Weatherford Welcomes Citizens Academy

Weatherford, Oklahoma was the gracious host of Session III of Citizens Academy Class VIII on January 6, 2011.

On the evening of January 5, classmates were given a tour of the brand new Weatherford Performing Arts Center and the Stafford Air & Space Museum.

Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown was on hand to welcome CA participants on Thursday, January 6. Steve Kime, OCI Executive Director, was the facilitator for Session III. He focused on Community Assessment and the importance of Leading by Example. Participants worked in teams most of the day focusing on what makes a leader, how to stay “afloat” when you’re “Lost at Sea” and the difference between employees and management’s job satisfaction needs.

Session IV will meet in Alva on February 10th to focus on Economic Development & Tourism.

Help OCI Build Communities Block by Block

In December, OCI kicked off a new fund-raising campaign titled “120@500”.

According to Richard Clements, OCI Fund Development Chair and Treasurer, OCI is looking for 120 individuals to donate a $500 financial gift to assist OCI in its mission. The funds raised will continue to aid OCI in providing planning services to communities and leadership training to citizens across Oklahoma.

If you are interested in becoming one of the 120, please contact Richard Clements, clemendrd@oge.com or Rachel Meinke, OCI Director of Development, rmeinke@ocionline.org.
During the last few months, Steve Kime, OCI Executive Director, has been busy promoting OCI through radio broadcasting.

In December, Kime was a guest of KTGS - Hobart, where he and host Ryan McMullen, USDA Stillwater and OCI supporter, spoke about OCI services - community-wide strategic planning and Citizens Academy.

In January, Kime was a guest of KCLI - Clinton. During this broadcast, Kime and host Todd Brenner focused on City Reach 2020 and community wide strategic planning. Kime will continue to be a guest of KCLI until the community-wide strategic planning in Clinton is complete.

The remaining planning meetings will focus on identifying objectives, creating action plans and assigning projects to community volunteers and civic leaders.

All planning meetings have been held at the state-in-the-art Frisco Center, an event center in downtown Clinton, with over 17,650 square feet of meeting space. [www.frisco-center.com](http://www.frisco-center.com)
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Who’s Who

Dr. Donnie Nero, President, Connors State College, attended East Central University, where he received his BS in Social Studies. He received his Masters and Doctorate in Education from Oklahoma State University.

While at Tulsa Community College (Southeast Campus), Nero held many positions: Instructor, Dean of Student Services and Provost. In 2000, he became the President of Connors State College in Warner, Oklahoma.

Nero serves on numerous boards, including the Governor’s CLASS Task Force and the Oklahoma Council of Presidents.

In 2009, Nero was awarded the Trailblazer award from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. The Muskogee Area Educational Consortium named him Educator of the Year in 2004.

Dr. Roy Peters has been President of the Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance since 1999. Previously, he served as State Director of the Oklahoma System of Career and Technology Education.

Peters holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma and a doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

Peters serves on many boards: Tulsa Development Authority, Oklahoma Academy and Signature Symphony at Tulsa Community College.

In 1992, Peters received Oklahoma State University Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award and the American Vocational Association’s Outstanding Educator in 1996.

OCI Services

Tools to help communities grow

FIND out what your neighbors think about your community with this anonymous 30 question on-line survey. Use the results to help identify and set priorities for community improvement. Fee associated with survey.

BENCHMARK Study

COMPARE your community to communities of similar size. OCI conducts extensive research during this study and the results provide your community with key information for formulating a plan in building a stronger future. Fee associated with survey.

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