

NEWSLETTER ... June 2009

# Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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- **An educated person is one who has found out how little he or she actually knows.**
- **Only a person who has actually earned praise can remain humble when they get it.**

**NEXT IVC MEETING  
THURSDAY June 4, 2009**

11:00 – 12:30

***We will be meeting in the Meinders School of Business in the Norick Lounge parking will be provided for all of you.***

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Thank you to Kathryn Pih for speaking to the IVC at the May Meeting

As promised, she was a delightful person – 88 years young -- with a wonderful story to tell. Kathryn has held important positions in medical research in Oregon, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, New York, New Jersey, and Oklahoma.

And a special thanks to Dr. Ronald Paddock who has invited a wonderful and diverse group of speakers for our 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday gathering.

Please note: We have a new meeting room at OCU Norick Lounge in the Meinders School of Business.

## Focus on the United Nations

**Lowell Adams will be our IVC speaker** on June 4. He will share the history of the Oklahoma City United Nations chapter, its goals and current projects. Lowell Adams, a native of Oklahoma, spent much of his professional career serving as Executive Director of five arts and science museums in various parts of the country. He completed his first degree at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond and accepted a teaching position at Wichita Southeast High School. He spent several rewarding years as a teacher in the Fine Arts Department. After earning a Masters Degree from Wichita State University with a focus on the history of art, he entered the museum profession.

In a 28-year museum career, Mr. Adams led institutions in Kansas, Mississippi, Illinois, Oklahoma and Arizona. He served on a special committee with the American Association of Museums that created the process of accreditation for U.S. museums. He was instrumental in developing a number of major art exhibitions that traveled to many American museums. He said, "Throughout my service, I continued to see myself as an educator bringing new understanding in art and in life to museum visitors."

Mr. Adams and his wife, Mary Kathryn, returned a few years ago to Oklahoma City where they are active volunteers in a variety of organizations. He currently serves as Vice-President with the United Nations Association of Greater Oklahoma City.

## Italian Festival to be at city Elks Lodge \*\*\*\*\*

The fifth annual Italian festival hosted by the Italians of Central Oklahoma will be from 11 AM to 6 PM June 6th the Elk's Lodge, 4711 N. Tulsa. Admission is free.

Visitors will find free live entertainment, arts and crafts booths, children's activity tent, raffle drawings and bocce ball. Special guest is the I Colori Italiani Dance Troupe from the Italian Club in Dallas.

An abundance of Italian foods and wines will be available. Proceeds will benefit student scholarships and club operations. For more information go online to [www.italiansofcentraloklahoma.com](http://www.italiansofcentraloklahoma.com)

\*\* note. The Italians of Central Oklahoma Club has been invited to be our special guests at the September IVC meeting.

## U.S. State Department Visitors to Oklahoma City May 20-23 – Community Support for Youth Engagement... A Project for Ukraine

Five visitors involved with working with *at risk youth*.

A special thanks to the varied people who participated with this group of visitors.

- Ruth Green contacted a group Oklahoma Ukrainians who welcomed them at their hotel.
- Celeste Wirsig hosted the group for home hospitality. She included in her guest list participants from a special program in OKC called the Huckleberry Project with a mission: To provide a mentoring system designed to expand educational, social, career and independent living opportunities for children, adolescents and adults with diverse abilities, talents and/or distinctive traits uncommon to the general population. This was a special evening for all concerned.



## June 6- 10 – U.S.- Middle East Security Issues ....a Project for Yemen.

Five Parliamentarians and two Journalists from Yemen.

## Need English

Check with your local Library. The Edmond Library offers English for adults on Wednesday from 1:00 – 4:00. Citizenship classes are offered from 5:30 – 8:30 on Wednesdays.

***In fact, check with your local library for all types of entertainment this summer.***

## Global Oklahoma 2009 at Rose State will spotlight France on October 3.

Discussions are ongoing and will possibly include Bastille Day activities on July 14. According to Lisa Price, "We want to have a fantastic festival this year and make France proud – we will welcome all input."

## Annual Folklife Festival set for June 20 at the Okla- homa History Center – 9 to

This year's event includes music and dance in the Mexican, Irish and American Indian traditions as well as music from the Middle East, Latin America, Scotland and other places.

## World Cup of Softball

International teams from Japan, Australia, Canada, Netherlands and Italy will be coming to Oklahoma City this summer (July) for the World Cup of Softball. Julie Bartel has contacted us about creating a local fan base for each team. She is looking for any groups or organizations interested in supporting a particular country.

It is an adult women's fast pitch event at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium complex. **Dates are July 16-20.** It is the fourth year for the World Cup and the top four teams from the Beijing Olympic games are returning here to OKC. Also, for the USA games, we are live on ESPN for six games and also are doing a live Men's Slow Pitch Border Battle between USA and Canada.

***It's really a great international event and we would really like to get others involved.***

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