



# APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER

## Spotlight on Phil Beltz, Board President

by Brady Calestro

Most people involved with our organization have a story about how they became aware of the wider world beyond their hometown. In the coming months, I plan on bringing you more of these stories. While the specific names and places may be unique, we suspect they will be familiar to you and your own international experiences. Phil Beltz has served as CIP Board President for 2 years. This is his story.



Phil knows his family's genealogy. He can trace it back to 1613, with the final blood line arriving in the U.S. in 1832. While Phil's American roots go deep, he is simultaneously a global citizen of the world.

His enthusiasm for the international scale of life began on the campus of University of Michigan in 1964, after responding to a simple flyer for AIESEC (Association Internationale des Étudiants en Sciences Économiques et Commerciales). Shortly thereafter, at the age of 24, he found himself living outside of the U.S. for the first time. His worldview would never be the same. The city was Eindhoven, in the Netherlands and the company was Phillips. According to Phil, his experience was virtually identical to CIP's Core Program today, whereby International Professionals in Residence (IPRs) leave their home countries and arrive in a new culture to receive professional training. Little did he know, 50 years later he would be helping to facilitate these experiences for the next generation of global leaders.

His return home after this transformative experience coincided with the escalation of the war in Vietnam. Luckily, Phil managed to avoid the draft and began a career spanning

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industrial design, mathematics, business, statistics, economics, marketing, real estate, waste management, and construction. Through his work at companies such as GM, Rockwell Standard, Babcock and Wilcox, Management Horizons, and Battelle, he managed to visit or work directly with over 40 countries.

Phil began supporting CIP in 1985 through the Downtown Kiwanis, International Relations Committee (now Chaired by CIP's Executive Director, Mark Poeppelman). His interest in CIP grew over the years, culminating in his election as CIP's Board President in 2013. Throughout his leadership, the organization has developed an entrepreneurial flair, as exemplified by the self-directed delegations, previously funded by the State Department. His current projects involve the Nigerian Ambassador to the United States, Ecotourism for Chinese delegations, and identifying key partners for CIP's growth.

Phil now lives in Upper Arlington with his wife Shirley of 46 years, and has two children and three grandchildren. If you happen to see Phil, ask him to tell you some of his stories he gathered throughout his international adventures. Some of them are just too scandalous for publication, but if you ask him nicely I'm sure he'd fill you in! Thanks Phil for your dedicated service to our organization, and for sharing your stories.



Phil Beltz with His Excellency (Prof.) Adebawale Ibidapo Adefuye, Ambassador of Nigeria to the United States; Mark Poeppelman, Executive Director CIP; and His Excellency's Special Assistant.



Have you registered for the Columbus International 5K?

Time is running out to register for the 4th Annual Columbus International 5K run/walk hosted by our friends at the Kiwanis Club of Columbus. The race is scheduled for **Saturday, April 25** at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park located at 400 W. Whittier Street (The Brewery District). To register for the race, go to [www.columbusinternational5k.com](http://www.columbusinternational5k.com). CIP is also registering groups for the Virtual Parade of Nations: Create a group with your fellow countrymen / countrywomen and celebrate your culture by cheering on racers, waving your country’s flag, dressing in traditional outfits, playing music, dancing, and anything else. It’s kind of a World Cup type party atmosphere! Plus, it’s FREE to participate in the Parade. To create a group, please contact Brady Calestro at [brady@mondokio.com](mailto:brady@mondokio.com) (subject line – “5K parade”). Please provide your country and approximately how many friends you think will be joining you—the more, the merrier! In response, Brady will email you further information about arrival time, location, etc.



Second from left Marian Harris (CIP Board Member), Kat Moser (Director of Business Operations), and Nan Wilson (OSU Intern) with new friends

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 2015

The 2nd annual International Women’s Day was another huge success. Taking place at the Statehouse, the event brought together diverse groups of women leaders including elected officials, women in business, professional women’s groups, students organizations, and various cultural associations. Thanks to everyone involved and we’ll see you next year!

## GLADDEN HOUSE PLACEMENT

One of our new International Professionals in Residence, Cynthia Nneka Etu from Nigeria, has been placed at the Gladden House. For the past few weeks, she’s been assisting with everything from homework help to distributing food boxes. Keep up the great work, Cynthia! To Find out more about the Gladden House, go to [www.gladdenhouse.org](http://www.gladdenhouse.org).



Joe Cavinee (Director of Youth Service Department), Cynthia Etu, and Roger Wycoff (Social Worker in the Youth Service Department)

**REMINDER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS:**

Please consider assisting with our medical equipment sharing program. CIP Board Member, Bahram Hashemi, is committed to providing small, life-changing medical items to third world charities, clinics, and orphanages. These items will fit easily into a small compartment in your suitcase. If you will be traveling internationally and can help, please contact Bahram by email at Bahram43215@gmail.com or by phone at (614) 906-4016.

**Upcoming Events**

**APRIL 9TH: IS AMERICA RETURNING TO ISOLATIONISM?**

**Time** 12:00 PM  
**Location** WOSU@COSI, 333 W. Broad Street

The Columbus Council on World Affairs will host Dr. Henry Nau to speak on American foreign policy. Dr. Nau served as a senior staff member on President Reagan's National Security Council and is currently a professor at the George Washington University. Register here: [www.columbusworldaffairs.org/2015/april-9-2015/](http://www.columbusworldaffairs.org/2015/april-9-2015/)

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**APRIL 25TH: COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL 5K RACE TO ELIMINATE**

**Time** 9:00 AM  
**Location** Scioto Audubon Metro Park  
 400 W. Whittier Street

See information about the race on the previous page. To register, go to [www.columbusinternational5k.com](http://www.columbusinternational5k.com).

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**MAY 10TH - 21ST: CIP TO HOST SHENZHEN SOCIAL WORK DELEGATION**

This marks the second year of the Shenzhen Social Work training program. The delegation will consist of senior level officials sponsored by the Shenzhen Nanshan Social Work Association who will visit with organizations around Central Ohio.

2015 Corporate Sponsorship and Memberships are still available and are always welcome. Go to [www.cipcolumbus.org/join-us.html](http://www.cipcolumbus.org/join-us.html) to obtain your membership today! Your partnership is valuable to our organization's survival and continued success.

