

International House of Rhode Island

NEWSLETTER

MAY - AUGUST 2009

SEASON'S HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteer Appreciation Party - May 15	4-6 P.M
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MAY EVENTS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Friday, May 15 - 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.

All of our International House volunteers are invited to attend our 22nd special wine and hors d'oeuvres party. Volunteers include Board Members, ESL teachers and tutors, foreign language teachers, and those who help at special events during the year. Spouses are invited as well. We ask that you please R.S.V.P. by May 8.

COOKING IN ENGLISH

Wednesday, May 20, 10 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Get acquainted with American cuisine and customs in this one session cooking class for our international students and visitors. You'll learn cooking terms and techniques using easy, healthy recipes. Practice your English with I.H. chefs Nancy Marcucci and Cal Krichmar as you learn to cook American foods. Please register by May 13. Class size limited.

Fee: \$10 includes the class and the luncheon.



INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CLASS

Fridays, 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.

from May 1 through June 19

French class for intermediate level students.

Fee: International House members: \$100. non-members: \$110
Instructor: Genevieve Degrave

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Ann Dill
Maxine Goldin
Tania Heyman
Jacqueline Kung
Lora Likins-
Woods
Z eldy Lyman



Duncan White
Isadora Nicholas
Clay Pell
Debra Sue Rose
Dominique Thompson
Barry Wall

JUNE EVENTS

JAPANESE OKONOMIYAKI (JAPANESE PANCAKE)

Saturday, June 27 - 5:00 P.M.



Join us for an **Okonomiyaki Party** sponsored by the Japan Language and Culture Society of Providence. Okonomiyaki is a Japanese savoury pancake containing a variety of ingredients. The name is derived from the word okonomi, meaning "what you like" or "what you want", and yaki meaning "grilled" or "cooked". Okonomiyaki is mainly associated with Kansai or Hiroshima areas of Japan, but is widely available throughout the country. Toppings and batters tend to vary according to region. Kansai (Osaka)-style okonomiyaki is the predominant style of the dish. The batter is made of flour, grated yam, water or dashi, eggs and shredded cabbage, and usually contains other ingredients such as green onion, meat (generally pork or bacon), shrimp, vegetables, kimchi, mochi or cheese. Our Japanese servers will demonstrate the different styles of this dish and will prepare the dishes at the tables fitted with special hotplates (teppan) with ingredients chosen by each guest. Tea will be served.

Please reserve by June 20.

Students: \$15, I.H. Members: \$20 Non-Members: \$25

JULY EVENTS

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING A FUSION OF ART, MUSIC AND DINING

Saturday, July 18 - 6 P.M.

In keeping with the spirit of the event, we will create a beautiful as well as delicious dinner with wine, hors d'oeuvres, seafood and more..



After dinner, feast your eyes on the original art pieces of local artists and treat your ears to the sounds of local musicians.

The Rhode Island community is rich with talented artists and musicians, so why not get to meet them and experience their creations? Some art may be offered for sale.

Interested visual and musical artists are invited to contact us (401 421-7181) as soon as possible for participation in this program.

Reservations should be made by July 10. International House members: \$20, non-members: \$25, students: \$15. (Cash, credit card, personal check)

AUGUST EVENTS

CRUISE ON THE RUM RUNNER II FROM NEWPORT HARBOR

Friday, August 14, leaves IH at 9:30 A.M.

Enjoy a breathtaking tour of Newport waters and relive the speed and thrill of the chase. Rum Runner II, which was originally built for two New Jersey mobsters to elude the Coast Guard while speeding cases of "Hooch", offers the luxury and intrigue you would imagine of a high-speed bandit with a history all her own. Aboard the Rum Runner II, you will cruise by mansions and former speakeasies that were fueled by seaborne smugglers. This newly restored Elco Motoryacht, built in 1929 during the height of Prohibition, carries you swiftly and safely through local



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waters. U.S. Coast Guard approved for 49 Passengers. Boat trip is 75 minutes long.

International House members/students: \$28 Non-Members: \$30. Price includes round-trip bus fare, driver's tip, and boat fare. Lunch at a Newport restaurant will be paid on your own. Please reserve by August 7.

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.

VINYASA YOGA CLASS (EVENING)

Mondays, 7:30 P.M. - 8:45 P.M. (begins April 20, 2009)

Moderate mixed-level class (beginners welcome) with some breathing exercises, Sun Salutations, stretching, strengthening postures and relaxation techniques. Certified Instructor: Zhanna Lee. Fee will be \$10 per class or \$50 for 6 classes.

PRANAYAMA YOGA CLASS (AFTERNOON)

Thursdays, 4-5 P.M.

May 1 - August 27

Indian native, Santosh Jain, will lead a yoga class promoting an awareness of health. Class will include asanas (positions) for helping with problems related to spine (spondylitis), back, slipped disk, cervical vertebrae, asthma and lungs. The breathing and stretching exercises promote relaxation benefits.

Donations gratefully accepted (suggestion:\$5).

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS COFFEE HOUR

Third Thursday of Each Month, 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Brown University international graduate students, faculty, and scholars are invited to special orientation programs for Exchange Visitors. Guests will receive a warm welcome and introduction to the services, opportunities, and events provided by the International House.

Staff from the Office for International Student and Faculty Services at Brown University will present information 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:

May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20

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.**

NEW LANGUAGE LABORATORY

Practice your English on our new computers with software "Tell Me More" featuring 8 levels of Individualized lessons from beginning through advanced levels of English. New computers and software purchased by a grant from the June Rockwell Levy Foundation.

DAYTIME ENGLISH CLASSES**MONTHLY CLASS FEES**

English Language Classes: \$35 (per month) unless otherwise noted.

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 and Linda Breslin

ADVANCED BEGINNER CONVERSATION - 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 students meet with a teacher for 1 or 1 1/2 hours per week. All tutors are volunteers and 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. Highly recommended for students who are not advanced enough in English to attend the Beginner level class, or for those who have scheduling conflicts for regular classes, or for those who need personalized instruction in specific areas of language learning.

Fee: \$45 per month (6 hours).

DAYTIME ENGLISH CLASSES**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

WEDNESDAY CLASS

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

Intermediate level class for students who want to improve their writing skills.

Instructor: Anne Marie Battistone

NEW**THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLASS**

2 - 3:30 P.M.

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.

EVENING ENGLISH CLASS**ENGLISH CONVERSATION AND IDIOMS**

Wednesdays, 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. (May, June, August - no classes in July)

For students who want to improve conversation, grammar skills and vocabulary. There will be writing exercises, grammar and idiomatic expressions. Please call 421-7181 to register.

Instructor: Barbara Sturtevant

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:

English Teacher/Tutor Crafts
 Foreign Language Teacher Driver (Trips)
 Refreshments
 Children Programs Membership
 Get-Togethers Other _____
 Fund Raising Int'l. Friendship

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE STAFF

Marilyn von Kriegenbergh
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Linda Breslin
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Helene Bradley
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Barbara Sturtevant
First Vice-Chairman

Elaine Meyrial
Recording Secretary

Stephen Scullin
Treasurer

GUEST ROOMS AVAILABLE

Occasionally, International House has a guest room available for rental on a weekly or monthly basis. Accommodations include furnished rooms, private bath, fully-applianced (shared) kitchen and coin-operated 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
Floorlamps for classrooms

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Friday
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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