DIALOGUE ON DIVERSITY
Twenty Three Years of Service to America’s Diverse Communities

CALENDAR FOR 2015 PROGRAM CYCLE

January 28 (Wednesday), 2015  INTERNET DATA PRIVACY COLLOQUIUM

Debate on the Essence of Privacy, Locking Barn Doors, and other Fables of Our Time

March 25 (Wednesday), 2015  FORUM: TOPICS IN PUBLIC POLICY

Women’s History Month
Scaling Barricades and Scaling the Heights – The Multifarious Virtues of Women

May 20 (Wednesday), 2015  HEALTH CARE SYMPOSIUM/FAIR AND RECEPTION

Is this Sci-Fi or is this Modern Medicine? – The Stealthy, Wondrous Advances of IT

September 16 (Wednesday), 2015  ENTREPRENEURSHIP/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Those Boats – When Will the Tide Come In?

October 21 (Wednesday), 2015  DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS/IMMIGRATION COLLOQUIUM

The Underside of a Polite Society – Can the Scars be Effaced?

December 12 (Saturday, 11:00 a.m.) 2015  HOLIDAY FAIR AND CHILDREN’S GIFT COLLECTION

The Year the Holidays Stop Being a Humbug – Come Along for the Ride

DIALOGUE ON DIVERSITY has once more scheduled a varied series of programs through the course of the year ahead – the year 2015, which begins in just eight weeks. The themes that the Dialogue has dwelt on attentively during the years of the 2000s come in again for updating, and, as always, for their creative, fresh, and always due emphasis. They are again addressed especially to the women of the American national population and to the country’s growing Latino and other minority ethnic communities.

The cycle gets underway in late January with the program focusing on the special privacy concerns that have been spawned by the historically quite sudden advent of the internet and other instrumentalities of information technology, and with the recent attention to the extensive information collection practices of worldwide Governmental entities (not to mention the equally pervasive, if less coercive, collection campaigns of private sector commercial entities). The privacy program marks the internationally observed Data Privacy Day, January 28th – a date about which a variety of significant privacy programs around the country and the globe have gravitated. Policy matters again figure in several programs through the succeeding months.

The Public Policy Forum in March, each year designed in observance of Women’s History Month, deals this year with women’s lot in the economic whirl; with the status of women in other parts of the world, some of these remarkably inhospitable to the fair aspirations of girls and women; and with education and the particular prospects for women in science, engineering, and mathematics. Here the spotlight falls on the crucial role of early-childhood education programs, the construction of high speed internet availability for all nooks, crannies, and classes of the population, and the installation of a pervasive IT facility in the health care realm.

Further policy programs exploring specialized aspects of our social concerns are the Health Care Symposium and the Colloquium on Domestic Violence Awareness and Immigration. Finally, the economic interests of our diverse national population, a microcosm of which is our own Dialogue on Diversity family, are taken up in the oldest of the Dialogue’s series of programs, the late summer Entrepreneurship - Information Technology Conference. In all these the Dialogue seeks to air serious discussion of the social and policy tasks that its programs have identified.