

NEWSLETTER ... June 2010

Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore! Dream! Discover!" ---Mark Twain

NEXT IVC MEETING THURSDAY, June 10, 2010

11:00 – 12:30

Meinder's School of Business—Room 117
Oklahoma City University
Corner of N.W. 24 & Blackwelder
2501 N. Blackwelder
CALL 341-3169 FOR MORE INFORMATION

**** Please note:**

Important changes for the June IVC meeting

- **It will be on the 2nd Thursday – June 10.**
Changed because several members & officers will be attending the NCIV Summer meeting in Miami from June 2 – 6.
- **The Room will be 117 which is located on the opposite side of the building from where we normally meet.**
- **The speaker will be Mark Herrin discussing the US Paralympic training site in Edmond.**

Focus on the Olympics

Our speaker for June 10 will be MARK HERRIN, Assistant Vice President of Wellness & Sport - UCO

Mark currently serves as the Assistant Vice President for Wellness and Sport at the University of Central Oklahoma. He oversees all health and non-intercollegiate sports related activities for UCO including the Student Health Center currently managed by Mercy Health, the UCO Boat-house at Arcadia Lake, the ropes course and repel tower, the planned boathouse to be built on the Oklahoma River near Bricktown, and all recreation facilities. In addition, he oversees the Wellness Center, which in 2005 was named a United States Paralympic Training site and in 2009 an Olympic Training Site.

He came to UCO in 1990 as the Head Volleyball Coach and served in that capacity for 13 years before taking over the Wellness Center.

Mark completed his BS Ed degree in 1981 and his M Ed in 1983, both from Northeastern State University. Mark is married (Deanna) and has 3 children (Emily, Brett and Carly).

Friends and fellow IVC members,

I found this organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, of special interest. UNESCO seeks to encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity. The World Heritage List includes 890 properties in numerous countries and on islands. A couple of years ago while I was in San Miguel de Allende, MX, the city celebrated its nomination to the World Heritage List. There are certain requirements to be met following the nomination so SMA has to work on meeting their requirements. I did find the website,

www.whc.unesco.org , to be of special interest for it identifies natural wonders and cultural properties that I would like to experience in my travels. Take a "look-see".

Joyce Rulon

Dennis Dunham wants you to know....

We are pleased to announce that Language and Lyrics has received the support of the Cultural Attaché of the French Consulate in Houston! He will be sending two representatives to the June 8th release. Also, Kyle appeared on News on 6 in Tulsa for a special interview regarding Il Fait Beau and the release. You can see the video at www.newson6.com/Global/category.asp?C=121535&clipId=4798247&topVideoCatNo=112047&utoStart=true

Come and celebrate this revolutionary new program with a performance by Kyle that is sure to amaze. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, June 8th at the Old Farmer's Market, 311 S. Klein, Oklahoma City. Reception starts at 6:00pm with a fun line-up of original music from "Il Fait Beau" performed by Kyle at 7:00pm.**

"Il Fait Beau" is a 10 CD set which simulates the feeling of a Broadway Style musical written in beginning level French. You learn while listening to a romantic and thrilling story, while the songs and music help you use both sides of your brain. You learn twice as fast! Be sure to bring home a copy and experience a new language while enjoying the original music of Kyle Dillingham. We thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely, Dr. Dennis Dunham

Calendar events

June 4, 5, 6 – Charlie Christian Jazz in Bricktown

June 5 – Italian Festival at the Sportsman Club Spice up your weekend at the sixth annual Italian Festival, Saturday June 5th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 4711 North Tulsa, in Oklahoma City, hosted by the Italians of Central Oklahoma (ICO). Admission is FREE! Experience Italy—the sights, sounds and delicious smells. Fun for the whole family.

Jun 18, 2010 - Jun 20, 2010 24th Annual Red Earth Festival

June 25, 26, & 27th 2010

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma 25th Annual Powwow
June 25, 26, & 27, 2010 Bah Kho-Je Chena Powwow
Grounds Perkins, Oklahoma

Citizen Diplomacy on Facebook

Facebook now has Community Pages, where users can see updates and information on their shared interests. There is a new Community Page on citizen diplomacy, with posts on citizen diplomacy developments that are pulled together from different pages to create a body of information in one place. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Citizen-diplomacy/109750109054869?v=desc&ref=ts>



**U.S. SUMMIT & INITIATIVE
FOR GLOBAL CITIZEN DIPLOMACY**

The U.S. Summit on Global Citizen Diplomacy, which will take place November 16-18, 2010, will bring together leaders from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors to develop strategies to promote citizen diplomacy and global engagement among the American people. The Community-Based Organization Task Force, of which NCIV is a co-chair, is seeking ideas to present at the summit on how to better inform and engage American citizens in citizen diplomacy.

The Community-Based Organizations Task Force is seeking ideas for initiatives that can leverage the expertise of our networks to advance this strategic objective of better informed, more active American citizens. It might be an existing program within your organization or one that can be scaled up with additional resources. Alternatively, perhaps you have learned of a new concept that needs to be further developed and piloted. The summit will showcase the best proposals for ways that the U.S. community-based international organizations can help the American people become more knowledgeable about other cultures and increasingly engaged with the world around them. <http://www.nciv.org/>

