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DAILY BRIEFS

SHAFFER TO SPEAK AT AWC CHAPTER MEETING

The Tulsa Chapter of the Association for Women in Communication will host Gary Shaffer, CEO of the Tulsa City-County Library at a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wed., Sept. 18 at the Philbrook Museum of Art.



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Shaffer will discuss ways that orga-

Big welcome given to new citizens

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The welcome mat was rolled out for 33 new U.S. citizens during the naturalization ceremony on Sept. 11.

U.S. Chief District Judge Gregory K. Frizzell presided over the brief ceremony at the United States District Court Northern District of Oklahoma.

The new citizens willingly read the oath of citizenship and their voices clearly were heard when Judge Frizzell paused. They, their family and friends who attended the ceremony, ap-



Philbrook Museum of Art.

Shaffer will discuss ways that organizations can pump up community engagement and become better civic partners in his presentation, "Channeling Community Engagement."

Shaffer is a member of the American Library Association's public awareness committee that develops programs to promote libraries nationwide.

In 2012, he was instrumental in launching "MindMixer," a virtual town hall that allows municipalities and libraries to engage its constituents. Tulsa City-County Library is the first library and the first governmental agency in Oklahoma to use MindMixer.

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citizenship and their voices clearly were heard when Judge Frizzell paused. They, their family and friends who attended the ceremony, applauded joyously when they were declared citizens of their new country.

Mayor Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr. welcomed his soon-to-be fellow citizens of the U.S., their family and friends.

"We welcome you of citizens of this country and Tulsa, Oklahoma," Bartlett said. "We encourage you to be part of our community."

Bartlett said he and his wife Victoria had, as was their habit, attended services at the Victory Christian Hispanic Church the previous weekend where he also gave a welcome address.

"I gave the congregation what I thought was a nice talk about welcoming the group to Tulsa," he said. "I had forgotten that I was going to give a similar talk today."

Bartlett, in his remarks encouraged the new citizens to establish a commitment to their new community and the oneness of Tulsa.

"We embrace our diversity by your being here," he said. "As we celebrate today, Sept. 11, 2013, the 12th anniversary of what occurred in New York City, Washington, D.C., and in a field in Pennsylvania, we welcome the economic freedom this country possesses.

"We welcome your commitment to family and Tulsa is a family-oriented community where you can put down roots and your families to join ours and allow us to join yours."



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The first pledge to a new flag and new country was recited by 33 new U.S. citizens during the naturalization ceremony on Sept. 11. New citizens included, from left, Ria Park, Ogette Carlina Smith, Olga Valeriivna Mikhnyuk and Irman Forghani.

This city has a freedom of religion and no matter what form of religion that is practiced, at the end of the day know that particular flag with the red and white strips and blue field of 50 stars bring a feel of freedom, commitment and opportunity for everyone.

"Each of us are capable of showing what individuals are capable of doing to encourage families and individuals to ensure that freedoms are not misplaced," Bartlett said. "On behalf of the City of Tulsa, I as mayor, am thoroughly honored to be part of what you are about to experience. You and each of your families are welcome, welcome to Tulsa, Oklahoma and to the United States of America."

Judge Frizzell, in his remarks, said the naturalization ceremony gave everyone an opportunity to reflect "who and what we are as a na-

tion."

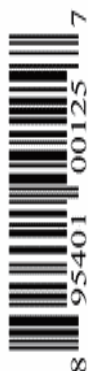
The judge recalled that his ancestor, John R. Frizzell, was part of the group of Scots whipped by Oliver Cromwell.

"My ancestor was one of the fortunate few to escape the Battle of Wooster," the judge continued. He made it across the English Channel and took the first boat to America that he could find. Upon arriving, he settled in Northern Massachusetts.

"There are similar stories in this courtroom," Judge Frizzell said. "We clearly are a nation of people from different lands and cultures. This is a nation of people from many different lands and cultures that made this country great."

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