

NEWSLETTER ... November 2004

# Oklahoma City International Visitors Council

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“Tolerance is sometimes the uncomfortable feeling that perhaps the other fellow might be right after all.”

**NEXT IVC MEETING**  
**THURSDAY,**  
**November 4, 2004**  
**11:30 – 1:00**  
**International House**  
Oklahoma City University  
Corner of N.W. 27 & Blackwelder  
**297-8973**

## **Program for the November IVC meeting.**

This will be a networking meeting. We have not invited a speaker. If you or any internationally related group that you work with would like help or need to pass information along, please come prepared to do so.

If anyone has an interest in working directly with the outstanding State Department sponsored visitors through the International Leadership Program, come to this meeting and you can learn how.

Also, Melissa and I would like to initiate a discussion of the possibility of merging or *partnering* the International Visitors Council of Greater Oklahoma City and Sisters Cities International of Greater Oklahoma City under an umbrella name such as Global Fusion.

**Thanks to Jeff Hamilton for his presentation at the October IVC meeting.**

## **You are invited**

### *Reception*

4-6 p.m. – November 3, 2004  
Communications Center Lobby  
Russian desserts and musical entertainment

To RSVP for the reception, please call Eileen Koelsch at 733-7332.

For more information, please contact the Office of Special Events at 736-0313, or visit the Web site at [www.rose.edu/commfriend/visualarts](http://www.rose.edu/commfriend/visualarts).

Sister Cities International and the International Visitors Council are partnering with Rose State College to present an excellent Russian art exhibit and reception. The professional art includes items from the 1700's to present, icons, etc. There are also 100 pieces of Russian children's art. The editor of the "Russian-American Business Magazine," the editor of a Russian entertainment magazine, a local Russian author and local Russian people will be present at the reception. J. Michael Jackson of Business and Education Global Outreach will be here from Dallas to develop Russian potential business associations. Also, 20 Chinese delegates will be present. Any art sales will benefit an orphanage in Saratov, near Ulyanovsk, Russia. Ulyanovsk is a sister city whose final signing has not been completed. Please come and enjoy the art, Russian food and music and meet our special guests.

## **Congratulations to:**

***Robert Mercer*** for receiving the Community Award from the Latino Community Development Agency.

***Ray and Lois Crooks*** received the Community Service Award from the Interfaith Alliance Foundation of Oklahoma.

## **State Department Visitors**

**October 17 – 20. Dr. Giorgio Stizza – Milan Italy** Senior Executive Inspector, DIGOS Section (Anti-terrorism Branch) Milan Central Police Headquarters  
**October 27 – 30. Mr. Joshua FRYDENBERG – Canberra, Australia** Senior Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister

**November 21 – 24 – Counterterrorism and International Crime. Western Hemisphere. 24 participants from 13 South and Central American countries.**

**December 9 – 15 Regional Project for Africa. HIV/AIDS. – 8 participants**

## **NCIV Update**

*The mission of NCIV is to bridge cultures and build mutually beneficial relationships through person-to-person international exchanges.*

- Enter the **NCIV International Photography Contest**. Dust off your camera and start digging through your favorite photos, because NCIV's International Photography Contest has returned! All NCIV members, employees, and volunteers may participate and we need your submissions. The Contest will select the best of the best among photos featuring participants of the International Visitor Leadership Program encountering American people and culture.

**Photos must be postmarked or emailed to NCIV by November 12, 2004.** Award-winning photos will receive cash prizes-with a top prize of \$1,000-and be featured at the NCIV National Meeting in Washington, DC in February 2005. Prizes have been made possible by generous contributions from the NCIV Board of Directors. A selection of the best photos will be stored in the NCIV Electronic Library for members to use for illustrative photos in the production of publications and materials. For complete contest participation rules and award amounts, as well as a downloadable entry form, please visit [http://www.nciv.org/forms/photo\\_contest.pdf](http://www.nciv.org/forms/photo_contest.pdf)

- **Japan Study Tour for High School Teachers**

The Toyota International Teacher Program is a fully funded 2-week study tour of Japan sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. Sixty full time high school teachers from Alabama, California, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Texas, West Virginia, New York and Washington, D.C. will experience the culture, education, environment and technology of Japan. The program is designed to encourage participants to share what they have learned about Japan and international encounters with their students, colleagues, and schools.

High school teachers in the ten program states are encouraged to submit applications for the 2005 Toyota International Teacher Program. Interested individuals can APPLY ONLINE at

[www.iie.org/programs/toyota](http://www.iie.org/programs/toyota) Hard copy applications can also be requested through the website, or by emailing [toyotateach@iie.org](mailto:toyotateach@iie.org), or by calling the Institute of International Education at 1-877-TEACH-JP (877-832-2457). **The application deadline is January 10, 2005.**

- **Victor J. Goldberg IIE Prize for Peace in the Middle East** -- \$10,000 To Be Awarded To An Arab-Israeli Team Working Together To Advance Peace  
The Institute of International Education (IIE) is now accepting nominations for The Victor J. Goldberg IIE

Prize for Peace in the Middle East. The Prize will recognize outstanding work being conducted jointly by two individuals, one Arab and one Israeli, working together to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East.

To be eligible, at least one of the individuals must be an alumnus/a of a program administered by the Institute of International Education, including but not limited to the Fulbright Programs, the International Visitor Leadership Program, the Ford Foundation International Fellowship Program, or any of the development training programs administered by IIE for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Nominations may be submitted by the individuals themselves or by a third party. Nominations will be due on February 1, 2005. See [www.iie.org/goldbergprize](http://www.iie.org/goldbergprize) for more information.

**February 10-12 NCIV National Meeting in Washington D. C.**

## **For your calendar**

**Oklahoma City University 2004-2005 Film Institute 2:00 Sundays at Petree Recital Hall at the Kirkpatrick Fine Arts Center: Free admission**

**October 31 – Honey for Oshun** (Humberto Solas, Cuba (2001) A glimpse of contemporary Cuba in this comic and heartwarming story about a Cuban exile who returns. Rating R.

**November 2** 7:00 p.m. Oklahoma Community College Theatre. Choral Ensemble King's Singers – coming from King's College in Cambridge

**November 14 – Monsoon Wedding**—Mira Nair. India. A charming, funny and touching look at the conflict between modern relationships and family traditions.

**November 30 – 7:00 p.m. at OCCC** – Guitarists Edgar Cruz and Ruben Romero perform their favorites.

## **U.S. Diplomacy and Leadership Conference – Tuesday, Nov. 9 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

The University of Oklahoma's International Programs Center invites you to a conference entitled Looking Ahead: U.S. Diplomacy and Leadership. Speakers include a mix of scholars and former senior government officials. For more information contact the International Programs Center 325-1396

Panels will address diplomatic approaches to 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges including such issues as terrorism, global health, and the environment. The keynote speaker at lunch will be former Oklahoma Congressman and Ambassador to Mexico James R. Jones.

