

QCAIR

Quad Cities Alliance for Immigrants & Refugees

OPEN HOUSE

On February 20th, QCAIR held an open to the public event. Inviting the community to come see our new offices on the second floor of the East Wing of the Center in Davenport, IA.

In addition to refreshments, scholarship students made poster boards about their home countries: Alif Umari, Indonesia; Meghann Hall, South Africa; Shaimaa Nassr, Egypt and **Farieda Vannasirikul, Thailand;** **Hooria Tariq, Pakistan;** pictured below.

Pictured above to the right is Alif Umari, a YES scholarship student placed by Iowa Resource for International Service, based in Ames IA; who in addition to a poster board also gave a presentation.



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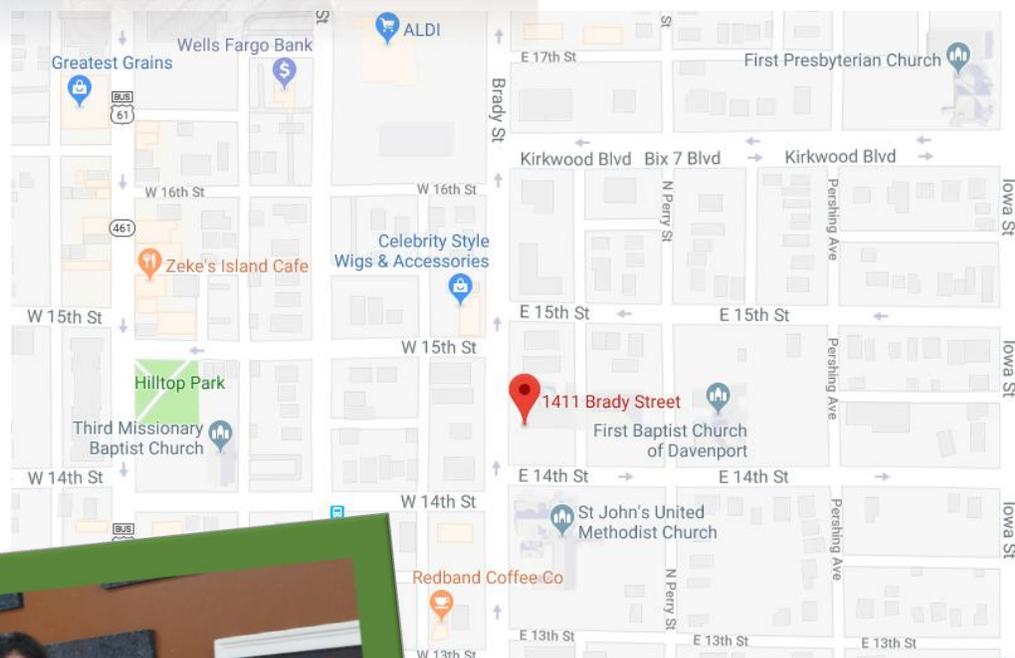
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Come Visit Us!



Now Located:

The Center (East Wing)
1411 Brady St. Davenport, IA
52803



LOOKING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Do you want to make a difference in your community? In the lives of Immigrants and Refugees in the Quad Cities Area?

Contact any of our current board members! Or send an email to: qcair@qcair.org with what you can bring to the position, and if you happen to be an immigrant/ refugee yourself!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Board Members:

Isaac Carr

Marsha Jones

George Barajas

Frederic Bitwayiki

Nana Ouro-Agoro

Grant Curtis, President

Larry Brown, Treasurer



Meet Our Board!

Susan Leuthauser
&
Dale Haake



I was born and raised in Hong Kong, and became a naturalized US citizen in Oct 1981. I live in Bettendorf with my husband, Rick; we have 2 daughters.

I came to the United States in 1970, and attended University of Wisconsin in La Crosse. I graduated with a BS in 1974 with a double major in Chemistry and Biology, and a minor in Mathematics. I moved to Iowa and attending U of Iowa, and completed the MS program in the Department of Chemistry. After that I transferred to the UI Medical College, Department of Radiology, joined the Radiation Biology Laboratory, and received a PhD from the U of Iowa in 1979.

In 1996, I was hired by Alcoa Davenport Works to be the Industrial Hygienist in the Environmental, Health and Safety Department. I oversaw the occupational health programs at the Davenport and other facilities in the business unit.

After 20 years at Alcoa, I retired at the end of 2016. Currently, I volunteer at the Putnam Museum, I'm a member of the Quad City Chinese Association, Progressive Action for the Common Good and the World Affairs Council. In addition to national professional organizations, I'm also a member of the Union of Concerned Scientists.

I have been practicing law as an attorney in the Illinois Quad Cities for 39 years (excepting a 7 month hiatus when I worked in Brussels, Belgium). I am fluent in French and have an excellent working knowledge of Spanish. When I married Maria Concepción Lucas-Murillo in 1981, she became my first immigration client. Over the years I have handled numerous immigration cases including a political asylum case. While I generally now restrict my immigration cases to family unity, I have advised many other clients in other immigration matters.

The bulk of my practice is in bankruptcy and commercial litigation. I bring a wide general knowledge of American law, trial work and courtroom procedure.

Personally I have always been a favorite of the underdog; persons who need help and oftentimes have no one to turn to in a foreign land, foreign culture, foreign language. As an example, I received a statewide pro bono award in 1988, was on the board of directors of Prairie State Legal Services for many years and have been a volunteer attorney for many years for Prairie State Legal Services and for HELP Legal Aid in Davenport.

I was the Quad Cities region Poet Laureate from 2008 – 2010 and have won several poetry

QCAIR is proud to have Susan and Dale as members of our board, and we hope you have the opportunity to meet them at one of our upcoming events!

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Held on March 1st at the Rogalski Center, this event was a collaborative event. It featured a fashion show, cultural education auction! Completely free to the public, it promoted diversity and cultural awareness. QCAIR is proud to have been involved in bringing consciousness to this successful event and wonderful community members!



SUCCESSFUL EVENTS

SOCIAL CONVERSATION

The first event of many (on March 5th) was a success, with fourteen people in attendance over the course of the two hour period.

We thank everyone who took time out of their day to come and make connections.

The most memorable, came when one of the Center's own Re-FL3X dance members recognized his childhood ESL teacher (Esther Smith, one of QCAIR's long-time volunteers)!



Don't miss out; drop by!

Every Monday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the Center, QCAIR will host this community event! Any questions/ concerns please reach out to Emerald Johnson: emj288@gmail.com

Thanks to our Donors!

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Thank you to everyone who took the time to donate to QCAIR!

We greatly appreciate your support and hope to find more programs like this in the future to keep us going!

New Administrative Assistant

Thanks to your donations, QCAIR was able to hire an administrative assistant who will be at the Center office Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

With this change, we look forward to carrying on the good we have done for the community and hope you will continue to support our doing so!

QCAIR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that works to serve the immigrant and refugee communities in the Quad City area. Our mission is to build a community among immigrants, refugees, and citizens of the Quad Cities. We connect people to services and communities in the area and partner with other organizations to identify needs and find solutions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Social Conversations Every Monday @ 4 – 6p.m.**

Free to Everyone!

The Center, East Wing (1411 Brady St. Davenport, IA 52803)

- **Birdies for Charity Kick Off. April 9th @ 11 a.m.**

Free to all participating charities

John Deere HQ



- **Minority Health Conference. April 21st @ 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Free Registration! (Opens @ 9:30 a.m.)

Central High School, Davenport

- **Immigration & Citizenship Workshop May 5th @ 10 – 2pm**

FREE & No Registration Required

Moline Public Library

- **Tony Melendez (Bilingual Concert) May 12th @ 6:30 p.m.**

Tickets: \$10 at the door

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport

- **Mercado on Fifth! Every Friday @ 5 – 9p.m.**

June 1 – Oct. 26 (Food Trucks, Vendors)

5th Ave & 12th St. Moline, IL



- **QC Big Table. April 20th & 21st**

QCAIR hosting a private table!

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