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ANNUAL MEETING

Save the Date!

Sunday, March 24, 2013, 1:30 PM

Grand Street Café

4740 Grand Street

Kansas City MO 64112

Cost: \$20 per person

Enjoy a wonderful brunch while we conduct our annual business meeting and the election of our 2013-2014 board of directors. More information will follow on the slate of officers and sending in your RSVP and your vote.

President’s Message

Dear Friends,

Thanks to those of you who have been involved in our recent activities at Fort Leavenworth and in the Kansas City area. We recently had a successful workday at the Operation International Children warehouse. I was not able to attend, but I understand that the group worked very hard at putting together school kits. Kansas City sponsors are enjoying our international officers in the 13-01 class and getting to know the new officers in the 13-02 class. The program committee is looking ahead to schedule other Circle of Knowledge programs and tours of upcoming exhibitions at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. As you look at the calendar, you will see many more opportunities to get involved in the upcoming months.

The new class of international military students (13-02) has arrived in Fort Leavenworth, and there is much activity with the Spring Food Fairs, Know Your World presentations, and many other events.

Our Annual Meeting at Grand Street Café is scheduled for March 24.

If you have other ideas or suggestions for the chapter, we would love to know. Please contact us at prez@gkcptp.org .

I look forward to all of these upcoming events and to seeing as many of you as possible.

Warm regards,

Karen Haber

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
2/27/13	Know Your World: Bulgaria	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:30 p.m.
3/1/13	13-01 Spring Food Fair By invitation only; RSVP required	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	6:00 p.m.
3/8/13	13-02 Spring Food Fair By invitation only; RSVP required	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	6:00 p.m.
3/24/13	GKCPTP Annual Meeting, RSVP required	Grand Street Café, 4740 Grand Street, Kansas City MO	1:30 p.m.
3/27/13	Know Your World: Mexico	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:30 p.m.
4/25/13	International Hall of Fame	TBD	TBD
5/15/13	Know Your World: Bahrain	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:30 p.m.
5/17/13	13-01 Sponsor Recognition Ceremony	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	TBD
6/13/13	13-01 IMS Badge Ceremony	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	TBD
6/14/13	13-01 Graduation	TBD	TBD
7/17/13	Know Your World: Moldova	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:30 p.m.
8/21/13	Know Your World: Philippines	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:30 p.m.

Note: 13-01 class graduates June, 2013; 13-02 class graduates December, 2013.

Operation International Children

On Saturday, January 26, a group of experienced GKCPTP members gathered at the O.I.C. (Operation International Children) warehouse to help pack up school kits for children in Afghanistan.

O.I.C. is a grass-roots program that was founded in 2004 by actor Gary Sinise and best-selling author Laura Hillenbrand. It is a PTPI-administrated program that delivers school supply kits to countries where the United States has a military presence, and service members are able to distribute these supplies to area schools.

By coincidence, a new member of GKCPTP, Julie Vosilus, has had the great experience of handing out these school kits. As an Army Reservist with the 418th Civil Affairs Battalion out of Belton, MO, Julie served in Iraq and eastern Africa.

Julie and her friend, Larry Sweeney, joined these other GKCPTP members building school kits, preparing them for shipment: Ray and Toni Cracraft; Larry and Barbara

Dolci; Kim, Joel, Annabelle, and Jack Nitz; John and Rose Thorsky; John, Evelyn, Ian and Lauren McBride; Ann Musser; Jerry and Gail Ward; Jane Kohl Waggoner. If anyone’s name was missed, please accept my apologies.

At the end of our workday, Paige Badgett, PTPI, announced that we had packed up 1,548 kits. She also explained that this program is probably going to be phased out due to our troops leaving Afghanistan. It is hoped that it may come back to life as it has been a very popular and successful program.

Membership Report Fourth Quarter

By Betty Olberding

<u>New Members</u>	<u>Recruited by</u>
Chuck and Marilyn Battey	Irina Kobzeva-Pavlovic
Abdul Haleem and Roomana Ahad	IMSD
Terry and Mary Flakus	Maggie & Paul Choplin
Michael Golden	Returning member
Reid and Jennifer Schultz.	Chuck & Ann Hatch
Randy and Jackie Stevens	Returning members
Don and Nancy Fox	Frank & Catherine Moussa
Ed Curry and Patricia Lanktree	Don Fuson
Tim and Karen Carlin	Karen Haber

Welcome to our organization! It’s truly wonderful to have these new members join through referrals from current members. Thank you very much for helping us reach our membership goal for this year. It’s very important to continue referrals as we constantly need new members. For additional information please contact me at: betty_olberding@yahoo.com, or telephone: 913-772-8684.