Happy spring to all! We are in full swing here at WorldMontanaSM and once again the year is flying by! I am very pleased that we have received over 80 international delegates already this year, wow! The way the remainder of the year is shaping up, it should be one for the record books.

Last year we celebrated our 25th year in Montana and launched the first-ever summit on citizen diplomacy that was held June 19-20, 2012 in Helena. It was a great success! We will be planning the next summit for the end of September in Bozeman. Details will be posted on our website in the coming weeks. This year, we are kicking off another new event. Diplomats on Tap will be happening for the first time on April 24 in Bozeman. This event will be an opportunity to allow Montanans to expand their knowledge of international issues. Quarterly, we hope to gather internationally-minded individuals to take part in a discussion about global issues, many of which affect us in some way. The next Diplomats on Tap will occur at the end of July.

One of our biggest adjustments in 2012 was the changing of our name to WorldMontana: Center for Diplomacy & Leadership from Montana Center for International Visitors. This change came about from the desire to expand the scope of our organization. While WorldMontanaSM will maintain its focus on education and exchanges, its portfolio is expanding to include leadership development. WorldMontana’s refreshed mission is to further the cause of citizen diplomacy thru global exchanges, community engagement and leadership development.

I encourage everyone to check out our website, if you haven’t already at WorldMontana.org. We’ll be posting information about upcoming events, fundraisers, visitors and of course the community summit. If you haven’t done so yet this year, I encourage you to renew your membership online via PayPal if you wish to use a credit or debit card.

With the help of each Montanan . . . we truly are changing the image of the US around the world, one person, one friend at a time.

Cheers!

Megan McGlothlen
Executive Director
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