You are invited to the
Crossroads International
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2008
5:30—8:00 PM
Kelley Engineering Bldg., Room 1001
OSU Campus

Salad Supper Potluck
Business Meeting
Preview Film

Take this opportunity to join the Crossroads Board and members for a fun evening. We are meeting in the modern new Kelley Engineering Building located just north of Milam Hall where parking is available in the OSU lot after 5 PM. Please bring a salad to share.

After enjoying the potluck dishes, electing officers and approving a budget, we will be previewing the French film *The Butterfly*, a possible choice for our 2009 international film festival fundraiser.

**THE BUTTERFLY**

Young Elsa befriends Julien and sneakily joins him on a trip to the Alps to find a rare butterfly specimen. During this getaway, their touching intergenerational bond deepens.

Beautifully acted by France's famous Michel Serrault and a well-chosen cast, with dazzling alpine scenery, this is a model of concise, appealing storytelling that intelligent filmgoers will take to heart and mind.

*80 minutes in French with English subtitles*
Times Are A-Changin’

The other day my Mom sent me some old 45s (remember those?), and my 7 year old and our 15 year old babysitter (“Morgan”) were there to watch me open the box. Morgan picked up the record and said “I’ve seen these. What are they called?” My daughter asked “Is that some kind of CD?” Morgan told her “I think it’s called vinyl. My music teacher uses these, and she’s, like, 80 years old!”

I laughed and told them these were not SO old, but did have to remind myself that these two girls were born into the age of CDs and I-pods! I am wishing the record was “The Times They Are A-Changin’” by Bob Dylan. But then I wouldn’t be able to play it anyway - we have no turntable.

The times indeed are a-changin’, and Crossroads keeps striving to re-define our needs, our programs, and to keep current. We try new ways of bringing people together (Worldview, Film Festival, spring potluck at “The Pillar” rather than the park), and re-evaluate programs that have been long-established at this point - such as the Conversation School and its location. Each of these brings challenges, some obvious and others opaque, and it’s my hope that our continued outreach to new members will generate more ideas, strategies and energy.

One new tactic I’m experimenting with, based upon the recommendation and assistance of a former student (a computer science major), is an online database or network, where C.I. members can go to see who is awaiting a program partner or connection. This networking site is akin to a “Facebook for grown-ups”, and once a C.I. member is invited, they can log-in regularly to see where our greatest needs are. Currently I have listed two home stay requests, for example, that have already come in for fall. As requests continue to arrive over the summer I will post those, and members can check for students from the region of the world that interest them most or who is arriving on dates that work for them. I hope to also post Friendship Host requests and Conversant requests soon. Perhaps this will allow us to continue the Conversation Partner program in the future, rather than only offering groups.

This online system will not show students’ personal information. Matching will still be done by volunteers. Interested C.I. members will contact program coordinators for information on being matched with an international student or scholar, and the coordinator will make introductions. Our hope is that this allows people to self-select, and perhaps even consider hosting or conversing when they had not before.

Change doesn’t have to be painful, and certainly no system, new or well-worn, is perfect. In my mind it behooves us to consider each program we have and how we can adapt it to our changing world. I welcome your comments about the Crossroads online system (once you receive an invitation via email and try it out), the conversation program and the Conversation School for Women and its location. We have a great many years of “institutional memory” to draw from, but also some creative new ideas that just may help as we continue in our mission to foster “world friendships” here in our community.

Thanks to each of you for your support and for making our community a welcoming place.

Dawn Moyer, Executive Director
Year In Review

Conversation Groups

This year Crossroads tried out a new Conversation Group program. Forty international students, scholars or family members participated. We were also privileged to have 14 volunteers to facilitate English conversation in the small groups. Those who attended enjoyed learning new words, laughing, working on tongue twisters, understanding U.S. customs better, and, most importantly, getting to know people and making new friends.

To help accommodate a variety of schedules, the Conversation Groups met on Tuesdays from 4-5 pm and Fridays from 1-2 pm at the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center on the corner of Ninth and Monroe Street. Participants were welcome to come one day or both.

Attendance dropped off as the year went on, but I believe it is worthwhile to continue to work to develop a meaningful program to facilitate conversation practice for our international friends who desire it most.

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who spent time with our international friends. These volunteers included:

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Thank you also to Dee Curwen of the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center for opening the Center for our groups. Last of all, thank you Crossroads for allowing me to be part of this experiment. - Jayme Harris, Chair

Editor’s note:
Jayme Harris is heading to Amman, Jordan in August where she will be teaching at a women’s center. This Center was established three years go with five women, and now about 42 women come for classes in English, computer skills, and aerobic exercise. The center also has a work-out room for the women and a clothing closet to help families in need. The majority of the women who come are Muslim and a good many of them are Iraqi refugees. As the attendees’ skills improve, they will be able to get jobs that pay a living wage and better care for their families.

Good luck and keep safe, Jayme.

Taste of the World Potluck

A fine sunny day and a new venue brought out fifty folks to Crossroads spring party. Delicious potluck dishes and teas from Thailand and Nepal were most appreciated by the attendees. Kudos to the organizers of this event, Cheryl Black, Jayme Harris, Charlotte Ross and Samantha Sied. And many thanks to the students who demonstrated martial arts, played guitar, and performed Mexican folk dances.

Dishes from India, Mexico, Japan, Thailand, Russia and the USA (among other places) were enjoyed by all.

Virginia Raffaele from Argentina plays guitar while attendees dine.

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Crossroads Conversation School

It’s hard to believe that my first year as Director with Crossroads Conversation School is coming to an end. I have had a wonderful time getting to know and learning from the teachers, the students and about the many different cultures that they represent. This year we had students from Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Japan, Columbia, China, Sri Lanka, Thailand, South Korea, Bolivia, Malaysia, Libya, Iran, Palestine, Brazil and Chile. It has been a great year and I want to thank everyone who helped make the 22nd year of operation at Crossroads Conversation School yet another success.

First of all, I would like to thank the group of amazing volunteer teachers. This year the teachers were Bobbie Beck, Elaine Bennett, Barb Boudreaux, Jo Jarvi, Sharon Kavanagh, Joan Rodgers, Mitzi Schad, Pat Schmaltz, and Pat Wallace. Crossroads Conversation School would not function without them, and all the time and effort that they put into their work does not go unrecognized. Others who have helped by testing, substituting, working on our quarterly student publication, and planning parties are Heidi Hadlett, Dian Nafis, and Nancy William. We were also very lucky to have Jacki Rodgers and Christi Toretto working for CCS. They not only provided excellent childcare but also planned wonderful activities for our children.

I also want to thank Hillary Egna, and the Collaborative Research Support Program for their support of our school, and of course, Crossroads International for all the work that they do in order to continue to fund CCS.

It is with great regret that we will say goodbye to Deacon Peggy Bernhard. She will be retiring in June and will be greatly missed. Deacon Bernhard, as well as the entire staff at the Church of the Good Samaritan, have gone out of their way to make my first year a very pleasant learning experience. As always, their support and generosity in providing a home for Crossroads Conversation School is very much appreciated.

This year CCS participated in many exciting activities. We visited a wonderful carousel display at the Corvallis Art Center. Some of the classes visited the OSU sheep barns. The entire group attended an organ presentation, and was able to listen to some beautiful classical music.

Dr. Ayesha Nagra, from the OSU Counseling & Psychological Services Office, came to the school to do a very informative workshop on “Culture Shock/Re-entry Shock. As one of our highlights, we also attended a lovely coffee at the home of Beth Ray, wife of the OSU President. This was a wonderful time for our students to meet Mrs. Ray and gave them an opportunity to visit and get to know students from other classes.

It’s been a great year and it has been very gratifying to work for a program that strives to provide such wonderful services for the international community.  

Amy Davila Klautzsch, Director

Friendship Hosts

With the hope of diminishing some of the confusion between the home stay program and the friendship program, the name “Friendship Homes” was changed to “Friendship Hosts” this year. The distinction between the two programs has previously been unclear to both international visitors and community volunteers.

For some reason student requests were down this year as only five students applied for a Host as opposed to ten last year. A number of previous matches continued from prior years, and as always, some friendship hosts evolved from home-stay matches.

Thank you to Jodi, John and Kira Altendorf, Marilyn and Art Bervin, David and Cecilia Gore, Elaine and Terry Kelley, Kathy Kopczynski, Kristy and Rich Lindvall, Katherine and Dave Otis, Carol Savonen and Kirk Schroeder and Lori and Cari Stephens for volunteering to be hosts this year.

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Friendship Hosts continued
Apologies to others not on the list who have continued as friendship hosts without reporting this information. Please contact the office if you are continuing to host, so your details will be passed on to our new Friendship Host chair (and we don’t keep contacting you). Also, 3 Day Home Stay Hosts the international visitor you hosted (and thus become their Friendship Host).

I am optimistic that next year will be a strong year for Friendship Hosts because of new ideas Crossroads is exploring related to getting information about our programs out to international visitors as well as community volunteers. We will also have a new chair with fresh ideas!

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