



## CITIZENS MUST BECOME DIPLOMATS IN 2018!

### Are You Concerned We Aren't Getting Accurate Information Regarding Russia?

Participate in CCI's unique delegation of America citizens who will travel to Russia **May 5 – 20, 2018** to hold scores of discussions with Russian experts and citizens in a dozen cities throughout Russia. We will delve into both countries' reasons and concerns regarding why the U.S.-Russia relationship has deteriorated again — and what it will take to rebuild it at this late date, if possible. After coalescing information from various sources in St.Petersburg, we will formalize recommendations for elected officials in Washington and in our local states and cities.

### THE FOLLOWING IS GREATLY NEEDED AS YEAR 2018 GETS UNDERWAY

1. Americans in growing numbers need to travel to Russia to examine the accuracy of our mainstream media, to check different points of view across Russia, to hear Russians' ideas on US-Russia relations and most importantly make our own analyses regarding how the U.S. and Russia can survive together on our endangered planet.
2. Russian citizens and public figures need to travel to American cities to share and gather ideas regarding how to redirect this difficult relationship.
3. Both sides need to halt Cold War II demonizations and unproven negative narratives which feed fears in both countries.
4. Both sides need to be prepared to understand the others' legitimate needs and to negotiate the differences.

### TRIP ITINERARY:

**MOSCOW:** We will meet with Moscow experts, journalists, those who support Putin, those who don't, Duma members, alternative media, financial professionals, NGO leaders, CCI-trained business entrepreneurs, students, and last but not least: Russia's top TV Icon Vladimir Pozner and former President Mikhail Gorbachev, if his health permits. The afternoon of arrival we will take the Moscow Metro to Red Square and St. Basils Cathedral in the center of the city — and will dine in the shadow of the ancient Kremlin wall.

**REGIONAL CITIES:** Travelers will split into groups to visit numerous Russian cities. They will have meetings with counterpart professionals, local officials, journalists, Rotary clubs, business owners, educators, university students and secondary schools. Interpreters will be provided. We hope to arrange home visits for all delegates in the regional cities.

**ST. PETERSBURG:** First after sharing multiple city experiences, we will hold a closed mass data dump in this final city. Perspectives, insights and differences will be aired. Next St. Petersburg citizens will share their political positions in a large group meeting. Then travelers will get an overview of Russia's historic Tsarist sites. We will take a canal trip during White Nights. Ballet, opera, palace tours and museum tickets will be available for those who wish to visit them.

We expect this trip will uncover numerous ways in which U.S.-Russian relations can be understood and shifted. During the 1980's CCI developed citizen diplomacy "from scratch" which turned into major CCI program activities in the 1990's and 2000's — these programs destroyed impenetrable walls and fears between Russians and Americans during those years and up into the 2000s. *If it happened once, it can happen again!*

**The Future is Too Important to Leave up to Journalists and Officials with No Personal Experience in Russia.**

OPTIONAL REPORT-OUT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. — September of 2018

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