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FROM THE DIRECTOR

JUNE 2014

Hello!

I hope you are enjoying this nice weather and are ready to welcome the summer. I am exited to announce that we recently received a grant from the Tom E. Dailey Foundation for \$3,500 for our Youth Advocacy Program!

A few weeks ago, I attended the presentation of this year's OCLC fellows. The Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship Program provides advanced continuing education and exposure to a broad range of issues in information technologies, library operations, and global cooperative librarianship. This year's fellows are from Bhutan, El Salvador, Nigeria, Philippines and Sri Lanka. I am delighted to continue partnering with OCLC on this program.

In August we will welcome three social workers from our partners at GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit). GIZ runs the Academy for International Cooperation in Germany, fostering mutual learning and networking as a driver for successful cooperation. We are very excited to work with this organization again. This year's visiting social workers specialize in fields of early childhood education, working with refugees and children of different cultural backgrounds, and social work administration.

As you may know we recently hosted a Rule of Law delegation for seven judges from Libya. The training program was organized in partnership with the Supreme Court. Delegates learned about the legal system and the democratic processes of the United States. The program was very interesting and educational. We are hoping to continue this initiative as we welcome a second group of prosecutors from Libya in September.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Poeppelman

Mark Poeppelman, Executive Director

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40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION REVIEW

On Thursday, May 22nd forty guests joined CIP founders Ruth and Burt Schildhouse and their family in celebrating *40 Years of International Service*. The celebration included an anniversary dinner and cake, as well as stories from hosts, interns, staff, and members. We are grateful to everyone who attended the event, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! In case you missed it, we urge you to find out more about the achievements of Ruth and Burt Schildhouse, and about the Schildhouse Founders Fund [here](#).

During the celebration, Ruth announced that The Ohio Historical Society has agreed to create an archive to demonstrate CIP's work and dedication over the years. This is a fantastic opportunity and we ask for your input to help make this a success. We ask everyone who has participated with CIP to share their experiences and memories. Whether you have volunteered at an event, hosted international visiting professionals, or traveled with CIP members, we invite you to send us your stories, letters, or postcards. To continue our legacy and momentum, we will archive and share your experiences with others. Please submit your entries to cipcols@aol.com. Thank you for your participation!

SCHILDHOUSE AWARD

As part of the Anniversary celebration, we were honored to award \$1,000.00 to **US Together** from the Schildhouse Founders Fund. US Together is a mutual assistance organization serving refugee and immigrant communities in Central Ohio. Founded by former refugees, it is a stellar example of peers helping peers. Two women – Nadia Kasvin and Tatyana Mindlina, who came to Columbus from the former Soviet Union as refugees themselves, founded the organization 10 years ago to help the persecuted, oppressed and dislocated people from all over the world find safe haven in Columbus, Ohio. Since then, the organization has become a leading refugee and immigrant service provider in the region operating from offices in Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo. Annually, US Together resettles over 600 refugees.



Nadia Kasvin of US Together (back) with Julie Jacobson, Ruth Schildhouse, and Burt Schildhouse (left to right)

FAREWELL FATEMA!

After training at Central Community House for four weeks, Fatema Vanat has returned home to Alvsjo, Sweden. Fatema thoroughly enjoyed her time in Columbus. She shared her experiences with us:

My experience with CIP has been great. My time in Columbus has been filled with new knowledge and experiences in the field of social work. I have learned about how social work is organized in the US on a structural level, but also on an individual level with clients. A lot of things are handled differently in the Swedish and US systems. At the same time, I learned that people and their struggles are similar. I will cherish the experiences I have gained through the CIP-program and all the wonderful people I have met. Hopefully, I've gained some lifetime friends. In the future, I will hopefully work with social work on a more international level and I plan to pursue my Masters Degree.



Kenny Wafula, Fatema Vanat, and Ratna Chhetri (left to right) at the Columbus Zoo

WELCOME FRANCES AND LOLA

We are pleased to welcome several new International Professionals in Residence this month – Frances Khamayo and Olufunmilola Adewale (Lola).

Frances arrived in Columbus in early May, and will train in Columbus through October. She wants to gain practical experience and knowledge as a social worker while training at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH). Frances works in Counseling and Testing at the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation in Kenya. She holds a degree in Community Development and Social Work. Her interest is working with families affected by AIDS and HIV. Through her training Frances will gain hands on experience and an understanding of the goals and procedures of the FACES program at NCH. She hopes to become a more experienced leader in Social Work and apply her experiences to help others.



Frances

Lola has just arrived in Columbus. Lola lives in Nigeria where she works as a teacher and social worker. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Management and an MBA in Social Work. She works as a high school teacher and pays special attention to interpersonal relations among students, and to children with special needs. Lola will be in Columbus through October and will train at the Clintonville Beechwold Community Center. During her training Lola hopes to gain skills in program evaluation and management, and to become an effective educational leader as a Building Principal.



Lola

HOST OPPORTUNITIES

We will soon be welcoming many more International Professionals in Residence to Columbus. We are still looking for host families who would like to welcome them in their homes. Frances and Lola's living arrangements are set, but there are several guest opportunities available. Please contact us if you are interested in hosting or know anyone who is. More details about hosting are available on our [website](#).

New Guest: Malle Luik is a Clinical Psychologist from Estonia. She will be in Columbus from September to December. Malle works as a music therapist for youth with disabilities, and as a counselor and psychologist. She has also taught music, piano, and psychology. While in Columbus, Malle will train as a music therapist at the Central Community House (1150 E Main St, Columbus, OH 43205).

New Guest: Kadie Alukula is also from Estonia. She will be training in Columbus from October of 2014 to April of 2015. Kadie works in Law and Social Sciences in the Ministry of Social Justice in Estonia. She is passionate about human rights protection in prisons and prison management. She will be training at the Metropolitan Community Services T.O.U.C.H. Program (37 Robinwood Ave, Columbus, OH 43213) where she will gain experience in rehabilitation and helping at risk populations.

New Guests: We are looking for hosts for German Social Workers arriving as part of the GIZ program mentioned earlier. Sandra Friede, Hiltrud Ippich-Tuerkuyan, and Birgit Kurz will be arriving in Columbus on August 20th and will stay for three months.

SWEDISH SOCIAL WORKERS

From July 8th to July 27th three international professionals are coming from Sweden and will participate in a Social Work Delegation. 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. Stay tuned for upcoming information on their US visit.



From left to right: Lisa Ekman, Ulrika Elofsson, Julia Jonaszon

JUNE VIDEO EVENT

On June 19th at midnight we will host an electronic event. A CIP-made film about [Favor of God Ministries](#) in Uganda, starring founder Carole Ward, will be made available to our members, friends, and supporters.

The mission of Favor of God Ministries is to reach into the farthest corners of the earth and to love equally and unconditionally every single life. Orphans can have families, the sick can be healed, the homeless restored, the abandoned embraced, and the hungry fed. Each life touched by Favor Of God Ministries can receive the hope, the faith, and the training to achieve the destiny they were born for and to become the leaders they had only dreamed of becoming.

As Carole talks about the Favor of God Ministries' origins, goals, projects, and aspirations in this short film, the importance of education and transnational reach becomes evident. It is our hope that this video will inspire you to believe in the missions of both Favor of God Ministries in Uganda and the Columbus International Program as we cross national boundaries to educate, train, and promote cultural understanding.



Carole Ward, founder of Favor of God Ministries

40TH ANNUAL TASTE OF COLUMBUS

The 40th Annual International Taste of Columbus is coming soon! This event will take place on September 28th at the OCLC (see page 6 for details). This is our signature fundraising event. The International Taste of Columbus is an opportunity to sample the international culture and cuisine present in our own city. We will have foods from over thirty restaurants as well as authentic music and dance. Interesting and unique gift baskets will be featured during our silent auction. Our Live Auction is the highlight of the event with guests outbidding one another for one-of-a-kind items. **New this year we will feature an International Boutique for single and smaller items for purchase.** All proceeds benefit the mission of CIP, and the International Professionals in Residence who train in Columbus.

The cost is \$40.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members. **The Early Bird Special provides a \$5.00 discount and will be available until July 31st. Purchase your tickets online now!** We are accepting well cared for interesting international items to feature in our live and silent auctions or our International Boutique.



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



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JUNE 19TH: FAVOR OF GOD MINISTRIES—A SHORT FILM

Time 12:00AM

Location Online

A CIP-made film about Favor of God Ministries in Uganda, starring founder Carole Ward, will be made available to our members, friends, and supporters.

JULY 24ST: SWEDISH MEAL AND CHAT

Time TBA

Location TBA

AUGUST 21ST: “A KENYAN PERSPECTIVE” BY KENNY WAFULA AND FRANCIS KHAMAYO

Time TBA

Location TBA

SEPTEMBER 9TH: “A STAMMTISCH” WITH DRESDEN SISTER CITIES

Time 6:30 PM—8:30 PM

Location Mozart's Bakery & Piano Café, 4784 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

Dresden Sister Cities welcomes you to their monthly Stammtisch: refreshments and conversations with others who share German interests.

SEPTEMBER 13TH: NEW AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Time 9:00 AM—6:00 PM

Location YMCA North, 1614 Sandalwood Place

SEPTEMBER 28TH: INTERNATIONAL TASTE OF COLUMBUS

Time 4:30 PM—7:30 PM

Location OCLC, 6565 Kilgour Pl, Dublin, OH 43017

The event consists of foods from many international Central Ohio restaurants, cultural dances and music, and a live and silent auction.

Cost Early Bird Special now available [online](#).

Regular prices \$40.00 members, \$45.00 nonmembers.

Save the Date! More details to come:

October 23rd Nigeria Presentation

October Stammtisch w/Dresden Sister Cities

November Annual meeting - "Estonia to Columbus"



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CIP TRIVIA

What organization received an award from the Schildhouse Founders Fund during our 40th Anniversary Celebration?

One lucky winner will receive

One free admission to the 40th Annual Taste of Columbus

Submit your answers by email to

cipcols@aol.com.