



# April 2014



Columbus  
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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello!

I am excited that spring is here because we are just a few weeks away from the third annual Columbus International Program 5K Run/Walk. CIP and the Kiwanis Club of Columbus will host this event to raise funds for the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus. Visit [page 6](#) for more information.

We are also pleased to announce that the first of two delegations of judges from Libya will arrive in Columbus on April 20. The Rule of Law Program, in partnership with the Ohio Supreme Court, will provide the delegation an overview of the American legal system. Over the course of three weeks, the judges will visit courts in Ohio and meet with law enforcement and city officials. The goal of this program is for the judges to implement the insights they gain from this training to enhance the Libyan legal system.

Also, many of you may know Sasha Etlin, an interpreter eastern Ukraine. He and his wife, Jan, have written an article in light of current events in Ukraine. The article

demonstrates the importance of citizen diplomacy, and you can find it [here](#).

In addition, one of our board members, Vlad Kapustin, has successfully completed the Certified Compliance & Ethics Professional



(CCEP) examination. This certification shows that Vlad has the expertise to oversee the compliance processes of corporations. According to Christian and Timber and smartmoney.com, the compliance professional is one of the nation's top ten hottest jobs. Congratulations, Vlad!

Finally, your membership contribution is vital to our organization's ability to connect you to the world. We will soon be sending out our third and final 2014 request for our annual membership. If you have not had the opportunity to complete your membership update, please take this opportunity.

Sincerely,

*Mark W. Poepelman*

Mark Poepelman, Executive Director

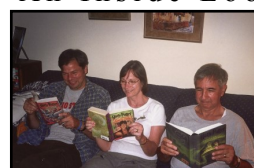
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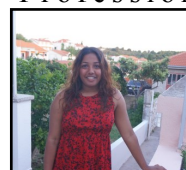
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## UPDATES FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONALS



*CIP participant  
Ken Wafula in front  
of his training site*

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*Lorena Loaiza*

**Ken Wafula** is a social worker from Busia, Kenya, who specializes in helping children with disabilities and adults who live in difficult circumstances. He arrived in Columbus in early December— just in time to experience extreme Ohio winter! Before he came to Ohio, the coldest temperature he had experienced was sixty degrees Fahrenheit! Ken has been training with the West Central School and had planned to stay in Columbus until June. However, he has recently received an extension that will allow him to continue his training until the end of April, 2015. "This is clearly a good opportunity that will help me expand my skills and experience at West Central School, Columbus, and America as a whole," Ken says. With a longer stay, Ken has obtained his driver's license. Congratulations, Ken! He is eager to meet new people and explore Columbus, so please contact us for additional information if you would like to visit him or show him around!

**Lorena Loaiza** is from Manizales, Colombia. She has been in Columbus since August 2013, and she is training at the Franklin County ARC Industries with a focus on marketing and management. Lorena says that she is having a great experience at ARC Industries. "There are some new changes in ARC Industries," she says, "and I've been able to participate and learn a lot about what it's going on right now. I feel very fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful people." Lorena will continue to live in Columbus and train at the Franklin County ARC Industries until August 2014.



*Ruth (seated, left)  
and Burt Schildhouse  
(seated, second left)  
and friends*

## CIP'S 40 YEARS OF SERVICE CELEBRATION

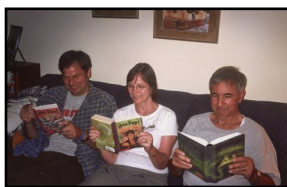
When Dean Richard Medhurst of Ohio State University and Dr. Len Schneirderman founded the Columbus International Program, Mrs. Ruth Schildhouse was appointed from the OSU faculty to administer the program. Since that time, CIP has become independent of OSU and has hosted over 900 professionals from 112 countries. Placements have been made in over 150 businesses, schools, and agencies throughout central Ohio. Since our beginning, CIPUSA, our affiliate, has brought over 15,000 international professionals from 147 countries to the U.S. for practical training in an array of disciplines.

To recognize forty years of *Promoting International Understanding through Intercultural Exchange*, we are hosting an anniversary celebration! Join CIP staff, members, friends, and our founder Ruth Schildhouse for dinner and an anniversary celebration. The festivities will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mozart's Bakery & Piano Café (4784 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214), from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. RSVP to [cipcols.com](http://cipcols.com).

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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## SERVING AS A HOST FAMILY: AN INSIDE LOOK



Stephen, Claire, and Mark read Harry Potter together

*"Our guests, now friends, have made a profound difference in our lives and in the lives of our family."*

*-Claire Fohl*

Serving as a host family is a rewarding experience. Not only do participants integrate with American culture through a host family stay, hosts gain knowledge of a different culture, form life-long international friendships, receive grocery gift cards, and earn a tax deduction. Read more about becoming a host family [here](#), and contact us at [cipcols@aol.com](mailto:cipcols@aol.com) if you are interested in serving as a host family. Claire and Mark Fohl, who have hosted CIP participants, share their experience:

*"We have friends all over the world! Since 1992 we have been privileged to host 25 international guests, courtesy of the Columbus International Program.*

*Natalie, from Russia, was our first guest. It wasn't long after the end of the Soviet Union, and it was so exciting for us to get to know her! Like Claire, Natalie was a librarian, but their experiences in the profession could not have been more different. Since she left we have exchanged letters, then emails, Skype calls, and now we are Facebook friends. Monica was from Chile and such a creative and fun person to know. We are still close friends with her family, which now includes a husband and two children. Several years ago we visited Monica's mother in Chile, then Carlos, another guest, and his family in Argentina, on our way to Tatiana's (yes, another guest!) wedding in Brazil. We are still close with all our South American friends!*

*Teimuraz and Taniel from Georgia were with us when the remnants of Hurricane Ike hit central Ohio in September 2008. That morning Taniel had taken pictures of our neighborhood, including a large, beautiful pine tree across the street. Later, as we were leaving to go to the CIP International Buffet, we saw that the pine tree had been uprooted and fallen to the ground! Taniel hurried to take another picture of the tree, shouting "Stop the presses! Stop the presses!" some of the only English he knew! We hope he got his before-and-after pictures in his hometown newspaper!*



Oleg (left) and Taras (right) show Claire's granddaughters their country (Ukraine) on the globe

*Our guests, now friends, have made a profound difference in our lives and in the lives of our family. One memorable Thanksgiving there were guests from North America, South America, Asia, and Africa seated at our table. We have a large globe at our house, and when our grandchildren visit and meet one of our guests, we find their country on the globe. We have laughed and cried, celebrated and grieved with them. We've traveled to visit them, and they have returned to visit us. We've learned so much about other cultures, and the friendships we've made enrich our lives. Watching the Olympics we cheered along with Susanne and Stefan when Germany won a medal. With the current unrest in Ukraine, we worry about our friends Oleg and Taras. Are Sylvia and her family safe in Moldova? When the World Trade Center fell, we received emails from so many of our international friends, comforting and supporting us.*

*We are fortunate, and we are blessed, to have so many friends around the world, and we're looking forward to meeting many more friends in the years to come."*

## MEET (AND HOST?) CIP'S NEW PROFESSIONALS



**Fatema Vanat** is arriving from Sweden for the month of May. Fatema is a social worker, and her objective is to be a resource for people to be able to evolve and reach their own goals. She is excited to work as a social worker on an international level. In her current position as a Caseworker, she works with youth, their parents, and their schools to create action plans that will support them through difficulties and transitions. Fatema will train at the Central Community House.



**Frances Orembe** is from Kenya. Frances works in the fields of Community Development and Social Work. She has also received certification for the National AIDS & STI Control Program from the Ministry of Public Work, Health, and Sanitation. Frances plans to train in Columbus from May until December. She will train at Nationwide Children's Hospital and immerse in the community outreach services of the FACES program.



**Ratna Chhetri** will be training in Columbus in May. Ratna works in the field of accounting and finance in Nepal. He holds an MBA from one of Nepal's leading universities and has over seven years of experience. He currently manages the Finance Department with the Green Pastures Hospital of International Nepal Fellowship, a charity hospital that provides services to poor and marginalized people. Ratna will train at US Together and engage in their day-to-day financial tasks and the overall financial management.



**Malle Luik** is a Clinical Psychologist from Estonia. She will be in Columbus from September to December. Malle works as a counselor, a psychologist, and a music therapist for youth with disabilities. She has also taught music, piano, and psychology. While in Columbus, Malle will train as a music therapist at the Central Community House in Bexley.



**Julia Jonaszon, Lisa Ekman, and Ulrika Elofsson**, from Sweden, will participate in a social work delegation from July 6<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>. During their time in Columbus, they will visit a variety of organizations, including LifeCare Alliance and the Franklin County Residential Services. Lisa Ekman has almost forty years of experience working as a teacher, therapist, and nurse. She is interested in children, family and parental guidance, and orphanages. Julia Jonaszon is a Social Secretary, providing local social services, and working with questions concerning domestic violence. She also volunteers at a shelter for women and children who have suffered domestic violence. Ulrika Elofsson is interested in family and couples therapy, as well as working with families, children, and teenagers.

If you would like to host one or more of these international professionals in residence, please contact us at [cipcols@aol.com](mailto:cipcols@aol.com).



## FAREWELL CURRENT INTERNS

At the end of this month, CIP will say “so long” to a large number of interns. The following testimonials demonstrate how much the interns have learned from their CIP experience:



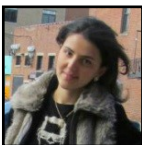
**Emily Brown:** CIP has been a great experience! My time here has taught me a great deal about networking, grant writing, international relations, and all the other ins and outs of running a non-profit. I am certain that I will use these skills as I move forward and am so thankful for my time here. As of now, I have been accepted into the Master's of Social Work program at The Ohio State University for Autumn 2014 and am in the process of making the decision between that program and other opportunities.



**Robby Southers:** While at CIP, I have not only improved my professional abilities, but I have also gained a greater appreciation of the role of Columbus in the international community. Before working with CIP, I was not fully aware of the large diversity of Columbus and how that diversity contributed to Columbus's role as a center of globalization, both economic and cultural. I will be graduating from OSU this May with a dual degree in Spanish and Political Science and a Minor in Professional Writing. After leaving CIP, I will remain in Columbus and will attend the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University in the fall.



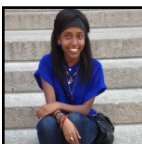
**Melanie Moore:** My time at CIP has shown me the many different aspects of the Social Work profession. CIP has helped shape me as a budding professional by showing me the importance of networking and creativity. I graduate this spring with my BSSW and plan to get my LSW. Until I can decide on a grad school, I will be working full-time at Netcare Access, a mental health and crisis intervention agency.



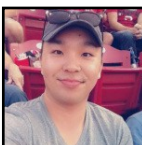
**Nina Lobzhanidze:** The combination of supervision, collaborative approaches, supportive environment, and the diversity of projects have contributed to a great experience at CIP. As a team we work together to design, develop, and implement initiatives and various international, educational, business and fundraising projects. I have really enjoyed being on the projects, constantly working with people, and being part of CIP.



**Niny Rosso Reyes:** My experience with CIP has helped with networking around Columbus. I had the opportunity to meet people from different agencies and organizations. Networking is key not only to finding a job, but also to know where you can get resources for the community. I'm expecting a baby girl in July, so I will take care of her full time! After my maternity leave, I plan to apply for a job in the philanthropy sector and community support.



**Bethlehem Aderajew:** These past few months with CIP have definitely been a one-of-a-kind learning experience. It gave me the opportunity to serve an organization that genuinely encourages cross-cultural exchange. CIP has given me a platform to apply the knowledge I've gained through my International Studies coursework, and in the process I've learned so much from the organization. It's been a pleasure being a part of this team.



**Brian Lim:** From CIP, I learned and experienced that it is really hard to work with low funds. However, when they obtain funding, it feels great because the program can progress. It also is great to work with different experts in Columbus. In the future, I will be traveling around the world and working in the field of cultural, art, and sports diplomacy.



**Melissa Barrett:** I have had a great experience at CIP. Working with the organization helped me gain experience working in groups as well as writing in a professional context. I feel much more connected with my community and better appreciate all the international opportunities Columbus offers. I will graduate from The Ohio State University this May and plan to attend law school in the fall.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## April 5: Celebration of Life Ceremony for Bill McNutt

- **Time:** 10:30 AM
- **Location:** Linworth Methodist Church, 7070 Bent Tree Blvd., Columbus
- Celebrate the life of Bill McNutt, former president of CIP.

## April 8: Dresden Sister City Stammtisch.

- **Time:** 6:30 PM—8:30 PM
- **Location:** Mozart's Bakery & Piano Café, 4784 N. High Street, Columbus
- Enjoy refreshments and conversations with others with German interests.
- RSVP to dresdensistecity@gmail.com.

## April 11: Memorial Service for Chadwick F. Alger

- **Time:** 1:00 PM
- **Location:** 505 W. Whittier Street, Columbus
- Celebrate the life of Chad Alger, a dedicated supporter of CIP for 27 years.

## April 26: The Annual Columbus International 5K Run/Walk.

- **Time:** 9:00 AM
- **Location:** Scioto Audubon Metro Park, 400 W. Whittier Street, Columbus
- CIP and the Kiwanis Club of Columbus host this event to raise funds for the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus.
- Registration is \$35.00 with a \$10.00 discount for students, CIP members, and groups of three or more. Click [here](#) to register.

## April 27: Celebrating Sudan

- **Time:** 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
- **Location:** King Arts Complex, 687 Mt. Vernon Ave., Columbus
- The Sudan America Community Development Association welcomes CIP members and guests

## May 11: An Introduction to Dragon Boat Racing



- **Time:** 8:00 AM—4:00 PM
- **Location:** Scioto Audubon Metro Park
- The Columbus Asian Festival is looking for teams and individuals to compete. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

## May 22: CIP 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition and Celebration

- **Time:** 6:00 PM—7:30 PM
- **Location:** Mozart's Bakery & Piano Café, 4784 N. High Street, Columbus
- Join CIP staff, members, friends, and our founder Ruth Schildhouse for dinner and an anniversary cake as we celebrate forty years of international service.
- Cost: \$18; RSVP to cipcols.com

## Save the Date! More details to come:

**July:** Chinese Youth Program

**August:** International Taste of Columbus

**August 29th — September 21:** Ecotourism in Ohio

**September 9:** “A Stammtisch” with Dresden Sister Cities”

**October 23:** “A Kenyan Perspective” by Ken Wafula

**November 20:** CIP Annual Meeting

**December 11:** “Estonia to Columbus” by Malle Luik

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## CIP TRIVIA

What is the name of two of the international professionals who will be in Columbus this spring?

One lucky winner will receive

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Submit your answers by email to

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