

NEWSLETTER ...January 2010

Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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Waste your money and you're only out
of money, but waste your time and
you've lost a part of your life
--- Michael Leboeuf

NEXT IVC MEETING THURSDAY, March 4, 2010

11:00 – 12:30

Meinder's School of Business—Room 107
Oklahoma City University
Corner of N.W. 24 & Blackwelder
2501 N. Blackwelder

CALL 341-3169 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Our speaker for the March 4 IVC meeting will be:



Nathan Hart

Director of Community Affairs for the American
Indian Cultural Center and Museum

Nathan was hired as the Director of Community
Affairs in January 2008. He has been a member of
the project team for the American Indian Cultural
Center & Museum since April 2002 when he began
working with the exhibit design firm Ralph
Appelbaum Associates.

Nathan is Cheyenne and a member of the
Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. He
received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1983
from Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, where
he majored in Industrial Arts Education and
Economics/Business Administration.

Nathan launched his art career in 2001 after a
dozen years of enjoying woodturning as a hobby.
His work has been accepted into major juried
shows, national exhibitions and fine art galleries
throughout the country.

In 1995, Nathan was selected to participate in the
American Indian Ambassador Program, a visionary
leadership initiative of Americans for Indian
Opportunity. He was awarded a W.K. Kellogg
Foundation Fellowship in 2000 to work with other
emerging Indigenous leaders to refine the
program, now an international network of over one
hundred fifty participants.

Thank you to Igor Akpovo

for his interesting presentation on Benin at the
February IVC meeting. Mr. Akpovo is a Fulbright
visiting Scholar at Oklahoma City University for the
2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic terms.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Ann
Lacy in the loss of her husband James Ed-
win Alexander on February 20 and to Dr.
Ronald Paddack in the loss of his mother,
Marjorie Paddack, who died February 20 on
her 93rd birthday.

IVC hosts State Department 13 visitors from Pakistan, Gaza, Portugal, Sri Lanka, and Ghana during February

Thanks to lots of volunteer assistance, these Inter-
national Visitor Leadership participants enjoyed a
warm welcome (but cold and rainy weather) for 5-6
days. Special thanks to Aimee Ahpeatone and
Ora Hare for inviting one or both groups to their
home for an evening of hospitality.

YOU ARE INVITED

TO CELEBRATE WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY WITH FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF OKLAHOMA

DATE: MARCH 6, 2010

RESTAURANT: INGRID'S KITCHEN

3701 North Youngs

TIME: 11 am – 2 pm

COST: Cost of your meal

RSVP: By March 3, 2010

To: Clara Jeffery, 360-4719 or 819-1140

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Please come and join us as we celebrate world friendship day this year. It is an excellent time to invite friends who might be interested in joining FFO.

YOU ARE INVITED

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of Oklahoma's establishing sister-state relations with Taiwan province, Republic of China.

**The Taipei Economic and Cultural
Office in Houston
And
Oklahoma City University
Cordially invite you to
The Ang Lee Film Festival
And
The "Enchanting Taiwan" Photo
Exhibition
Opening Reception
&
Showing of "Eat Drink Man Woman"**

Friday, March 5th, 2010

Oklahoma City University

Great Hall Ballroom at the McDaniel University Center

**2501 N. Blackwelder Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106**

Free to Public

**Reception: 6:30 pm – 7:20 pm
Film Showing: Begins at 7:30 pm**

Several people are coming from the Taiwanese Director General's Office in Houston. This should be a fun evening like the one at the Museum of Art (for those of you who attended). Please RSVP to deannaoklahoma@hotmail.com and I will turn the names in. They need to know how much food to have.

Taiwan/American

Teacher Exchange Program

The International Institute, Graduate School is accepting applications from certified teachers who are interested in teaching in primary and middle schools for one academic year in Taiwan. This program is sponsored by the Ministry of education in Taiwan. All expenses are covered and a salary commensurate with experience with health, dental and labor insurance is offered. All teachers must hold a bachelor's degree and be certified to teach in grades K-12. **Application deadline is March 15, 2010. Teachers must be under 65.**

Questions: Colin Fink at 202-314-3455 or email at colin.fink@graduateschool.edu.

The trip that might have been....

Six members of the OKC International Visitors Council began making plans several months ago to attend the National Council of International Visitors annual conference in Washington D.C. Hotel rooms were reserved and airline tickets were purchased. We would be joining hundreds of our counterparts from around the U.S. One night we would all be guests of an Embassy of our choice for a reception/dinner. Another night we would be hosted in the Ben Franklin Room at the State Department. The other days and nights were filled with interesting meetings and updates. Excitement was high as the event approached. That was on Monday, February 8. The next day we learned what we had feared – flights were being canceled because the airports were closed in D.C. and Baltimore. And conditions continued to worsen. Roads were closed, trains were canceled. Only subways were operational. To make the story short. No one from OKC was able to attend. Although one hardy soul made it to Minneapolis before he was turned back. (Ron Paddock, you are a real trouper.) I think everyone got their money back from the airlines and were reimbursed for registration fees as well. **Looking forward to next year and sunnier weather.**

ZUTPHEN, NETHER- LANDS HOSTS OKLAHOMA AMBASSADORS

September 6-13, 2010



Friendship Force Oklahoma welcomes those that want to make new friends in the Netherlands. This is an opportunity to be named an Ambassador and be hosted in the homes of Zutphen Friendship Force club members for 1 week. A program is planned for Oklahoma Ambassador visitors. We will tour their city, neighboring cities, meet their families, learn their customs, and attend parties.

- **YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO OUR SELECTION COMMITTEE BEFORE MARCH 15.**
- **ESTIMATED COST OF VISIT:** \$1500 (airfare, train fare, and 1 week home hosting expenses)
- **OPTIONAL 3-DAY TOUR OF AMSTERDAM,** September 3-5 (4 nights at a hotel)

Our qualifying Ambassadors will have demonstrated they are physically fit to climb stairs, carry their luggage, ride public transportation, and maintain stamina on fast paced walking tours.

Friendship Force is a non-profit organization that promotes peace and goodwill as we offer our friendship to people from 60 countries that circle the globe.

www.thefriendshipforce.org **Travelers must be a member of the local Friendship Force to participate.** Membership fees for are nominal and all are invited to join the Oklahoma Chapter.

Joyce Rulon, Director
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Zutphen (population 46,000) is an historic city in the center-eastern part of The Netherlands. The city has existed since Roman times and received its city rights in 1190, making it one of the oldest medieval cities in the Netherlands. The city was voted as having the best city center of The Netherlands in the category of small cities in 2006. It has an untouched historic city center that gives you the feeling of traveling hundreds of years back in time. It is not widely known to foreign tourists and waiting to be discovered.

Those that have experienced an Out-bound Exchange have told friends and acquaintances of being so warmly received by hosts from other countries.

Contact Joyce Rulon to apply to be an Ambassador by sending them the attached brochure.