



November 2016 Newsletter

NOVEMBER MEANS COLD WEATHER, GIVING THANKS AND GIVING TUESDAY!

Giving Tuesday is an international day of giving, and one of the largest fundraising days of the year for non-profits across the globe. Held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, November 29th, this day is great for paying it forward, and giving others something to be thankful for. How can you help support CIP's campaign on Giving Tuesday? Here are some quick and easy ways.

1. Share CIP social media posts made that day to encourage your friends to donate or become members.
2. Create social media posts of your own, explaining what CIP means to you and encouraging your friends to donate or become members.
3. Donate to CIP directly on our website or purchase or renew your own membership/.

Keep your eyes peeled for social media updates about Giving Tuesday over the next few weeks and make sure to share with your friends!!

Thank you to our 2016 Sponsors

As the year draws near its end, we would like to extend a special note of deep appreciation to our valued Sponsors. Without our sponsor and member support and partnership, we would not be able to continue providing the high quality training programs we have been able to implement over the year. We encourage everyone to review our sponsors and consider doing business and relationships with each one. Together, we will continue on our journey of Promoting International Understanding through Intercultural Exchange!



Stay connected with CIP
by following us online!

Columbus International Program
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www.cipcolumbus.org

Membership for 2017

You still have a chance to win the 2017 membership gift basket!

You are in luck, under 50 people have renewed or purchased their CIP membership for 2017, meaning you still have a chance to win this gift basket! The basket is packed full of consumable products from local businesses, valued at over \$160.00! Only the first 100 people to renew or purchase will be entered to win, so make sure you secure your chance soon! Membership is one of the key elements to CIP's continued success, so please consider supporting us in this way. To renew or purchase your membership, [click here](#).



Save the Date

**THE 43RD
INTERNATIONAL
TASTE OF
COLUMBUS**

Sunday, August 13th
2017

Mozart's Bakery and
Piano Café
4784 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43214
5:30 - 8:00 pm

JOIN US!

Ruth Schildhouse Sponsorship Recipients



CIP board members present the check.

CIP is happy to announce that through the Schildhouse Founders Fund, we were able to present a sponsorship to The Ohio State University chapter of Engineers Without Borders. Engineers Without Borders is an international organization that applies engineering solutions to aid in the development of underprivileged communities. Our sponsorship aims to allow organizations like Engineers Without Borders to continue extending Ohio's reach to the rest of the globe and continue to better the lives of others.

CIP Member Perks

The Andrews Family—First-time Hosting Experience, Ron Andrews.

The following is a letter from Ron Andrews, CIP Board Member, discussing his family's first hosting experience, which occurred over the summer.

We wanted to share a little about our experience hosting three members of a Chinese Delegation this summer. Beni, who runs a private school teaching English to children, and two of her students, Thomas and Lebron, were wonderful guests. Lebron chose an appropriate name, he is a very talented basketball player based on the exhibition he gave in our driveway.

My wife, Debbie, is a kindergarten teacher and she and Beni hit it off immediately. Debbie took her shopping at a teacher's store, and they were there for hours. Their relationship continues to this day on social media.

This was our first hosting experience, and we were a little apprehensive, but that soon gave way to the excitement of learning about each other. We focused on the simple pleasures we enjoy; playing corn hole, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows over our fire pit, making s'mores. We kept our meals simple. The boys loved spaghetti. Beni loved my scrambled eggs and made them for several friends a few days after returning home. Lebron's parents invited us to stay in their home if we come to China.

There is so much more I could share. We are looking forward to our next opportunity.

Thank you to the Andrews family for hosting over the summer and sharing your experiences with us. Interested in hosting? Contact us at mark@cipcolumbus.org



The Andrews and their guests enjoying a spaghetti dinner.



Everyone enjoying a game of corn hole.

CIP Member Trip to Dresden



For about 10 days in October, several of our members, along with friends and family, were able to travel to Germany to site see, and meet with potential new partners for CIP. To the left are a few photos member Mark Fohl took while on the trip. The top is the group enjoying a meal at Raskolnikoff, a restaurant in Neustadt, the new city. The bottom is a shot of the Frauenkirche, or Church of Our Lady, a known symbol of Dresden. The members of CIP's board love providing opportunities like this, and are so thankful to have members who are willing to spread the word about our mission as they travel. Hopefully some exciting new partners will rise from the work our members put in while also enjoying the beautiful city of Dresden.

Events and Announcements



We are looking to increase our activity on our Instagram accounts in the coming months. As a part of this initiative, we will be doing weekly member shout outs, starting the second week of November. If you would like to be featured on our Instagram, as well as a linked post to our Facebook page, please send a photo of yourself with a short statement about what CIP means to you, or why you are a member to eleni@cipcolumbus.org before November 15th.



You may have seen in last week's email that CIP has recently become a member of the Bidding for Good network. This is a platform that allows non-profits to hold online auctions that they can share with their own membership population, as well as over 40,000 online shoppers from across the nation. Our first auction item is currently live, meaning bidding is open. This package includes a \$50.00 gift card to The Refectory Restaurant on Bethel Road, as well as one night's stay at the brand new Hyatt Place Grandview Yard location. To check out our page or place a bid, [click here](#).

CIP and Tri-Village Coat Drive

As a member of the Tri-Village Chamber Partnership, CIP is participating in the annual coat drive as a drop off location. We are looking for new or gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves. If you would like to give the gift of warmth this holiday season, drop off your donation at our office at 4900 Reed Road, Suite #331, Columbus, OH 43220 from 9am-4pm Monday through Friday, until December 19th.

CIP Annual Meeting

All members and sponsors are welcome to attend this year's annual meeting at bar145. You are welcome to join us for a meal with CIP staff and board, get an update on the last year, and hear plans for the future. All guests will order off of the regular menu for food and drink.

Location: 995 W. 5th Ave. Columbus, OH 45212

Date: November 15th, 2016

Time: 5:30—7:30 pm

Day of the Dead Celebration Event This Weekend!

Join CIP and past participant Leticia Vaquez-Smith for a cultural weekend event taking place November 5th and 6th. With beautiful exhibits and great food, experience the true meaning of the Day of the Dead at this family friendly event. For more information and a program of events taking place, [click here](#).



Haven't renewed or purchased your membership yet?

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