



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

I have completed one year as president and it has flown by. My goal was to improve ACIV's visibility in the community and increase the membership. Information presentations were given to local organizations- because some have said "ACIV is the best kept secret in town." The year's primary focus was the very successful "Summit on Citizen Diplomacy" which was held on October 4 and 5. We were able to establish numerous partnerships and open doors which will result in making ACIV even more effective than ever and enhancing New Mexico's international relationships. My sincere thanks goes out to Karen Schafer, the Summit chair, the entire committee and all ACIV members who participated. See more about the Summit details in another portion of this newsletter. On January 24 at 5:30PM we will have an open brainstorming session on "Maintaining the Summit experience—how to grow ACIV and partner better with all the international organizations." All ACIV members are encouraged to attend. I will use the results of this

ACIV Treasurer Thanks and Volunteer Needed- Thanks goes out to Josh Furry for serving as Treasurer this past year. Josh developed a very good format for monthly financial statements/balance sheets and produced very detailed reports. Josh resigned in September because of work and school demands. Best wishes Josh!

Karen Schafer has magnanimously agreed to serve as interim treasurer with the goal of us finding another person by April 2012. **If you are**

Calendar of Events:

Board Meeting - second Tuesday of every month from 11am to 1:00 pm at the office. Jan. 9, 2012 — all members welcome

ACIV Holiday Party – Sunday, December 4, 2011 @ 2-5 pm
– Bill & Carol Yarnall's.

Maintaining the Summit Experience Meeting – January 24 @ 5:30 pm; location to be determined.

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

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Programming Notes

We have started a new year as of October 1st and have been busy. Our October programs were; Sharing the Benefits of Pharmaceutical Development with the Disadvantaged from Japan. Susan Severt was the programmer. We had the Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists from Africa; Carmen Martin was the programmer. In November, we had 2 programs. Primary and Secondary Education: Preparing Students for Success and Citizenship, the visitors were from several countries in South America with Pablo Flores as

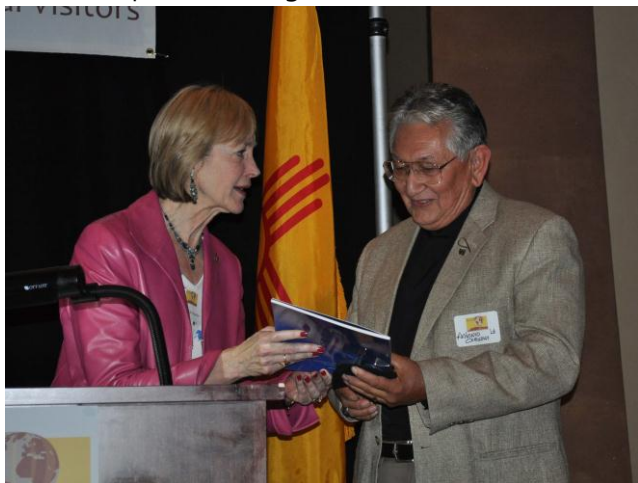
the programmer. Our second program is Small Business Development and Entrepreneurship, A Near East and North Africa Regional Project; with Carmen Martin programming.

In December we have a group coming in from Russia on Environmental Management and a reception will be held at the Homewood Suites for the membership, so be looking for your invitation.

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ACIV HOLDS SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY SUMMIT ON CITIZEN DIPLOMACY IN OCTOBER

ACIV's Community Summit on Citizen Diplomacy began with a sumptuous reception at the Hard Rock Resort Hotel on October 4 in the evening. Hosted and underwritten by the Pueblo of Isleta, Lt. Governor Antonio Chewiwi Jr., welcomed the group. Following a short video on the life of Senator William Fulbright, Dr. Sherry Mueller, President Emeritus of the National Council for International Visitors, expressed regrets from Harriet Fulbright, the Summit Honorary Chair, who was unable to join us because of illness. Dr. Mueller expressed appreciation to the Pueblo of Isleta and presented a gift to Lt. Governor Chewiwi.



The Summit opened the following morning at the University of New Mexico Student Union Building with the presentation of the colors by the UNM ROTC and welcome by Carol Yarnall, ACIV President. Dr. Mueller was introduced for an update on national activities and introduced the keynote speaker, Cari Guittard, who outlined "Five Global Trends Americans Can't Afford to Ignore."

Four workshops followed led by national and local citizen diplomacy experts.

The workshop *Business and Global Markets* was led by Luis Doménech, President of Market Intelligence Latin America in Mexico City with assistance from Adam Trujillo, Chair, International Trade Committee at the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce, and Dante Di Gregorio, Associate Professor, International Management, Anderson School of Business at UNM.

Diplomacy Education and Careers was led by Dr. Mueller with panelists Erin Bush, a Rotary exchange student, and Zane Maroney, a UNM Study Abroad student.

Carol Grabauskas, Deputy Director, International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State, and Ms. Yarnall presented the workshop, *Citizens Meet the World*.

Dr. Alan Pope, Chair Emeritus of the English Department at Central New Mexico Community College and a Fulbright Scholar led *Memorable International Experiences*. Panelists included AnnaRaeSimson, graduate student at New Mexico Highlands University; Ian Cheng, Procurement Manager, Sandia National Laboratories and Peace Corps alumnus; and John White, a Fulbright scholar who studied in Paraguay and Brazil.

"America and the Middle East—Coping with Crisis and Change" was the topic for Ambassador Walter L. Cutler's keynote address at the Summit's closing luncheon. A highlight of the luncheon was a presentation by Albuquerque's Mayor, Richard J. Berry, declaring October 5th Citizen Diplomacy Day in Albuquerque. Special recognition was given to Cheo Torres, Vice President for Student Affairs at

UNM, for his steadfast support for ACIV and his assistance with the Summit.

More than 120 people participated in the Summit with support from 20 Community Partner organizations and 17 sponsors. The Community Summit on Citizen Diplomacy was initiated through a seed grant from the National Council for International Visitors as part of its 50th Anniversary observance.

"We were gratified to have the support of so many international organizations in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and we look forward to working with them in the future," said Ms. Yarnall. The chair of the Planning Committee Karen Schafer added, "We hope the Summit was just the beginning of

HARRIET FULBRIGHT TO VISIT IN THE SPRING

Harriet Fulbright, the widow of Senator William Fulbright, was scheduled to participate in ACIV's Community Summit on Citizen Diplomacy but was forced by a brief illness to cancel her trip to Albuquerque. Ms. Fulbright served as the Honorary Chair for the Summit and has

increased cooperation and interaction with other international groups as we work to promote citizen diplomacy and bring a greater understanding of its contribution to world peace."

Information on Summit activities has been posted on the ACIV website, www.abq council.org, including photos taken at the Oct. 4 reception, the Oct. 5 sessions, and an Oct. 6 presentation by Ms. Guittard. Ms. Guittard and Mr. Doménech provided slides of their presentations that have also been posted on the website.

Annual Meeting, September 25, 2011

The 2011 Annual Meeting was held September 25 on the Yarnall's patio. Elections are held every two years and this was not an election year. Several new and long time members enjoyed fellowship and lunch. The meeting began with each person introducing themselves and sharing their favorite international destination. It was clear that our members have not only entertained visitors at home but have traveled extensively. Carol Yarnall, the President, shared the highlights of the past year and Susan