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As we begin a new fiscal year in April, we want to give a hearty thanks to our members who have paid dues for the upcoming year. A volunteer organization such as ours, needs an active and supportive membership. So to our new members, and folks who have provided years of support, GKCPTP says thank you.

Acosta	Jesus and Ofelia
Alexander	Dudley and Virgie
Anderson	Gary and Carol
Barrett	Ray and Joan
Barringer	Inga
Batterson	Joyce
Bauer	Hank and Betty
Bischoff	Hazel and Edward
Borel	John and Sharon
Bradt	Xinh Xan McGuire and John J.
Brawner	Wally and Vicki
Brown	Gwenn Puetz and Glenn
Burnett	Patricia and Dak
Cessna	John and Joyce
Crow	Paul Mason Robert
Dolci	Lawrence and Barbara
Douglass & Naoky Sato	Carol
Dugan	Dyrk and Kris
Eichenwald	Howard and Sonia
Eisenhower	Mary
Farrar	William and Velma
Felton	Alan and Pamela
Fortin	Stacey Ann and Don
Foster	Robin and Jeanne
Fronk	William and Linda
Fuson	Don and Linda
Gaar	Norman and Marilyn
Getty	Carol and James

McCowan	Michael and Jesdon
McCreadie	John and Hilda
McDonnell	Dora
McField	Candice
McGowan	Bob and Mary
Meeder	Harold and Susan
Miles	Vic and Ellen
Moilanen	Jon and Jenny
Noyallis	Ed and Sandy
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O'Bea	Mike and Rebecca
O'Donnell	Matthew and Janel
Osredker	Mike and Theresa
Pace	Randy and Marquita
Parolin	Bill and Peggy
Pauley	Gary and Jan
Pevitts	Beverley Byers- and Robert
Pfaff	Brad and Nina
Price	Maira Campos and Graydon
Raggett	Jerry and Eleanor
Ruckh	Charles and Helen
Salem	Betty Rovelto
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Schmid	Jack and Errett
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Sharp	John and Gloria
Shaw	Marty and Molly
Sheldon	Siripon

(thanks to the membership continues)

Goodhart	Julie
Goodhart	Leon and Iris
Gordon	Larry and Sally
Haber	Chuck and Karen
Hermanns	Claudia Ellerman and David
Howard	Ken and Angie
Howell	McDonald and Margarete
Jacobs	Gene and Linda Peralta
Jibril	Mark Neuse and Mona
Kanarek	Joe and Raquel
Karp	Daniel and Rosemary
King	Bob and Eugenia
Kodanaz	Aytekin and Altan
Koranda	Frank and Diane
Lane & Howard Welch	Debbie
LeMoine	Dave and Sherrie
Londerholm	Robert and Beverly
Malouff	James
Manda	Kathie and Gil
Markel	Paulette and Nelson
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Waggoner	Tom and Jane Kohl
Walker	Ronald and Renee
Ward	Jerry and Gail
Watt	Merrill
Wilch	Ted and Rosemarie
Willy	Tom and Kay
Wood	Michael and Maggie
Young	John and Sarah
Zaidi	Nina
Zak	Rich and Dee
Zurcher	Bob and Poppy

Upcoming events

March 2	Spring Food Fair	6 p.m.; Frontier Conference Center; Ft. Leavenworth, KS (invitation only)
March 18	GKCPTP Annual Meeting	1 p.m. Kansas City Public Library; 14 W. 10 th St.; Kansas City, MO; 64105. (Details and invitation on Page7)
April 17	WorldQuest Team Trivia Contest	6 p.m. UMKC Pierson Auditorium; 5100 Rockhill; Kansas City, MO. Sponsored by the International Relations Council
Apr. 19-25	Washington D.C. Trip	IMSD officers from the 07-1 class will visit Gettysburg and Washington D.C.
June 1	Sponsor Recognition Ceremony	6:30 p.m. Eisenhower Auditorium; Bell Hall; Ft. Leavenworth, KS (invitation only)
June 14	IMSD Badge Ceremony	10:00 a.m. Eisenhower Auditorium; Bell Hall; Ft. Leavenworth, KS



By Sharon Valasek

President's Corner

Moving into the 21st Century

By now, most of us are quite accustomed to going online to shop, track our financial portfolios, check movie schedules or a number of other activities. The GKCPTP board is also making strides to move our chapter further into the 21st century.

At the last board retreat in May 2006, we identified several initiatives for the year. We formed small groups to divide and conquer; and we saw the need to help maintain momentum during the transition to a new board and to help ensure organizational continuity (through cross-training or backups). Several areas were taken under consideration. Below is a summary of a few key initiatives the board has acted on:

Accounting

The treasurer's job is currently handled using a combination of manual processes and spreadsheets. **Larry Dolci** diligently researched options and presented a recommendation to the board. The board agreed to move forward with the purchase of a basic laptop and software to automate bookkeeping.

International Military Sponsorship

A committee focusing on international military sponsorship met over the last several months to understand and document the sponsorship processes. Committee members **John Cessna**, **Barbara Dolci**, **Carol Douglass**, **Sonia Eichenwald**, **Gwenn Puetz** and **Sharon Valasek** also looked for ways to reduce the time and labor involved. **John Cessna** (along with neighbor Earl) recommended implementation of a Microsoft Access program to automate many steps in the process. Additional benefits include database tracking and reporting.

Chapter Manual

Committee members **Dyrk Dugan**, **Gene Jacobs**, **Sharon Valasek** and **Gail Ward** are working on this initiative. **Gene** is writing a draft version of the manual. Board members are providing details about their respective roles and responsibilities. The manual will be used as a "day-to-day" operating guide for the board. Benefits include better transition from outgoing to incoming boards and better preparedness for continuity of operations.

Membership Directory

The chapter membership directory will be updated and reprinted. Please let **Pat Burnett** know if your contact information has changed recently. Pat can be reached at 816.746.9698 or dburnett@kc.rr.com. New directories are expected to be available at the March 18th annual meeting. **Pat Burnett**, **Don Fuson** and **Gary Lofstrom** are working on this initiative.

Many of these initiatives are in the process of being implemented. I ask for your patience as we transition to new and improved ways of serving you. Thanks to those helping to move us forward.

Be of good cheer!
Sharon

Changes to Bylaws

At the upcoming annual meeting, proposed changes to GKCPTP's bylaws will be discussed and a vote will be taken. You can view these amendments on the news page at gkcptp.org. More details will be forthcoming via email.

Know Your World Presentations

March 14	Norway	3:30 p.m. Eisenhower Auditorium; Bell Hall; Ft. Leavenworth, KS
April 11	Rwanda	3:30 p.m. Eisenhower Auditorium; Bell Hall; Ft. Leavenworth, KS
May 9	Indonesia	3:30 p.m. Eisenhower Auditorium; Bell Hall; Ft. Leavenworth, KS
June 6	Lithuania	3:30 p.m. Eisenhower Auditorium; Bell Hall; Ft. Leavenworth, KS

A select few IMSD students each semester are given an opportunity to tell the general public about their country during the Know Your World Series. For academic year 2007-2, the presentations will be held on **Wednesdays**, for four months in a row. GKCPTP members and sponsors, U.S. Army students, their families, and the general public at large can learn about their world right in their own back yard. The events are **free** and include a country oriented reception following each presentation. Plan ahead to get to Know Your World!

From Ft. Leavenworth to Baghdad

LTG General **David Petraeus**, Commander of the Combined Arms Center and Ft. Leavenworth left for his third tour in Iraq on Feb. 5. LTG **Petraeus** was a great friend of GKCPTP and we wish him luck on his new and difficult assignment as Commander Multi-National Forces- Iraq. In his farewell remarks at his departure ceremony at Ft. Leavenworth on Feb. 2, LTG **Petraeus** specifically mentioned the support that GKCPTP provides the international officers at the Command and General Staff College. His remarks echoed those of General **William Wallace**, Commanding General, TRADOC, another supporter of GKCPTP who spoke earlier. The greater Kansas City area will miss LTG **Petraeus**, who will be promoted to General shortly, and his gracious wife Holly, both of whom were great supporters of the mission of GKCPTP.

January Board Meeting Minutes Update

Treasurer's report

Treasurer **Larry Dolci** reported that bank statements had not yet been received. A follow up letter requesting payment from an insufficient funds check has been sent with no response to date(from 50th Gala). Laptop status: **Sherrie LeMoine** made the motion to authorize \$1000 towards the purchase of a laptop with software. **Candice McField** seconded the motion. Larry will research and email the board before any purchase is made.

Student Loan and Scholarship Program

\$900.00 was deposited to the treasury account this month for student loans. A discussion was held in regards to the possibility of PTPI administrating the loan collection part of the loan/scholarship fund. President **Sharon Valasek** proposed that **Jerry Ward** meet with PTPI to explore that option and report back to the board. GKCTP would continue to select candidates for loans and scholarships.

Military programs

John Cessna presented information on a computer program that would increase efficiency in the documentation/sorting process of sponsor-officer matching. This program uses Microsoft Access functionality. There would be an expense to setting up this system by a programmer. It was recommended that the board learn more about this potential time saving program. The military programs/initiatives committee has documented the sponsor-officer matching process and is in the process of creating a flow chart for the chapter manual.

Homestay Opportunity

GKCTP needs to find host families for a fun homestay program in approximately late June. Exact dates will be upcoming. 18 students from Milan, Italy will be visiting the Kansas City area for five to six days. Interested hosts should contact:

Sonia Eichenwald

913-851-0873

eichenwald@compuserve.com

Vicki Brawner

913-369-3524

vickijb05@wmconnect.com

Jake and Linda's Belize Adventure

by Gene Jacobs

Below is an excerpt of text authored by Jake.. You will soon be able to see pictures and all the text at gkcptp.org

As part of our activities in People to People International, **Linda** and I have been sponsoring military officers from a variety of nations around the world for 21 years. Occasionally, we have the opportunity to visit one of our former officers and his friends and family in his country of origin. January 2007 presented one of those opportunities when we traveled to Belize to spend a long weekend with Brigadier General **Lloyd Gillett** who now is the commandant of the Belize Defense Force (BDF).

We arrived in Belize City at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, January 18. Lloyd met us at the airport, and Willoughby, his driver, took the three of us to our hotel. Since Belize is in the same time zone as Kansas City and the flight from Dallas is about three hours, there was no need to adjust to anything resembling jet lag. We dropped our luggage in our room and adjourned to poolside for a cool drink and an opportunity to catch up on each others lives in the years since our last time together. Having left sub-freezing temperatures in Kansas City that morning, enjoying a cool beverage at poolside was a real treat.

After an hour or so, Lloyd left us to freshen up for dinner. We were to join a visiting U.S. military delegation from San Antonio headed by BG **Ken Keen** and would have the opportunity to meet **Maria**, Lloyd's "best friend," at a museum/restaurant called Old Belize. Upon arrival, we met BG Keen, his party and the beautiful and charming Maria, whose grace and hospitality added greatly to our enjoyment of our visit. We enjoyed a guided tour of the museum which quickly brought informed us a great deal about the history of the country, formerly British Honduras.

At dinner, we were introduced to Marie Sharp's habañero pepper sauce, a staple on tables at nearly every restaurant we were to visit. I brought several bottles home.

Friday morning, we were collected at the hotel by Willoughby and Lt. Neal, a BDF public relations officer. They escorted us to another museum and a driving tour of Belize City. We were to meet Lloyd at the BDF airfield at 1 p.m., but unusually heavy recent rains had wiped out part of the highway to Ladyville, the town in which the airport and the BDF barracks are located. After a delay, we were able to get around the construction crew which consisted of several men leaning on shovels. Lloyd referred to the signage as "Slow Men Working" emphasizing the lack of a comma.

When we arrived at the airfield, we discovered that we were going to fly to San Pedro on a BDF plane. San Pedro is a village on the core of Ambergris Caye, the larger and more populated of the Cayes in Belize. It is also the city with more tourist attractions, making it an important catalyst for all the water-based activities in Belize. Lloyd, who has been in the aviation branch of the BDF most of his career, would fly the plane with another Lt. Neal as copilot. When he as a captain, Lloyd was **Queen Elizabeth's** personal pilot during her visit to Belize. He was told that she would present him with a gift at the conclusion of her trip, and he asked his copilot to find out what it would be. He learned that she planned to give him an autographed picture. When she did so, he smiled and told her that it was the custom in Belize to reciprocate in like fashion when given a gift and presented her with an autographed picture of him. Is the story apocryphal? Perhaps, but Lloyd loves to tell it and we always enjoy hearing it.

We were delighted to find that the five inches of snow that had fallen on Parkville during our stay in sunny Belize had not buried our car in the KC I parking lot. The neighbors had cleared most of our driveway and brought our mail into the house where is awaited us. Arriving at nearly midnight, we slept very well our first night home and awoke Wednesday morning already thinking of when we might be able to return to this lovely country in which we had met so many wonderfully remarkable people.

**GKCPTP Annual Meeting 2007
Downtown Library
14 West 10th St.
Kansas City, MO 64105**

Location:

Downtown Library in the West Mezzanine Room

Library Parking Information: The Central Library parking lot is located directly west of the Central Library building on the NW corner of 10th & Baltimore. Parking is FREE but please bring your ticket inside in order to exchange it at the circulation desk for a free coupon.

Time:

Sunday, March 18th; 1-4 pm

Entertainment:

Sit back and relax to a musical performance by *Three Sisters*. The performance will infuse a mixture of classical, jazz, soft rock, Broadway, 30's, 80's and 90's.

Cost: \$15/person

RSVP by: March 11th

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Please complete and return by March 11, 2007
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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Attending: _____ @ \$15/person

Total Cost enclosed: _____

**Please Make Checks Payable to: GKCPTP
Please Return to: Candice McField
22710 W. 73rd St.
Shawnee, KS 66227**

2007-08 Slate of Officers; Report from Chairman Linda

Jacobs

GKCPTP would like to thank the work of the nominating committee: **Linda Jacobs; John Cessna; Jerry Ward; and Dyrk Dugan**

Per GKCPTP chapter bylaws, the nominating committee has selected the following candidates for officer and board positions for the 2007-08 year. These candidates were adopted by the current GKCPTP board.



The nominated slate for the 2006-07 officers (one year terms) and members of the GKCPTP Board of Directors (three year terms):

- President **Larry Dolci**
- 1st VP (Member) **Pat Burnett**
- 1st VP (Programs) **Theresa Osredker**
- Secretary **Nila Cleaves**
- Treasurer **Gary Lofstrom**

Directors: (Three years or remaining terms) * indicates Director already elected for three year term.

- 2008 ***Ofelia Acosta**
- *Julie Goodhart**
- *Candice McField**

- 2009 ***Bev Londerholm**
- *Terry Smitka**
- Tom Waggoner**
(replacing Theresa Osredker)

- 2010 **Alan Felton**
- Nelson Markel**
- Pat Medill**

The 2010 nominees replace **Michael Wood, Sherrie LeMoine** and **Carol Douglass**.

Or check here to accept all nominees on the slate.

Any GKCPTP member may submit nominations by mail for additional candidates for office, together with a statement of nominee consent to the Chapter by March 16, 2007.

Completed ballots must be received via mail by March 16, 2006. Send to: Linda Jacobs, 5720 Willow Pl; Parkville, MO; 64152

Cut out this ballot and send your envelope to the above address. Your mailing label on the reverse side of this page, will serve as a confirmation ID for your ballot.

You may also bring your ballot to the annual meeting on March 18, 2006.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a paid GKCPTP member for 2007. If you're not paid for 2006 contact Nina Zaidi at 816-942-6591 to get your membership in good standing.

Name _____
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2006-2007 GKCPTP Board

President	Sharon Valasek	816-942-2794
1st VP (Membership)	Nina Zaidi	816-942-6591
2nd VP (Programs)	Diane Koranda	913-384-2283
Secretary	Pat Burnett	816-746-9698
Treasurer	Larry Dolci	913-648-0845
Director 2007	Carol Douglass	913-422-1520
Director 2007	Sherrie LeMoine	913-906-9252
Director 2007	Michael Wood	816-361-9693
Director 2008	Candice McField	913-271-4474
Director 2008	Julie Goodhart	913-381-2712
Director 2008	Ofelia Acosta	816-441-7457
Director 2009	Theresa Osredker	913-897-6163
Director 2009	Bev Londerholm	913-897-3596
Director 2009	Terry Smitka	816-480-4227
Immediate Past President	Gene Jacobs	816-741-1290

The GKCPTP Board welcomes your comments and feedback.

Standing Committees

Homestay Coordinators	Sonia Eichenwald; Vickie Brawner
Student Ambassador Loan/Scholarship	Bob Cox
Membership Committee	Nina Zaidi, Chair; Sherrie LeMoine
IO Sponsor Mentor Committee	Linda Jacobs and Sherrie LeMoine (additional volunteers welcomed)
Telephone Committee	Need Additional Volunteers
Program Committee	Diane Koranda, Chair; Pat Burnett; Julie Goodhart; Theresa Osredker; additional volunteers needed
International Officer Coordinator and Liaison with Ft. Leavenworth	Gwenn Puetz 913-345-8266
CONTACT and Web Home Page Editor	Dyrk Dugan 913-481-6100
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