

Our Columbus Community Aims to Celebrate More First Birthdays

[CelebrateOne](#), Columbus' Infant Mortality Task Force, teams up with [Kiwanis Club of Columbus](#) and [Columbus International Program](#), to host the fifth annual [Columbus International 5K](#), a race to reduce infant mortality, set for April 16 from 3-7 p.m. at Genoa Park.



In February 2016, United Health Foundation granted CelebrateOne \$1.7 million to further the Columbus community's initiative to reduce infant mortality by 40 percent, and cut the racial health disparity gap in half by 2020. The mission of the Columbus International 5K is in alignment with this 2020 goal, as the funds raised by the event will be granted to Central Ohio organizations that strive to strengthen and improve the city's health so that more children celebrate first birthdays.



The 5K is a race and community event dedicated to educating Central Ohio families on prenatal and infant care, with the end result of reducing infant mortality. In addition to the race, there is a health resource fair, as well as a celebration of the international community, with featured cultural exhibits and performances.

For more information on registration fees, participation, volunteers and sponsorship, please contact Mark Poeppelman, executive director of Columbus International Program, at mark@cipcolumbus.org, or visit the race website www.columbusinternational5k.com.

To see photos and videos from last year's race, visit our [website](#) and checkout the #Race2Reduce [Storify](#). Be sure to join the [Facebook](#) event and invite your friends to this growing Columbus tradition!

Recapping our Chinese New Media Delegation

Two weeks ago we said farewell to our Chinese New Media Delegation. Our three participants, Dr. Ning, Jason, and Helen, were with us March 6-20. During their two weeks in the U.S., the participants experienced American culture and media, while learning more about our healthcare and education systems.

In Columbus, the participants met with city officials, visited local schools, and talked to university faculty and administrators. Halfway through the program, the delegation took a weekend trip to Washington, D.C. to meet

with national leaders, including the staff of two of Central Ohio's representatives in Congress, Joyce Beatty and Steve Stivers. On the way to D.C. the group visited Morgantown, West Virginia to visit our colleagues at West Virginia Council of International Programs. In keeping with CIP tradition, the participants gave a presentation on their hometowns and treated CIP members to some singing and dancing during a traditional Chinese dinner at Sunflower Restaurant. On their last day, the participants visited the Dayton Air Force Museum before saying goodbye to their host families.



Dr. Ning (right) met with fellow burn specialists in Columbus.

It was a busy two weeks, but Dr. Ning, Jason, and Helen all agree that they had an excellent time making new friends, professional connections, and experiencing American culture. CIP appreciates all the members and partners who volunteered to make this program possible, especially our host families: Mikalene Guiser and Tim Skinner, Jeff and Jennifer Wahl, and Mark Stansbery.

We have several upcoming opportunities for you and your family to host an international guest. To see more photos from the delegation's trip, visit our website by [clicking here](#).



Helen calls proceedings to order while visiting the House Energy and Commerce Committee's hearing chamber in D.C.



Jason (left) enjoyed visiting Columbus Underground, including the founders, Walker and Anne Evans.

In Memoriam: Burton "Burt" Schildhouse

We are sad to share the passing of one of our founders, Burt Schildhouse. His signature is enshrined on CIP's original articles of incorporation, signed July 22, 1970, which hangs in our office. Most important is the legacy that Burt leaves as a dedicated public servant who had the vision and ability to develop the city of Columbus and our organization.



Our thoughts are with Burt's wife, Ruth, and his family and friends. Burt's obituary can be found [here](#). Visit our website to learn about how we continue Burt's legacy through the [Schildhouse Founders Fund](#).

New CIP Member Benefit

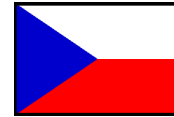
Join us for Cultural Getaways in partnership with the Niagara Foundation

Members have the chance to join a European trip, hosted by Serkan Aykan, Executive Director of the Niagara Foundation of Ohio. CIP staff and board members plan to attend, in part, for business development and relationship building - and now we're inviting you to join us! Each CIP Member and one guest have the opportunity to enjoy these cultural adventures.

Reservations are currently limited to twelve.

We have enjoyed previous trips to Turkey, Georgia, and the Baltics so don't miss this unique opportunity! CIP's team captain will be Board Member Sara Hall, and other CIP leaders will include Board President Phil Beltz and his wife, Shirley.

If you are interested in traveling with us, please contact us at cipcols@aol.com by May 27, 2016. Your name will be placed in a lottery pool with other interested members. The itinerary for the trip is currently being planned, so additional details will be available soon. An information session will be scheduled. Don't miss this amazing Cultural Getaway!



When?

September 8-18, 2016

Where?

Poland, Czech Republic, and Dresden, Germany (Columbus' Sister City)

Cost?

The trip is a \$4,000-\$6,000 value and includes lodging and meals. CIP Members cost share \$1,000-\$1,300 (plus airfare and visas) and the Niagara Foundation will offset the remaining costs. **Your total cost is \$2,200-\$3,200 (plus visas).**

Recycle Your Old Electronics With Community Computer Alliance

On June 25th, 2016, CIP will be hosting a community recycling event at our office in partnership with Community Computer Alliance. They help you recycle your old electronic equipment - cell phones, computers, and just about anything else with a power cord - in a safe, and environmentally responsible way. Start gathering up those old electronics that you've been meaning to get rid of for ages so that we can help you recycle them! To learn more about what can and can't be recycled, visit www.ccompa.org.

Welcome Our Newest IPRs - Gonul and Anil!

This week we welcomed two new International Professionals in Residence (IPRs) to Columbus! **Gonul Ucar**, who arrived on March 28, is a process engineer from Turkey. Gonul (near photo, right) will be training at Abbott Labs with Gul Konuklar (left) until October 1, 2017. **Anil Pandey**, who arrived on March 30, is a financial planner from Nepal. Anil (far photo, center) will be training at the Central Ohio Minority Business Association until June 1, 2016. Anil was greeted by CIP Director of Business Operations Kathy Moser (left) and CIP Board President Phil Beltz (right). Phil and his wife, Shirley, will be hosting Anil, along with Jeff and Jennifer Wahl.



Upcoming Events

5th Annual Columbus International 5K

Time: Saturday, April 16th, 2016
3:30pm—7:00pm
Location: Genoa Park
303 W. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

The 2016 Columbus International 5K is a community event designed to help educate families on prenatal and infant care, with the end result of reducing infant mortality. To register, [click here](#). See page 1 for more!

What is a Trust?

Time: Thursday, April 21st, 2016
11:30am—1:30pm
Location: MCL Cafeteria
Kingsdale Shopping Center

CIP Member Richard M. Epps will present an information session titled “What is a Trust?” All guests will receive a complimentary lunch. Please RSVP to Ashley at 614-802-0482.

Community Computer Alliance Recycling

Time: Saturday, June 25th, 2016
10:00am—2:00pm
Location: CIP Office

We will be hosting a community recycling event in partnership with Community Computer Alliance. See page 3 to learn more!

What Motivates You Toward Faith?

Date: Sunday, May 1st, 2016
3:00pm
Location: Dublin Recreation Center
Talla Rooms 1 and 2

A conversation with Steven Reiss, author of *The 16 Strivings for God*. Sponsored in part by SAIL (Safe Alliance of Interfaith Leaders), for which CIP’s Kathy Moser serves as a Board Member. [Click here](#) to register.

Asian Festival and Dragon Boat Race

Date: Sunday, May 22nd, 2016 (Race);
May 28-29th (Festival)
Location: Scioto Audubon Park (Race);
Franklin Park (Festival)

We are looking for volunteers to row for team CIP in the Asian Festival’s Dragon Boat Race on the 22nd, as well as volunteers to staff the CIP booth at the Festival on the 28th and 29th. Contact us to sign up for our Dragon Boat team and visit [asian-festival.org](#) for more information.

2016 International Taste of Columbus

Time: Sunday, August 14th, 2016
5:30-8:30pm
Location: [Mozart’s Bakery and Piano Café](#)
4784 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43214

















2016 personal or family memberships are still available - [Click here](#). Through our community outreach and numerous partnerships we are able to provide meaningful and memorable experiences.

















