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MISSION: To build mutually beneficial business, professional and personal relationships and cross-cultural understanding between Georgians and leading citizens from around the globe.

The **Georgia Council for International Visitors (GCIV)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to "Connecting Georgians to the World" since 1962. GCIV maintains one of the strongest international visitor programs in the United States, working primarily with emerging leaders from around the world brought to this country under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State. GCIV develops professional programs for hundreds of high level international leaders in a broad spectrum of program areas each year. Our focus on citizen diplomacy provides Georgians with unique opportunities to share expertise and friendship with visitors from around the globe.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE VISITORS - GCIV arranges professional programs, cultural orientations and home hospitality for 400-600 distinguished international leaders each year who travel to Georgia as part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). Launched in 1940, the IVLP seeks to build mutual understanding between the United States and other nations through carefully designed professional visits for current and emerging leaders. Visitors represent government, politics, the media, education, non-governmental organizations, the arts, public health, international security, business and trade, and other fields. More than 200 current and former heads of government and state and many other distinguished world leaders in the public and private sectors have participated in the IVLP. Similar programs are also arranged for visitors sponsored by other organizations, such as the U.S. Library of Congress, the East-West Center, and the Foreign Service Institute.

HOME HOSPITALITY - GCIV offers international visitors the opportunity for visits in local homes and sightseeing. This is often one of the highlights of their journey to Georgia, as they experience "southern hospitality" while establishing a very personal connection in our community. The benefits are just as great for the hosts, who enjoy learning about another culture and making international friends.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS - GCIV provides community education programs that increase public awareness of the global issues that affect Georgia. This includes sponsorship of the Foreign Policy Association's annual Great Decisions discussion groups. In addition, GCIV offers a series of dynamic networking opportunities to its members such as the International Women Associates and the International Businesswomen's Network.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULAR BALL - Each year GCIV honors the Atlanta Consular Corps in one of Atlanta's most prominent international events attended by the Governor, Mayor, as well as business and civic leaders from throughout the metropolitan region.

PARTNERSHIPS - GCIV partners with other distinguished groups to promote internationalism including the Atlanta Council on International Relations, the United Nations Association of the USA, and the Advisory Committee on International Relations.

GCIV maintains an office in Atlanta. A small, dedicated staff works with volunteers under the direction of a 31-person Board of Trustees. The U.S. Department of State provides limited funding; however significant financial support comes from individual members, corporate sponsors and local government agencies. GCIV is a member of the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV), a network of 95 organizations throughout the country, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

International Visitor Programs

In FY 2006 the Georgia Council for International Visitors welcomed 522 overseas visitors through the International Visitor Leadership Program and various fee-for-service programs. These visitors came to Georgia on 84 different programs, ranging from individuals to groups of twenty or more. Participants represented 108 different countries.

The visitors received by GCIV were quite a varied group, including public health officials, lawyers, government officials, NGO representatives, religious leaders, educators, journalists, community activists, students, entrepreneurs, tax experts, and business owners.

In addition to coordinating programs for the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), GCIV has attracted a wide variety of fee-for-service (FFS) programs. While very similar in substance to the IVLP, these FFS programs are funded separately. In the past year, GCIV has completed programs for the Meridian International Center, the Graduate School of the USDA, the East-West Center, and the Foreign Service Institute.

We continue to provide protocol services to participants in the IVLP who arrive at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in transit to other destinations. This FFS program services anywhere from one to ten international visitors each week, in addition to the number of visitors mentioned above. In 2006 GCIV met 108 visitors through the airport reception program.

FY 2006 IVLP Totals

Quarter	# of Programs	# of Visitors
1	11	48
2	14	94
3	24	111
4	26	113
Totals	75	366

FY 2006 FFS Totals

Quarter	# of Programs	# of Visitors
1	2	35
2	1	31
3	3	60
4	3	30
Totals	9	156

International Visitor Leadership Program

The International Visitor Leadership Program is administered by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and its Office of International Visitors, operating under authority of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Fulbright-Hays Act). The emphasis of the program is to increase mutual understanding through communication at the personal and professional levels. Participants are established or potential foreign leaders in government, politics, media, education, science, labor relations, and other key fields. They are selected by American embassies overseas to visit the United States to meet and confer with their professional counterparts, and to experience this country firsthand.

Arrangements for programs are made by the Office of International Visitors, often in cooperation of several private, non-profit organizations that receive support from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program, however, depends upon the commitment and skills of 95 community-based organizations across the country whose members provide a variety of services, including professional programs and home hospitality, for these distinguished guests. These local organizations are affiliated with the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV), which encourages and promotes efforts to develop, coordinate, and improve programs for visitors from abroad. Through their involvement in the International Visitor Leadership Program, thousands of Americans across the nation contribute to strengthening relations between the United States and other countries. Below are the visitors GCIV received through the IVLP in 2006.

<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Focus</u>
<i>October 2005</i>		
6 Judges	Egypt	Electoral Process
Mr. Matthew Frederick Waldman	United Kingdom	US Foreign Policy
8 Curators	Poland	Museum Administration
18 NGO Leaders	MRP	Work of Global NGO's
<i>November 2005</i>		
9 Gov't Officials	MRP	Accountability in Gov't
Mr. Jianwei Du	China	HIV/AIDS Prevention
Mr. Raouf Mazou	Switzerland	Humanitarian Policy Issues
Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi	India	U.S. Foreign Policy
Ms. Heidemarie Glueck	Austria	Media
<i>December 2005</i>		
Ms. Wang Wei	China	Investigative Journalism
Dr. Jean Marie Mohenou Diomande	Cote d'Ivoire	Communicable Diseases

Visitors

Country

Focus

January 2006

5 Gov't Officials	Moldova	Conflict Resolution
2 Gov't Health Officials	Chile	Food Inspection
2 Public Health Officials	Montenegro	Public Health
18 NGO Representatives	MRP	Grassroots Activism
2 Gov't Lawyers	Kazakhstan	Adoptions

February 2006

22 Healthcare Specialists	MRP	Infectious Diseases
Ms. Emmanuelle Maire	Belgium	Aviation Policy
6 Public Health Officials	Albania	Public Health
6 NGO Representatives	MRP	Volunteerism and Service
6 Gov't Representatives	Bulgaria	Civil Rights

March 2006

Mr. Kazunari Sega	Japan	Foreign Direct Investments
7 Members of National Assembly	Cameroon	U.S. Legislative Process
13 University Administrators	MRP	Issues in Higher Education
3 Community Leaders	Cote d'Ivoire	Religion in the Community



We did an extensive exit survey of our African visitors just before they left. The GCIV home hospitality rated higher than any other! They came away from the dinners feeling warm and fuzzy about the US . . . GCIV helped make their visit more personal and enjoyable.

--Dr. Sy Goodman, Georgia Tech

<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Focus</u>
<i>April 2006</i>		
Mr. Alisher Ergashov	Uzbekistan	Civil Society and Law
11 University Administrators	MRP	University Administration
14 Journalists	Africa	State Government and Media
8 Gov't Officials	South Asia	Women as Leaders
6 Public Health Officials	Russia	HIV/AIDS
7 Women Leaders	South Asia	U.S. Foreign Policy
Ms. Mariecon Guerrero Ramirez	Philippines	University Administration
10 Educators	Nigeria	University Administration
9 Public Health Officials	South America	Avian Flu
Dr. Osmundo Santos de Araujo	Brazil	African American Relations
<i>May 2006</i>		
Ms. Nury Adela Pernia	Venezuela	Women and NGO's
7 Public Health Officials	Africa	HIV/AIDS
Dr. Andras Batta	Hungary	University Music Programs
Mr. Carlos Ferrer	Venezuela	HIV/AIDS
Dr. Nebojsa Crnogorac	Serbia/Montenegro	Breast Cancer Prevention
3 Human Rights Officers	Ghana	Combating Corruption
Mr. Tsuyohito Iwamoto	Japan	Foreign Direct Investment
Mr. Norbert Both	Netherlands	Civil Rights
<i>June 2006</i>		
4 Public Health Officials	Zimbabwe	HIV/AIDS
8 Government Officials	Russia	Business and Government
7 Government and NGO Officials	Africa	Conflict Resolution
6 Public Health Officials	Algeria	Healthcare in the U.S.
Dr. Pui Yin Chiu	China	Avian Flu
Dr. Vittorio Scelzo	Italy	Peace and Justice Issues

Over the years, hundreds of former participants under the International Visitor Leadership Program have risen to important positions in their countries. Among the alumni are over two hundred current and former heads of government or state.

<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Focus</u>
July 2006		
3 NGO Leaders	Kazakhstan	Disability Issues
2 Food Scientists	Japan	Food Safety
3 National Assembly Members	Korea	U.S./Korea Security
Mr. Ahmad Parlaungan Tanjung	Indonesia	Religion in U.S. Society
6 Agriculture Specialists	Pan-Africa	Agriculture and Economy
7 Government Leaders	Germany	Minority Integration
August 2006		
Mr. Aziz Senni	France	Minority Integration
6 NGO Leaders	France	Minority and Youth Activism
Dr. Linglin Zhang	China	HIV/AIDS
7 Gov't Officials	Philippines	US Foreign Policy
3 Civil Society Leaders	Namibia	HIV/AIDS
4 Journalists	Syria	Independent Journalism
2 Newspaper Editors	Indonesia	Journalism
8 Party Members	Peru	Civil Rights
11 Business Leaders	Pan-Africa	U.S. – Africa Trade
September 2006		
5 Trade Union Officials	Pan Africa	Labor Issues
4 Prosecutors	Germany	International Terrorism
Ms. Yolande James	Canada	Minority Integration
Dr. Emilio Squillante	Italy	Ports Security & Mgt
5 Educators	Bahrain	Civic Education
7 Gov't Officials	Russia	International Adoptions
October 2006		
Ms. Masae Okazaki	Japan	Financial Crimes
5 Educators	Europe/Eurasia	Secondary Education
14 Research Scientists	East Asia	Biolabs: Security and Safety
Mr. Glenn Khan	Trinidad and Tobago	Transparency



Fee-for-Service Programs

<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Focus/Service</u>
<i>October 2005</i>		
9 Government and NGO Officials	Russia	Cultural Program
5 Law Enforcement Officials	Ukraine	Rule of Law
<i>April 2006</i>		
8 Journalists	Korea	Journalism Exchange
<i>May 2006</i>		
18 Foreign Service Nationals	MRP	Southeastern United States
<i>July 2006</i>		
9 Women Journalist	Russia	Women as Leaders in Media
4 Journalists	Ukraine	Media
<i>September 2006</i>		
6 Agriculture Specialists	China	Fruit Breeding
<i>Ongoing throughout 2006</i>		
108 International Visitors	Various	Airport Reception

"Georgia and Atlanta were very warm (and I don't mean the rest of the places I visited had cold weather). My overall impression about your huge and great country is changing, and you would be happy to learn that it has changed for the better. This is one program which I rate as one of the best by the US Department of State.

--Mr. Irengbam Hemochandra Singh, Member of the Manipur State Assembly, India

Visitors Coming to Georgia by Country:

Afghanistan	2	Germany	12	Peru	10
Albania	8	Ghana	7	Philippines	15
Algeria	8	Guinea	1	Poland	8
Angola	1	Guyana	1	Romania	1
Argentina	2	Hungary	3	Russia	40
Austria	1	India	11	Rwanda	2
Bahrain	5	Indonesia	6	Saudi Arabia	2
Bangladesh	3	Israel	3	Senegal	3
Barbados	1	Italy	2	Serbia / Montenegro	3
Belgium	1	Japan	6	Sierra Leone	1
Belize	1	Jordan	2	Slovak Republic	2
Benin	3	Kazakhstan	7	South Africa	11
Bhutan	1	Kenya	6	Sri Lanka	1
Bolivia	2	Korea	11	Sudan	1
Botswana	1	Kosovo	1	Suriname	2
Brazil	1	Latvia	2	Switzerland	1
Brunei	1	Lebanon	1	Swaziland	3
Bulgaria	6	Lesotho	1	Syria	5
Burundi	2	Liberia	1	Taiwan	1
Cameroon	10	Libya	1	Tajikistan	1
Canada	1	Lithuania	1	Tanzania	4
Chad	2	Macedonia	2	Thailand	4
Chile	2	Malawi	3	Togo	1
China	10	Malaysia	8	Trinidad and Tobago	2
Colombia	2	Mali	1	Tunisia	1
Congo	2	Mexico	3	Turkey	3
Costa Rica	2	Moldova	5	Uganda	3
Cote d'Ivoire	6	Morocco	3	Ukraine	10
Czech Republic	1	Mozambique	2	United Kingdom	2
Ecuador	1	Namibia	3	Uruguay	1
Egypt	8	Nepal	3	Uzbekistan	3
El Salvador	1	Netherlands	1	Venezuela	4
Eritrea	1	Niger	2	Vietnam	2
Estonia	3	Nigeria	20	Yemen	1
Ethiopia	2	Pakistan	14	Zambia	3
France	8	Paraguay	1	Zimbabwe	5

"Building professional expertise and forging friendships around the world are critically important in an era in which the limits of military prowess are abundantly clear. Our children's security depends not only on our power but also on our ability to build constructive relationships with decision makers around the globe—to project the best of our values and culture."

--Sherry L. Mueller, "The Power of Citizen Diplomacy," Foreign Service Journal

Opportunities for Participation



Atlanta Summit on Citizen Diplomacy

Develop skills to succeed in a global environment and build rich intercultural relationships

This day of workshops enhances skills for personal and cultural diplomacy through practical understanding and application of cross-cultural competency.

Envoy

Network with other young professionals from Atlanta and around the world

Envoy provides a forum for Metro Atlanta's young professionals interested in international affairs to network and socialize with each other and visiting young professionals from around the world.

Great Decisions

Increase your awareness of global issues during this eight-week discussion series

Increase your understanding of world affairs through this series based on a briefing book published annually by the nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association. GCIV presents this series to help participants develop an informed opinion on the role the United States plays in world affairs.

Hosting

Travel the world without leaving home by inviting an International Visitor to dinner

International Visitors often cite their home hospitality experience as the event that provided true insight into American life and culture. Additionally, visitors value this opportunity to teach the hosts about their home countries. They appreciate seeing an American home and participating in lively after-dinner discussions. Hosts are expected to pick up the visitor(s) from their hotel, bring them home for dinner, and then return the visitor(s) to the hotel that evening.

International Business Women's Network (IBWN)

Exchange knowledge and experience in international affairs

IBWN was created in 1982 to provide a forum for women to exchange knowledge and experience in international affairs, to further intercultural communication, and to encourage and support members' personal and professional growth.

International Consular Ball

Join GCIV in its annual salute to Atlanta's Consular Corps

Each year, GCIV honors the Atlanta Consular Corps during one of Atlanta's premier international events attended by the Governor, the Mayor of Atlanta, and business and civic leaders from throughout the metropolitan region.

International Dining Experiences

Sample exotic cuisines while getting to know GCIV members and international guests

GCIV's International Dining Experiences (IDEs) take place at a different ethnic restaurant on the 15th day of the month. Come and bring a friend – this is a great way to introduce your friends and neighbors to GCIV.

International Women Associates (IWA)

Meet monthly in members' homes for friendship and cultural enrichment

IWA is a group formed in 1978 to involve women from all countries in making friends and helping international newcomers to become oriented to life in Atlanta through a network of support services and activities.

Internship Program

GCIV partners with local universities to offer internships to students. Participants receive training in the field of international affairs and learn about issues affecting Atlanta and the world.

Lunch Forums

Join international visitors for briefings and conversation over lunch

Members and professional resources have the chance to meet political, social, and business leaders at GCIV-sponsored lunch forums. Here everyone has a chance to share opinions about U.S. and international issues. Participants can hear first-hand accounts of current events abroad from distinguished guests.

Professional Resource

Meet with your professional counterparts from around the world

GCIV invites professionals of all fields to check the International Visitor List monthly and inquire about meeting with our visitors. These distinguished visitors are leaders in their fields, and are here in the U.S. to have an exchange of ideas with professional counterparts. This valuable networking experience has often led to collaboration with colleagues abroad.

GCIV Travels

Make new friends and see new places

GCIV offers a limited number of travel opportunities each year, featuring educational travel seminars that include home hospitality with friends abroad.

"The importance of citizen-to-citizen connections around the globe has never been greater. In the face of the many complex problems confronting us, we have much to learn from one another. The voluntary spirit exemplified by GCIV's programs is much admired internationally and I commend GCIV for its determination and passion to 'Connect Georgians to the World' one person at a time."

--Remedios Gomez Arnau, Consul General of Mexico and Dean of the Consular Corps

Atlanta Summit on Citizen Diplomacy

The Georgia Council for International Visitors organized Atlanta's first ever summit on citizen diplomacy at the Atlanta International School on October 21, 2006, bringing together 200 community members for a day of cultural competency training, regional briefings, and conversations with members of Atlanta's distinguished Consular Corps.

The summit was part of a national movement organized by the Coalition on Citizen Diplomacy and supported by the National Council for International Visitors. The goal of the summit was to raise public awareness of the international interests of Atlanta and Georgia, and to provide a forum for participants to exchange perspectives on issues that affect Georgia's global engagement. The Atlanta summit is one of over fifty that have already been held around the country.

Citizen diplomacy is the idea that the individual citizen has the right – even the responsibility – to help shape U.S. foreign relations "one handshake at a time." The summit reinforced the idea that Americans must make an effort to better prepare themselves to interact with an ever-shrinking world.

Dr. Sherry Mueller, President of the National Council for International Visitors, started the summit with remarks on "The Power of Citizen Diplomacy." Next participants had the chance to participate in two sessions of concurrent workshops – the first focused on learning about various regions of the world and the second aimed at improving cultural competency. The summit also featured a session entitled "The Diplomatic Life," where four consuls general stationed in Atlanta talked about their careers as diplomats.

After the two sessions of concurrent workshops, participants gathered for lunch and listened to keynote speaker Tom Miller, Vice President of Business for Diplomatic Action. Mr. Miller gave an inspiring presentation, citing the importance of citizen diplomacy in stemming the growth of anti-Americanism around the world. After this speech everyone took part in citizen diplomacy discussion groups to talk about ways to strengthen citizen diplomacy efforts in the United States.

GCIV collected over 100 evaluation forms at the end of the day. Participants found the workshop sessions useful and felt better prepared in their roles as citizen diplomats.



Envoy

Co-Chairs: Susie Harrison and Victor Todorciuc

Monday, May 22

GCIV invited its young professionals to attend a film screening at the Carter Center. *State of Fear* is a gripping and beautifully crafted story that brings to life the disturbing revelations of Peru's Truth Commission detailing a 20-year reign of terror. The film's producers and Carter Center staff led a discussion after the film.

Thursday, May 25th

GCIV co-sponsored an event with the Young Executives Committee of the German American Chamber of Commerce. Members met at the Krause Gallery in Castleberry Hill for an evening of networking and art appreciation.

Monday, May 29

GCIV invited Envoy members to meet Mr. Norbert Both, the Speechwriter for the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. First we took him to an Atlanta Braves game. Afterwards the group went to a Memorial Day cookout, where Mr. Both enjoyed eating typical American fare and relaxing over a game of bocce ball.

Sunday, July 23

GCIV gave members the opportunity to attend a service at Ebenezer Baptist Church with visitor Ahmad Parlaungan Tanjung, an English teacher and public relations officer at an Islamic boarding school in Jakarta, Indonesia. Afterwards they had the chance to visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site.



Great Decisions

Coordinators: Jacobus and Megan Boers
Lecture Series Coordinator: Rosalie FitzPatrick

GCIV is state coordinator for the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions program that helps participants increase their understanding of foreign policy issues through an eight week series based on a briefing book published annually by FPA. The program encourages participants to develop an informed opinion on the role the United States should play in world affairs.

GCIV offered both a lecture series and 24 eight-week discussion groups involving more than 700 people. The discussion groups provided a choice of nights of the week and locations so people could attend a group convenient for them. There were series in Atlanta, Decatur, Roswell, Gwinnett and Dunwoody, and outside Atlanta in Athens, Big Canoe, Carrollton, Columbus, Demorest and Macon.

Topics and Speakers in GCIV Lecture Series

1/26 **UN Reform:** Dr. James Larry Taulbee, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University

2/2 **The U.S. and Iran:** John Kelly, former Ambassador to Lebanon and Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East

2/9 **Energy:** Jay Hakes, former Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, an independent arm of the U.S. Department of Energy. Currently Director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library

2/16 **Brazil:** Dr. David Bruce, Professor of International Business, J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University

2/23 **China and India:** Dr. John Garver, Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

3/2 **Human Rights in an Age of Terrorism:** Professor Johan van der Vyver, Professor of International Human Rights, Emory Law School

3/9 **Turkey:** Professor Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im, Professor of Law, Emory Law School. Responder: Dr. Katja Weber, Co-Director of the European Union Center and Associate Professor of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

3/16 **Pandemics and Security:** Dr. James Buehler, formerly Associate Director for Science at CDC's National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention; currently Research Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health and consultant to the Georgia Division of Public Health

Hosting

GCIV thanks its many members who hosted one or more international visitors by sharing a meal, sightseeing, or otherwise entertaining them in 2006.

Dan Alvero	Barry and Judy Kanne
Joe Beasley	Mohamed and Soumaya Khalifa
Darold Brooks	Joel Kollin
Don and Susan Bushey	Jennifer Kornder
Lorraine Carribean	Ron and Bethany Lane
David and Beverly Clyde	Robert and Pam Lattimore
Melissa Cook	Axel Leblois
Bob and Charlotte Czekala	Tom and Glenda McDugald
Carolee Dagenais	Dan Meyers
Toni Daya Leutgers	Deborah Najee-ullah
Jason and Sabrina DeJoannis	Magaret Pumper
Jim and Carol Dew	Patricia Rife
Henry Elonge	Sandra Robertson
Rene Esler	Victor Romero
Eric Nankervis	Missy Shields
Augustine Esogbue	Zeb and Tara Simpson
Bruno and Rebecca Francois	Dwight and Linda Stagner
John Gareeb	Bruce and Sharon Taylor
Laura Gilmore	Rob and Laura Templeton
Ricardo and Beatriz Golden-Hayes	Steve and Andrea Thomas
Otha Greer	Vicki Van Der Hoek & Allen Freedman
Jay and Anita Hakes	Maureen Walsh
Cindy Harding	Tobin and Mary Watt
Jim and Sue Heerin	Karen Wildau
Jenni Heerink	

"Your work leverages us in such an important way. When you open your homes, when you open your communities, when you open your hearts to visitors from around the world, you give your guests the chance to see America at our best, to see our warmth and our base of diversity . . . Not only do you help acquaint visitors with what is in American hearts and on our minds, you also help to educate members of our own communities about the hopes, fears, and dreams of your visitors. As citizen diplomats, you bring world issues home to the American people in the most direct way possible."

--Former Secretary of State Colin Powell

International Business Women's Network (IBWN)

2006 Chair: Kim Pace

- 2/7 Venue: Soleil Bistro
Guest Speaker: Josette Gauthier, Azion LCC
Program: *Organizational Culture Shift: Creating a Consulting Business for International Teams and Managers*
- 3/7 Venue: Macquarium
Guest Speaker: Melanie Babcock of Macquarium and Patricia Rife of the University of Maryland
Program: *21st Century Internet Marketing: Global Outreach via the Net*
- 4/4 Venue: Maggiano's Little Italy
Guest Speaker: Lya Sorano, The Oliver/Sorano Group
Program: *If Women Don't Support Women in the Workplace, Who Will?*
- 5/2 Venue: Portofino Bistro
Guest Speaker: Helen Arbon, Deputy Consul General of the United Kingdom
Program: *The Role of the Consulate in Modern Times*
- 6/6 Venue: Basil's Restaurant and Bar
Guest Speaker: Eleanor Craig, Craig's Closet
Program: *Organizing Your Desk, Organizing Your Life*
- 8/1 Venue: Maggiano's Little Italy
Guest Speaker: Eleanor Hooks
Program: *Giving Back to Your Community: Service on a Nonprofit Board*

International Dining Experiences

Monday, May 15

*Featuring Ghanaian Human Rights Delegation
Violette French Restaurant*

Tuesday, August 15

*Featuring Filipino Counterterrorism Delegation
Canton House*

International Consular Ball

A GLAMOROUS EVENING OF DINNER AND CELEBRATION



On Saturday, April 22, 2006, more than 400 leaders from Atlanta's international, cultural, civic, and business communities gathered in the elegant ballroom at the InterContinental Hotel in Buckhead to enjoy the annual black-tie affair that GCIV proudly sponsors each spring to honor the men and women serving as Consular representatives in Atlanta.

Guests of honor were 33 members of the Atlanta Consular Corps. Commissioner **Craig Lesser** of the Georgia Department of Economic Development presented a toast in honor of the Consular Corps. In response, The Honorable **Remedios Gomez Arnau**, Consul General of Mexico and Dean of the Consular Corps, thanked the Commissioner and GCIV for their effort in recognizing the work of the Consular Corps in Georgia.

Chris Young, Chief of Protocol for the State of Georgia, and **Shell Stuart**, GCIV's Executive Director, introduced members of the Consular Corps.

The International Citizen Diplomat Award was this year presented to **Mrs. Maria Teresa Andreu de Fraser**, Honorary Consul of Guatemala, for her dedicated and tireless efforts to fostering positive relationships for more than 41 years, making her the longest serving member of the Atlanta Consular Corps. His Excellency **Guillermo Castillo**, Ambassador of Guatemala to the United States, was also in attendance.





During the evening, guests enjoyed a special performance by **James Brandon**, renowned international magician, followed by a festive dinner and dancing until midnight. The emcee of the evening was international award-winning entrepreneur, **Dr. Felicia M. Suttle**, President of South African Tourism USA.

GCIV's one fund-raising event, the Ball featured a unique silent auction and raffle. Silent auction special items included delightful getaway stays in London, Paris, Tuscany and Curaçao. In addition, attendees enjoyed bidding on more than 100 gifts from around the world, including several donations by the Atlanta Consular Corps, ranging from trips, fine art, fine wines and even dinners at the Consuls' official residences. The raffle prize this year consisted of two Delta Air Lines round-trip business elite tickets to any international destination. Congratulations to **Walt Ehmer** for winning the exciting raffle prize!

Prior to the Consular Ball, Sponsors and Patrons were invited to an exclusive **Preview Evening Reception with the Atlanta Consular Corps** that took place on **March 31, 2006**, at the residence of the Honorary Consul General of Austria, **Mr. Ferdinand C. Seefried**.

2006 Ball Committee

*Co-Chairs: Rosemary Davidson and Denise McGuinness
GCIV Liaison: Emily Bushey*

Committee Members

Marika Barbalho
Francesca Cesa Bianchi
Gudrun Chapman
Lyn Coltman
Andrea Denny
Carol Dew
Chris Evans

Orysia Fisher
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Anne Leahy
Nolly Ladha
Josie Marto
Nina Medici

Margaret Michaelides
Elizabeth Munson
Jim Munson
Lea Nixon
Lucie Rivera O'Ferrall
Fay Selvage
Annie-York Trujillo

International Women Associates (IWA)

2005/2006 Chair: Sharon Taylor

- September 8 Venue: Hastings Garden Center
 Guest Speaker: Jim Dunham
 Program: *Native American History*
- October 13 Host: Nina Medici
 Guest Speaker: Jane Foster LaBan
 Program: *Where are Your Records?*
- November 10 Host: Themis Cramer
 Guest Speaker: Kay Summers
 Program: *Andrew Wyeth Exhibit, High Museum of Art*
- December 8 Host: Barbara Hoffman
 Guest Speaker: Silvana Cavallier
 Program: *Christmas Memories and Bazaar*
- January 12 Host: Lucie Rivera-O’Ferrall
 Guest Speaker: Derrick Kayongo
 Program: *CARE Projects around the World*
- February 9 Host: Jenny Cannon
 Guest Speaker: Sarah Hines Martin
 Program: *More than Petticoats: Remarkable Georgia Women*
- March 9 Host: Elizabeth Munson
 Guest Speaker: Mary Sapp
 Program: *Korean Flower Arranging*
- April 13 Host: Claudia Turner
 Guest Speaker: Sherry Lee
 Program: *The New Symphony Hall*
- May 11 Host: Anne Godsey
 Guest Speaker: Anne Godsey
 Program: *History of China Trade*

Internship Program

GCIV's Internship Program allows us to more effectively partner with local universities by offering practical experience to their students. Participants receive training in the field of international affairs and learn about issues affecting Atlanta and the world. In addition to assisting with the International Visitor Leadership Program, interns are given the chance to attend GCIV community programs, to further their exposure to Atlanta's international sector.



GCIV Interns in FY 2006

Georgia Institute of Technology

Meena Nabavi, International Affairs and Economics

Michelle Moon, International Affairs and Japanese

Georgia State University

Osama Khalifa, Journalism and Religious Studies



Lunch Forums



Friday, November 18

“Humanitarian Issues in Post-Colonial West Africa”

Featuring Mr. Raouf Mazou of the UN High Commission for Refugees

Thursday, July 6

“Women in Media – A Russian Perspective”

Featuring eight women Russian journalists: Natalya Barausova, Karelian Province; Tamara Ganyushkina, Saransk-Online; Yelena Karpukova, Ryazanochna; Alla Kotayeva, Regional News; Olga Bunevich; Yelena Izhendeyeva, Russian State Radio Broadcasting; Mariya Solovyeva, Kubanskiye Novosti Newspaper; and Roza Nagiyeva, State Television.

Tuesday August 22

“Journalism in the Middle East”

Featuring four Syrian journalists, including: Mr. Adnan Abdel Razak, Al-Iqtisad Wa Al-Naql Magazine; Mr. Huny Al Hamdan, Al-Mal Magazine; Mr. Ibrahim Jabin, Boukaat Daw Magazine; and Ms. Razan Toumani, Shabablek Magazine.

Thursday, September 21

“Civic Education in Bahrain”

Featuring six educators from the Ministry of Education in Bahrain, including: Dr. Abdulghani Ali Abdull, Mr. Othman Majed Al Majed, Mr. Abdulaziz Al Banna, Mrs. Wajeeha Radhi Al Faraikh, Mrs. Safeya Khalifa Al Shurooqi, and Mr. Ali Hasan Isa.



Professional Resources

GCIV thanks its many professional resources who met with one or more international visitors in 2006 for an exchange of ideas.

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Association of Certified Fraud Examiners	CNN International
Athens - Banner Herald	Cobb Microenterprise Center
Atlanta Alliance on Developmental Disabilities	Coca-Cola Company
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Atlanta Community Food Bank	Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia
Atlanta Daily World	Concerned Black Clergy
Atlanta Farmer's Market	Congressman Jim Marshall's District Office
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Atlanta Interfaith Disabilities Network	Dekalb Farmers Market
Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam	Delta Airlines
Atlanta Police Department	Druid Hills High School
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Atlanta University Center	Emory University
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 EQUIP
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 Commerce
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 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution
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 Georgia Ports Authority
 Georgia Power
 Georgia Public Broadcasting
 Georgia Public Service Commission
 Georgia Secretary of State Office
 Georgia State AFL-CIO
 Georgia State Elections Board
 Georgia State Senate
 Georgia State University
 Georgia Student Finance Commission
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Global Health Action
 GlobalEXECWomen
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 Disabilities
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 Discovery Center
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Below is a sampling of several planned trips for 2007.

<p>March 8 - 22</p> <p>CHILE & ARGENTINA</p> <p>Weaving together the Andes, Lakes District Crossings, and a stay at a working estancia in Argentina. Includes Santiago and Buenos Aires, and Iguazu Falls. Lectures by <u>Ambassador Marilyn McAfee</u>, embassy briefings, and a visit with a family included. \$4,995 for air & land from Miami.</p>	<p>March 15 - 25</p> <p>ARABIAN CRUISE</p> <p><u>Ambassador Mark Johnson</u> will be a guest lecturer aboard the <i>Silver Whisper</i> as you explore Arabia: a fascinating kaleidoscope of contrasts including the United Arab Emirates; Oman; Kish Island, Iran; and Bahrain. Special Council rates and \$250 on-board credit. From \$4,755.</p>	<p>April 10 - 18</p> <p>DALMATIAN COAST</p> <p>Embark the thirty cabin <i>Monet</i> in Venice. Sail to Ravenna, Split, Hvar, Korcula, and the World Heritage site of Dubrovnik. Local experts will join on board providing lectures on historical and contemporary issues. All meals and tours. Rates from \$3,595 plus airfare.</p>	<p>April 23 - 28</p> <p>INSIDE WASHINGTON</p> <p>Join our popular five-night program of briefings with "inside the beltway" experts. Recent speakers include: Flynt Leverett, Michael Ledeen; Senators Biden and Graham; Ambassadors; journalists, David Brooks and Hisham Melham. From \$1,995.</p>	<p>April 20 - May 1</p> <p>MOROCCO</p> <p>Explore this fascinating country, including a journey through the Atlas Mountains. From Casablanca, visit Rabat; Moulay Idriss, Meknes, Volubilis, Fes, and Marrakech. Several UNESCO World Heritage sites as well as special briefings. Deluxe accommodations. \$3,695 plus airfare.</p>
<p>May 13 - 21</p> <p>UMBRIAN HILL TOWNS</p> <p>Unpack once in our lovely hotel in central Assisi, just steps away from the Basilica of St. Francis. Lectures, a folk music evening, and all meals included during this seven-night program, which also visits Orvieto, Spoleto, Perugia. \$2,895 plus air.</p>	<p>June 7 - 17</p> <p>DANUBE RIVER & THE HAPSBURGS</p> <p>This eleven-day tour explores the "crown jewels" of Central Europe - lively Budapest, imperial Vienna, majestic Prague, and medieval Krakow. Deluxe four-night cruise, luxury train ride, and hotel accommodations. From \$3,295 plus air.</p>	<p>June 23 - July 3</p> <p>CHINA FAMILY TOUR</p> <p>Beijing, Xian, and Shanghai with activities appealing to all. Includes lunch with a Chinese family, school visits, Giant Pandas the opera, and all sightseeing of this ancient culture. \$3,690 under 17, \$2,990 plus air. Optional Yangtze River cruise.</p>	<p>July 30 - Aug. 12</p> <p>JOURNEY OF THE CZARS</p> <p>Our new river ship, <i>Glushkov</i>, upgrades this Council "favorite." Cruise between Moscow and St. Petersburg, exploring islands, vast lakes, and quaint rural Russia. Sightseeing, culture, and political briefings. From \$2,295 plus airfare.</p>	<p>Sept. 15 - 26</p> <p>SPAIN</p> <p>Discover the wonders of two distinct regions of Spain: Barcelona and coastal San Sebastian. Includes visits to the wine country, the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, and Pamplona. All first-class hotels, meals and lectures! \$2,795 plus airfare.</p>

Special Event in 2006 – Atlanta Behind the Scenes



On Wednesday, September 20, GCIV partnered with the City of Atlanta’s Advisory Committee on International Relations (ACIR) to organize the first ever *Atlanta Behind the Scenes*. This special event affords the Consular Corps the opportunity to experience VIP visits to outstanding Atlanta institutions while giving Mayor Shirley Franklin, the Atlanta City Council and ACIR the chance to honor members for their efforts in furthering international relations in Atlanta and the southeastern United States.

The day began with a VIP tour of the Georgia Aquarium. After viewing Atlanta’s newest attraction, Carey Executive Limousine of Atlanta provided transportation to Morehouse College, where the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs hosted a luncheon held at the beautiful new Leadership Building Conference Center. Mayor Shirley Franklin addressed the group, speaking about the Consular Corps’ importance in building bridges to the rest of the world. Afterwards she took questions on topics ranging from her recent trip to China to the Beltline.



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