



Breakfast Series Continues

As a part of an ongoing series on the benefits and challenges of Charlotte's international growth, International House continues to bring informative programs to business and community leaders.

On **February 5th**, Attorneys Laura Burton and John McDonald of *Smith, Helms, Mullis, & Moore* will discuss "Immigration and Employment Issues in the Workplace: Developments since September 11, 2001 with focus on changes to immigration procedures and discrimination in the workplace.

On **April 2nd**, Sherry Mueller, President of the *National Council for International Visitors* (NCIV) will visit us from Washington DC, to discuss the NCIV program and the benefits it brings to the Charlotte community.

These two programs are the fifth and sixth in a series of informal sessions, begun last year to guide community leaders in discussing various facets of Charlotte's international growth and the intercultural challenges and opportunities they bring. Community sponsors for the programs are *Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore* and *Royal & SunAlliance*.

Continental breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m., followed by a one-hour program and discussion. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required. For more information please call International House at 704-333-8099.

Spring Soccer League

The International House Soccer program is preparing for our 2002 Spring League. International House in partnership with the Police Athletic League and Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation offers soccer games for children.

The soccer program offers at-risk children an opportunity to participate in a safe and fun activity, while learning good sportsmanship and meeting other children from international and local cultures. Parents are invited to cheer from the sidelines and encourage their children's efforts.

The league is offered at no charge to participants, who are provided with uniforms, equipment and transportation.

The spring league runs Saturdays, from March 2nd, until the first Saturday in June. There are 3 divisions: ages 7-9 coed, ages 10-12 boys, and ages 10-13 girls. We need volunteers to assist us during registration, keeping the scoreboard and managing the children in the field. Our Fall 2001 league had approximately 150 children participating. If you love sports and/ or children, please volunteer your time. For information about sponsoring a team, volunteer opportunities or enrolling children, please call International House at 333-8099.



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LANGUAGE CONVERSATION HOURS

Please join us for weekly, informal conversation time and cultural exchange in various languages:

DUTCH-FLEMISH	1 st Thursday	of each month	6:00-7:00 pm
ENGLISH	Tuesdays		7:00-8:00 pm
	Fridays		12:00-1:00 pm
FRENCH	Tuesdays		12:00-1:00 pm
	Wednesdays		7:00-8:00 pm
GERMAN	Tuesdays		7:30-8:30 pm
ITALIAN	Thursdays		7:00-8:00 pm
	Fridays		7:00-8:00 pm
JAPANESE	Wednesdays		7:00-8:00 pm
RUSSIAN	Tuesdays		1:00-2:00 pm
SPANISH	Wednesdays		12:00-1:00 pm
	Thursdays		7:00-8:00 pm

A NEW ITALIAN LANGUAGE CONVERSATION HOUR

Will begin meeting **on Friday, January 25**. In addition to our Thursday Italian Language Conversation Hour, International House will be offering an Italian Language Conversation Hour each Friday from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

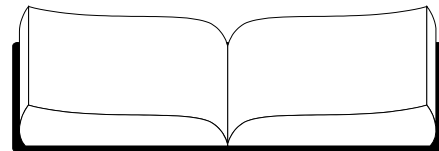
English Tutor Program

Thirteen International House volunteers will be going to homes in the Charlotte area to help those who want to learn English as a Second Language. This graduating class of volunteers includes people from all walks of life, ranging from a retired microbiology professor and a social services worker to a Nuclear Medical Engineer. The English Tutor Program has been providing English language learning opportunities 1993 and is always in the need of volunteers. The next training session will be held in April, please consider volunteering. If you know of someone who is interesting in volunteering or who needs assistance, please call Raquel Lynch at 704-333-8099.

Holiday Potluck for Language Conversation House

On Friday, December 14, 2001, International House was the setting for the annual Language Conversation Hours Holiday Gathering. More than 50 people were present to celebrate the holidays with international flair. All participants of the language conversation hours were invited to come and bring a “covered-dish” that was typical of their native country. From vareniki and golubzi (Ukraine) to kartoffel-salat (Austria) and flan (Spain)--THE FOOD WAS FANTASTIC!!!!!! What a great way to usher in the holidays. Thank you joining us for food, fun and festivities!

Book Club



WHO: Anyone who is interested in good books by international authors, with international settings, or with international themes.

WHAT: Meeting once per month for social exchange and book discussion.

WHERE: International House, 322 Hawthorne Lane.

WHEN: 3rd Monday of each month....next meeting: 2-18-02

Listed below are the dates of meetings and books for discussion:

February 18, 2002 – Waiting by Ha Jin

March 18, 2002 – Girl With A Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

April 15, 2002 – Anil's Ghost by Michael Ondaatje

May 20, 2002 – News of a Kidnapping by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

For further information, contact Sheila Bennett at 704-333-8099.

The 2001 International House Gala Committee wishes to extend a special thank you to the generous businesses and individuals who have supported our efforts through their donations to the Gala Auction.

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Children's Theatre of Charlotte
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Danny's Speakeasy Hotel
Charlotte
Discovery Place
Don Quijote Restaurant
Elite Cleaners
Fresh Market- Carmel Commons
Golf Charlotte
Hair Productions
Harpers Restaurant
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International Sports Center
Invitations by Lee
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Latin American Women's Assoc.
La Torre's
Made in Japan

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Stark & Associates
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Valsta Vulovic
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YMCA Camp Greenville

Under \$100 Continued

The Melting Pot
Miro's Spanish Grille
Mushashi Japanese Restaurant
Nature Museum
Newsstand International
Opera Carolina
The Overstock Market
P.F. Chang's Papipe
Paramount's Carowinds
The Park Hotel + Smokey's Grill
Pasta + Provisions
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Planet 21 Salon
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Providence Cafe
Providence Cleaners- Sharon Amity
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Regent Park Golf Club
Mr. Nico Reinbold- Wolf Camera
Juan & Keyla Sandoval
Shine Cleaners
Skillbeck Gallery
Sports Warehouse
Spring Fresh Cleaners
Talbot's, Southpark
Talley's Green Grocery
Thai Orchid Restaurant
Vidalia + Grapes

International House Wish List

International House appreciates all contributions to our organization. Your in-kind donations to International House are tax-deductible.

- *Laser Printer
- *Vacuum Cleaner
- *Flags representing various countries (especially needed are those of Latin American countries)
- *Re-upholstering for traditional parlor sofas and chairs of International House
- *Carpet
- * Power Point Projector



Your membership welcomes the world to Charlotte

International House depends almost entirely on private donations to fund its programs and services. Your contribution means a great deal. **Your membership expiration date is on the mailing label next to your name.**

Yes, I want to help. Enclosed is my membership fee for \$_____

International House's annual individual membership begins at \$25. For more information, please call 333-8099.

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GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

International House Professional Programs for International Visitors.

Charlotte's Council for International Visitors

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and a program of International House, Charlotte's Council for International Visitors (CCIV) facilitates the exchange of future foreign leaders into the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area to experience local business and community resources first-hand. Through the State Department's International Visitors Program (IVP), CCIV participates in a "silent" wing of foreign policy by hosting visitors from strategic countries in multiple professional fields, including banking, government, economic and business development, journalism, education, law, and conflict resolution. Past participants include British Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, former French President Giscard d'Estaing, former South African president F.W. deKlerk, and India's Indira Gandhi. Charlotte's CIV depends on the volunteers of the community leaders to contribute their time and expertise for the benefit of our international guests as well as to foster potential linkages for future business interaction.

Charlotte's Council for International Visitors will be hosting the following visitors:

<u>Country</u>	<u>#Visitors</u>	<u>Professional Program Theme</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Italy	1	IPR; Financial crime; Anti-terrorism Programs and law enforcement	2/3 - 2/6
Kazakhstan	3	Modern Practices/Principles of Banking Supervision in the U.S.	2/3 - 2/6
Chile	1	U.S. Economic and Financial Systems; Business benefits from Free Trade Agreements	2/12 - 2/15
Multi-Regional, South America	7	U.S. Drug Demand Reduction Efforts	2/13 - 2/1
Russia	13	Civic Education in the U.S.	2/20 - 2/23
Multi-Regional,	5	U.S. Financial Systems	2/20 - 2/24
Haiti	10	Radio Broadcasting and Management	2/27 - 3/2
Multi-Regional South America	7	Drug Law Enforcement: Narcotics and Contraband Interdiction	3/27 - 3/31

Volunteer Opportunities: As you can see, we are quite busy and need great professional resources to meet with visitors to discuss their field and exchange ideas, community volunteers to take visitors shopping, sightseeing, to sporting event, etc., and home hospitality volunteers to host visitors for a meal in their home.

** If you are interested in meeting or hosting any of these visitors or would like more information, please contact Amanda Britt, Program Manager, at 704-342-2248 or Amanda@ihclt.org.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Our thanks to all of you who hosted the Russian Business Group from Arkhangel'sk and the Historical and Cultural Preservation Group from Tver' in your homes and businesses in 2001. Each was a great success!

Now – join us in welcoming a Business Group from the Republic of Moldova:

BUSINESS AND HOMESTAY HOSTS NEEDED!

February 11 - March 17, 2002

Participants represent a highly educated group of English-speaking professionals and entrepreneurs from various companies and organizations. Business hosts provide a job shadowing opportunity that would provide an in-depth exposure to how their business is run in the U.S. All participants need to spend 15 working days in the businesses similar to their own. The dates available for internship placement are: **February 18 - 22, February 25 - March 1, March 4 - 7, and March 11 - 12.**

Home hosts provide a bed, some meals and a unique opportunity to observe life in the U.S. The Moldovan guest will be at work for the full working days above. International House will provide each participant with full health & accident insurance and \$ 25 per diem. Hosts receive a helpful orientation manual and round-the-clock GPP staff assistance. New home stay hosts receive a complimentary one-year International House membership, plus friendships that can last a lifetime!

Please choose your Moldovan guest from the list below (A full resume on each participant is available upon request) and contact Program Director Ludmila Van Dreele or Program Officer Amanda Britt at (704) 342-2247, Ludmila@ihclt.org, or Amanda@ihclt.org.

1. Angela, 33 – married with twin sons. Marketing Manager at SADL –a company that buys and resells merchandise to retailers, businesses, and commercial users. Her hobbies include sports, music and traveling.

2. Victoria, 26 – single. Export-Import Officer for the commercial bank BTR Moldova S.A. Victoria likes to travel, watch movies, swim, work out, dance, and listen to music.

3. Viorelia, 34 – married with daughter, age 14. Marketing department of the Hotel “Jolly-Allon,” an 80-room international hotel with major services and accommodations for guests. Viorelia enjoys aerobics, ethnic foods, flowers and traveling.

4. Natalia, 35 – married with daughter, age 11. Supervisor in the Service Department of the Chisinau International Airport Natalia likes playing the piano, playing tennis, reading, music, and computers.

5. Leonid, 44 - married with two daughters, 15 & 17. Deputy General Manager of "Vitana Intravest" which produces mineral water, beer, and other types of alcoholic beverages. Leonid enjoys computers, fishing, tennis, and traveling.

6. Oleg, 28 - married, no children. Deputy Head of the Foreign Exchange Division for the National Bank of Moldova. Oleg enjoys sports, travel, and music.

7. Efim, 29 - married, no children. Executive Director for Moldova's Rural Development Center whose mission to stimulate and support the economic development of villages. Efim enjoys swimming, playing soccer and listen to the music.

8. Oleg, 39 – married with daughter, age 16. Executive Director of F-Line Technologies, an information technology company that develops and sells software to banks and other companies

9. Igor, 34 - married with a son, age 4. Financial Director of J.V. Podgoria winery. Igor enjoys reading, traveling, and soccer.

10. Stela, 28 – married with son, age 4 and daughter, age 2. Director of LTD “Ser-Trad”, a professional organization that provides translating services in 7 foreign languages as well as courses of study in multiple languages. Stela speaks excellent English, French, Italian, Russian and Romanian. Stela loves reading, cooking, and perfecting her foreign language skills.

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