



## Boulder Council for International Visitors

Boulder Council for International Visitors (BCIV) has been hosting international visitors in Boulder since 1962 and is the official host for international visitors for the City of Boulder.

BCIV is an entirely volunteer organization. The members are part of a nationwide network engaged in the important work of promoting mutual understanding and respect between the people of the United States and those of other countries. BCIV members have been described as "citizen diplomats."

BCIV is a member of Global Ties headquartered in Washington, D.C. In addition to BCIV, more than 100 local Councils for International Visitors around the U.S. are engaged in hosting international visitors. Global Ties works closely with the State Department which administers the International Visitor Program.



## Join us in Building International Bridges!

You can support BCIV with a yearly membership or with in-kind donations to host visitors.

### Membership Information:

Boulder Council for International Visitors  
www.bxiv.org  
email: boulderglobalxiv@gmail.com  
mail checks to  
BCIV, 4865 Lee Circle, Boulder, CO 80303

### **Membership Dues:**

Individual \$20; Family \$25;  
Corporate \$50.

Dues cover the period of January -January of each year.

Additional donations are tax deductible.

## The International Visitor Program (Short Term Visitor Program)

The International Visitors Program has been in existence for more than 40 years. Short term international visitors are selected by American embassies and consulates overseas and other senior government officials for this State Department program. Those selected are young, emerging leaders from around the world. Every year about 5,000 international visitors are invited for a planned tour of the United States. These visitors are from as many as 150 different countries. More than **205 alumni of the program have gone on to become heads of state** years later including F.W. de Klerk of South Africa, Indira Gandhi of India, Margaret Thatcher of Great Britain, Nicholas Sarkozy of France, four prime ministers of Australia, nine prime ministers of South Korea, seven prime ministers of New Zealand to highlight a few of the 205. About 900 others became deputies and ministers.

Each year BCIV hosts many of these short term visitors, some that have become heads of state. Some come to Boulder alone, but most visit in groups of three to six or more. If they do not speak English, an interpreter travels with them. Our members make hotel reservations, set up professional appointments, and often arrange a potluck dinner for the visitor(s). This "home hospitality" once called a "Lucky-Pot Dinner" by an Iranian lady visitor in 2016, is often the highlight of the visitor's stay in Boulder. Many BCIV members say these dinners are their favorite part of BC IV's work because they get to meet such interesting and influential people.

## The Long Term Visitor Program

Many long term international visitors are posted to governmental agencies or to the University of Colorado in Boulder; others are on temporary assignment with local businesses; still others are international students who are working for advanced degrees. Many bring their families because their assignment can last up to a year or more.

BCIV has a program to involve these long term visitors in our organization and community. BCIV volunteers and interested community members organize potluck dinners and programs for international visitors. These informal programs are designed to be entertaining and informative. Some examples of programs are: Sisters Cities Program, Boulder Mountain Parks, Climate Change, bicycling across Asia, to name a few.

The BCIV November potluck dinner is a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner; and in December, BCIV hosts a holiday party potluck with a visit from Santa and entertainment by the Fairview High School "Madriral Singers": 35 years in a row and counting.

These events provide international visitors an opportunity to get to know our BCIV members and vice versa. As a result, members sometimes choose to invite visitors to their homes. Such cross-cultural contact is the heart and soul BCIV.



## Be a Citizen Diplomat. Join BCIV!

BCIV is an all volunteer organization and always welcomes new members! If you are interested, please see the membership information below.

As a member, you will be able to meet interesting international visitors as well as people in the community who share your interest in getting to know people from all over the world. You will also join the thousands of volunteers all over the country who want to do what they can to build mutual understanding in the world, person by person.

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*"If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers,  
it shows he is a citizen of the world,  
and that his heart is no island  
cut off from other lands,  
but a continent that joins them."*

Francis Bacon, 1561-1626

