



ACIV Happenings

July 2011

Mission and Purpose: The Albuquerque Council for International Visitors (ACIV), through the International Visitor Leadership Program, assists visitors to the U.S. by arranging for professional appointments, escorts, and host families, who serve as "citizen diplomats". Our mission is to strengthen the bonds of friendship with peoples of all nations and their emerging leaders. We believe in the power of the individual to change the course of history, working hand-in-hand with peoples from all countries.

Notes from the President

Special thanks go to Nadine and Ronnie Pachanian for hosting a very successful membership picnic. Nadine has been very active in home hospitality and helping with membership and we are grateful for all her efforts and creative ideas. The picnic was special because we not only had excellent attendance but also because Dr. Sherry Mueller, NCIV President, was able to join us. Sherry enjoyed networking with individuals and addressed the group in her usual capable fashion.

We showed the NCIV's video on citizen diplomacy and Sherry was able to amplify on the mission, and her experiences. Sherry especially recognized Agnes Dill for being a co-founder of ACIV and provided her an NCIV 50th anniversary commemorative book. She also recognized Mildred and Gerard Kaye for their wedding anniversary and long time support for ACIV. Sherry will be retiring from NCIV on September 30, and ACIV presented her with a colorful book on New Mexico, which was individually signed by those members present. We encouraged Sherry to remain in close contact with ACIV and visit as often as possible. Sherry will be returning to participate in our October Summit so those of you who did not see her in June can hopefully visit with her during the Summit.

I would like to especially recognize Susan Severt, our programming

Hospitality Corner

Latest Club Event! - On Sunday June 26th, ACIV had a picnic and membership drive at the home of Ronnie Pachanian and Nadine Pachanian. Approximately 70 people gathered to eat, socialize and introduce friends to ACIV. After picnicking on pulled pork and chicken sandwiches, "nibblies", and an awesome trio of potato salads (made by Susan Severt), a program of information about citizen diplomacy and ACIV was presented.

Calendar of Events:

Board Meeting - second Tuesday of every month from 11am to 1:00 pm at the office. August 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 11 — all members welcome

Summit Committee Meeting – July 25th, 6:30 pm, ACIV office.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, September 25 @ 2pm – Bill & Carol Yarnall's.

Community Summit on Citizen Diplomacy - Oct 4th evening reception at Hard Rock Hotel, Isleta Pueblo and meetings, Oct 5, 2011 at UNM

ACIV Christmas Party – Sunday, December 4 @ 2pm – Bill & Carol Yarnall's.

NCIV National Conference - February 15 – 18, 2012
Washington, DC

ACIV office Open Mon, Wed & Fri,
9:30AM- 1:00PM

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Executive Board:

President: Carol Yarnall

First VP: Berta Wagstaff

Second VP: Norma Hibbs

Secretary: Karen McEuen

Treasurer: Josh Furry

New Members - We would also like to formally welcome our newest members, John and Anne Heard and also Dr. Francine Olmstead and her husband Tracy Bowen. We are glad to have you with us!

Phone Survey - Hello, ACIV member! We want to hear from you! In order to develop and improve ACIV, your board wants your opinions and ideas. In the next few weeks an ACIV membership committee representative will be calling to ask about your thoughts on club activities, for your suggestions on how to increase membership and for your fundraising ideas. Together we can keep ACIV strong and growing.

Summit Adds Speaker for Opening Keynote Session



Cari E. Guittard will join the list of speakers for the Community

Summit on Citizen Diplomacy presented by the Albuquerque Council for International Visitors Oct. 4-5. She will open the summit's sessions with a keynote address on "Geopolitical Perspectives – 5 Global Trends Americans Can't Afford to Ignore."

Cari is a senior associate at Global Strategic Partners, a boutique intelligence, defense and strategic

communications firm. She has worked for DDB Worldwide, a nonprofit whose mission was to enlist the U.S. business community in public diplomacy and global engagement efforts; and for the U.S. Department of State working primarily in the Middle East and Asia. She has maintained a strong connection with higher education serving as on the adjunct faculty of the University of Southern California's Masters of Public Diplomacy and the University of San Francisco's Masters of Business

Administration programs. This fall she will join the adjunct faculty of HULT International Business School teaching global management. She holds a Masters of Public Affairs and Public Administration degree from the University of Texas at Dallas. Cari is noted as a dynamic speaker and should start the Community Summit on a rousing note. So, if you have yet to register, go to the ACIV website, www.abqcouncil.org and sign up today.

Programming Notes

As I write, we have a group of visitors here from Algeria. Their focus of interest is in Cultural Tourism and they got quite a surprise at their meeting with Mr. Paul Smith of the Balloon Fiesta Committee. They got a ride in hot air balloons, I feel that the experience will probably be the hi-light of their whole trip; it will certainly out do the trolley ride in Philadelphia.

Carmen Martin has a group coming in **August 6-9** from Iraq. Their focus is on Water Management, a good subject for our area. Carmen will have 7 to 10 visitors and 3 escorts.

August 14-17, Carol Yarnall is programming 13 Chinese visitors on Sustainable Environment.

August 24-30, Yuki Barrett will be programming 13 visitors from Africa and their subject Administration of Justice.

September 8-13 is a Youth program TBD

September 21-25, Health from Africa with Lou Shapiro programming

Political Process for Youth Home Hospitality

On May 6, the African group was hosted by Norma Hibbs & Berta Wagstaff, who were looking forward to showing them a great evening!

The group was welcomed with a warm hug and a sombrero was placed on each of the guests. They loved the attention.

The evening started with appetizers. Once acquainted and their thirst quenched with margaritas, dinner was a New Mexican buffet. Tacos were on the menu and they were shown how to put the taco together with all of the condiments offered. They truly enjoyed getting involved with the meal. Traditional rice, beans, enchiladas, quacamole, salsa and chips and for dessert they were offered the New Mexican cookie – bischochitos. Leftovers were gladly taken by our guests.

A little memento was presented to each of the Africans as the evening came to an end.

A festive brown bag decorated with red chilis that would remind them of their visit to the Land of Enchantment. The contents were a dozen bischochitos and so appreciated by all. – Berta Wagstaff