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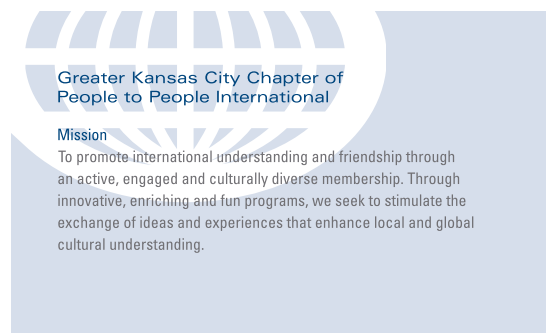
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Personalized cards from Greater Kansas City People to People are now available for a limited time! This special member benefit will allow you to share professional business cards with your friends, neighbors and international visitors.

The cards are attractively designed in blue, gray and black. All you have to do is complete the order form below, enclose a check, and send both to the address shown by **October 30, 2007**.

This is a one-time offer put together by the volunteer members of GKCPTP, and will not be available after this date.



Back

Greater Kansas City Chapter of
People to People International

Mission

To promote international understanding and friendship through an active, engaged and culturally diverse membership. Through innovative, enriching and fun programs, we seek to stimulate the exchange of ideas and experiences that enhance local and global cultural understanding.

*Reverse side
contains our
new mission
statement.*

GKC People to People Cards

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Jim Malouff Named KC's 2007 World Citizen



The United Nations Association of Kansas City (UNA) has announced that long-time Greater Kansas City People To People (GKCPTP) member Jim Malouff will be presented the UNA's World Citizen of the Year award at the Mayor's Annual UN Day Banquet on October 24th. The event will be held at UMKC's Pierson Auditorium, with a reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00.

Jim's fingerprints are all over the international scene of Kansas City. Apart from accepting GKCPTP committee assignments and hosting foreign military officers, he is also a Trustee of People to People International. Jim has been involved with Sister Cities Association of Kansas City for nearly 25 years; he often provides hospitality to visitors through the International Visitors Council and is a regular participant in numerous charitable and educational activities involving our greater world.

You will soon be able to see tangible evidence of Jim's enthusiasm for making Kansas City a player on the world stage. This fall, Grand Boulevard from south of Crown Center to the River Market is being re-named Grand Boulevard of the Americas and will be festooned with the flags of virtually every country in the Organization of American States (OAS), some 34 flags in all. It wouldn't have happened without Jim coming up with the idea and personally lobbying for it with city officials and businesses along the route.

GKCPTP is putting together a table to help honor Jim. If you would like to be included, please send your check for \$40 to Theresa Osredker at 5013 W. 129th St., Leawood, KS 66209.

Michael Wood

Editor's Note: In 2006, Mike Wood, another GKCPTP member, was equally honored at the UNA annual banquet. Mike received the World Citizen of the Year award last October. GKCPTP is fortunate to have as members these two outstanding individuals who have made numerous contributions to the international scene in Kansas City.





*Leavenworth Picnic,
Flag Day Ceremonies, and
Lewis & Clark Center
Dedication Ceremony including
Senator Pat Roberts*

President's Column

In my last column, I identified several new initiatives designed to ensure our chapter meets the needs of all members. Thanks to the hard work of our board, many of these programs are now being implemented.

In the last Contact, we published our new strategic plan developed by **Nelson Markel** and his team, and asked for your comments. The comments I received about the plan have been very positive. Thanks to those of you who took the time to study and comment on our plan. Now that the strategic plan has been finalized, we have to make sure all chapter activities are tied to the goals of our plan. **Nelson Markel** developed a scorecard to measure our progress in achieving our strategic goals.

Since the last edition of the Contact, several of you have recruited new members. A number of us brought prospective new members to recent events, such as the Leavenworth picnic. The picnic was a real success, heavily attended, and indoors in the air conditioned field house at St. Mary's University. This is quite a change from the traditional outdoors August events. Thanks to **Theresa Osredker**, **Julie Goodhart** and all the others who worked so hard on the picnic.

You will see a description of a new program in this edition, People Meeting People by **Patsy Medill**. Patsy has been the driving force of

this exciting new program designed to bring chapter members together in low key social events. I ask that you participate in this program if at all possible. The program will help us learn more about each other and will serve as a great recruiting tool for prospective new members.

Those of you who sponsor International Military Students at Ft. Leavenworth may have had a chance to attend the August 13, 2007 Flag Ceremony, at the new Lewis and Clark Center. This ceremony was held in conjunction with the dedication of the center. Descendants of Lewis and Clark participated in the Flag Ceremony and dedication. The new center is stunning. It has the latest classroom technology, beautiful paneling and stone work, multiple meeting rooms, and cases that allow the display of hundreds of historical items, yet it manages to fit in with the architecture of the older buildings at the Fort.

I urge you to watch the website and your mail for announcements of other new programs that should have broad appeal to chapter members. Our program committee, chaired by **Theresa Osredker**, is looking at some unique programming that should offer fun with an international flair.

Thanks to all of you for your hard work and support in making this a great year for the chapter.

Larry Dolci

GKCPTP Takes to the Air!

It pays to have amigas in the right places. Just ask GKCPTP board member **Ofelia "Ofee" Acosta**.

Two years ago, Ofee met Susana Marcos at a Hispanic Chamber of Commerce social event and had the forethought to maintain the acquaintance. So, when the board was discussing various ways to get the word out about People to People International and the Greater Kansas City chapter, Ofee remembered the meeting; and more importantly, the fact that Marcos hosts an hour-long Spanish language radio program weekly (Sunday from 10-11 a.m.) on *La Playa*, 1480 on the AM dial.

Ofee called and asked if there was a possibility that the chapter might get mentioned on the program, and Marcos invited her to come to the station for an interview. Still being relatively new to the organization, she asked her friend **Linda Jacobs**, a past president of the chapter,

to come along. Both are fluent in Spanish.

The interview was recorded on Friday, August 3, and broadcast Sunday, August 5. Questions ranged from programs available, to overall benefits to chapter members.

Susana Marcos is a native of Argentina, and both Ofee and Linda have hosted international military students and families from that country and have visited Argentina to spend time with their families since the hosting experience. Of course, this provided convenient topics of conversation as well.

The exposure to a target audience in Kansas City specifically interested in international activities was beneficial. Also, the chapter is fortunate to have a board member with connections to such an opportunity. Having members who can communicate in the language is handy as well.



People Meeting People

A new program is ready to be launched this Fall...**PEOPLE MEETING PEOPLE**.

It is designed to provide a venue where all members of GKCPTP come together in small fun groups, for the purpose of getting to know one another and learning new ideas. Beginning in October, every member who wishes to be informed, will receive a monthly reminder email. Those members who indicate they are available, will be assigned to an area host home on the 4th Sunday of the month...from 5:00-7:00PM. (There will be several hosts each month.) Each person (or couple) assigned will take an hors d'oeuvre to the address they are assigned. At each gathering, everyone will meet new members in an informal setting. Emphasis is on getting to know other members and sharing in the fun of international awareness.

You are not required to attend every month...only when you want, but you will find that you have so much fun, you won't want to ever miss any of the gatherings.

Forward your email address to: PeopleMeetingPeople@yahoo.com Let us know if you are available to attend the first gathering on **Sunday, October 28, 2007**. Assignments will be made by the 20th of October...don't miss this fun and exciting opportunity.

If you have questions, contact Patsy Medill 816-505-3739, or forward your questions to Patsy at PeopleMeetingPeople@yahoo.com



Board members at first "People meeting People" event – at Patsy Medill's



“Candice is compounding the investments made in her life through her own personal commitment to service.”

Things to Do in Life . . .

International travel has long been a passion for **Candice McField**. While in college, she earned 12 credit hours in global studies through *Semester at Sea*, and visited a total of 10 countries during that experience. She has since visited an additional eight countries. She has sponsored for four years in the GKCPTP International Military Student program, and currently serves on the board of GKCPTP.

Candice has a degree in economics from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, and is currently working as an advisor for Merrill Lynch. She is involved in the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA) Downtown Express Network as VP of communications, and is a charter member of the Christian Financial Network.

She is not only a professional in financial fitness, but in personal fitness as well.

Candice has competed and placed in several competitions in the World’s Natural Bodybuilding Federation. In February 2006, she was featured in *Oxygen* magazine in their “Future of Fitness Section.”

In addition to her many professional accomplishments, Candice is most proud of the scholarship program she established at her high school alma mater, Sumner Academy of the Arts and Sciences. Grateful for the guidance of many while attending Sumner, she is compounding the investments made in her life through her own personal commitment to service. She receives great joy from mentoring those high school scholarship recipients, challenging them to create a “Things to Do in Life List.” At the youthful age of 26 years, it is evident that Candice teaches by example!

Meet Gonzalo and Kelly Arias, New Members to GKCPTP

Gonzalo is a native of Colombia, growing up in the coffee region of the Andes Mountains in the town of Manizales. Kelly is a native of Nebraska where they were introduced in 1999. Gonzalo was studying English and Kelly was taking an intensive Spanish class at the University of Nebraska.

Kelly works for the Principal Financial Group doing sales training, as well as

servicing her own clients. Gonzalo is a loan officer for James B. Nutter, and is starting coursework in Network Administration at Johnson County Community College.

They cite an interest in meeting more internationally-minded people as their reason for joining GKCPTP. Please give a warm welcome to Gonzalo, Kelly and their daughters, Meghan and Mikayla.



Welcome our new members!

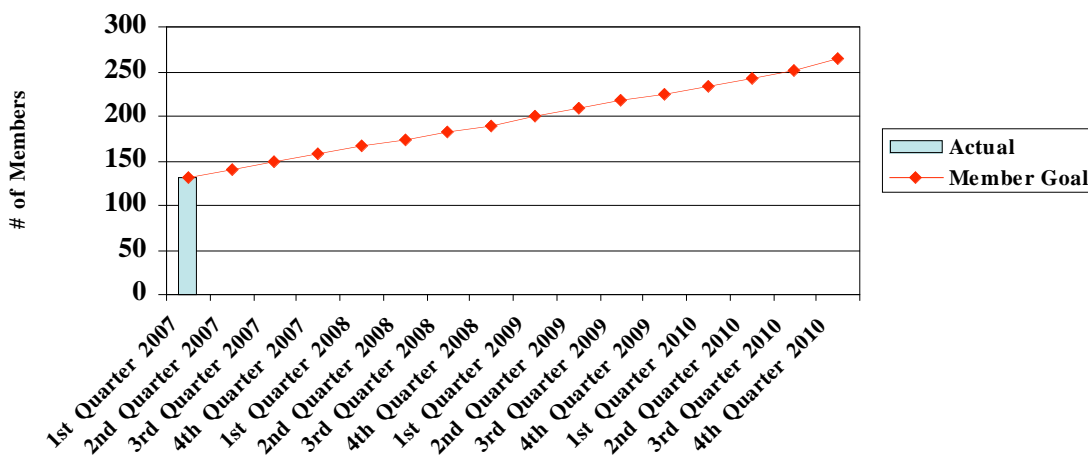
Strategic Planning Committee



One of the objectives the GKCTP board set for itself this year was to develop a new mission statement. The board wanted a statement that would offer a clear vision of what we wanted to be as an organization and how we would get there. **Nelson Markel** and his committee developed eight specific targets and goals to help us “get there.”

- Double chapter membership by 2010
- Develop “sister chapter” relationships with two (2) foreign chapters by 2010
- Establish a relationship and joint programs with a student chapter of PTPI in our metropolitan area by 2008
- Put in-place the staff and committees required to support a larger, more involved, organization
- Entice at least 33% of the members who are active in the sponsor program to become more involved with other chapter programs and events by 2011
- Develop two (2) additional programs and/or recurring events by 2009 that have significant value propositions and drawing power, that entice prospective members to join us, and encourage present members to retain their memberships
- Establish a program to develop future leaders for the chapter
- Develop a comprehensive communication plan, by the end of fiscal year 2007, to enhance our internal communication with members and our external communication to targeted constituencies.

The ongoing task for the board is to ensure that progress is being made towards achieving those targets and goals. Nelson proposed a system to track our efforts. He developed a graph for each target or goal that will track milestone achievements along the path to completion. Monthly updates will be provided to the board. Below is an example of the graph for membership growth.



Above: New chart to track membership growth



Opportunity Available – Student Loan Coordinator

As many of you are aware, GKCPTP provides scholarships and loans to deserving students for travel on People to People International programs. During the 2007-2008 year, we provided 25-\$1,000 loans. The students begin repaying these loans in August of each year. Bob Cox, who was handling the loan payments, is no longer able to serve so the chapter needs a new loan coordinator.

Duties:

- To send the students and their parents a repayment agreement and payment schedule when students are selected for the loans.
- To receive the payments from the students and post them on an existing Excel spreadsheet. The spreadsheet will automatically track the payments and balances.

- To contact the student's parents if the payments are not made. (I will help with draft letters).
- To prepare a monthly report to the board on the Student Loan program, using the Excel spreadsheet.
- Work with the team that selects the students, and the treasurer who deposits the checks in the chapter accounts.

I am handling the student loan payments myself at the moment and would be happy to discuss the duties with anyone interested. This program provides a real benefit for young people and is a real asset for the chapter. Please consider volunteering and contact me.

Thanks,
Larry Dolci

Membership Report

GKCPTP currently has 145 member units. This is a combination of both single and family memberships with approximately 265 people being counted in the member rolls.

The membership committee is concerned not only with recruitment, but also retention and member satisfaction. We are always looking for new ways to "make a connection" for members. In this vein, we are moving forward with the following ideas:

1. New Column in CONTACT profiling a current member.
2. Recognition of new members of GKCPTP along with their respective recruiting member.
3. "People Meeting People" is an idea that came from membership. It is designed for

members to meet other members through regularly scheduled, informal gatherings.

Patsy Medill has graciously volunteered to launch this program. (see article)

Annual dues are right around the corner!! Please help us with a timely response when your statement arrives. New members that joined July 1, 2007, or later are considered paid through 2008 as a courtesy. Your membership in GKCPTP also includes membership to People to People International, our parent organization. A portion of member dues are forwarded to PTPI annually.

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United Nations Dinner

The Greater Kansas City United Nations Association will be holding their annual dinner on Wednesday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pierson Auditorium at UMKC.

GKCPTP is organizing a table for attendees. If you are interested in attending with PTP friends, please send your check to Theresa Osredker at 5013 W 129th St., Leawood KS 66209.

Our very own **James Malouff III** will be receiving the *World Citizen of the Year* award for the KC chapter. (See previous article.) Dinner is \$40.00 per person, and \$320.00 for a table of 8.

More information is available at www.una-kc.org. If you choose to register on line and wish to join the GKCPTP group, please indicate so.

“Join us in celebrating James Malouff III as World Citizen of the Year at the United Nations annual dinner.”

Military Committee Report

In the last Contact, we introduced the new Computer Assisted Sponsorship Program (CASP). CASP is a tool designed to add efficiencies through automation to the International Military Student (IMS) sponsor assignment process. The tool is used by the military committee including **Gwenn Puetz**, our chapter IMS sponsor program coordinator, and **John Cessna**, who is helping manage the implementation of CASP. For the upcoming IMS class arriving in January 2008, CASP will be used to assist with IMS-sponsor assignments. Watch for

an email requesting you to complete the application and sponsor information forms and to verify your IMS-sponsor history. If you do not have email, contact **John Cessna** so he can make note in CASP that your preferred communication is by US Mail. You will be asked to complete the forms and verify history by Oct. 31. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Gwenn Puetz at 913-345-8266 or gwennpuetz@msn.com or contact John Cessna at 913-383-1166 or jcessna@everestkc.net.



New Computer Assisted Sponsorship Program

Speaker’s Bureau

One of the goals established as a part of our chapter’s strategic plan, is to develop a comprehensive communication plan by the end of fiscal year 2007. The purpose of the plan is to enhance our internal communication with members, and our external communication to targeted constituencies. The GKCPTP Speaker’s Bureau was established to address the “external communication” part of that objective.

The Speaker’s Bureau committee is developing a presentation that will be used by a select list of GKCPTP speakers. The intent is to develop a schedule of presentations to be given to the Rotary

Club, Lions, Elks, Urban League, and various other community organizations. Our objective is to create awareness of who GKCPTP is and what we do. We also view it as another way to attract new members.

The presentation will cover our history, current programs, and why we believe what we do is relevant and important. If you know of a group whose mission is complementary to GKCPTP (for example, internationally-minded, facilitating person to person relationships) and/or a group interested in or in need of a speaker for regularly scheduled meetings or special events, contact **Nelson Markel** at 816-590-4433 or nrmarkel@bucon.com to make arrangements.



The GKCPTP Speaker’s Bureau was established to address the “external communication” part of the strategic plan.



Fall Programs

Date	Contact	Program
October 19, 2007	By Invitation	Fall Food Fair at Ft. Leavenworth for sponsors invited to this event.
October 20/21, 2007	Theresa Osredker, 913-897-6163 or Theresa_66209@yahoo.com	International Film Festival. We join our friends of the Czech/Slovak Club for a showing of a Czech film at Screenland theatre in the Crossroads area at 1656 Washington. Check for exact time and date on the web site. \$10 covers ticket cost and rental fees. Bring a potluck dish to share before. Alcoholic drinks available for purchase.
October 24, 2007 6:30 p.m.	Send check to Theresa Osredker at 5013 W. 129 th St., Leawood, KS 66209	GKC United National Association annual dinner at Pierson Auditorium, UMKC. \$40 pp. James Malouff III to receive the World Citizen Award.
October 28, 2007 5:00-7:00 p.m.	Patsy Medill, 816-505-3739 peoplemeetingpeople@yahoo.com	People Meeting People informal gathering to get to know other GKCPTP members. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.
November 4, 2007	Theresa Osredker 913-897-6163 or Theresa_66209@yahoo.com	Interfaith Dinner and Dialogue Potluck Dinner at Leawood United Methodist Church, 2915 W. 95 th St, Leawood, KS
November 30, 2007	By Invitation	Holiday Dinner Dance for invited sponsors.
December	TBA	Regional wine tasting program. Details to be announced.

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