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## Greetings and Welcome from the President

Hearty thanks to all our membership, board, officers, programming and executive directors for their infectious enthusiasm, and dedication to the Council for International Visitor's vision. Particular thanks to out-going officers, President Donna Wolslagel, Secretary John Westover and Treasurer Joyce Hospodar who contributed tirelessly to this worthy organization.

Considering the CIV vision, it will be disingenuous of me to ignore current events and pretend all is well. The infamous events of 9/11 and the ensuing war on the Taliban, galvanized world public opinion, including adversaries, behind the US. Much of that evaporated with the invasion of Iraq.

If Public and Citizen Diplomacy are needed, it is needed now more than ever. It is in times like these that we need to raise the bar in our efforts at implementing CIV's vision by showing genuine concern and interest in our foreign visitors and by sharing America's Public Face and strengthening the ties of friendship "one hand shake at a time."

It is important that all members, particularly our board, contribute enthusiastically and help in building just and mutually supportive relations between all nations on this boat we call Earth whose skipper is the USA.

Tell your friends and relatives about Tucson Council for International Visitors; invite them to join in engaging people across the globe, regardless of ideologies, culture, religion, race, color, gender, age, or ethnicity.

Adel Ziady  
President

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## Membership Garden Party Welcome

TCIV's **Membership Garden Party Welcome** for new and old members will be held at the **Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N. Alvernon Way on **Sunday, September 12** from **2:00—4:00 pm**. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend this wonderful get-together.

Our mission as citizen diplomats is to promote, foster, facilitate and build international educational and cultural exchanges. Come with your family for a pleasant Sunday afternoon. Meet your TCIV Board Members and join other members of the community who have a desire to contribute to global understanding and peace as "*Citizen Ambassadors*" for America.

**No reservations required...just the pleasure of your company!**



# Citizen Diplomacy

by Eloise Brown, Programming



A most important part of our programming for international visitors is the arrangement for home hospitality.

The visitors have generally had a busy schedule before they arrive in Tucson and have been meeting numerous new and different people since they arrived in the U.S. By the time they reach us, they are in need of thoughtfully considered home hospitality.

The ideal method is to give the visitors an opportunity to meet, talk with and participate in the daily life of American family. We try to arrange that no more than two or three meet with each of the host families. It is not necessary to arrange a dinner party or invite large numbers to meet with them. They are interested in you and your family, the more

time you give to them as individuals the better they feel that they really know Americans, the goal of Citizen Diplomacy.

Over the years, my family has had the opportunity to get to know, as individuals, people from all walks of life and from all over the globe. It is amazingly wonderful to have an opportunity to sit down with your guest, chat and end the evening feeling that you have new personal friends.

In order to keep all of you in touch with planned visitors and allow you the opportunity to act as their host I do need a current email address. There are several in my address book which are returned when I attempt to email. Since the address has been copied several times before I get it, an error is possible, or I may have entered it incorrectly.

Therefore, I am going to ask all that have email, please email me at [eloise@thornbooks.com](mailto:eloise@thornbooks.com). The message can be as brief as you like and will take you only a moment or two.. It will allow me to notify you whenever we have visitors. Even though you may not wish to host guests, I will be able to keep you posted on those we have. Should you change your email address or server, please notify me.

The Council wishes to thank those of you who respond so promptly and are so ready to have guests. The visitors are always pleased and delighted with their host families. When they are a part of a larger group, part of the fun for them is telling one another about their experience in an American home.

## Board of Directors— 2004-2005

At the annual luncheon in April, the following members were elected to serve on the TCIV board for the coming year.

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| President          | Adel Ziady          |
| Vice President     | Carol Carpenter     |
| Secretary          | Amanda Halla        |
| Treasurer          | Nancy Hummel        |
| Executive Director | Dr. Filomena Brooks |

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| Bob Abbey           | Diana Aragon   | Jack Bright |
| Eloise Brown        | Cindy Hagerman | Lisl Yanker |
| Imra Ben-Ami Sowers |                |             |

Language Bank: Bea Salywon, Erika Eckhardt, and Anila DeHart

Programming: Eloise Brown, Chairperson

Newsletter: Filomena Brooks, Cindy Hagerman

Our board meetings are held the on the **Fourth (4th) Thursday** of each month (except June & July) at **El Parador Restaurant**, 2744 East Broadway (between Tucson Blvd and Country Club) at **12 noon-1:30 pm**. Lunch is **\$10.00** and can be ordered from the menu. Any member is cordially invited to attend and see your hard working board members in action. It is recommended that you come early to obtain parking and to order lunch. Our meeting schedule for this coming 2004-2005 year is:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| August 26               | January 27              |
| September 23            | February 17 (3rd Thurs) |
| October 28              | March 24                |
| November 18 (3rd Thurs) | April 28                |
| December (no meeting)   | May 26                  |

**OCTOBER - INTERNATIONAL MONTH**  
***El Parador Restaurant Bruncheon***  
***October 3rd – 12 noon***  
**Speaker: W. Charles Moore II**

Tucson Council for International Visitors, as part of National Council for International Visitors and The State Department Office of International Visitors, will be hosting and recognizing ***International Visitors' Month.***

In Tucson we will be celebrating this event at **El Parador Restaurant** on **Sunday, October 3** at **12:00 pm– 2:30 pm** with a Reception and Bruncheon.

Our special guest and speaker will be **W. Charles Moore II**, Director of the Department of State's Office of International Visitors. He leads an exchange program which brings more than 4,500 foreign emerging leaders to the U.S. to meet with their American colleagues and gain a better understanding



of the United States. Before his appointment, Mr. Moore served as a government relations' specialist with Education Networks of America and as a political appointee in the Office of International Affairs and Energy Emergencies at the Department of Energy during the George H.W. Bush Administration.

The price for the luncheon will be \$20.00. Luncheon choices are Chicken Arizona or Top Sirloin Steak, with fresh salad, rolls, beverage and dessert included.

All are welcome to attend. Paid reservations are required and must be received by September 27th. A reservation form is included in this newsletter

## What if there *weren't* a TCIV?

When our new TCIV President Adel Ziady asked me to write an article for the August 2004 newsletter, I asked, "What topic?" With little hesitation, President Adel said, "What TCIV means to you!" I started thinking about it...and thinking...and then suddenly it occurred to me, "What if there *weren't* a TCIV?" Read on...

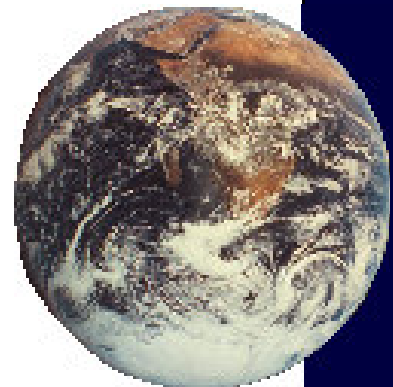
As director of the Office of International Faculty & Scholars at The University of Arizona, one of my responsibilities is receiving international visitors from the Fulbright Program, as well as exchange visitors from all over the world. If it weren't for TCIV, I would be missing out on the following values and opportunities that are important to me, both professionally and personally:

*...we must be  
 the change we  
 wish to see in  
 the world.  
 ~Ghandi*

- The satisfaction that I have a means in my local community to actively promote world peace
- An organization where I can express my views of the world and its cultures, and know that there are others who share common values
- An opportunity to serve international visitors in a more personal way
- A place where I can call if I have an urgent need for a translator
- A commitment to an organization that produces results, makes a measurable difference in this troubled world

Ghandi said, "...we must be the change we wish to see in the world." Being a part of TCIV means that I have the opportunity to *be* that change.

Carol M. Carpenter, TCIV Vice President  
 Director, Office of International Faculty & Scholars  
 and Passport Application Acceptance Facility, The  
 University of Arizona



- TCIV Upcoming Events -

- September 12 (Sun)      Membership Garden Party Welcome (Old and New Members)  
2:00-4:00 pm      Tucson Botanical Gardens
- October 3 (Sun)      International Visitors' Month Membership Luncheon  
12 Noon-2:30 pm      El Parador Restaurant  
Reservation Required: \$20.00 per person      (form inside newsletter)  
Speaker: W. Charles Moore II, US State Department  
Director, Office of International Visitors
- February 27 (Sun)      Gaslight Theater "*The Cisco Kid*" Fund Raiser  
7:00 pm      Tickets: \$18.00 per person ~ see November newsletter for full details
- April 16 (Sat)      Membership Election Meeting and Luncheon  
Time & Place TBA      More details in November and February newsletters
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