

International House of Rhode Island

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2009

SEASON'S HIGHLIGHTS

International Friendship Pot Luck Supper September 11
The Players: Rabbit Hole - October 8
Music Prodigy Concert: October 18
Thanksgiving Feast: November 20
Winter Holiday Bazaar: December 5

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER EVENTS

In order for International House to better serve our guests interested in attending our nationality dinners and programs, we are reserving spaces for these events on a first-paid basis. We will also be accepting reservations and class fee payments by credit card. (Master Card, Visa, Discover Card.)

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK SUPPER

Friday, September 11 - 6 P.M.

This event is limited to participants in the International Friendship Program. American Host Families and their Brown University international graduate students that have been assigned to them are welcome to meet each other to enjoy a potluck supper at International House.

Host families are requested to bring a dish of their choice (enough to feed 8 people). Hosts are asked to bring one of the following: main dish, side dish, or dessert. Please call us at 421-7181 to let us know what you will bring. International Friendship students do not have to bring a dish.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 5:15 P.M.

Annual Report. All welcome.

FRIENDSHIP FUND AT EAST SIDE MARKETPLACE

The Friendship Fund is a receipt/rebate program and is open to all non-profit groups, of which International House is a member. We encourage our members to collect Eastside Marketplace receipts and give them to us. When we return those receipts to Eastside Marketplace, they will donate 1% of the total to us. We appreciate your help in collecting receipts and passing them on to us.

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS



Martha Cussler
Dedda Deangelis
Amy Leidke
Isadora Nicholas
Luisa Spencer
Martha van Zuiden

OCTOBER EVENTS

EVENING AT THE PLAYERS: RABBIT HOLE

Thursday, October 8, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.

400 Benefit Street, Providence



Enjoy a night at The Players Barker Playhouse, America's Oldest Little Theatre, located at 400 Benefit Street in Providence (towards Wickenden side of Benefit Street). The Players will be starting their 101st Season of performing fine amateur theatre work. They have been an active membership club since 1909 and stage five major productions during their season from October to June. Rabbit Hole, by David Lindsay-Abaire, is about a family that had everything a family could want until a life-shattering accident turned their world upside down and left the couple perilously apart. The play charts their bittersweet search for comfort in the darkest of places and for a path that would lead them back into the light of day.

Rabbit Hole was awarded the 2007 Pulitzer Prize and was nominated for 5 Tony Awards. After the performance, we will get to meet the actors in the Green-room as well as enjoy some wine and refreshments. Please reserve by October 1. International House Members - \$23, Non-Members - \$25 Students - \$20. Price includes admission, drinks and refreshments.

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OCTOBER EVENTS**YOUTH VIOLIN AND PIANO CONCERT****Sunday, October 18, 2:00 P.M.**

We are fortunate to have three music prodigies performing at International House. Sisters, Heather and Ivy Shen, will play violin and Nikita Zabinski will play piano. There will be a reception with appetizers, tea, and soft drinks following the concert. The program will include the following pieces among others.

Sonata in E minor, K 457 Allegro
W. A. Mozart
Caprice Viennese Op. 2
Fritz Kreisler
Vocalise Op. 34, No. 14
Sergei Rachmaninoff

Heather Shen, who is twelve years old, goes to school at Cole Middle School. At age 5, she started learning violin with Laura Gully. She received the honor of being concertmaster for the Repertory Orchestra in Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestra in 2008-2009. This year, she has begun studying with David Rubinstein.

Nikita Zabinski is 14 years old and has been taking piano lessons from Irina Tchansova since he was 5. At age 12 he received the "Star Performer" award from channel 10 news and earned 2nd place in the annual "Grand Piano Competition". In the 2008 "New England Concerto Competition" Nikita made it among the finalists and the year after was announced the first runner up.

Ivy Shen is a student at East Greenwich High School, and is currently studying violin with Alexey Shabalin. She began at age 5, learning the Suzuki Method, and has worked her way up to challenging pieces such as the Mendelssohn Concerto. Last year, she competed and won a scholarship from the Chaminade Club. Along with private lessons of violin, her activities include tennis, running and playing in the Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Symphony Orchestra. Please reserve by October 13. I.H. members -\$20; Students - \$15; Non-members - \$23

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Wednesday, October 28,
3:00 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Join us for an Children's Halloween Costume Party and Puppet Show. Children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes if they wish. We will serve refreshments and each child will get a treat to take home. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (Adults free). \$10 per child Please reserve by Friday, October 24.

**WINTER CLOSINGS**

During the winter months, International House will be closed in stormy weather when the Providence Schools are closed. The House will also be closed from December 24 until we re-open on January 4, 2010. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

NOVEMBER EVENTS**A THANKSGIVING FEAST****Friday, November 20 - 6 P.M.**

A special dinner commemorating the American Thanksgiving Holiday. Come join us for a traditional meal of home cooked roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce and apple pie, hot mulled apple cider.

Please reserve no later than November 16. Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$20 Students: \$10

DECEMBER EVENTS

We welcome your donations of home-made baked goods, clothing, books, tapes, CD's, jewelry, household items, antiques, etc., for our Holiday Bazaar. Starting in November, we will accept your donations at the House. All donations are tax-deductible.

SET-UP FOR HOLIDAY SALE

Friday, December 4, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Volunteers are needed to help us set up, price, and display items for our holiday sale. Please let us know if you can help.

33rd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY SALE

Saturday, December 5, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Our Winter Holiday Sale always offers unique foods and gifts for the holiday season. This year we'll feature holly and wreaths, international foods and desserts, holiday cookies, clothing, jewelry, holiday crafts, a "gold elephant" boutique, "white elephant boutique", books, and an all-day café.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We are very grateful to Mr. Barry Fain, Editor of the East Side Monthly, for including a front-cover story about International House of Rhode Island. We hope that this article (September 2009 issue) will give a greater presence to our unique organization and will draw new students, members, and volunteers to our door.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE RECEIVES GRANT

We received a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the Elms Foundation. This gift was made at the request of Merle and Stanley Goldstein and Jill and Larry Goldstein. We are so grateful to the Goldsteins for their generous donation.

BEQUEST FROM PROFESSOR ROBERT T. BEYER

The late Robert Beyer, former Brown University Professor of Physics, bequeathed \$10,000 to the International House of Rhode Island. Bob and Ellen Beyer were former members of the House and were very generous supporters. We are truly grateful for their final gift to us and their generosity will be memorialized in a photograph with a plaque which will be hung in the House.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

POTLUCK LUNCHES

Thursdays, 12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

All members welcome to this weekly gourmet feast! Make new friends, converse and practice English with International people and Americans. Please bring a dish of food to share.

KNITTING GROUP

Fridays, 12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Knitting instruction with Tatyana Savchenko for all levels of experience. Free to I.H. members. Children welcome.

PRANAYAMA YOGA CLASS

Fridays, 11 A.M. - 12 Noon

Class starts September 19

Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat if you wish. No charge - but small donations are welcome.

Taught by Indian native, Santosh Jain

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS COFFEE HOUR

Third *Thursday of Each Month, 3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
except Wednesday, Nov. 12)

Brown University international graduate students, faculty, and scholars are invited to special orientation programs for Exchange Visitors. Staff from the Office for International Student and Faculty Services at Brown University will speak about and answer questions about maintaining legal visa status, international taxation/payroll issues, and requirements of the Exchange Visitor Program.

Scheduled programs are on the following Thursdays:
September 17, October 15, November 12, December 17

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

\$100 for members: \$110 for non-members for 8 weeks. Use of language lab is included in the fee. Classes are ongoing. Class fees must be paid before first class. Please call to register 421-7181.

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CLASS

Instructor: Genevieve Degrade

Fridays at 4:30 P.M. - 6 P.M. (Begins September 18)

SPANISH CONVERSATION CLASS

Instructor: to be announced

Please call to register for class (421-7181)

For Beginners. Classes will begin on September 18

INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN CLASS

Tuesdays at 5:30 P.M.

Instructor: Susanna Poleselli, native of Italy

NEW

SALON DE CONVERSATION

Tuesdays: 4-5:30 P.M.

(1st meeting: September 29)

Conversation group for intermediate level French students led by Aida Sahakian. \$10 per meeting. Pay only when you attend.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUBS

FRENCH CLUB

MEETS MONTHLY AT 7 P.M. ON MONDAYS

BELOW:

The French Club will be directed by retired Brown University Professor, Henry Majewski. Robert McClellan, retired professor from Rhode Island College, will assist. Each meeting will feature a guest speaker talking briefly about different fields of interest, followed by questions and answers. Refreshments will be served.

September 14 - French Club and German Club members will start the year off with conversation, desserts, and wine. Agendas for future French Club meetings will be announced at this meeting. Meeting dates: **September 14, October 5, November 2, December 7.**

GERMAN CLUB

This season's meeting schedule at 7 P.M.

September 14 - German and French Club welcome back meeting. Please bring desserts or drinks.

October 19 - Come get acquainted with the "New" German Club in Pawtucket.

November 16 - Join us for a lively discussion of the future of German-Americans in Rhode Island.

December 21 - Adventsfeier, sing along with Gluehwein. Eberhard von Heyden is Director of the German Club. and can be reached at evh@remax.net

WOMEN & MEN OF BROWN UNIVERSITY HOUSEHOLD LEASING SERVICE

As international graduate students arrive in Providence to begin their studies, they are confronted by one of the grim realities of life--how to furnish an apartment with little money and without accumulating things they will only have to sell in a couple of years. The Household Leasing Service (run by the Women and Men of Brown University) rents used furniture and household goods to international graduate students, postdocs, and visiting faculty. Items include beds, tables and chairs, bureaus, desks, lamps, baby furniture, kitchen equipment and miscellaneous items at extremely low prices. IA family could rent furniture for 1 year for an apartment for around \$300, of which the 50% deposit is returnable at the end of the leasing period. They also rent single items: for example \$15 for a futon, \$20 for a bed and boxspring, and \$4 for a coffee table.

<http://www.brown.edu/Faculty/WMB/content/leasing.html>

Contact: Mrs. Kosterlitz at 351-3526 or

b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com

UNITED WAY DONOR OPTION

Our thank you to all donors who designated International House to receive their gifts through the Donor Option Program and the Federal and State Employees Campaign. To those who would like to make a gift or pledge to I.H. through the United Way Donor Option Program, please follow these simple directions: 1. Obtain a donor option form from your United Way representative. 2. Insert the name INTERNATIONAL HOUSE and code number 3140 on the Donor Option Card; fill in your name and address.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**GENERAL INFORMATION**

English classes are ongoing and class fees are required in advance. All teachers are dedicated volunteers. Emphasis is on conversational skills except where noted. Class placement is made at the first session. Students who register in the middle of a session will be placed according to ability. **Use of Language Lab is included with class registration.**

LANGUAGE LABORATORY

Individualized practice from beginning through advanced English as well as several foreign languages is available in our language laboratory, Monday through Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

DAYTIME ENGLISH CLASSES**MONTHLY CLASS FEES**

English Language Classes: \$35 (per month)

MONDAY CLASS

10 A.M. - 12 Noon

Intermediate English - Intermediate class with emphasis on structured dialogues with emphasis on intonation and pronunciation as well as grammar. Instructor: Elaine Meyrial

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY CLASSES

9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

BEGINNER 1 — For students who need basic grammar and pronunciation training. Instructor: Laura Bell

ADVANCED BEGINNER CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR - For students who want to improve their grammar and conversational skills. Instructor: Cal Krichmar

ADVANCED CONVERSATION — For students who want to expand their vocabulary and improve conversation skills. Instructor: Eugene Weinberg

ESL TUTORING PROGRAM**ESL PRIVATE TUTORING**

A private tutoring program in which a student meets with a teacher for 1 1/2 hours per week. All tutors are volunteers. We will place you with a tutor as quickly as we can. Please give us the day and time that you would be available for tutoring so that we can find a tutor whose schedule agrees with yours. Fee: \$45 per month (6 hours).

EVENING ENGLISH CLASS**ADVANCED BEGINNER CLASS**

Wednesdays, 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

For students who want to improve conversation, grammar skills and vocabulary. There will be writing exercises, grammar and idiomatic expressions. Must register between 9 A.M and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. (401)421-7181 or mvk@ihouse.necoxmail.com
Instructor: Barbara Sturtevant

DAYTIME ENGLISH CLASSES CON'T...**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY CLASSES**

11 A.M.- 12:30 P.M.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION & CONVERSATION - For intermediate/advanced level students who need to improve their listening comprehension and conversational skills. The instructor will utilize various visual and auditory media and ask questions about the material presented. Students will practice conversation by discussing the contents of the materials presented. Emphasis will be on comprehension.

Instructor: Cal Krichmar

ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION - For students who want to improve basic conversation skills.

Instructor: Richard Ziff

TWO-PART CLASS: Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays

A) TUESDAY: ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION AND GRAMMAR.

An English class for students who want to improve their conversational skills and learn more advanced English grammar.

Team Instructor: Thomas Gentile.

B) THURSDAY: DISCUSSION GROUP ON AMERICAN CULTURE, CUSTOMS, HISTORY

An English class for advanced level students featuring short stories, poetry and readings in American Literature, emphasizing reading and discussion skills along with some writing.

Team Instructor: Nancy Marcucci

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLASS

1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. (Begins Oct. 1)

COMMUNICATION SKILLS - Learn to speak more confidently in many situations, including school, work, social, job interviews, etc. Focus will be on verbal and non-verbal communication skills, such as volume, pronunciation, facial expression, eye contact, etc. From communication games to mini-talks, this class is very "hands-on" and totally "stress-free". Students will learn by doing and enjoy the process. Individual student concerns with speaking in various situations will be addressed.

Instructor: Angela Margiotta.

WEDNESDAY DAYTIME CLASSES**ENGLISH THROUGH AMERICAN SHORT STORIES**

10 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Level: For students who can easily read a newspaper article. Using the book *America Writes*, we will read and discuss selected short stories by renowned authors. Written exercises, vocabulary, grammar, idiomatic expressions. Instructor, Anne Marie Battistone.

INTERMEDIATE WRITING CLASS

1 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Students must have at least intermediate English writing skills and are ready to take the next step. Structure of sentences, paragraphs and essays by completing written exercises and producing essays. Students will receive handouts on grammar and will keep a notebook of new words and idiomatic expressions to enrich their writing.

Instructor: Anne Marie Battistone

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP

International House is a non-profit, community based multicultural center supported by membership fees, individual contributions, class fees, and fundraising projects. The House provides a "link" between the community and international students, scholars, and visitors through the International Friendship Program, the World Discovery Classroom Project, and varied cultural and social functions. The goal is to foster international understanding and friendship. Membership is open to anyone interested in other countries and cultures and provides generous discounts for nationality dinners, language classes, and many other events, plus the enjoyment of meeting interesting people from all over the world. (I.H. Membership is required for foreign language clubs after attending two meetings.) **Please return this application with your tax deductible contribution payable to International House of Rhode Island.**

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: Home _____ Business _____
Email Address: _____

Membership Fees:
\$10 Full-time Students \$30 Individual
\$45 Family \$50 Patron
\$100 Sponsor \$250 Benefactor \$500 Ambassador

I (We) would like to become involved in I.H. programs. I (We) am/are interested in the areas checked below:

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GUEST ROOMS AVAILABLE

International House has three guest rooms available for rental on a weekly or monthly basis. Accommodations include spacious rooms with twin beds, private bath, kitchen and laundry facilities, and television. Rates are \$60 per night for one person; \$10 extra per night for two people. Monthly rates are \$650.

WISH LIST
laptop computer
with built-in wi-fi

OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Friday
9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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