



FROM THE DIRECTOR

SEPTEMBER 2014

Greetings!

We are less than a month away from the 40th Annual International Taste of Columbus! We are very excited to host this event. We are grateful for the donations and support that we have received so far.

Recently, Phil Beltz and I participated in a presentation at the Sister City Selection Committee. Through a recent agreement with Mr. Collins Awosika, we hope to conduct regular Nigerian programs. The sister city relationship with Lagos will only enhance these opportunities for CIP. Below is a picture of us with the leaders of EKO Club Ohio.

As our fiscal year comes to an end, I would like to highlight some of the Delegations and International Professionals in Residence (IPR's) that CIP hosted this year. We held several Social Work Programs, including two groups from the GIZ program in Germany (one is here now), and a group from Sweden. We hosted delegations on Rule of Law from Libya, Disaster Management from Japan, Legislative Services from Nigeria, and will soon welcome the delegates for the India Youth Advocacy Program. We have had eight CORE IPR's from Kenya, Nigeria, Estonia, Colombia, Sweden, and Nepal.

Our IPR's met with hundreds of professionals and organizations in the Columbus area, and gained knowledge that they will transfer to their projects and careers back home. It is these professionals that benefit from your valuable support and from the proceeds of our upcoming annual fundraiser, The 40th Annual International Taste of Columbus. I hope to see you there as we celebrate over 40 years of successful international training.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Poepelman

Mark Poepelman, Executive Director

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Mark, left and Phil, second from right with leaders of EKO Club Ohio

UPDATES ON THE TASTE OF COLUMBUS

There are so many ways and great reasons to be part of the 40th Annual International Taste of Columbus. It is truly a lot of fun and it is very educational.

Support CIP's Mission—The Annual International Taste of Columbus provides an opportunity for friends of CIP and members of our community to enjoy the international culture present in our city. All proceeds from the event support CIP's mission of *Promoting International Understanding Through Intercultural Exchange*. Your attendance and participation in our event provides the necessary funding to allow us to continue hosting IPR's and provide high-quality professional training programs.

Sponsor The Taste—Thank you to the families and businesses that are sponsoring the 40th International Taste of Columbus! This event is our signature fundraiser and your partnership makes a big difference! If you are not a sponsor, please consider being an important part of our event with your financial support. The evening is attended by over 300 Central Ohio Residents, as well as visiting professionals. As a sponsor your name will be listed in the event program and you will receive complementary tickets.

Enjoy authentic multi-cultural cuisine—The tastiest part of our annual fundraiser is the **all you can eat and drink buffet**. Around thirty international restaurants from the Columbus area donate foods to share with our guests. You can taste foods and desserts from all over the world. In addition to local restaurants, the event will also offer authentic foods prepared by current International Participants in Residence (IPR's) and board members, who have kindly offered to cook and share their own favorites with us.

International entertainment—Every year talented groups and individuals perform authentic dances and musical acts. These include local international groups and student associations. There is a live piano player to accompany the food and wine.

Shop for international items—Our guests are able to purchase interesting international items in the Silent Auction and the International Bazaar, on a cash and carry basis. Items available for purchase include country gift baskets, authentic clothing items, collectibles, international food and beverages, and much more.

Bid on one of a kind items in Live Auction—One of the most exciting activities at The Taste of Columbus is the Live Auction! This is a fast paced and competitive part of the evening led by our auctioneer, Adrian Burns, with guests outbidding one another for one of a kind items.

For additional details, please go to <http://www.cipcolumbus.org/40th-annual-international-taste-of-columbus.html>. There, you will be able to purchase tickets, donate, and see the sponsors and restaurants that are supporting our event. We hope to see you, your families, and your friends at this exciting event on Sunday, September 28th from 4:30 pm—7:30 pm.

WELCOME JINGLU JI

We recently welcomed Jinglu Ji from China as a Global Partner. Jinglu will be in the Columbus area until August of 2015. She works in the field of International Business. She will train at JPAC Training with CIP board member, James Liu, where Jinglu will have the opportunity to establish new relationships with external buyers. Professionally, she will experience various marketing strategies, and build sales plans. Jinglu has traveled extensively, and has built business relationships in Japan, Singapore, Thailand, and Germany. She is looking forward to the opportunity to learn as much as possible and is grateful for this opportunity!



Jinglu Ji with CIP board member, James Liu

UPCOMING TRAINING PROGRAMS

Here is an update on current and upcoming training programs. Just over a week ago we welcomed Hiltrud Tuerkuyan, Birgit Kurz, and Sandra Friede from Germany. Hiltrud, Birgit, and Sandra are training in Columbus as part of the German GIZ Social Work exchange. They will be here until the end of November. Hiltrud is interested in assistance to immigrant families and is training at Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS). Birgit works with children and family services and is training at The National Youth Advocacy Program (NYAP). Sandra works as a Kindergarten Teacher and is training at the Dublin Community Preschool. If you would like to get to know these wonderful ladies or show them around Columbus, please contact us! They would like to have the opportunity to take part in sports, arts, movies, and get to know new friends.

On September 8th we will begin the second annual India Youth Advocacy Program as two Indian professionals participate in a program focused on children with developmental disabilities and hearing impairment. Anjanaa Chattopadhyay and Natty Lopes work with underprivileged youth with disabilities in various organizations in India. During their training in the Columbus area they will meet with many local social services agencies and like minded professionals that specialize in helping youth including: Opportunities for Ohians with Disabilities, the Boys and Girls Club of Columbus, Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Nationwide Children's Hospital, and many more. Anjanaa and Natty are very excited about their program and look forward to meeting new people and building new relationships.

AN UPDATE FROM FORMER IPR, KWAME SARPONG

Kwame Sarpong is a special education specialist in Kumasi, Ghana. Kwame trained in Columbus in 2013 at Franklin County ARC Industries. He had also trained in 1995 when he trained at West Central School. In Ghana, Kwame works with children with developmental disabilities. Since his return home in September of 2013, Kwame has started working on his dream of running an organization to help children with disabilities across Ghana. He is passionate and is working actively to find much needed resources. His new organization is called *Divine Favour*. Kwame has assembled and inaugurated a Board of Trustees, and is working on building the structures that would provide opportunities and a safe environment for the children he serves. It is his goal to help children now and break the cycle of poverty and social misunderstanding through proper education. Kwame is dedicated to his goal but he cannot achieve it without financial support. Please consider supporting *Divine Favour* and their benevolent mission. If you would like to donate please contact us at cipcols@aol.com or (614) 221-0034.

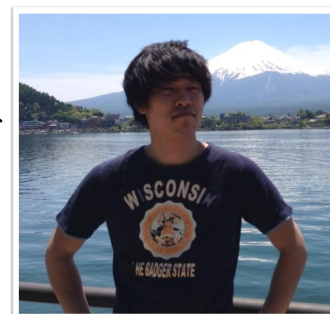


The structures and children that Divine Favours supports in Ghana

LOOKING FOR HOSTS

JASCO, the Japanese Student Association at OSU is looking for a host for a student who will be studying in Columbus from now until October 12th. Takatoshi Yamamoto is 23 years old and is studying Engineering at Hokkaido University of Japan. Please consider being a host or spread the word to friends who might be interested.

If you are interested in additional hosting opportunities, find out more about being a host family for one of our International Professionals in Residence (IPR) on our website at <http://www.cipcolumbus.org/become-a-host-family.html>. Details on hosting, current requests, as well as pictures and testimonials from former hosts are available.



Takatoshi Yamamoto

“A KENYAN PERSPECTIVE” FOLLOW UP

On August 21st IPR's Frances Khamayo and Kenny Wafula provided a wonderful presentation on their country to CIP members and friends at Lalibela Restaurant. They talked about Kenya and its ceremonies, wildlife, and cuisine. They also shared their experiences as social workers both in Kenya and during their training programs in Columbus. Frances and Kenny continue their training at Nationwide Children's Hospital and West Central School, respectively. They are grateful for the opportunities and friends they have found in Columbus, and we are grateful to them for sharing their culture and stories with us. Additional pictures from the evening are available on our website at: <http://www.cipcolumbus.org/photo-archive.html>.



Kenny, Lola, Kathy, and Frances at the event

NEW AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Join CRIS, ETSS, World Relief Columbus, US Together, and Jewish Family Services on Saturday, September 13th from 9am to 6pm as they host the first New American Festival to create awareness of Central Ohio's refugee and immigrant communities. The festival will feature artisans from over 16 countries, ethnic business owners, cultural performances, a health fair, food sampling and fun activities for the kids! This event supports immigrants in our community. Please check it out and bring your family! Find out more here: <http://newamericanfestival.org>.

Saturday, Sept. 13

9am-6pm
North YMCA
1640 Sandalwood Place

Free Admission

new american festival
Columbus, Ohio

In collaboration with:
CRIS, World Relief Columbus,
US Together & Jewish Family Services

Greater Columbus
Arts Council

www.newamericanfestival.org

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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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. Our new IPR's from Germany will be there. This is a great opportunity to meet them!

SEPTEMBER 13TH: NEW AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Time

9:00 AM—6:00 PM

Location

YMCA North, 1614 Sandalwood Place, Columbus, OH 43229

OCTOBER 2014

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SEPTEMBER 28TH: INTERNATIONAL TASTE OF COLUMBUS

Time

4:30 PM—7:30 PM

Location

OCLC Online Computer Library Center Inc.

6565 Kilgour Place, Dublin, OH 43017

Our annual signature fundraiser will have an all you can eat and drink buffet, international dance and music, and a live and silent auction.

Cost Tickets available [online](#). \$40.00 members, \$45.00 nonmembers.

NOVEMBER 2014

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OCTOBER 7TH: "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

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Save the date! More details to come:

October 23rd Nigerian Presentation by Lola Adewale

November 18th Annual meeting - "Estonia to Columbus"

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of our corporate sponsors.*

Please consider becoming one of our corporate sponsors, you may do so [here](#).



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