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IRC-MONROVIA

The Information Resource Center (IRC) offers information resources, organizes regular weekly events, and is the hub for coordinating outreach programs, especially the American Corner program. The IRC is open to the public Monday to Thursday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm; photo ID is required for entry.

IRC NEWS

IRC Hosts CET Summer Students



U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Officer Dehab Ghebream speaking to the visiting summer vacation students

IRC-Monrovia hosted nearly 60 children who visited the IRC on Thursday, July 9 as part of summer vacation activities organized by Calvary Empowerment Team. Public Affairs Officer Dehab Ghebream introduced the various educational and cultural services to the children. The IRC Librarian Rita Pshorr drilled them through fundamentals of a library, and the IRC Computer Management Assistant Jerry Gardiner did practical with them on how to do research using computers. Information and fact sheets were distributed to them.

IRC Independence Month Children's Hour



The children painting U.S and Liberian flags

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www.educationusa.state.gov

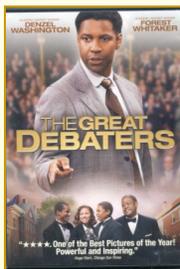
COMING UP IN AUGUST 2012

IRC Observes Month of Back to School & Ramadan

IRC-Monrovia will observe two themes in August: Back to School, and Ramadan, with the following events:



Movie Series: Thursday, August 2: (5:00 - 7:00 pm, IRC - 1112)



"The Great Debaters" features a superb cast of rising young actors. The movie is inspired by a true story where Washington shines as a brilliant but politically radical debate coach who uses power of words to transform a group of underdog African American college students into an historical powerhouse that took on the Harvard elite. It is open to the general public. Present photo ID for admittance.

Ramadan Roundmat Discussion: Tuesday, August 14:

(5:30 - 8:30 pm, Multi Purpose Room - 1105)
About 40 Muslim youth will gather to discuss the topic: **How Liberian Muslim Youth Can Strengthen Liberia**. This is an annual IRC Ramadan initiative aimed at reaching out to Muslims and engaging them in constructive discussions. Attendance by invitation.

Children's Hour: Thursday, August 16:

(4:30 - 6:00 pm, Multi Purpose Room - 1105)
Outgoing U.S. Embassy Monrovia Public Affairs Officer Dehab Ghebream will share her experiences from her early school days with the children and bid them farewell. Parents/guardians are requested to register their children who wish to attend the program. Registration forms for the event will be available at both Embassy entrances on Benson and Gibson streets.



Dehab Ghebream,
Public Affairs Officer,
U.S. Embassy-Monrovia

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ARTICLES ALERT

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GOVERNMENT

First Lady Michelle Obama Hosts “Let’s Move! London”

Source: whitehouse.gov



First Lady Michelle Obama joined 2,000 American military children and American and British students at *Let’s Move! London*, an event held to spread the spirit of the Olympic Games in London. The First Lady is leading the U.S. Delegation to the Summer Games and

Let’s Move! London was designed to turn the inspiration of the Olympic and Paralympic Games into action by encouraging kids to get moving. “That’s what Let’s Move is all about. It’s about helping kids like you live happier, healthier lives,” Mrs. Obama told the crowd gathered at the U.S. Ambassador’s Residence in London. “And that’s really why we brought you all here today... because we want you to see that there are all kinds of ways that you can stay active and have fun doing it. You don’t have to be an Olympian. You don’t have to join a team. But there are so many ways that you can have fun and keep yourselves moving.”

ECONOMY

Embracing Africa’s Market Potential — Johnnie Carson

Source: state.gov



“Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to address the committee on what I feel is an important and timely topic. The U.S. Government is committed to expanding trade and investment in sub-Saharan Africa and the numbers show our commitment. U.S. trade to and from Africa has grown significantly in the past ten years. U.S. exports to sub-Saharan Africa tripled from just under \$7 billion U.S. dollars in 2001 to over \$21 billion dollars in 2011. As Secretary of State Hilary Clinton said at the annual AGOA Forum two weeks ago, ‘twelve years ago, the United States passed the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act because we believed that the countries of Africa had tremendous untapped economic potential that could and should be developed.’”

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Religious freedom is a core human rights protected in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Notwithstanding our efforts, we see an increase in religious repression and violence in many parts of the world, in particular against religious minorities. Governments can exacerbate religious tensions through fomenting violence, allowing impunity for attacks against religious minorities, inaction toward threats and challenges, restrictive religious legislation, biased court judgments, and police enforcement targeting certain religious groups. Source: iipdigital.state.gov

SCIENCE

To Have More Women Scientists, Get Them While They’re Young

Source: iipdigital.state.gov



To encourage more women to pursue careers in science, engage them while they’re young, says molecular biologist Lydia Villa-Komaroff. “When girls do science as kids, they can maintain interest,” she says. Villa-Komaroff fell in love with science in high school, when she attended a National Science Foundation Summer Science Training Program at Texas College in Tyler, Texas. She went on to earn a doctorate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — only the third Mexican-American woman to do so. Today, Villa-Komaroff is the chief scientific officer at a company whose machinery will sort cells and purify them so they won’t be rejected by the body’s immune system, as is often the case in bone marrow transplants.

HIV/AIDS

Clinton Points Way to AIDS-Free Generation



Delegates to the XIX International AIDS Conference greeted Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton with cheers and applause July 23 as she outlined the U.S. goal to achieve an AIDS-free generation in the near future, and she pledged an ongoing U.S. commitment to sustain funding for global programs to prevent the spread of HIV, to treat infected persons and to assist their families. “We will not back off, we will not back down,” Clinton declared to a chorus of whistles and hoots. “We will fight for the resources necessary to achieve this historic milestone.” Clinton first raised the call for achieving an AIDS-free generation in November 2011 in a speech at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), one of the world’s foremost research organizations, which is developing the scientific understanding to make an AIDS-free goal possible. Since that time, Clinton said, all U.S. government health agencies have been working at an increased pace to reach the goal domestically and internationally. HIV — human immunodeficiency virus — will not be completely absent in an AIDS-free generation, but, Clinton said, it will be so controlled by medications and so contained by prevention methods.



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