

COUNCIL OVERVIEW

By the Numbers

CCWA continues to participate in numerous personal and professional exchange programs

KEY NUMBERS SINCE JULY 1, 2014

- 91** **Years of history** — CCWA has inspired engagement in world affairs since 1923
- 50** **Partner schools** took part in CCWA's educational programs during the year
- 1242** **Students and educators** engaged with the world at Model UN conferences
- 737** **Attendees** contributed to the global conversation in our speaker series
- 351** **Visitors** from 90 countries came through international exchanges

International Visitors Program

RECENT TOPICS HAVE INCLUDED:

- Green Technologies and Alternative Energies
- Public-Private Partnerships in STEM Education
- Grassroots Organization in U.S. Public Health
- Volunteerism in the United States
- Women's Rights and Countering Violence
- Law Enforcement and Community Policing
- Heritage Preservation and Museum Management
- Human Rights and Media Freedom
- The Role of U.S. Social Entrepreneurs

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT US
online at www.ccwa.org

Cleveland Council on
WORLD AFFAIRS

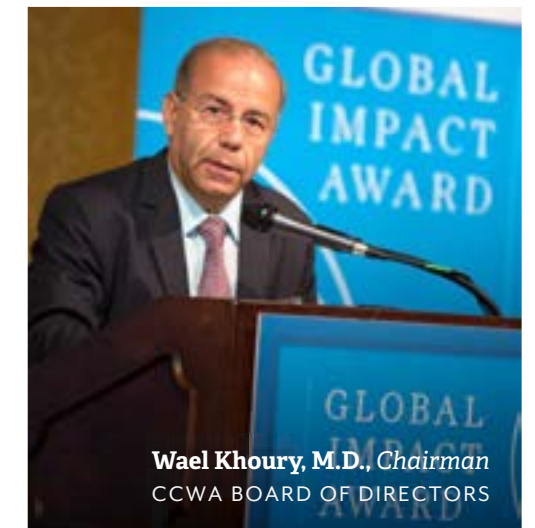


2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Council and you: diverse cultures, new connections, and engaged global citizens

DEAR MEMBERS, SUPPORTERS, AND FRIENDS,

What does CCWA mean to you? In this 2014-15 Annual Report, you will hear from our members and volunteers about what the Cleveland Council on World affairs means to them. To me, CCWA means a community of internationally aware and engaged citizens. Over 2,500 people engaged with CCWA this past year through our international visitor programs, speaker series and education programs.



Wael Khoury, M.D., Chairman
CCWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CCWA has also built a community of partners that we have collaborated with in the last year to create exciting programs, and partners who have helped fund the programs that we offer. This annual report highlights the programs that inspire our community to engage in international affairs, and celebrates the members and supporters that make our programs possible. To me, CCWA is the premier resource in our region for programs that invite participation in world affairs. I am proud to be a part of an organization that provides a space for engagement with and dialogue on international issues.

In the last year, our **speaker programs** invited the community to participate in conversation about global issues and policies as our expert speakers shared their perspectives on hot topics in world affairs, such as the

changes in U.S. relations with Cuba or the threat of ISIS in the Middle East. Our 2014 **Global Impact Award** event celebrated Strobe Talbott, President of the Brookings Institution, for his contributions to global awareness and understanding. The award honors the legacy of CCWA's past president, Brooks Emeny. CCWA's **Model United Nations** program encouraged over 1,200 middle school and high school students to discuss global challenges and to propose solutions to these international issues. Our **International Visitor Programs** brought the world to Cleveland: 351 visitors representing a wide range of professions from over 90 countries attended professional and leadership programs in our region and 483 local citizen diplomats and organizations hosted these visitors in their homes and workplaces. This engagement with the world is why CCWA is so special to me. >>

OUR BOARD

Special thanks to those who support and sustain the CCWA's efforts

DIRECTORS

Raj Aggarwal, Ph.D.	Michael Ellis	Barbara Hawkins	Deirdre M. Mageean	August A. Napoli, Jr.	Martin C. Schulz
Christopher Blake	Seda Ergun	John Hellman	Linda McHugh	Terry Nauck	Christopher Sedlock
J. Donald Cairns	George P. Farragher	Jennie Hwang, Ph.D.	Michael Meissner	Stephen J. Petras, Jr.	Fareed Siddiq
Mary Ann Conn-Brody	David Fleshler	Gary R. Johnson	Gerald Meyer	Richard W. Pogue	David Silk
Richard P. Eastburn	Samir D. Gautam	Wael Khoury, MD	H. Mik Miller	W. Doni Riddle	Dianne L. Smith
Howard B. Edelstein	Richard Greiner, Jr.	Rebecca K. Levine	Deborah E. Morin, Ph.D.	Michael Salkind	David Zimmer

HONORARY DIRECTORS

Amb. Charles F. Dunbar
Donald F. Hastings
Donald W. Morrison
Amb. John D. Ong
Henry Precht
George Sievila
Amb. William R. Timken, Jr.

CCWA STAFF

Heather M. Hodges
*President and Ambassador-in-Residence
R. Henry Norweb Chair*
Maura O'Donnell-McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer
Jenni Carney
Development and Membership Manager

Susan Haas
Development Assistant
Ryan Ouellette
Senior Program Officer, Int'l. Visitors
Katie Ferman
Program Assistant, Int'l. Visitors
Jane Myers
Youth Exchange Program Officer

Melanie Furey
Manager of Programming
Charles Polinko
Program Coordinator, Model UN
Susan Gundich
Office Manager
Doug Firman
Finance

2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT The Council and You

Cleveland Council on
WORLD AFFAIRS



So what does CCWA mean to you? I invite you to share your story with us – what makes you passionate about engaging in world affairs and in being a part of this local but globally-minded community?

It has been my honor to serve as the Chairman of the Board for the last three years. I have enjoyed working with the dynamic Board members, our committed staff and passionate volunteers. As my term as the Chairman

of the Board comes to an end, I would like to thank all of our partners, members, friends, volunteers, Board and staff for all that you have done for CCWA.

Sincerely,



Wael Khoury, M.D., Chairman
CCWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GLOBAL IMPACT AWARDS



Global Impact Award event recognizes Strobe Talbott

CCWA held its second Global Impact Award event on October 9, 2014. This year, we honored **Strobe Talbott**, former Deputy Secretary of State and President of the Brookings Institution. Mr. Talbott reflected on **America's Role in an Unsettled World** as he delivered

the Brooks Emery Distinguished Lecture to a sold-out crowd. The event recognizes an individual or organization whose actions have had positive impact in helping to create greater understanding and cooperation among people or countries around the world.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



CCWA Model United Nations program celebrates 70 years

Our first Model UN conference was held in March of 1945, while the world was still at war, and seven months before the actual United Nations charter was signed. This makes CCWA's Model UN program one of the oldest continuously running conferences in the entire world. The students celebrated this milestone anniversary with a birthday cake and a congratulatory note from the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, at our spring conference in March.

While much has changed in the past 70 years, students continue to debate current issues—in 1945, the hot topics were issues of a peace settlement in Europe. 70 years later the topics include women's access to education, cyber security and climate change.

During the 2014-15 school year, 1,242 students from 40 schools participated in CCWA's four Model UN conferences and trainings.



THE COUNCIL AND YOU

Aaron Kofsky

SENIOR AT ST. VINCENT ST. MARY HS

"CCWA's Model UN program has helped to broaden my perspective on global affairs and open my eyes to issues that I would have never learned about by myself."



THE COUNCIL AND YOU

Stacey Jennings

ADVISOR, BEREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

"The program has opened up a part in my students that I had never seen before. ... It challenges the students and makes them see how we are connected to the rest of the world."

A HIGHLIGHT FROM BAN KI-MOON'S LETTER TO THE CCWA MODEL UN



"Your conference marks a milestone ... Seventy years ago, the United Nations was born following the devastation of the Second World War. In the same year, the Cleveland Council gathered for its first Model UN conference to engage students with global issues. The Council recognized early on that our duties as citizens include the far-reaching responsibilities of global citizenship."

SUPPORTERS

The Council's Champions

CCWA owes many of its successes to the generosity of its donors and the tireless efforts of its volunteers

ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO DONATED MORE THAN \$250 IN THE LAST YEAR

Dr. and Mrs. Raj Aggarwal
Ameriprise Financial, Inc.
Baker & Hostetler, LLP
Cynthia Bassett
Christopher S. W. Blake
Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Bolton
Eleanor Boughner
Ann E. Boughner – Liu
Gabor S. Brachna
Dr. Glenn R. and Dr. Jeanette G. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald Cairns
Michael Canty
Tana and John Carney
Case Western Reserve University
Alvah Stone and Adele Corning
Chisholm Memorial Fund
CleanLife Energy LLC
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
The Cleveland Foundation
Cleveland State University
The George W. Codrington
Charitable Foundation
Thomas J. Collin
Faith E. Conger
Mary Ann Conn-Brody
and Dr. Robert Brody
Richard Day
David Delgado
Diligence Transportation LLC
Mrs. GeorgeDunn
Richard Eastburn and
Robin Krause-Eastburn
Sally K. Ebling
Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Edelstein
Philip Eichorn
Michael A. Ellis
Seda Ergun
Donald Esarove
George P. Farragher

Jose C. Feliciano, Sr.
David Fleshler and
Carla Tricarichi
Foreign Affairs Club at
John Carroll University
Forest City Enterprises
Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Mark Forquer
James H. Foster
Richard Friedell M.D.
Mary Wagley Galeti
and Russell Galeti
Mr. and Mrs. Samir Gautam
Birkett Gibson and
Gloria K. Ritter
Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Greiner, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gries
Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP
Robert L. Hartford Jr.
Harvard Business School Club
of Northeast Ohio
Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Hastings
Barbara R. Hawkins
John A. Hellman
Ambassador Heather Hodges
Peter W. Hoffman
William D. Hughes
Susan Hummer
Gary R. Johnson and
Brenda K. Ashley
William M. Jones
JPMorgan Chase Foundation
Henri Pell Junod, Jr.
Al Kanetsky
Kent State University Foundation
KeyBank Foundation
Dr. and Mrs. Wael Khoury
Michael A. Knall
Rebecca Kopp Levine
Kulas Foundation

Joseph LaMantia
Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Lampert
Emma S. Lincoln
and Cathy Lincoln
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Lynch
Alex Machaskee
Deirdre M. Mageean Ph.D.
Mr. and Mrs. Morton L. Mandel
Dr. and Mrs. Edward G. Mansour
Dr. Evelyn L. Maroon
Martha Holden Jennings Foundation
Charles O. McCarthy
Maura O'Donnell-McCarthy
and Neil McCarthy
Linda McHugh
Medical Mutual of Ohio
Michael Meissner and
Kathiann Kowalski
Lee J. Mersek
Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Meyer
H. Mik Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Moore
Dr. Deborah E. Morin and
Mr. Patrick J. Morin
Stephen and Amanda Morris
Anne B. Morrison, Ph.D
Donald W. Morrison
Mortar Net USA, Ltd.
Daniel Moulthrop
Beatrice B. Muller
Stephen E. Myers
August A. Napoli, Jr.
Terry Nauck and Cathie Scanlon
The Nord Family Foundation
Nordson Corporation Foundation
Henry & Martha Olendorff Fund
of the Cleveland Foundation
Peter R. Osenar
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Petras

Stephen J. Petras, Jr.
and Colleen Petras
Richard W. Pogue
Nancy Pratt Kantor
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Precht
Andrew Rajec
John N. Rampe and Elinore Evans
Clara A. Rankin
Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Ratner
W. Doni Riddle
Keith Ritz
William L.S. Ross
Michael Salkind and Carol Gill
Susan A. Sasvari
Martin C. Schulz
Thomas Seay
Christopher Sedlock
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Seikel
Sherwick Fund
The Sherwin-Williams Company
Dr. and Mrs. William Shorrock
Mr. and Mrs. Fareed Siddiq
Dr. Robert and Mrs. Dianne Smith
St. Edward High School
Helen F. and Louis Stolier
Family Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. William W. Taft
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Taylor
Joseph F. Tetlak
Renold D. Thompson, Jr.
UBS Financial Services, Inc.
University Hospitals Health System, Inc.
Jeffrey Van Wagner
Alan Sandor Varga
Jeffrey Weidenthal
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Weller
Margaret W. Wong & Associates Co., LPA
Mr. and Mrs. David O. Zimmer

ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORTED OUR VISITOR PROGRAMS & STUDENT EXCHANGES

American Civil Liberties Union
American Sickle Cell Anemia Assn.
Antioch Development Corporation
ArcelorMittal S.A.
Archbishop Hoban High School
Social Venture Partners
Bad Girl Ventures
Baldwin Wallace University
BioEnterprise Corporation

Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland
Breakthrough Charter Schools
Bridge Investment Fund L.P.
Business Volunteers Unlimited
Case Western Reserve University
Citizens League of Greater Cleveland
City of Cleveland
City of Shaker Heights
City of South Euclid

City Year Cleveland
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
The Cleveland Colectivo
Cleveland Hispanic Urban
Minority Alcoholism Drug Abuse
Outreach Program Inc.
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
Cleveland Metropolitan School District
The Cleveland Museum of Art

Cleveland Public Power
Cleveland Rape Crisis Center
Cleveland School of Science
and Medicine at John Hay H.S.
Cleveland State University
Cleveland-Cuyahoga County
Port Authority
Crowdentials
Cuyahoga Community College

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM & STUDENT EXCHANGE SUPPORTERS, CONTINUED

Cuyahoga County Board of Elections	Goldman Sachs	Lincoln Electric Co.	Shaker Heights High School
Cuyahoga County Board of Health	10,000 Small Businesses at Tri-C	Magnificat High School	Small Business Development Centers
Cuyahoga County Democratic Party	Gordon Square Arts District	MC2 STEM High School	Network of Ohio
Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court	Great Lakes Science Center	MedWish International	South Euclid Police Department
Cuyahoga County Public Library	Great Lakes Wind Network	Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream	St. Edward High School
Destination Cleveland	Greater Cleveland Food Bank	National Youth Sports Program at Case Western Reserve University	Surgical Theater, LLC
Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization	Greater Cleveland Partnership	Niagara Foundation	Swagelok Company
Distinguished Gentlemen of Spoken Word	Growth Capital Corp.	North Polk High School	Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM
Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center	Habitat for Humanity in Wayne County, Inc.	Northeast Ohio Trade & Economic Consortium	Team NEO
Economic & Community Development Institute	Hard Hatted Women	Notre Dame College of Ohio	The Telos Institute International Inc.
EcoWatch	Intelligent Mobile Support, Inc.	Norwalk High School	think[box] at Case Western Reserve University
EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute	Iowa Sister States	Ohio City Inc.	Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy
Federal Bureau of Investigation Cleveland Field Office	John Carroll University	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	The United States Attorney's Office of the Northern District of Ohio
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland	Judge4yourself.com	Open Doors Academy	U.S. Small Business Administration Cleveland District Office
Flashstarts, Inc.	JumpStart, Inc.	Peace In The Hood	University Hospitals Health System, Inc.
Fort Dodge High School	Kansas City International Visitors Council	The Plain Dealer	University of Akron
The FracTracker Alliance	Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation	PNC Bank	University School
The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland	LaunchHouse	Polaris Career Center	The Veale Foundation
The George Gund Foundation	Laurel School	Policy Matters Ohio	Western Reserve Partners LLC
Global Cardiovascular Innovation Center	League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area	quasar energy group, llc	WKYC-TV Channel 3
	LeanDog	Recovery Resources	Worthington Kilbourne High School
	Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	Redeemer Crisis Center	Youth Opportunities Unlimited
	LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland	Republican Party of Cuyahoga County	
		Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum	

CITIZEN DIPLOMATS IN OUR HOME STAY AND HOSPITALITY PROGRAM

The Abugroon-Babiker Family	Mercedes Hathcock	Sandra Morgan	Pat and John Shields
The Andelman-Nemeth Family	Fritz and Laurene Heintel	Lise Moulton	Caren Shiloh
Mary Baldwin	Bernie and Brad Hiros	Kevin Mulhall, Jr.	The Sickelka Family
The Ballantyne Family	Mary Hobson	Maura O'Donnell-McCarthy and Neil McCarthy	Judy Silliman
The Becking-Fuentes Family	Robbin Hudson	Kärstin Olofsson and Jonathan Goldman	Bob and Dianne Smith
Angela Blohm and Andrew Smith	Paulette and William Hughes	The Ospelt Family	The Smith Family
The Bonsey Family	Susie Hummer	The O'Toole Family	The Smith-Moore Family
Sharon and Andy Bramante	Jessica Ice	The Oyer Family	Linda Somers
The Carias Family	Chen and Michael Jacobson	Barb Palmer	The Sontag Family
The Carreon Family	Jan and Peter Jones	Don Permadi	The Spangler-Kayyali Family
A.J. Cianflocco and Mary Ann Garvey	Scott and Terry Kamenir	Sarah Piller	The Steele Family
Sarah Cohen	John and Dolores Kirn	The Polster Family	The Stepanik Family
Sue and Tony Dalesio	Brian and Elena K'Meyer	Lisa Rand	Julie Stephin
David Delgado and Linda Springer	The Koger Family	Rick and Elena Ray	Janet Stusek
Sean and Naomi Duffy	Miranda Lange	The Robson Family	Mark Tepsich
Jill Dunmire	The Leamon Family	The Rock Family	Myrna and Jerome Tubbs
The Eid Family	The Lee Family	Jeff and Beth Rockwood	Oya and Murat Tukul
Ucee and Ron Faenza	Lisa and Bill Lewins	Alice Roth	The Van Velzen Family
David and Irina Falberg	George Lupone and Debbie Hahn	Heather Rule	Andrea Villalon
The Farnan Family	The Martin Family	David and Laura Sangree	Keith Walters
The Forbes Family	The Maude Family	Susan Schaul	Darcy Warden
The Garg Family	Amanda McCoy	Ted Schvimer	The Waxman Family
Kathy and John Giordano	Ron and Catherine McCutcheon	The Sedor-Gantzner Family	Geraldine and Dale Weiser
The Gorey Family	Mike McGraw		Renee Whiteside
	Patrick and Holly Miltner		Susan and James Zubin

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE TALENTED AND DEDICATED 2014-2015 CCWA INTERNS

Madeline Adelman	Alina Graur	Alayna Klco	Marica Mannström	Jana Smutna
Hannah Baumwell	Sarah Jordan	Andrew Kovach	Jane Morris	Zac Tabler
Audrey Fratus	Alexa King	Andrea Lau		

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM & STUDENT EXCHANGE SUPPORTERS, CONTINUED

Cuyahoga County Board of Elections	Goldman Sachs	Lincoln Electric Co.	Shaker Heights High School
Cuyahoga County Board of Health	10,000 Small Businesses at Tri-C	Magnificat High School	Small Business Development Centers
Cuyahoga County Democratic Party	Gordon Square Arts District	MC2 STEM High School	Network of Ohio
Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court	Great Lakes Science Center	MedWish International	South Euclid Police Department
Cuyahoga County Public Library	Great Lakes Wind Network	Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream	St. Edward High School
Destination Cleveland	Greater Cleveland Food Bank	National Youth Sports Program at Case	Surgical Theater, LLC
Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization	Greater Cleveland Partnership	Western Reserve University	Swagelok Company
Distinguished Gentlemen of Spoken Word	Growth Capital Corp.	Niagara Foundation	Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM
Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center	Habitat for Humanity in Wayne County, Inc.	North Polk High School	Team NEO
Economic & Community Development Institute	Hard Hatted Women	Northeast Ohio Trade & Economic Consortium	The Telos Institute International Inc.
EcoWatch	Intelligent Mobile Support, Inc.	Notre Dame College of Ohio	think[box] at Case Western Reserve University
EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute	Iowa Sister States	Norwalk High School	Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy
Federal Bureau of Investigation Cleveland Field Office	John Carroll University	Ohio City Inc.	The United States Attorney's Office of the Northern District of Ohio
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland	Judge4yourself.com	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	U.S. Small Business Administration Cleveland District Office
Flashstarts, Inc.	JumpStart, Inc.	Open Doors Academy	University Hospitals Health System, Inc.
Fort Dodge High School	Kansas City International Visitors Council	Peace In The Hood	University of Akron
The FracTracker Alliance	Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation	The Plain Dealer	University School
The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland	LaunchHouse	PNC Bank	The Veale Foundation
The George Gund Foundation	Laurel School	Polaris Career Center	Western Reserve Partners LLC
Global Cardiovascular Innovation Center	League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area	Policy Matters Ohio	WKYC-TV Channel 3
	LeanDog	quasar energy group, llc	Worthington Kilbourne High School
	Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	Recovery Resources	Youth Opportunities Unlimited
	LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland	Redeemer Crisis Center	
		Republican Party of Cuyahoga County	
		Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum	

CITIZEN DIPLOMATS IN OUR HOME STAY AND HOSPITALITY PROGRAM

The Abugroon-Babiker Family	Mercedes Hathcock	Sandra Morgan	Pat and John Shields
The Andelman-Nemeth Family	Fritz and Laurene Heintel	Lise Moulton	Caren Shiloh
Mary Baldwin	Bernie and Brad Hiros	Kevin Mulhall, Jr.	The Sickelka Family
The Ballantyne Family	Mary Hobson	Maura O'Donnell-McCarthy and Neil McCarthy	Judy Silliman
The Becking-Fuentes Family	Robbin Hudson	Kärstin Olofsson and Jonathan Goldman	Bob and Dianne Smith
Angela Blohm and Andrew Smith	Paulette and William Hughes	The Ospelt Family	The Smith Family
The Bonsey Family	Susie Hummer	The O'Toole Family	The Smith-Moore Family
Sharon and Andy Bramante	Jessica Ice	The Oyer Family	Linda Somers
The Carias Family	Chen and Michael Jacobson	Barb Palmer	The Sontag Family
The Carreon Family	Jan and Peter Jones	Don Permadi	The Spangler-Kayyali Family
A.J. Cianflocco and Mary Ann Garvey	Scott and Terry Kamenir	Sarah Piller	The Steele Family
Sarah Cohen	John and Dolores Kirn	The Polster Family	The Stepanik Family
Sue and Tony Dalesio	Brian and Elena K'Meyer	Lisa Rand	Julie Stephin
David Delgado and Linda Springer	The Koger Family	Rick and Elena Ray	Janet Stusek
Sean and Naomi Duffy	Miranda Lange	The Robson Family	Mark Tepsich
Jill Dunmire	The Leamon Family	The Rock Family	Myrna and Jerome Tubbs
The Eid Family	The Lee Family	Jeff and Beth Rockwood	Oya and Murat Tukul
Ucee and Ron Faenza	Lisa and Bill Lewins	Alice Roth	The Van Velzen Family
David and Irina Falberg	George Lupone and Debbie Hahn	Heather Rule	Andrea Villalon
The Farnan Family	The Martin Family	David and Laura Sangree	Keith Walters
The Forbes Family	The Maude Family	Susan Schaul	Darcy Warden
The Garg Family	Amanda McCoy	Ted Schvimer	The Waxman Family
Kathy and John Giordano	Ron and Catherine McCutcheon	The Sedor-Gantzner Family	Geraldine and Dale Weiser
The Gorey Family	Mike McGraw		Renee Whiteside
	Patrick and Holly Miltner		Susan and James Zubin

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE TALENTED AND DEDICATED 2014-2015 CCWA INTERNS

Madeline Adelman	Alina Graur	Alayna Klco	Marica Mannström	Jana Smutna
Hannah Baumwell	Sarah Jordan	Andrew Kovach	Jane Morris	Zac Tabler
Audrey Fratus	Alexa King	Andrea Lau		



CCFR continues its legacy of engaging global conversations



THE COUNCIL AND YOU Bill Hughes

CCFR MEMBER SINCE 2013

"We really enjoy getting international information directly from knowledgeable people that is not filtered by the news media."



THE COUNCIL AND YOU Sally Ebling

LONGTIME CCWA EVENT ATTENDEE

"I got involved with CCWA decades ago through my work at Ohio State University. I really enjoy the international topics CCWA offers."

The Cleveland Committee on Foreign Relations provides a forum for deeper engagement and discussion over dinner with experts on current international topics. The 76th season of CCFR covered issues around the world focusing on Latin America, Yemen, India, North Korea, Russia, the Middle East and cyberspace.

During the 2014-15 season, CCFR welcomed 15 new members and introduced two new membership levels: CCFR now offers a new under-35 membership to younger members interested in global issues. CCWA also introduced its first academic membership when St. Edward High School joined CCWA. The students were able to hear first-hand accounts on current world issues from top experts and to interact with the speakers at CCFR events.

RECENT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TOPICS AND PRESENTERS

AMOS GUIORA

Geo-politics, the Middle East and Drones

TERENCE ROEHRIG

Understanding North Korea: Politics, Economics, and Nuclear Weapons

AMB. JOHN F. MAISTO

Not Your Father's Latin America

MICHAEL SCHARF

*Unauthorized Humanitarian Intervention:
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*

COLONEL MATEO MARTERMUCCI

Cyber Attack, Cyber Espionage, and Challenges of Effective U.S. Cyber Security

DR. THOMAS FEDYSZYN

Russian-American Relations: A Second Cold War?

BHARATH GOPALASWAMY

*The United States and India –
Two Democracies That Can Have an Impact on South Asia*

AMB. CHARLES F. DUNBAR

Awakening in Yemen: From Euphoria to Nightmare



Speaker Series brings foreign affairs topics to Cleveland

In the past year, CCWA's speaker series provided new perspectives and conversations on global topics to over 700 attendees, and increased overall attendance by 30%.

The series examined timely topics in seven programs. Our series kicked off with **Dr. James Zogby** discussing the threat of ISIS just as the U.S. was debating its response to the rebel group's atrocities in Syria. Equally timely was our program on the changes in Cuba by **Ted Piccone**, just weeks after President Obama's announcement of the historic shift in U.S. policy toward Cuba, and our program by **Peter Schechter** on U.S. Latin American relations immediately following the Summit of the Americas. The speaker series also took us on a journey through Africa with **Dan T. Moore**, Europe with German **Consul General Herbert Quelle**, the Middle East with **Ambassador Ted Kattouf**, and Afghanistan and Pakistan with **Ambassador Marc Grossman**.

In April, CCWA in collaboration with IBN-NEO hosted an international Business Breakfast Briefing on



THE COUNCIL AND YOU Jessica Ice

TRAVELER, SPEAKER SERIES REGULAR

"The Cleveland Council on World Affairs is a wonderful organization that connects local citizens to international activities and provides new perspectives on the world."

"What's Next for U.S. Business in Russia" to a full room of business professionals. The speakers were **Daniel A. Russell**, President and CEO of U.S.-Russia Business Council, **Vladimir Lechtman**, Partner-in-Charge of the Jones Day Moscow Office, and **Paul Znidar**, Director of Sales and Marketing at PMC Industries.

Last summer, we kicked off a world affairs program in collaboration with the City Club and the Happy Dog. These **Happy Dog Takes on the World** programs are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Happy Dog tavern in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood.

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

International visits change the world one handshake at a time



THE COUNCIL AND YOU
Linda McHugh
THE CLEVELAND CLINIC

"The Clinic participates in CCWA's international visitor programs because it offers the staff an opportunity to experience the world right here in Cleveland."



One handshake can change the world. It did just that for a local youth group **Distinguished Gentlemen of Spoken Word**. A CCWA international visitor group met with the Distinguished Gentlemen to learn about minority youth outreach. One of the visitors, **Balard Guy Daniel** from France, was so inspired by what he saw and learned, and moved by the performance of the group that he invited the Distinguished Gentlemen to perform in Paris, France.

The International Visitors Program opened the world to these urban boys who had never before traveled beyond

the borders of their own country. Every day, CCWA's citizen diplomats help make connections like this across borders, share ideas, break cultural stereotypes, and leave a lasting impact on someone's life. Just last year, our International Visitor Programs hosted over 300 visitors from 90 countries. The topics ranged from Regional Revitalization to Global Health and Women's Rights. 483 Local Citizen Diplomats opened their homes for dinner, hosted visitors overnight, and shared their professional expertise with the visitors.

CCWA AWARDS

Council receives national recognition for visitor programs



THE COUNCIL AND YOU
The Heintel Family

LORINNE EMERY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD HONOREES

"Our family has been enriched beyond words by the gracious and interesting international visitors we have hosted. We have been touched by people, now friends, from so many parts of the world and have been given insight we couldn't have received otherwise. This is a gift we have been happy to refer to our friends and co-workers locally."

The **Excellence in Programming Awards** are given in recognition of contributions to the U.S. Department of State's International Visitors Leadership Program, citizen diplomacy, and the field of international exchange, and for consistently exhibiting the creativity, commitment, diligence, flexibility, and professionalism that make international exchange a key tool in building a more peaceful, prosperous world. The 2015 Outstanding Programmer Award was awarded to CCWA's own **Ryan Ouellette**.

The **Heintel Family** has been involved with CCWA for several years as hosts, engaged participants in the speaker programs and as active recruiters for new citizen diplomats. This spring, they saw national recognition for their service when they received honorable mention for the **Lorinne Emery Volunteer of the Year Award** presented at the Global Ties National Conference.

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS



Global youth in Cleveland

During the 2014-15 school year, ten high school students from Kosovo spent a year living with their American host families, attending local high schools, and building their leadership skills in order to better serve their communities in Kosovo upon returning home. CCWA also hosted students from Mexico and Iraq. The Council thanks the host families, mentors, and the school partners that hosted students last year.



THE COUNCIL AND YOU
Bulza Krajcova

KOSOVO YOUTH EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT

"When I first came to America, I was astonished... So I promised myself that I will try my best to take this positive vibe with me when I go back to Kosovo. For the past months I have learned more than I could have ever imagined and that helped me to have a better perspective of my country."

CCWA TRAVEL

Opportunities for exploration with World Affairs Councils

CCWA's President and Ambassador-in-Residence **Heather Hodges** led a tour of Chile, Argentina, and Brazil in October 2014. She shared her experiences as an American diplomat, and arranged for high level meetings at the U.S. embassies. World Affairs Councils' unique tours to fascinating destinations provide access to political leaders and local experts who give behind the scenes views and briefings. Visit www.ccwa.org/programs/travel for information on an upcoming trip to Lima, Peru, and the Amazon in 2016 with Amb. Hodges.

