



## **GLOBAL AWARENESS!**

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Welcome back! I hope your semester is off to a great start.

Did you know learning another language could further your career? According to the New York Times: "Studies find bilingual skills could lead to a bigger paycheck: Knowing French and English in Quebec pays off, according to economic researchers at the University of Guelph. The Canadian study analyzed census data from 2001 and found that bilingual men in Quebec earned an average of 7% more than French-only speakers, while women's earnings jumped 8%." Here at MCC you can study German, French, Spanish, and Chinese. Contact MCC's Foreign Language Department at 777.0445 for details about increasing your earnings with languages.

Have a full schedule? Try the Rosetta Stone Language Learning programs in the LITC (Library and Information Technology Center). There are eight languages to explore - Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Italian, German, French and Spanish. According to The Guardian: "Job-seekers might have a leg up if they can boast of multilingualism. While English remains the dominant language worldwide, experts say that a grasp on other languages not only opens doors, but raises wage potential. Speakers are also more likely to be engaged in the culture behind the language, creating more meaningful connections with clients." You can contact the LITC at 777.0326 or visit their website for details.

Want to experience a different country? Check out the German Exchange Program May 6 –15, 2011 or visit Paris and Rome May 18-25, 2011 or the Travelogues to Turkey October 5 and India November 18. Want to build skills for the global economy? Try taking Introduction to International Business, Comparative Government, International Relations, World Regional Geography or a modern language to name just a few. Explore the activities during International Education Week, November 15-19, which include the International Student Panel, a movie, a Culinary Cultural Excursion and a Travelogue.

There is lots to see and do right here at MCC. See me or the International website <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/301.asp> for details.

*Kathy*



## UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



**Travelogue Turkey!** Tuesday October 5, 2010  
6:45 – 8:00pm in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100. Join Keith St. Clair as he presents an exciting travelogue of his adventures in Turkey. A reception with samples of cuisine from Turkey will be available. Mr. St. Clair is a tenured Political Science Instructor at Grand Rapids Community College. He has been teaching government and international relations there since 2002 and can be seen frequently on their cable channel 28.

He holds two degrees

from Illinois State University: a Master of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. While in graduate school,



Keith St. Clair

he interned in London working as a research assistant for a Member of the British Parliament. He has travelled extensively throughout the Middle East. He has lived in West Michigan since 1997

with his wife Alice. Mr. St. Clair serves on the board of the Michigan Conference of Political Scientists. He remains active in the World Affairs Council of West Michigan and has been a guest lecturer for the National Issues Forum at the Dirksen Congressional Center. Ethnic treats will be available at 6:45pm. The presentation begins at 7:00pm.



## ***New Activity!***

**Culinary Cultural Excursion (CCE)** – Interested in sampling ethnic foods in the West Michigan area? Then CCEs are for you. Join a group of adventurous culinary explorers and taste your way across the world.

The first CCE is Wednesday October 20, 6pm at El Tapatio restaurant located at 1026 West Laketon Ave, Muskegon (231) 759-7408. Meet at MCC's main entrance at 5:30 and we will carpool to the restaurant for a South of the Border treat. Watch your email for a reminder.



Consejo de Promoción Turística



**International Education Week** is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts here at MCC to promote programs that prepare you for a global environment. We encourage the participation of all students and faculty interested in our upcoming international education activities here at MCC:

### International Education Week Activities at MCC- November 15 -19.

Here are some ways you can bring the world closer! Don't miss out on these exciting events at MCC!

#### Monday – MCC's 10th Annual International Panel Discussion 6:45 – 8:00pm in the



Stevenson Center for Higher Education. Last year's event drew over 70 MCC students to listen to our international students from Vietnam, Indonesia, Gambia, Bosnia, Poland and Costa Rica share insights about their corner of the world. MCC's international students will be there again this year to exchange ideas. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and take notes. Plan to attend this lively discussion of cultures on a personal level.



**Tuesday – Movie “Das Wunder von Bern” The Miracle of Bern** 6:30 in the Blue and Gold room. An inspiring movie about the 1954 World Soccer Championship. The movie tells the tale of a young boy and his unemployed father who are brought together by West Germany's win over Hungary in the 1954 World Cup final.



#### Wednesday – Culinary Cultural Excursion (CCE). Palace of India 961

Fulton St., Grand Rapids (616) 913-9000. Watch your email for details. According to the Grand Rapids Press, the Palace of India is a welcome edition to the growing diversity of Grand Rapids restaurants. Palace of India - Where: 961 E. Fulton St. Hours: 3-10 p.m. daily; Dress code:

Casual to dress-casual. Ambience: Clean and humble, with large windows facing Fulton Street. Parking: On the street. Price range: \$9.95-\$15.95 for entrees. Credit cards: All major. Alcohol: No. Smoke-free: Yes.



**Thursday - Travelogue India!** 6:45 – 8:00pm in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100. Join Dr. Tom Donahue as he presents an exciting travelogue of his adventures in India. A reception with samples of cuisine from India will be available. In February of this year Dr. Tom Donahue participated in a "Mystical Tour of India" sponsored by the University of Michigan. Tom will lead you through northern India via pictures and music, including holy sites, temples, slums, cities, archeological sites, graves, holy

cities and places. He'll discuss aspects of India such as the 1.2 million Hindu gods and their

avatars, the influences of Moslems and Hindus on the history of India, the caste system, values, and social and economic developments, as well as language, approach to milestones such as birth rituals, coming of age, schooling, marriage, and death. Dr. Donahue has traveled extensively on six continents and worked for many years in Europe and Asia. Currently he teaches humanities and human development at MCC.

**Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange during International Education Week 2010**



### **Global Awareness Festival - February 7-11,**

**2011.** This year's festival will focus on Europe. There will be Photo Journeys to Italy, France & Germany in the Overbrook Gallery, The New Europe series of lectures and discussions on the EU and Under the Tuscan Sun at a Cooking School. Our key note speaker this year is Michael S. Soimar. Mr. Soimar was appointed president of L-3 Communications in Muskegon in 2005. He started his career as a faculty member of the Technical University of Bucharest

where, for several years, he taught Applied Thermodynamics and Propulsion Engineering. Mr. Soimar holds a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Technical University of Bucharest and has completed Ph.D. studies in the field of internal combustion engines.



### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS**



### **German Exchange Program (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)! Muskegon Community College students and faculty will travel to Stuttgart, Germany May 6 – 15, 2011.**

MCC will provide another opportunity for students and staff to participate in a bi-lateral exchange program with its sister college, Kaufmännisches Schule Stuttgart-Nord (KSN) in Stuttgart, Germany. This MCC/KSN bi-lateral exchange program has been building lasting friendships and offering insight into our perspective cultures and business practices for over 15 years. The exchange includes visits to

cultural and historical sites as well as local businesses such as Daimler, Porsche, and Ritter Sport. Each participant is hosted by a German student or faculty member of the Kaufmännisches Schule Stuttgart-Nord. Are you looking for an experience that will last a lifetime? Then sign up for the German Exchange Program! The deadline for application is December 19, 2010. For more information contact Kathy Tosa at 231-777- 0376 or [Katherine.Tosa@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:Katherine.Tosa@muskegoncc.edu)

## The Art of Rome, Florence and Paris



*(Le Salon Carré, en 1865, au Musée du Louvre  
by Giuseppe Castiglione)*

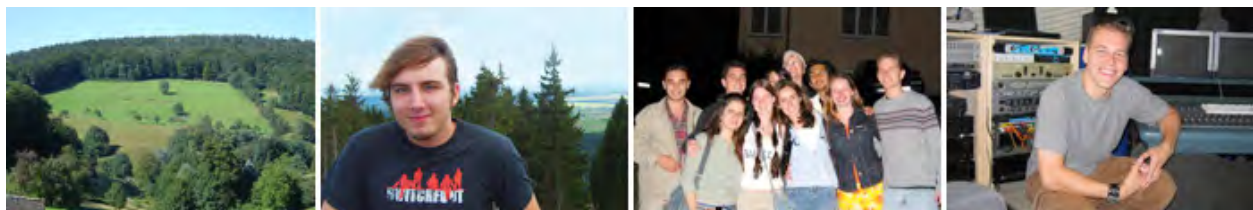
We are currently working with Montcalm Community College to offer a cultural trip to Europe next spring (May 18-25, 2011). You will be able to experience the renowned centers of Renaissance art and architecture in Italy and France, admire the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, enjoy an art-themed walking tour of Florence and explore the artwork at the Louvre.



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## Work Immersion Study Program Summer 2011 for Community College Students



The Baden-Württemberg Stipendium Work Immersion Study Program (WISP) is currently accepting applications from students enrolled at US community colleges, who are interested in spending next summer interning in Germany. WISP is a fully-funded fellowship that offers up to 10 participants (pending funding approval) the opportunity to live, study, and intern in Germany from June through August 2011. Participants receive one month of intensive German language training at the Carl Duisberg Centrum in Radolfzell, then complete a two-month internship in their career field with a German company in the state of Baden-Württemberg. WISP provides transatlantic airfare and program-related travel in Germany, a monthly stipend to cover cost of living, housing throughout the program, an internship placement in the participant's career field, and health insurance. Applicants to WISP 2011 must be enrolled in an associate degree program at the time of application, and must have completed at least one year of study toward that degree by the start of the program. Interested applicants can find out more information and apply online by visiting [www.WispGermany.org](http://www.WispGermany.org). Application deadline is December 1, 2010. For more information, please visit: <http://www.aatg.org/media/WISP.pdf>

## Mexico's Bicentenario De La Independencia



After the conquest of the Aztec Empire in 1521, by Hernán Cortes, the Mexican people came under Spanish rule. New Spanish settlers began to come and settle this new territory. So they founded what was The New Spain. The Spanish took over the administration of the new state as well as the distribution of land among the inhabitants. Various social classes were created. The Spanish were the ruling class, with access to top government posts, ecclesiastical and military and big business. The Creoles were a less privileged class, devoted mainly to trade. They were priests or officers or governmental officials of lower rank.

### **Conspiracy and the beginning of the fight**

Given that inequality arose, various groups tried to start a fight for better economic, social and political conditions in this Spanish colony. Thus, on September 16, 1810, the parish priest of Dolores, Guanajuato took in his hand the banner of the Virgin of Guadalupe and rang the bells calling the community to church. When there was a reasonable amount of people gathered, he summoned them to fight for their freedom and better living conditions. The priest, Miguel Hidalgo, is known as the founding father.

### **Transition and News**

In 2010 Mexico will celebrate 200 years of independence (1810) from the Spanish Crown and 100 years since the Revolution of 1910 that toppled dictator Porfirio Diaz. The official countdown for the two Centennials began on September 16th of this year. The Bicentennial of Mexican Independence, will be celebrated on September 16<sup>th</sup> and the Centennial of The Mexican Revolution on November 20th. This past spring President Felipe Calderón laid the cornerstone for El Arco del Bicentenario (Bicentennial Arch) on the Paseo de la Reforma (Mexico's equivalent of Les Champs Élysées) that will commemorate two hundred years of Independence. To celebrate the first 100 years of Mexican Independence, Porfirio Diaz in 1910 inaugurated the Column de la Independencia (better know as the Angel de la Independencia) on the same avenue. Viva México!

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## 2010 Calendar of Events

### October

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### November

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**Tuesday, November 16** – *Movie "Das Wunder von Bern" The Miracle of Bern* at 6:30 in Blue and Gold

**Wednesday, November 17** – *Culinary Cultural Excursion (CCE)* – 6:00pm at Palace of India, 961 Fulton St., Grand Rapids (616) 913-9000.

**Thursday, November 18** - *Travelogue India with Dr. Tom Donahue*, 6:45 – 8:00pm in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100.



***We welcome your input!*** Do you have a unique international insight? Have you traveled abroad this summer? Do you celebrate your cultural background with special events? The International Newsletter is looking for your contribution. Please send a short article with or without pictures explaining your unique view of the world to [Tom.Schurino@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:Tom.Schurino@muskegoncc.edu) .