



Re-Scheduled Picnic & More!

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August

RESCHEDULED: International Potluck



FALL INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

SEPT. 27

12-2PM

Sunset Park

850 McKee St, State College, PA

FREE



Join us for another international potluck!

Bring yourself and a dish to share!

Does my dish need to be international?

No, foods from around the globe (including the U.S.) are welcome!

We will provide paper products, cutlery, some drinks, and extra entrees to share!

Email wzfl1@psu.edu with any questions

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Date: September 27

Time: 12-2PM

FREE

Location: Sunset Park - 850 McKee St, State College, PA

Additional food provided will be from The Koop and Chew Chew Bun!

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Re-Cap Kazakhstan Cultural Event



On May 23, Global Connections hosted a Kazakhstan-themed cultural event which featured several main dishes, desserts, and beverages. A team of 10 cooks, who are also visiting Scholars, prepared the food. Each year, a new cohort of scholars visit Penn State with sponsorship from the government of Kazakhstan.

After the dinner, one of the scholars gave a presentation on their country, its cuisine and culture. Then all of the Kazakhs serenaded the attendees with a song. The event was held in the State College Friends Meeting House, which graciously allowed GC to use its kitchen and social room. 65 people attended the meal, which resulted in a contribution to the GC coffers of \$416. We in Global Connections are happy that this year we have been able to revive one of the most popular traditional activities – formerly known as “cultural luncheons” - and we look forward to hosting more cultural events in the future.

Membership Meeting Upcoming



2026 Annual General Body Meeting

THANK YOU TO OUR CURRENT EXEC TEAM

Bob Persiko, President

Ciara Halloran, Vice President

Bruce Truitt, Treasurer

Alexandra Persiko, Secretary

Rose Sharp, Public Relations

Jordan Durst, Cultural Events Coordinator

Deb Lee, Small Groups Chair

It's almost time for our annual membership meeting!

Save the Date!

Tentative Date: November 12, 2026
Time: 7:00PM

Agenda and list of positions eligible for election coming.

Volunteer Needed: Vice President

Global Connections is eager to find someone who would be willing to stand for election in November to serve as vice president in 2027.

Organizations need leaders to bring new perspectives and energy to managing their affairs. Our bylaws were written in such a way to encourage this kind of dynamism, but the paucity of volunteers has made it necessary to retain our president for several terms. Sooner or later, this pattern will have to change. We seek a smooth transition rather than an abrupt one, which is why we need to lay the groundwork for the organization's evolution. Please consider this as an opportunity to keep Global Connections thriving.

If you or someone you know is interested, please email gc-cc.org to schedule a brief meeting to discuss the role.

CENTRAL PA UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

We hope to see you at the benefit in Centre County hosted by Sister's Sister.

There will be authentic Ukrainian food, prepared by members of our local Ukrainian community. On the menu are varenyky (Ukrainian dumplings stuffed with potatoes or sweet cheese); nalysnyky (Ukrainian crepes with meat, cheese or jam fillings); and borscht (a special Ukrainian beet soup with meat and vegetables, as well as a vegetarian option), a dish that was inducted into the UNESCO cultural heritage list in 2022. Do not miss this unique opportunity to experience the ancient Ukrainian cultural heritage right here, in the heart of Pennsylvania!

Admission, workshops and parking are free. Donations are welcome. Food will be available for a suggested donation amount. All proceeds will go to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine via our local charitable organization, Sister's Sister. The funds will be used to procure inverters with batteries to help our sister-city of Nizhyn, Ukraine, overcome continuous electricity blackouts, as well as for medical supplies and equipment.

There is more information about the program on our website:
SistersSister.org

[Click Here to Visit SistersSister.org](http://SistersSister.org)

Schlow & Community Diversity Group

ESL Discussion Circle

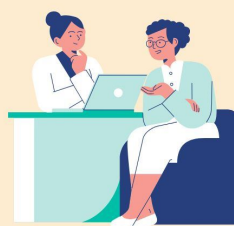
Practice common scenarios at this informal discussion circle. Talk about books, videos, current events, hobbies, or anything else that interests you. Learn about the many resources that the library offers!

Where: Schlow Library Sun Room (next to the stairs)

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday 6:30-7:30PM



COMMUNITY
DIVERSITY
GROUP



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Global Connections Resources:

Global Connections Discussion Group

The GC discussion group meets every Wednesday at 11:00 via Zoom to share cultural values and perspectives on a variety of topics. Once a month the group meets in person at a restaurant for social interaction and enjoying a meal.

Please reach out to gc.gc-cc.org to receive the zoom link!

Check out our last lunch together from Mosul Grille below (I got distracted by the food and forgot to take pictures of the lovely people who attended)!

New Resource! Citizenship Test

Our very own Bruce Truitt has created a random question generator from the list of study questions used for the U.S. Citizenship Test. Feel free to share this resource with anyone who may benefit!

Click on the link below to download the information sheet and gain access to the question generator:

Community & English Resources



[Click here](#) to download the most recent version of our Language, Health, and Community Resources for the State College area.

This document provides comprehensive information in many different languages about institutions, organizations, communications, and resources of interest to international and immigrant citizens in such areas as English language learning, health insurance for children, nutrition assistance for women, infants, and children, and so much more. It will undoubtedly help you or someone you know.

Note: Just opening the document online will not activate all hyperlinks. It must be downloaded and then opened. If you get a pop-up message about updating links, click <No>.

"What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"

- George Eliot

Upcoming In Town:

Manny's Live Performance Space

Manny's is downtown State College's hub for live music and creativity. From concerts featuring international artists to community events highlighting local talent, Manny's is designed for those who value creativity, connection, and meaningful hospitality.

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The Joyfull: Hispanic Heritage Month Edition

6:00 pm Monday,
September 14

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