

NEWSLETTER ... December 2008

Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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*Every opportunity has a difficulty
and every difficulty has an opportunity.*

*Some people are just like tea. They
never discover their real strength
until they find themselves in hot water.*

NEXT IVC MEETING THURS., December 4, 2008

11:00 – 12:30
Ann Lacy Bldg.
Oklahoma City University
Corner of N.W. 24 & Blackwelder
2501 N. Blackwelder

Call 341-3169
for information

*Dear IVC members,
Since we are all too busy with other commitments to have a Christmas season recognition, let us all bring a finger food to our December meeting and after our speaker have a nice lunch together. The Paddacks will be responsible for a "meaty type" finger food and the rest of you can do veggies, fruit or dessert type things.*

AS the first Thursday in January is New Year's day, we will meet the second Thursday which is January 8.

Hope to see you all in December.

Ronald Paddack

Spotlight on China

Our speaker for the December IVC meeting will be Dr. Xiaobing Li, professor of history and director of the Western Pacific Institute at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO).

Dr. Li was born in Beijing, China, in 1954, and joined the Chinese Army in the Chinese Cultural Revolution. During the reform and opening era, he enrolled in Nankai University in Tianjin, and received his Bachelor degree in 1982. Then, he worked at the Institute of American Studies, China Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing.

He came to the United States for his graduate studies, and received his Master degree in 1985 and Ph.D. in 1990 from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. After his graduation, he taught at Philips University, Enid, OK, for two years. In 1993, he joined the faculty of UCO in Edmond.

Currently he is the editor of the Journal of American Review of China Studies and Journal of the Western Pacific, and author and co-author of numerous books. Among his recent books are China and the United States, A History of the Modern Chinese Army, Voices from the Korean War, Mao's General Remember Korea, Taiwan in the 21st Century, and Re-Interpreting U.S.-China-Taiwan Relations. He also serves as the president of the Southwest Association of Asian Studies and the president of the Association of Chinese Professionals and Scholars in Oklahoma. He received the Oklahoma State's Da Vinci Fellow Award in 2007. Only four awards are given each year in higher education across the state.

For your calendar

Friendship Force Christmas Luncheon

Date: Saturday, December 13th, from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Epworth Villa, Woodworth Room
150th & North Pennsylvania

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Directions: Use the entrance off of 150th Street west of North Pennsylvania. Parking is available. As you enter the building there is an elevator. Go to the second floor. The Woodworth Room is only a few feet from the elevator. Very easy to find! The luncheon will be catered and the deadline for reservations is December 6th.

This will be a great time to invite prospective members, family and friends to help us celebrate the season. We hope the weather co-operates. Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the 13th.

Questions?? Call Millie at 753-9544.

Mail check for reservations made out to Friendship Force of Oklahoma to:

Millie Henderson
4205 NW 146th Terrace
Oklahoma City, OK 7313

February 11-14, 2008

NCIV National Meeting
Washington, DC

Useful Information

World Neighbors is proud to announce the arrival of our first online gift catalog!

It's called [*Beyond the Box – a Better Way to Give*](#) because your gifts can go far beyond the typical boxed items and do extraordinary good works with World Neighbors programs that reach far beyond the end of the road.

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Now instead of giving someone a box of pears this holiday season, you could send them an entire orchard – a gift that represents World Neighbors work in helping

communities improve their lives through the planting of trees! Instead of steaks, how about helping a family lift themselves out of poverty by purchasing a whole cow? You could give the gift of clean water for a village instead of a bottle of wine or help a child go to school instead of a video game!

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P.S. World Neighbors wants to make this unique giving opportunity available to as many people as possible and is looking for volunteers to help spread the word. If you would like to host a World Neighbors gift party or promote this opportunity to your civic club, place of work or congregation, please contact Patrick Evans at pevans@wn.org or 800.242.6387 ext. 0487.

The Academy for Educational Development (AED) is looking for a **Deputy Project Director for the IVLP** in the Center for International Exchanges. More information can be found online www.aed.org.

The application process has begun for the selection of **NCIV interns for the Spring 2009 semester**. Often members of the extensive NCIV network are aware of qualified individuals who live, study, or plan to be in the Washington, DC metropolitan area for a semester. Should you know of any such individuals that might be interested in applying for an internship at NCIV, please tell them to visit www.nciv.org

Prospective candidates will be interviewed and selected on a rolling basis, and the deadline to submit applications for the Spring 2009 semester is **December 3, 2008**.

Global Market at the Colonies

NW 51 between Western and Classen

--- a fair trade shop benefiting Pambé Ghana educational projects. Opening Friday November 21 – December 20. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. 10:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Scandinavian Club Meets at Homeland Café on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Scandinavian Club Christmas Party on Dec. 6 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.. Call 525-0600 for details.