



## Welcome Center To Serve As Hub For Internationals

The newly formed Welcome Center for Immigrants and Internationals will serve as a clearing house for information and services available to new arrivals to Southwestern Pennsylvania and those already living in the region.

The mission of the [Welcome Center](#) is to help people from other countries settle in or relocate here so they can contribute to the economic vitality of the region, according to Andy Pugh, executive director.

“Our goal was to fill gaps in the network of services that already exists for immigrants and internationals, and to directly create a bridge to existing services to the foreign-born community,” Pugh said.

The Welcome Center grew out of programs to assist refugees and immigrants at the [Jewish Family & Children’s Service](#), which provides a variety of non-sectarian resettlement services, legal advice, and job search assistance.

“JF&CS has been in the business of refugee services for over 60 years,” said Linda Ehrenreich, President of the Welcome Center and Associate Executive Director of JF&CS. “But over the last couple of years we’ve been inundated with requests for information, and the decision was made to spin off another non-profit to focus solely on helping immigrants and internationals.”

Funded through donations, grants and foundation support, the Welcome Center will start out with a small staff working initially in the offices of the JF&CS, and will rely heavily on volunteers to provide multilingual and culturally sensitive services to internationals, Pugh said.

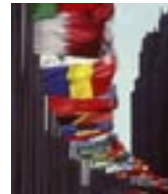
“Our goal is not to replace the excellent programs that already exist, but rather to tie them all together and make sure that immigrants and internationals are aware of everything that’s available to them.” he said.

By working to attract and retain foreign-born populations, the Welcome Center wants to bring to the Pittsburgh region the economic benefits that many other cities are already enjoying such as increased tax revenues, a larger, more diverse workforce, and increased demand for goods and services, Pugh said.

Ehrenreich cited statistics indicating that Pittsburgh adds about 2,500 foreign-born residents every year - much less than cities of similar size.

For more information about the Welcome Center, or to volunteer, call 1-866-774-2201 or go to [www.wcii.org](http://www.wcii.org).

## This Month In GlobalPittsburgh:



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Competition Draws  
Global Packed House

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## Packed House Celebrates International Diversity At WorldQuest

Hundreds of members of Pittsburgh's international community – from students to CEOs – gathered for the second annual WorldQuest game on Oct. 5 at the [Rivers Club](#).

The event, which attracted nearly twice as many teams as last year's version, fulfilled promises of fun, networking and good-natured competition in a game of current affairs, people in the news, flags, geography, and GlobalPittsburgh trivia. This year's moderator was WTAE-TV news anchor Sally Wiggin.

The event was sponsored by the [World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh](#) in cooperation with the [Allegheny Conference on Community Development / PRA](#) and the International Business Center at Pitt's Katz Graduate School of Business.

Winning for the second year in a row was the team called the Circumnavigators (pictured below), comprised of Jean-Pierre Collet, Gail Shrott, Winnie Liu, Martha Ortiz and Jesarela Ravelo.

The second place team was one of two Russian groups representing the [Pittsburgh Council for International Visitors](#). Five of the team members – Armen Burnusuzyan, Svetlana Federova, Andrey Karpov, Vladimir Pleshkov, and Vera Ustyantseva – were in Pittsburgh participating in an eight-day exchange sponsored by the Open World Leadership Center of the Library of Congress. Hal Smith, a PCIV intern attending the University of Pittsburgh, served as translator.

Two lucky WorldQuest participants won travel vouchers from KLM/Northwest Airlines. Other prizes were donated by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, Pittsburgh Irish Classical Theater, Starbucks, and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Players also won gifts such as wine, 30-day memberships to the Rivers Club, mantel clocks and other items.



## Exhibit Spotlights Success And Beauty Of African American Women

An exhibition called *Women Of A New Tribe, A Photographic Celebration of the African American Woman* will be on view through Dec. 10 at 209/9th Street in Pittsburgh. Admission is free.

This traveling exhibition of black & white photography by artist Jerry Taliaferro not only celebrates the spiritual and physical beauty of African American women, but showcases their contributions to the community at large.

Featured alongside selected images from Taliaferro's core exhibit are new portraits of African American women living in the Greater Pittsburgh community, commissioned by the [African American Cultural Center of Greater Pittsburgh](#).

These portraits represent a community of remarkable African American women who have sustained the creative legacy of the African American community of Western Pennsylvania between the early 1970s through the end of the 20th Century.

Gallery hours are Wed-Fri-Sat, Noon – 5 p.m.; Thurs., Noon – 7 p.m.

The African American Cultural Center also will host the 48th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair presentation: Fit to be Fabulous on Tues. Oct. 25 at the Byham Theater. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 412-456-6666 or 412-621-5505, or go to [www.africanaculture.org](http://www.africanaculture.org).



## Brother's Brother Foundation Responds To World, Domestic Crises

Brother's Brother Foundation, a Pittsburgh-based relief organization, is working with groups in Pakistan and Afghanistan will respond to requests for assistance following the earthquake in South and Central Asia.

BBF, in collaboration with the [Sri Venkateswara Temple](#) in Pittsburgh, will respond to those in need in India, and made a shipment of requested medicines to Pakistan in cooperation with Pakistan Airlines and the [Muslim Community Center](#) in Monroeville.

Four containers of requested medical supplies and pharmaceuticals have been sent to El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua, all countries affected by recent floods, landslides and volcanic eruptions.

While responding to these international disasters, BBF also has committed more than \$3.1 million in pharmaceuticals, and eight truckloads of shoes, clothing, cleaning and hygiene kits to hurricane-damaged areas of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

For more information, go to [www.brothersbrother.org](http://www.brothersbrother.org).

## North Korea's Role In World To Be Discussed At Roundtable Session

A roundtable discussion on North Korea's role in the world community will be held on Wed., Nov. 16 from 6-8 p.m. at the University of Pittsburgh's Alumni Hall, Room 532.

Presented by the Asian Studies Center at Pitt, the session will focus on the factors that have created this daunting diplomatic challenge and what policy choices exist to respond to it.

Panelists include **Bruce Cumings**, Professor of History at the University of Chicago and author of "Decoupled from History: North Korea in the 'Axis of Evil'"; **David C. Kang**, Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth University and Research Director at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business Administration, and author of "Nuclear Weapons vs. Economic Reforms: Are We Focused on the Right Issue?"; **Chae-jin Lee**, BankAmerica Professor of Pacific Basin Studies, Professor of Government, and Director of the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies at Claremont-McKenna College, and author of "The Changing Relations between North Korea and South Korea"; and **William W. Keller**, Wesley W. Posvar Chair in Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, and Director of the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies at Pitt. Moderator is **Evelyn Rawski**, Professor of History at Pitt, and Research Professor in the University Center for International Studies.

The program is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, and University Honors College, the School of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh.

The Roundtable is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested. To register, send your name, affiliation, mailing address and email address to Katherine Carlitz at [kcarlitz@ucis.pitt.edu](mailto:kcarlitz@ucis.pitt.edu). For more information, call the Asian Studies Center at 412-648-7371 or go to [www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/news/northkorea.html](http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/news/northkorea.html).

## La Roche Sponsoring Conference On Global Millenium Solutions

La Roche College will sponsor a two-day conference October 28-29 addressing critical issues that affect people across the globe.

Titled "[Global Problems, Global Solutions: Leadership and Action for Today and Tomorrow](#)," the conference features keynote speaker Salil Shetty, director of the UN Millennium Goals Campaign.

For information or to register for the conference, go to [www.laroche.edu](http://www.laroche.edu) and click on the *Global Problems* link, or call 412-536-1070.

## Pittsburgh Urged To Embrace Immigrants By CEO Of Citizens Bank Parent Company

The head of Citizens Financial Group, parent company of Pittsburgh-based [Citizens Bank](#), encouraged the region's leaders to do more to encourage immigrants to settle in this area.

In a speech to the Allegheny Conference's Regional Investors Council Luncheon, which was summarized in a column in the Sept. 25 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Citizens Chairman, President and CEO Larry Fish, said that Pittsburgh "has missed out on this dominant demographic trend in population in America over the last 20 years."

Fish pointed out the positive economic and social benefits that a large influx of immigrants has had on the Boston area, where he lives.

"Every year, 1.4 million immigrants are allowed into this country legally," he said. "Minneapolis, Boston, and New York figured out how to do it. Obviously, California and Arizona did it. Somehow Pittsburgh didn't get that. I don't see any reason why Pittsburgh can't get aboard."

Fish also recommended streamlining government and taking a more positive attitude as additional ways to spark economic development in the Pittsburgh region.

To read Fish's Post-Gazette column, go to [www.post-gazette.com/pg/05268/576993.stm](http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/05268/576993.stm).

## Mitsubishi Electric Celebrates 20 Years In U.S.

Warrendale-based Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. celebrates its 20th anniversary in the United States this month.

The company began operations in Pittsburgh in 1986 with nine employees. Today it is the largest Japanese-owned company in Allegheny County, with three buildings on Keystone Drive in Warrendale and leases two other area facilities.

It currently employs 400 people, and a recent expansion of its headquarters and factory brings Mitsubishi Electric's investment in the region to more than \$20 million.

### Welcome to **GlobalPittsburghNEWS**

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## PICT Announces 2006 Season And Gala To Mark First Decade

Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theatre – which has grown into the city's fourth largest theater, with an annual budget of more than \$1 million – celebrates its first decade with a season of *DECADence*, a term that sums up the varied and voluptuous styles of the year's selections.

The season will include three classic Irish comedies, a pair of exciting Pittsburgh premieres, and a special centenary celebration of the works of Samuel Beckett. The 2006 season runs May-September with a special family friendly December production in time for the holidays.

Canadian actor Simon Bradbury has signed on for three roles.

The new schedule includes *The School for Scandal* by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, *Far Away* by Caryl Churchill, *Boston Marriage* by David Mamet, Beckett's *Endgame*, and *The Shaughraun (The Vagabond)* by Dion Boucicault. The *Beckett-Fest* will run from Aug. 25-Sept. 11, 2006. For full schedule and ticket information, call ProArts Tickets at 412-394-3353 or go to [www.picttheatre.org](http://www.picttheatre.org).

PICT kicks off the festivities with a gala celebration at the Andy Warhol Museum on Nov. 17 featuring food and drink, the music of Olga Watkins and her Soul Kitchen Band, photo and video retrospectives of the company's first nine years and a sneak preview of the 2006 10th anniversary season featuring PICT stars past and present.

Gala tickets are \$125. Proceeds benefit PICT programs on stage and in the community. For a Gala invitation, call 412-561-6000.

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