

NEWSLETTER ... 2007

# Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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*“Why are we more inclined to hate each other for the points on which we differ, than to love each other for points on which we agree?”*

*“One who has never made a mistake has never made a discovery.”*

## NEXT IVC MEETING THURSDAY, June 7, 2007

11:00 – 12:30

Ann Lacy Bldg.

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

297-8973 or 341-3169  
for information

\*\*\*Please note: The meeting at the FAA has been postponed. The June meeting will be in the normal place at OCU.

## June meeting: Welcome to REPRESENTATIVE SHANE JETT,

Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on International Development and Chair of the Joint Committee on International Trade.

Representative Shane Jett was born on December 5, 1974, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He received a Bachelor's Business Administration with International Business Degree from Oklahoma Baptist University. He speaks three languages – English, Spanish and Portuguese. These languages served him well during two years of research and consulting work in Belo Horizonte Brazil with Global Options International.

Shane was first elected to the Oklahoma House in 2004. He serves as Chair of the Rules Committee and is also a member of Appropriations and Budget committee, Telecommunications and Utility Regula-

Committees. He is a founding Co-Chair of the First Native American Caucus of the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and serves on the National Chair of Economic Development for the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators.

He is a member of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce and a member of Governor's International Team.

As an educator, Representative Jett has taught a many international executives and students and is a member of NAFSA (National Association of International Educators), Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. Representative Jett also is a lecturer in the United States and Brazil. He speaks on topics such as international relations, tribal issues, public policy, immigration reform, and his passion – a vision for Oklahoma.

To contact Rep. Jett, write to 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd, Room 437, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or call 405-557-7349, or e-mail: [shanejett@okhouse.gov](mailto:shanejett@okhouse.gov).

## Thank you to Dennis Dunham for the May Pro- gram

Exciting plans are underway at the University of Central Oklahoma as the International Department works with both International students and American students interested in studying abroad.

## Volunteers needed for Red Earth Festival

Our friends, Connie and Leon, Chairpersons of Artist Hospitality at the Red Earth Festival, need help. They still need 10 volunteers for Saturday, June 2, 4:00-7:30 shift and 5 volunteers for Sunday, June 3, 10:30-1:30. You, your friends and family members can volunteer by calling Connie at 306-1366. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with amazing artists, learning about their lives and craftsmanship. Another perk is free admittance to this wonderful Festival.

## Upcoming speakers

**July 5 – Friendship Force Oklahoma President:  
Elizabeth Allen-Eden.**

## **Friendship Force Oklahoma Hosts Friendship Force Belo Horizonte, Brazil**

Friendship Force Oklahoma will welcome 19 Ambassadors from Belo Horizonte, Brazil on May 31-June 7. If you are not scheduled to host and would like an opportunity to meet some of the Ambassadors, you may do so by contacting one of the Brazilian Ambassadors' hosts and extending an invitation to a dinner in your home. All invitations should go directly to our FF hosts for they are scheduling all the optional activities for their guests and themselves. The dates that may be available are Sunday, June 3; Monday, June 4; or Tuesday, June 5.

## **FORT RENO**

## **CHUCK WAGON DINNER**

JUNE 6, 5:00 PM

Tours and re-enactments at 3:00 PM

Enjoy a performance by Kyle Dillingham followed by Evening of Dancing

Friendship Force Oklahoma invites you to attend our Chuck Wagon dinner given as a Farewell for our 19 Ambassadors from Brazil. The Brazilian ladies have been hosted by FF club members for 1 week. They will depart on the 7th to NM to be hosted by the New Mexico FF club.

At last we have a venue (Ft. Reno) large enough to invite friends and those interested in participating in a Friendship Force Exchange. Our goal is to have 100 attendees at this event and Chuck Wagon Bob has said they can provide even more than the 100 meals if needed. I hope to see you there.

In friendship, Joyce Rulon, ED

[joyspath@cox.net](mailto:joyspath@cox.net)

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DINNER \$15

Ft. Reno: 2 miles north of Exit 119 off Interstate 40

Or 4 miles west of El Reno on Route 66

***Kyle Dillingham to perform on  
June 10 at Stage Center in OKC.***

See [www.horseshoeroad.net](http://www.horseshoeroad.net) or  
[www.rodeoopry.com](http://www.rodeoopry.com) for more information on performances.

## **SERVAS International**

Are you interested in occasionally hosting an interesting international visitor for one or two nights in your home? Check out this website:  
[www.servas.org](http://www.servas.org)

## **What is SERVAS?**

SERVAS is an international, non-governmental, interracial peace association run in over 100 countries by volunteers. Founded in 1949 by Bob Luitweiler as a

peace movement, Servas International is a non-profit organization working to build understanding, tolerance and world peace.

It operates through a network of Servas hosts around the world who are interested in opening their doors to travellers, and, "on the other side of the coin", many open-minded travellers who want to get to know the heart of the countries they visit.

SERVAS INTERNATIONAL has consultative status as a non-governmental organization with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, currently with representation at many of the UN's hubs of activity. There are over 13,000 Servas "open doors" scattered throughout almost every country in the world.

### ***How does Servas work?***

Through SERVAS, travellers have opportunities to meet hosts, their families and friends and join in their everyday life. Where convenient, hosts may offer two nights' accommodation and invite travellers to share a meal.

Names and addresses of hosts appear in annually produced lists which are made available to approved travellers. Servas hosts are just a cross-section of ordinary people.

### ***How do I join?***

The only requirement to join SERVAS as a host is the willingness to offer hospitality to travellers of any race and culture.

SERVAS encourages travellers to experience other societies more deeply and with more understanding than they would be likely to do as "just plain tourists".

In both cases, you will probably have to meet an experienced Servas member first.

*With every true friendship, we build more firmly the foundations on which the peace of the whole world rests. Mahatma Gandhi*

MORE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

***July 28 – Annual Expo sponsored by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.***

***September 10 – Dr. Ron Paddack leads a Friendship Force tour to Minsk, Belarus***

***October – Global Oklahoma at Rose State College***

***October 12-14 – WorldFest sponsored by World Neighbors.***

