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Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

NEXT IVC MEETING THURSDAY Feb. 1, 2007

11:00 – 12:30

Ann Lacy Bldg.

Oklahoma City University

Corner of N.W. 24 & Blackwelder

2501 N. Blackwelder

“Riding the Global Surfboard”

Presenter: Dennis Paul Dunham, Ph.D

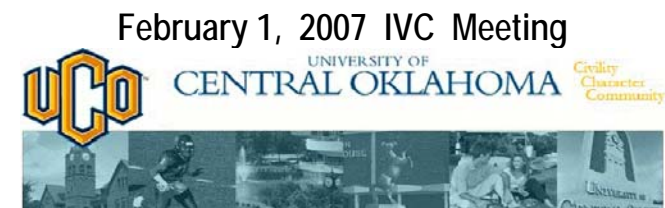
297-8973 or 341-3169
for information

Most recently, he successfully championed an effort to have an international tour to Japan and Thailand as one of the key Oklahoma Centennial Events. Dr. Dunham's professional experience also includes Director of ELS Language Centers and service in the Peace Corps. Dr. Dunham holds a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and Technology, and a Master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language. He has numerous professional affiliations and publications.

Love gives itself, it is not bought.

-Henry W. Longfellow

Dr. Paddack Antarctica Trip



Dr. Dennis Dunham is the new Director of the Office of International Student Services at the University of Central Oklahoma. He has more than 18 years in higher education specializing in international affairs, marketing and services. He has set up numerous world-wide promotional tours, successfully implemented off-campus degree programs in countries such as Singapore and Malaysia, and always maintained at least a top 40 status in the United States for international recruitment to a master's degree granting institution.

Dr. Ronald Paddack, IVC member from Edmond shared some of his October 16 to November 5, 2006 trip to Antarctica at our January Council meeting. Paddack related that this had been a dream of his for many years and justified the expense by calling it a "retirement gift to himself" as he recently retired from the University of Central Oklahoma. He chose to go with a Norwegian company on a Norwegian ship, with a Norwegian staff of officers. He boarded the Nordnorges in Buenos Aires.

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The first two stops were on two islands of the Falklands. He found the Falklands to be more British than anywhere he has visited in England and the people were charming and excited as his ship was the first of the season to arrive. The third stop was South Georgia and then the South Shetland Islands. All remaining landings were in Antarctica.

The passenger list included people from 20 countries. The largest group was from Germany; the second largest group from England, the third from Norway and the United States was fourth. Meeting and becoming well acquainted with fellow passengers was a real highlight of the trip for Ronald. It was wonderful to be on a cruise ship that did not have a casino or Las Vegas style entertainment but was totally devoted to our education.

Highlights of the experience were the three or four lectures daily dealing with the history of the region, early explorers, animal life, the ozone layer, geo-dynamics of the region etc. Being surrounded by thousands of penguins was always a special delight. Paddock was able to identify seven types of penguins by the end of the tour. Being in close proximity of fur seals, tiger seals, and elephant seals was great fun. Sightings of whales was an added excitement. Many of the group on the tour were "birders" who were always watching for birds and recording their sightings.

At the end of the cruise sailing the Drake Passage was an experience. It is said that this is the "meanest stretch of water" in the world and each of us was awarded a beautiful certificate for having succeeded. Our tour ended in Ushuaia, the southern most city in the world, a city of 70,000. The remainder of the trip was by air.

*Watch your thoughts; They become words.
Watch your words; They become actions.
Watch your actions; They become habits.
Watch your habits; They become your character.
Watch your character; It becomes your destiny.*
-Author Unknown

Mr. Ambassador, Warrior for Peace

Dr. Edward J. Perkins, author of *Mr. Ambassador: Warrior for peace*, conveys what sophisticated and effective diplomacy is all about. A remarkable journey that should inspire, inform and influence everyone. He tells the story of his life and how he fulfilled his assignment from President Reagan to "dismantle apartheid without violence" in South Africa. Everyone is invited to hear this remarkable person. Reception following in the Friends Event Room. Co-Sponsor: University of Oklahoma.

Date : Sunday, January 28, 2-3pm
Place : RJN Downtown Library, Fourth Floor
46th Star Auditorium
300 Park Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102
TEL : (405) 231- 8650

Upcoming Event

Explore the Middle Kingdom: China

Time: Jan. 30, 6:00pm-8:00pm
Place: RJN Downtown Library, 46th Star Auditorium

Ashlie Coakley, Cultural Consultant, will lead an evening seminar Jan. 30 for business people, students, tourists and anyone interested who plans to visit China or would like to learn more about that culture. Ms. Coakley has an extensive background in Asian Studies, speaks Mandarin, and has lived and worked in China. Register at 606-3879. For further information call 606-3878.

IVC Speaker's Dates

March 1st - Ms. Julie Sinclair, Director of International Admission, OCU

April 5th - Meet at World Neighbors, Ms. Barbara Lee will be our guide

June 7th - FAA Appreciation of IVC