

NEWSLETTER ... 2007

# Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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*"The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem that you had last year".*

*--John Foster Dulles*

## NEXT IVC MEETING THURSDAY, Nov. 1, 2007

11:00 – 12:30

Ann Lacy Bldg.

Oklahoma City University

Corner of N.W. 24 & Blackwelder  
2501 N. Blackwelder

Call 341-3169 for information

## Program for November 1

"Insights of Afrika from 1972 to 2007"

**Speaker:** Alethia Futtrell, Air traffic Control specialist at the FAA Academy.

Alethia is the Branch Manager for the "graduate school" for air traffic controllers. Her aviation career began 29 years ago in Huntington, W. V. she has a MS from OSU in Aviation & space and will receive her PhD in 2008 in the same field.

She is a charter member of Women in Aviation and was recognized with the "No Longer Invisible" award presented by the Special Friends of Ralph Ellison Library as an unsung individual who goes "over and beyond" in making a difference in the lives of others.

She has hosted over 36 African students studying at the FAA. Her first trip to Africa was in 1972 and since 1998, her birthday present to herself is a trip to a different country in Africa. She has visited 22 countries in the last 35 years. Her goal is to touch the soil at least once in each of the 54 countries of the continent.

In November 2001, she was featured in the PBS series – "ROOTS".

## Film Preservation Festival 2007 at OKC Museum of Art

In collaboration with the University of Central Oklahoma Film Studies Collection and the Will Rogers Memorial Museum, the Museum of Art celebrates our state Centennial with a salute to Oklahoma's first movie star, Will Rogers. Some of the films will be introduced by Dr. Doug Watson, who performs as the historical character of Will Rogers and will share insights and memories of his film-acting career. A special Sunday matinee program will highlight some of the first films ever made in Oklahoma.

[Doctor Bull](#) with [Ropin' Fool](#), Thursday, October 25, 7:30pm [Judge Priest](#), Friday, October 26, 5:30pm & 8pm [Steamboat Round the Bend](#), Saturday, October 27, 5:30pm & 8pm Plus ... on Sunday, October 28, 2pm [Early Filmmaking in Oklahoma](#)

Bill Moore, film & video archivist at the Oklahoma History Center, will present a special program of some of the first films ever made in the state of Oklahoma. Lawman turned filmmaker, Bill Tilghman, and newsreel pioneers Bennie Kent and Arthur Ramsey will be featured. 90min.

## *OU's International Advisory Committee would like to invite our Oklahoma International Visitor Council friends to this year's International Bazaar:*

"Come and join us! Travel around the world at the Annual INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR on **Thursday, November 8 from 9:30am-4 pm in the Molly Shi Boren Ballroom of the Oklahoma Memorial Union on the campus of the University of Oklahoma.**

OU international students representing more than 100 countries around the world will share their culture and talents with exhibits, demonstrations and exciting, colorful performances. International Bazaar gives OU and Oklahoma community a one-day shopping experience featuring unique, authentic items created by OU's international students and beautiful merchandises from around the world. Enjoy delicious international lunch for only \$6. Lunch is served from 11:30am – 1pm.. Admission is FREE. But do-

nations are encouraged and appreciated. All donations will go to the UNICEF Fund.

**International Bazaar is brought to you by the International Advisory Committee at the University of Oklahoma. It is co-sponsored by International Programs Center, Education Abroad and International Student Services, Union Programming Board, Coca-Cola and UOSA."**

## International Education Week 2007

The U.S. Department of State today launched its website for International Education Week 2007, which will take place November 12-16, 2007. International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that "prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States." The web address is: <http://iew.state.gov>. Included in the site are statements from U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, as well as promotional materials, an interactive quiz, and opportunities to post and view planned events around the world.

## Awards for Citizen Diplomacy

**The U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy in Des Moines, Iowa, has announced the "Call for Nominations" for the National Awards for Citizen Diplomacy.**

The U.S. Center strives to encourage and inspire others, while expanding and refining America's perception of a citizen diplomat...as a rock musician, business leader, teacher, or chef.

Persons, from across the nation, with top achievements and exemplary citizen diplomacy work in the field will be recognized. You must be 18 years old by November 2007. Awards will be given in three categories: business, education, or non-governmental/community based organizations.

**Six National Awards for Citizen Diplomacy** will be presented in conjunction with the *National Summit on Citizen Diplomacy* in Washington, D.C. on February 12, 2008. For more information, go to the [U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy website](#).

Citizen diplomacy is the concept that, in a vibrant democracy, the individual citizen has the right - even the responsibility - to help shape U.S. foreign relations.

### A New Option for Citizen Diplomacy - [CouchSurfing](#)

Here is a new take on citizen diplomacy -CouchSurfing. The CouchSurfing Project, [www.couchsurfing.com](http://www.couchsurfing.com), seeks to network people and places, create educational exchanges, raise collective consciousness, spread tolerance

and facilitate cultural understanding. The project takes the tagline: "Participate in creating a better world, one couch at a time."

According to their website, "[CouchSurfing](#) is not about the furniture, not just about finding free accommodations around the world; it's about making connections worldwide. We make the world a better place by opening our homes, our hearts, and our lives. We open our minds and welcome the knowledge that cultural exchange makes available. We create deep and meaningful connections that cross oceans, continents and cultures. CouchSurfing wants to change not only the way we travel, but how we relate to the world!"

## More For your calendar

**Sat. October 27 -- Turkish Bazaar – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**  
4212 Brookfield Drive in Norman Tel: 366-1424.

**OCU Film Institute 2:00 p.m.** (Kerr Mcgee Auditorium)  
**October 28** "Innocent Voices"—Mexico  
**November 11** "Masai: the Rain Warriors" Kenya

### February 12-13, 2008

Second National Summit on Citizen Diplomacy (Washington, DC)

### February 13-16, 2008

2008 NCIV National Meeting (Washington, DC)

## State Department programs for November

**November 7 – 10** – General Alexandru Buresin, Chief, Anti-terrorism Brigade from Romania

**November 10 – 13 U.S. Foreign Policy and Counterterrorism : A Multi Regional Project**

**Bulgaria** -- Ex. Sec., Commission on foreign Policy and international relations, Supreme Council of the Bulgarian Socialist Party

**Hong Kong** – Senior Superintendent, Organized Crime and Triad Bureau

**Lebanon** – chief of Sidon Sector, ISF

**Luxembourg** – Sec. General, Grand Ducal Police

**Pakistan** – ASP, Est. Div., Police Service of Pakistan

**Philippines** – Committee Sec., Committee on Pub. Order and Illegal Drugs, Office of the Sen. President

**West Bank** – Security Planning Counterpart, Palestinian Sec. Technical Team for Reform (TTR), Ramallah.

*"The pursuit of peace and progress cannot end in a few years in either victory or defeat. The pursuit of peace and progress, with its trials and its errors, its successes and its setbacks, can never be relaxed and never abandoned." ---Dag Hammarskjold - second Sec. Gen. of the U.N. 1953-1961 and 1961 Nobel Peace Prize winner.*