

NEWSLETTER ... April 2009

# Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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Did you know? Persons with strong emotional ties are four times better at resisting illness.

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“I will pay more for the ability to deal with people than I will pay for any other ability under the sun.”

--- John D. Rockefeller

## NEXT IVC MEETING THURSDAY, April 2 , 2009

11:00 – 12:30

Ann Lacy Bldg.

Oklahoma City University  
Corner of N.W. 24 & Blackwelder  
2501 N. Blackwelder

Call 341-3169  
for information

## Focus on Eastern Culture

Featuring: James S. Story and David Drexler  
Oklahoma GO Players Association  
"Self-Appointed **GO** Ambassadors to the World"

*I'm going to guess your goal for inviting us to speak would be that **GO** can be an avenue to a better understanding of the cultural interests of your Asian counterparts, in much the same way they might study American football to better relate to Oklahomans.*

We are very excited to have this opportunity to share the wonderful game of Go and it's deep and rich history and culture. **GO** is traditionally a big part of three Asian cultures: Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Strangely, it is relatively unknown in all the others even though the game started in China some 4,000 years ago and China heavily influenced all the other Asian nations.

**David Drexler** has worked in the IT industry since 1975. In 1995 he launched one of the first Internet Service Providers in Oklahoma City and today he works as a consultant. Not coincidentally, he has also played Go since 1975, as his mentor at his first programming job told him *that real programmers play go*. He took it to heart and has made Go a lifelong passion.

**Jim Story** has a BA in Psychology and Sociology and is fluent in 3 languages with bits of 3 others. He has been a Computer Programmer/Systems Analyst since 1989, working for large and small firms. Currently, he works for Feed the Children. Jim lists under his *dreams and desires...* to create Go Clubs in every school in the USA and to publish an "Easy Guide to Irregular Italian Past Participles". And finally, to go everywhere, experience everything, die on Jupiter!

## Thank you to Kevin and Sooki Hayes for his Peep into Korea at the March IVC

Noted author, Kevin Hayes shared his experiences in Korea that he has related in a book call "Peep into Korea". He has also written several books on American History and has been nominated for a national award for his "The Road to Monticello: The life and mind of Thomas Jefferson"

## More IVC programs to look forward to

**Thursday, May 7** The speaker will be *Kathryn Pih*, from the Peoples Republic of China.

**Thursday, June 4** *Lowell Adams* of the Oklahoma City chapter of the United Nations will be our speaker.

**Thursday, July 2** As this is near Independence Day I am inviting some naturalized Americans to share "*what my US citizenship means to me*"



### INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM (LUSOPHONE)

A Project for Angola, Cape Verde and Mozambique  
 These State Department sponsored journalists visited students at Clegern School in Edmond. With a map of Africa posted on the wall, they talked about their countries to an enthusiastic group of fourth graders.



Thanks also to Aimee Ahepatone for hosting the visitors for home hospitality during their visit.

## State Department Visitors expected in April

Combating International Crime and Terrorism

#### PARTICIPANTS:

This program will include English-speaking judges, law enforcement officials and criminologists, prosecuting attorneys, and other professionals who deal with international crime. We expect 12 visitors from 7 countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Kuwait, Maldives, Pakistan, and Qatar.

#### National PROJECT GOALS:

- Provide an understanding of the U.S. criminal justice system and review how its principles are applied to the investigation and prosecution of international crime;
- Discuss the roles, responsibilities, and cooperative efforts of key law enforcement institutions at the international, federal, state & local levels;
- Examine major international crime issues that affect relationships among the U.S., South and Central Asia, & the Near East and North Africa;
- Foster greater international cooperation in combating transnational criminal activity.

### For your Calendar...

**HELP Needed – A home stay is needed for 2 high school juniors from Puebla, Mexico for the 2009 school year. All expenses are paid including health insurance. Puebla is a Sister City of OKC. Contact: Melissa Graffigna at 405-243-6275**

SCI OKC meets the *second Thursday of every month* at 2:00 pm at the South OKC Chamber Office located at 701 SW 74th St. Oklahoma City, OK. 73139. Our meetings are open and we encourage you to attend.

#### Documentary Film Series at OCU – Sundays at 2:00 Kerr McGee Auditorium – Free Admission

**April 5 Yung Chang's *Up the Yangtze*** China –08

**April 19 – *War Dance*** – set in northern Uganda.

#### At the OKC Art Museum in April

**April 16, 17, 18 – *Tuipan***- a Kazakh documentary. In Kazakh and Russian with English subtitles.

#### April 23,24 – New Jewish Cinema.

*Blessed is the Match: The life and Death of Hannah Senesh* (WWII)

#### April 25,26 – The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

A powerful story of how prejudice, hatred and violence affect innocent people.

#### International Institute - Programs

##### China Teaching Opportunity

[http://grad.usda.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=440#Taiwan/American](http://grad.usda.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=440#Taiwan/American)

##### Taiwan/American Teacher Exchange

The deadline for application is **March 30, 2009**, but because this is a new program, the deadline is somewhat more flexible than it might be in future years.

