

NEWSLETTER ... October 2007

Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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Interesting quote...

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you **not** to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others"*

--- Marianne Williamson

NEXT IVC MEETING THURSDAY, October 4 , 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

Welcome Dr. Ron Paddack

As the speaker for the October 4 IVC meeting.
The topic:

*"A wedding in Indonesia, plus Cambodia,
Laos, Myanmar and Thailand."*

Thank you to **Hall Duncan** for chairing the September IVC meeting and bringing his wonderful cartoons for "Show and Tell". Don't forget you can see these and many others at the Edmond Senior Center (MAC) beginning on October 3. The Center is located on West Covell between North Santa Fe and Kelly.

Free English Classes:

Southern Hills Baptist Church will be offering free English classes for international employees. The classes are for anyone wishing to improve English speaking skills, no matter what native language.

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Southern Hills Baptist Church
8601 South Pennsylvania Avenue

For more information, call: James Biesiadecki, 682-1636

September 29, 2007

Fiesta de Las Americas: Will be an all-day event starting with a parade, music groups, contest with prizes and more. There will also be food, arts, crafts, and promotional booths.

Host: Capitol Hill Main Street

Time: 1 – 11 p.m.

Location: Capitol Hill
312 West Commerce

For more information, call: 503-7839

OKC Museum of Art

FILM: Manhattan Short Film Festival offers international variety

[10th Manhattan Short Film Festival](#) screens Thursday, September 27, 7:30pm; Fri. – Sat., September 28 – 29, 8pm only; Sunday, September, 30, 2pm. In what has become the biggest competitive short film festival in the world, this tenth edition will screen across Europe, North America, Central and South America. This global audience can vote for their favorite short films at each of the venues, including Oklahoma City. The winner will be announced in New York on Sunday night after the final screenings and votes are tabulated. The festival aims to unite the world via creative short films. You be the judge! 120min. For more information visit the official Web site.

Titles include:

Lines, USA

One Hundredth of a Second, Great Britain
Clooney, Germany

Cherries, Great Britain
I Met the Walrus, Canada
Boris's Complete Book of Rules, Israel
The Prestidigitator, Spain
SOFT, Great Britain
The Trainee, Singapore
I Want to Be a Pilot, Kenya
Feeling Lonely?, Australia
King Ponce, Great Britain

For your Calendar

OCU Film Institute begins on September 30.

2:00 p.m. Sundays. Petree Recital Hall at the Kirkpatrick FineArts Center or the Kerr McGee Auditorium at the Meiners School of Business – Free admission

Sept 30 -- Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles (Zhang Yimou, China – 2006)

October 14 –Ten Canoes (Australia –2006)

October 28 – Innocent Voices (Mexico –204)

October 1– *Edmond Senior Center Covell Road at N. Santa Fe in Edmond.*

At 7:00 p.m.Hall Duncan will present “The Story Behind the Story” Illustrating and Cartooning Around the World. “Lifetime of Art in Cartoons will be on display for 2 weeks ” at the Edmond Senior Center.

October 13 – *Global Oklahoma at Rose State College* -- Global Oklahoma 2007 is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, on the main campus at Rose State College. The theme will center around the Oklahoma Centennial.

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

October 14 – *OKC Centennial Parade*

February 12 - 13 *Second National Summit on Citizen Diplomacy (Washington, DC)*

February 13 – 16 *2008 NCIV National Meeting -- Washington, D.C.*

2008 Photo Contest Reminder

As you host International Visitors this fall, please remember that the NCIV Photo Contest is back! NCIV's annual Photo Contest seeks to celebrate the talents and good work that NCIV's citizen diplomats have done, and to elevate awareness of the enriching benefits of our mission. We want to give you the opportunity to showcase your interactions with our international friends. Check out the contest rules [here](#) and be sure to submit your favorite photos by **December 15, 2007.**

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Friendship Force

ETHNIC DINNER HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2007

(report from Friendship Force newsletter)

Thirty-two members of FFO gathered at the Queen of Sheba Restaurant in Oklahoma City on Thursday, Aug. 23, to share an adventure in dining! Unique Ethiopian dishes--from bland to spicy--provided wide choices and new experiences as members learned to scoop their food with pieces of Teff (Ethiopian bread). Lovely platters presenting samples of beef, poultry, and lamb entrees also offered fresh lentils, yellow peas, potatoes prepared with carrots, fresh salad, and other delights. Several guests joined the group, and a fun time was enjoyed by all.

Upcoming Exchanges 2007 - 2008

- September 22-29 Outbound Charlottesville, VA
- October 8-15 Incoming Tokyo, Japan
- Nov 15 -18 Open Door SW Region Clubs
- December 15 - Holiday Brunch
- January 11-12 - S.W. Regional Conference/Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- January 20 - FFO General Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- March -World Friendship Day
- May - Inbound Mt. Barker/Casterton Australia
- June 2-9 - Inbound Greater Orlando
- July - Outbound Madison, Wisconsin
- September - Outbound Hay River, Canada
- October - Outbound Twin Cities, MN
- October - OW Russia Aviators
- November (?) - Outbound Indonesia

It is not too early to start adding FFO exchanges to your calendar for next year. contact Beth Allen-Eden beth1898@sbcglobal.net or 405 751-8252 to be included on the “interested” lists for any of the exchanges.

Sister Cities

Judge Stephen Friot of the Oklahoma Federal Court, Western District is sponsoring 8 judges from Ulyanovsk in October and has asked Sister Cities to participate. (Ulyanovsk of one of OKC's Sister Cities.) for more information, contact Melissa Graffigna.

