpool Library, Carnegie Public Library, Wellington School, OCLC, Ohio Link, and Ohio Net. Home Hospitality: Susan Weaver and Phil Johnston.

"Kent State has had a long and rewarding exchange with several universities in Greece. This visit gave us an opportunity to return some of the hospitality that we have received there. Also, we always learn new ideas and alternative ways of working from our international visitors."

- Susan Weaver, Director of Library Kent, East Liverpool

A Taste of Mexico

April 28, 2001

IVC's Annual Fundraising Celebration

IVC partnered with the Worthington Arts Council for its annual fundraising event. The evening featured food donated by Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen, El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant and Puerta Vallarta Mexican Restaurant and entertainment from the Ballet Folklórico Mexico. Baja Fresh, Cozymels, Minico's Restaurant, Phyllis Duryee, Maggie Gilmore, Anchor Hocking and the West Indies Bay Co donated raffle Prizes. Thank you to all of our supporters who helped raise \$1,600 to support our Global Education Programs.

Library & Information Management, Multi-Regional

June 10-12, 2001

Group of 17 Librarians

This accomplished group of library leaders from: Brazil, Botswana, Cambodia, Croatia, Eritrea, Germany, Guinea, India, Liberia, Lithuania, Mauritius, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, Tunisia, West Bank, and Zambia, came to Columbus to see the significance of technological advances in managing library operations. Professional Hosts: OCLC and OhioNet. Home Hosts: Thomas & Janet Ansley, Chuck & Anne Hyland, Julius & Mary Nemeth, Dick & Lynn Curtis, Keith Turpie & Celianna Taylor, and Sydney & Maria Gordon.

"All of the visitors were very pleased. I am sure many of them will make additional contact with OCLC."

– Ms. Catherine Lyons, English Language Officer, US Department of State

Library & Information Management, Mexico

June 12-14, 2001

Ms. Rosalita Del Carmen Macias

General Director of Libraries, University of Guanajuato

With campuses in ten cities, 44 library branches and a collection of 300,000 volumes and 500 periodicals, the University of Guanajuato is the leading educational and informational system in the region. As General Director, Ms. Macias was in Columbus to learn about modernization and automation of the system. Professional Hosts: Columbus Metropolitan Library, OhioLink, Ohio State University Main Library, Ohio Public Libraries Information Network, State Library of Ohio, and OCLC. Home Host: Jill Welch.

U.S. Culture, France

July 15 – September 1, 2001

2 Students

2 students from France came to the Ohio to learn more about US customs and culture by staying with American host families. Home Hosts: Bob & Carol Wilhelm and Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Borin.

U.S. Culture, Japan

July 13– 30, 2001

25 Students

Sponsored by Nissin Travel Service, 25 students from Japan came to the Ohio to learn more about US customs and culture by staying with American host families. IVC assisted in finding homestays.

Lecture: "The Current Situation in Macedonia and Other European Affairs Issues"

August 24, 2001

Mr. Thomas Timberman, Senior Advisor for European Affairs, US Department of State

Mr. Timberman has been actively involved in American foreign and national security policy for over twenty-five years, serving in Southeast Asia, NATO Europe, South Asia and Africa. Currently, Mr. Timberman chairs the State Department's Working Group on Defense and Trade. He is also charged with implementing a long-term program in the Balkans – the Horizon Project – aimed at fostering multi-ethnic tolerance among children and youth. While in Columbus, Mr. Timberman lectured at the OSU-Center for Slavic and East European Studies and met with Ohio Chief Justice Thomas Moyer and other IVC board members and volunteers to discuss current State Department strategies in Europe.

"There is an inestimable value in meetings between leaders of justice systems in foreign countries and leaders of justice systems in this country. No matter how vast the difference in our system of justice and the system in a country such as China or Ukraine, I am always reminded in our visits that our system is not perfect and we have

much to learn from others. That phenomenon is multiplied to the extent that we include other judges and court personnel in our exchange programs.”

- Chief Justice Thomas Moyer, Ohio Supreme Court

U.S. Culture & ESL, Japan

September 7-10, 2001

6 Students

6 Japanese students came on an English as a Second Language study tour and stayed with American host families. Home Hosts: Michael & Mary Ann Adams, Jim & Pam Allen, Peter & Joanne Dole, Willard & Victoria Gersbacher, Robert & Patti Moore, and Richard McNight & Sarah Horn.

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Richard Meyer
Kara Miller
Robert & Elise Mills
Robert & Lu Mone
Carl & Ann Morahan
Dr. Isaac Mowoe
Harold Nelson
Debra Patterson
August Pust
Robert Queen
Jerry Raack & Joanne Kick-Raack
Michael Reese
Peter & Matina Ross
David & Laura Sangree
John & Barbara Schooley
Second Languages II
Nick Soulas
Hank Stonerook & Janet Barker-Stonerook
Peggy Stumpf
Jon Tabor
West Indies Bay Company
Bob Zuercher & Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher

IVC-GLOBAL RESOURCE CENTER

PROGRAMS

Global Resource Library

- **International Trade, Travel & Educational Publications & Videos**
- **Conference Room & Internet Access to IVC Online Resource Directory**

- Columbus Souvenirs & Travel Accessories

Global Exchange Programs

- US Dept. of State Citizen Exchange & International Visitor Program
- US Library of Congress Russian Leadership Program
- Columbus, Ohio Hosting & Cultural Exchange Programs

Global Business Services

- Market Research & Client Logistics
- Trade Mission Planning
- Seminars: “Multi-Cultural Understanding”, “How to Do Business Abroad”

Global Education Programs

- Visitor-to-School Program: sending visitors to the classroom
- Faces of the World: art exhibit to promote cultural understanding
- Speaker’s Bureau: “Welcome to Columbus”, “About Citizen Diplomacy”

Global & Local Links

- Columbus International Calendar & Online Resource Directory
- News You Can Use
- Trade, Travel, Education & Foreign Policy Links

IVC 2001-2002

U.S. Department of State Town Meeting

October 10, 2001

US Foreign Policy Toward Asia

The US Department of State-Bureau of Public Affairs has contracted with IVC to host a Town Meeting, entitled “US Foreign Policy Toward Asia”. The meeting will feature keynote speaker Philip Reeker, Deputy Spokesman for the State Department who will brief the audience at OSU’s Fawcett Center for Tomorrow on the US Foreign Policy Challenges facing the US in the Post-Cold War World, particularly in Asia. Also scheduled to speak are Dr. Thomas Fingar, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, US Department of State, who will discuss the current Challenges in China, and Lisa Han, International Trade Attorney with Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, who will bring the discussion down to the local level discussing Trade: Asia, Ohio & You.

IVC-Global Resource Center

October 10, 2001

Introducing the new IVC-Global Resource Center. Located in the heart of the Jefferson Center for Learning and the Arts, the Columbus International Center at 57 Jefferson Avenue will serve as the new home for the International Visitors Council, Inc. and a Global Resource Center, which will serve as an information clearinghouse for international trade, travel, exchange and educational programs and activities taking place in Central Ohio.

Community Connections Program

2002

IVC has already contracted with the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs to host four delegations from the former Soviet Union. The tentative program dates and topics are:

- Jan. 16-Feb. 5, 2002: 10 Youth Advocates, Russia
- Apr. 18-May 18, 2002: 10 Entrepreneurs, Ukraine
- Jul. 11-Aug. 10, 2002: 10 Entrepreneurs, Moldova
- Sep. 4-24, 2002: 10 NGO Development Leaders, Russia

Host Opportunities

Throughout the year, IVC has opportunities for local Citizen Diplomats to host visitors for dinner, overnight or in their business. Call today to become a Citizen Diplomat.

New Partnerships

IVC is looking forward to the possibility of the following new partnerships in 2002 and beyond:

- Joint host recruitment projects with the Columbus International Program
- Malaysian-American Mutual Understanding Project with Ohio University
- Chinese Rule of Law Program with the Ohio Supreme Court and Columbus Bar Association
- Chinese Volunteer Management & Leadership Program with FIRSTLINK

IMPACT & BENEFITS OF IVC'S PROGRAMS

How do IVC's programs impact you, your family, your business and your community?

STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY

In a 1997 New York Times Magazine article, in which a former IVC visitor, who is leading the fight for an elected government in war-torn Sierra Leone, was quoted as "...*learning about democracy in Columbus, Ohio.*" Someday, instead of sending foreign and military aid dollars to this West African nation, Ohio companies will be sending our investment dollars and the alumni will remember their Columbus hosts who played a defining role in bringing peace and prosperity to the region.

In 2000, IVC conducted a three-day training seminar in Slovenia for corporate, government and non-profit leaders, which helped lead to a change in that country's tax law. This change will encourage companies to contribute to non-profits to support much needed social services.

ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A local realtor has hosted several Ukrainian visitors in her home and business. She is now engaged in a number of real estate business ventures in Lviv, Ukraine.

IVC recently hosted Dr. Huang Hsiau-Wen, the Senior Researcher with the Department of Health in Taiwan. She was learning about the regulatory environment for the biotech industry in Ohio. Upon her return, she will be charged with establishing national regulations for biotech imports to Taiwan.

PROMOTING CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

In 1993, leaders of two different warring factions of Liberia had a secret meeting in the home of IVC board member, The Right Honorable Dr. Ijoma Flemister, to iron out a disarmament plan. The plan was adopted and a fragile peace resulted. Interim Head of State of Liberia, Madame Ruth Sando Perry, later visited Columbus on a "Mission of Peace" to build relationships between our societies and acknowledge the contribution IVC played in the peace process.

In 2001, IVC's Citizen Diplomats and the volunteers of 97 sister organizations throughout the United States were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. The nomination by Senator Arlen Specter (PA) acknowledges the tremendous efforts to foster international understanding and develop lasting ties our volunteers have provided for over 40 years.

As Governor Taft reported in the latest issue of Ohio Business magazine, "...the economic impact continues long after these individuals return home." However, the impact cannot (and should not) be measured strictly in dollars and cents. These visitors go into Central Ohio classrooms and share their extensive knowledge with our school children, they make important foreign policy decisions for their government which can have major implications for Ohio business and leisure travelers, and they establish long-term relationships with their American home and business hosts, which leads to greater cultural understanding making a more peaceful world in which to trade, travel and do business.

IVC hosts a number of democracy building and education programs annually, ranging from teaching the concept of volunteerism to establishing freedom of the press to training judges in the rule of law. These programs are designed to help create a foundation on which to build a market economy and protect American national and business interests when they are ripe for business development.

\$1 million community investment

In addition to the approximately \$1 million in competitive federal grants and visitor spending invested in the Central Ohio community each year, IVC brings the potential for developing long-term international business relationships!

Thousands of current and former officials, including many heads of state and government, have participated in the US Department of State International Visitor Program over the decades. Distinguished alumni include Tony Blair, Willy Brandt, Margaret Thatcher and Anwar Sadat. You never know, the IVC visitors you host today may be tomorrow's world leaders.

Foreign Aid Budget

Less than 1% of the federal budget is spent on Foreign Affairs, which includes support of US embassies, UN dues, foreign aid programs and the cultural and educational programs IVC coordinates.

This investment of time, money and energy helps create a more peaceful world where our armed forces will be called upon less often to respond to international strife.