

NEWSLETTER ... 2006

# Oklahoma City International Visitors Coun-

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History teaches that grave threats to liberty often come in times of urgency, when constitutional rights seem too extravagant to endure.

--Thurgood Marshall, US Supreme Court Justice (1908-1993)

## NEXT IVC MEETING THURSDAY Oct. 5, 2006

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

## Program for October:

Rocketplane – an OKC based company

*What does it feel like to fulfill a dream? What will that moment be like, as you step off the spaceplane and try to explain to your friends and family what it was like to touch the stars, if only for a few minutes? How will you describe what the Earth looks like from space and looking out to see the stars and the Moon in a black sky in the middle of the day?*

The technological feasibility of a sub-orbital spaceplane traces back more than 40 years with the success of the X-15. The X-15 was a joint program of NASA, the Air Force, the Navy, and North American Aviation. It successfully reached an altitude of 67 miles and achieved a speed of Mach 6.7.

Rocketplane Limited has built on this knowledge and, with recent advances in computer and material sciences, developed the capability to build a cost-effective sub-orbital vehicle.

Rocketplane Limited has advanced the Rocketplane® XP vehicle to the full design phase after years of internal vehicle development.

Rocketplane Limited, Inc. (RLI) was founded in 2001 as an Oklahoma Corporation with a vision to

Their combined vision is to create a series of highly reusable and safe space vehicles to serve the markets in the suborbital, point-to-point, orbital regions and beyond.

Rocketplane's philosophy is built on the dreams of a combined number of people committed to making space travel a reality in our lifetime. Through various Internet-based programs, the company strives to inspire a new generation of explorers to pursue careers in science, math and technology. If you would like more information please visit their website at: <http://www.space-explorers.com>.

Thank you to our September speaker...

Tamara Pratt -- Director of Communications for the MEMORIAL INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM (MIPT)

. Incorporated in 1999, MIPT is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization. It was created by the citizens of Oklahoma in response to the bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building. MIPT is funded through government grants and private donations. MIPT has sponsored technological and sociological research, in addition to operating its massive knowledge bases.

MIPT is the world's largest single source of publicly available information on terrorism. It strives to be the source of first resort for researchers, policy makers, government agencies, students, investigators, anyone searching for information about terrorism. MIPT also sponsors forums, such as the Victims Congress, to help the public understand and combat terrorism

World Neighbors invites..

WorldFest Market – take a trip around the world without leaving the City. Shop for hand-crafted treasures. Preview party at Will Rogers Theatre N. Western at NW 43<sup>rd</sup>. Friday, Oct. 13 at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$100 per person. Questions, call World Neighbors at 752-9700.

Can you help?

- Needed – A list of International Churches in the OKC area. Send to [kaybickham@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kaybickham@sbcglobal.net)
- Interpreters –
  - English to Spanish (written)
  - Mongolian
  - Bosnian

American Cultural Diplomacy

*Richard Arndt*, former president of the US Fulbright Association, Chairman of the National Peace Foundation; and current President of Americans for UNESCO will be in OKC October 18 as part of a tour of Fulbright Chapters around the U.S. Because of his early connection with USIA, he has a special appreciation for the National Council for International Visitor network of which the OKC – IVC is a part.

The IVC is joining with the OKC Fulbright Association to host a “no-host” luncheon on Wednesday, October 18. Mr. Arndt will discuss American Cultural Diplomacy as well as his recently released book: *The First Resort of Kings: American Cultural Diplomacy in the Twentieth Century*.

For more information, contact Kay Bickham 341-3169.

Recent State Department Sponsored Visitors

Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with programs during August. Friendship Force members helped with Home Hospitality for the Indonesian House of Representatives Delegation.

The group also were able to meet with Representative Ken Miller, Susan Savage, and attended watch parties on election night.

The next group were journalists assigned to the United Nations. They were interested in Native American economic development and enjoyed a visit to the new Riverwind Casino

Finally, we had a visitor from France who is the youngest President of a regional council in France. He also met with a large number of elected officials.

Friendship Force expects Russian delegation:

“Women in Aviation”

Open World/ Friendship Force Oklahoma is hosting a delegation of Russian Women in Aviation October 21-29.

Liz Lundin, Ninety-Nines Manager will be a special guest at the October meeting. She will be helping with the Russian group due to arrive Oct. 21, 2006.

**WANTED:** *Dinner Invitation in your home for a Russian Woman in Aviation and her hosts. October 21-26.*

If you would like to participate (meet, greet and eat with a Russian delegate) please attend the Oct. 7 Workshop at the Downtown Library 2-4 p.m. For those that want to host a dinner and can't make the Workshop contact Joyce Rulon, 733-1191 or [joyspath@cox.net](mailto:joyspath@cox.net) Friendship Force Oklahoma will have a booth at Global Oklahoma. Come by and say hello to Linda and Judy.

Global Oklahoma

A Festival of Cultures at Rose State College – October 7- 10:00 to 5:00.

Annual Greek Festival

October 20,21,22 at St. George's Orthodox Church on North Penn in OKC.

United Nations Association

U.N. Day Luncheon – Saturday, October 21 at OCU in the Wanda L. Bass School of Music at the corner of Blackwelder and NW 25<sup>th</sup> St.

The featured speaker: Sherry Blazi “Maternal Health: What we know and Why we care.” Cost is \$20; Students - \$10. Email [mhooper@okcu.edu](mailto:mhooper@okcu.edu) to register or for more information.

OCU Film Institute

2:00 p.m. Sundays – *Petree Recital Hall at the Firkpatrick Fine Arts Center Free admission.*

October 8 – *Sophie School: The Final Days – Germany*

October 22 – *The Seven Samarai – Akira Kurosawa, Japan*

November 5 – *Machuca Andres Wood Chile*

## Moving the Fire: The Removal of Indian Nations to Oklahoma

This exhibit which has traveled across the U.S. opened September 20 at the The Red Earth Museum inside Omniplex at 2100 NE 52<sup>nd</sup> Street in Oklahoma City. For more information about the exhibit call the Red Earth Museum at (405) 427-5228 or visit [www.redearth.org](http://www.redearth.org).

During a 2004 interview with the *Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal* while the exhibition was on view at the Guilford College Art Gallery in Greensboro, N.C., Kirke Kickingbird (co-curator of the exhibit) said it was widely assumed in the late 1800s and early 1900s that government assimilation policies would eventually eradicate all traces of traditional American Indian culture. "The exhibit is a celebration of the fact that Indian culture hasn't disappeared," he said.

Sources for the photographic images featured in "MOVING THE FIRE: The Removal of Indian Nations to Oklahoma" include the archives of the Oklahoma Historical Society, several regional museums and a few private collections.

The exhibition of 38 images taken in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries capture a period during assimilation when the cultural identities of Native Americans were replaced with an overlay of white civilization.