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Upcoming Visitors and Topics of Study

South American
Regional Group (16);
Education &
Community
Development
Oct 31 - Nov 6

Canada (2); Economic
Development
Nov 3 - Nov 7

Multi-Regional Group
(17); Grassroots
Democracy
Nov 14 - Nov 20

South & Central Asian
Regional Group (8);
Community
Approaches to
Social Issues
Dec 4 - Dec 8

Japan (1); Crime
Prevention
Jan 9 - Jan 12

Multi-Regional Group
(16); Small Business
Jan 24 - Jan 30

In July 2007, a group of journalists from various African countries traveled through the U.S. with the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) to learn more about radio broadcasting in the U.S. New Orleans was their final stop.

This week, our colleagues in Washington, D.C., shared some of the final impressions held by the participants. These included their amazement at the freedom enjoyed by the press in the U.S. as well as a better understanding of U.S. citizens. Specifically, the group noted that they learned more about "the

values that American children are raised with and now understand why Americans are so patriotic about the flag."

Inspired by their appointments and by the influence of community radio on democracy and economic development, the group ended their program with the following resolution:

"We the participants of the 2007 International Visitor Leadership Program for African broadcasters resolve to maintain and continue our ties established at this pro-

gram; and to establish the African Agency for Democracy and Press Freedom to help deepen democracy and press freedom in the whole of Africa."

Thank you to everyone who participated in this well-organized project.

To read more feedback from other groups, please visit the testimonial section of our website. You might even find compliments about your own time spent with IVLP participants:

www.nocdc.com

Consulate-General of Japan Relocating

The government of Japan has announced that in the near future it will relocate its New

Orleans office to Nashville, Tennessee as the number of Japanese citizens moving to the Tennessee / Kentucky region has been growing rapidly compared to the numbers living in or around Louisiana and Mississippi.

The Japanese government will appoint an Honorary Consul General upon closure of the office.

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– Jules Verne

IVLP Alumni in Current World Leadership Roles

Did you know that there are currently thirty-two heads of government and chiefs of state around the world who are IVLP alumni? They join the nearly 1,500 cabinet members and almost 200 former heads of government and chiefs of state who have participated in this citizen diplomacy program along with thousands more who are successful and influential in the arts, in the business world, and in the fields of science and education. The reach of the IVLP is tremendous.

| Country | Name | Current Position | Year Participated |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Afghanistan | Hamid Karzai | Designated Chairman | 1987 |
| Austria | Wolfgang Schuessel | Chancellor | (1971 & 1984) |
| Austria | Heinz Fischer | President | 1964 |
| Belgium | Guy Verhofstadt | Prime Minister | 1983 |
| Belize | Said Wilbert Musa | Prime Minister | 1995 |
| Bolivia | Carlos Mesa | President | (1979 & 2002) |
| Botswana | Festus G. Mogae | President | 1976 |
| Chile | Ricardo Lagos | President | 1988 |
| Colombia | Alvaro Uribe Velez | President | 1998 |
| Costa Rica | Oscar Arias Sanchez | President | 1971 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | Laurent Gbagbo | President | 1993 |
| Denmark | Anders Fogh Rasmussen | Prime Minister | 1982 |
| Finland | Tarja Halonen | President | 1983 |
| Georgia | Mikheil Saakashvili | President | 1999 |
| Ghana | John Agyekum Kufuor | President | (late 1960's) |
| Greece | Constantinos Karamanlis | Prime Minister | 1995 |
| Honduras | Ricardo Maduro Joest | President | 1986 |
| Israel | Moshe Katzav | President | 1980 |
| Israel | Ehud Olmert | Prime Minister | 1978 |
| Jamaica | Howard Cooke | Governor General | 1981 |
| Kenya | Mwai Kibaki | President | 1999 |
| Kyrgyzstan | Kurmanbek Bakiyev | President | 2004 |
| Malta | Lawrence Gonzi | Prime Minister | 1990 |
| Mauritius | Anerood Jugnauth | Prime Minister | 1981 |
| New Zealand | Helen Clark | Prime Minister | 1998 |
| Portugal | Anibal Cavaco Silva | President | 1978 |
| Slovenia | Janez Drnovsek | President | 1988 |
| Sri Lanka | Mahinda Rajapakse | President | 1989 |
| St. Kitts/Nevis | Denzil Douglas | Prime Minister | 1990 |
| Taiwan | Chen Shui-Bian | President | 1990 |
| The Netherlands | Jan Peter Balkenende | Prime Minister | 1985 |
| Tonga | Taufa'ahau Tupou IV | King | 1964 |



Please join us for a Celebration of the Life of
Richard (Dick) M. Troy

August 1, 1930 – July 14, 2007

His friends and family will remember his life,
his work, and his intelligence, good will, and generous spirit.

Felicia Kahn, his longtime companion, will be our host,
along with his brothers Ralph and Nat, his son Rick and his daughter Denise.

We will gather at Rosy's,
500 Valence Street on
Sunday, November 4, 2007 at 1:00 pm.

Dick's close friend Gary Esolen will say a few words, and everyone is invited to participate.

We will share refreshments along with our memories of Dick.

We hope this will be an occasion for bringing together old friends and the many who were connected
through Dick's environmental policy work or otherwise shared his wide-range of interests.

Please come and bring your stories and reminiscences.

Those who wish may choose to make a donation in
Dick's memory to the Sierra Club Foundation,
or any other worthy cause of their choice.

If you would like to make a donation to the Sierra Club Foundation:

Indicate that the donation is in memory of Richard M. Troy and an acknowledgement will go to the family.

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indicate that the donation is for the "Gulf Coast Fund – LA projects".*

Professional Resources – Thank you for taking time out of your schedules to meet with our visitors

Backstreet Cultural Museum – **Sylvester Francis**

Cannes Brulee Native American Museum –
Rose Behan

FEMA – **Wali Armstead**

Historic District Landmarks Commission –
Elliot Perkins

Louisiana State University – **Drs. James Barnes, Paul Coreil, Jonathan Hubchen, Earl Johnson, Robert Richard, William Richardson, Lakshman Velupillai**

Loyola University – **John Mahoney, Robert Thomas, L. Vargas**

Loyola Law Clinic – **Bradley Black**

Mayors Office of Environmental Affairs –
Nathan Champagne

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Port of New Orleans – **Gary LaGrange**

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Tulane University – **Jimmy Huck, Vincent Ilustre, Christina Indovina, Ana Lopez, Valerie McGinley Marshall, Michael Pizzolatto, Tom Reese, Karla Sikaffy, Cara Zacks**

University of New Orleans – **Norma Grace, Steve Masakowski**

Xavier University – **Kimberley Reese, David Bocage, Kawana Coulon, Typhanie Jasper-Butler**

Home Hospitality – Thank you for welcoming visitors to New Orleans with home hospitality and sight- seeing

Mr. Bryan Gowland hosted visitors from Azerbaijan in his home for an evening of traditional American music.

Mrs. Rosemarie Fowler hosted visitors from South America in her home for an informal reception.

October 2007 Figures

Total Visitors – 43

Total Room Nights – 238

Countries Represented

Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia

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