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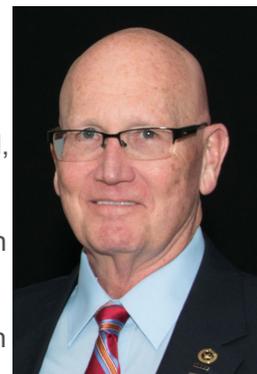
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Message from the President

I'm quite humbled to have been asked to serve as your President for the 2015-16 year. This is a wonderful organization, filled with talented, educated and giving people. I see my role as simply to make sure each of you has what you need to keep the missions of this chapter in focus and engaged. A huge welcome goes out to our newest members and newest board members! You are what this organization



needs to become even better.

As we get into the selection, announcement and then arrival phases of our new officers for 2015-16, my excitement builds nearly every day in anticipation of their arrival at KCI. The opportunity for personal growth and learning about new people and new countries never gets tiresome for the Paces.

If you are new to the chapter and/or sponsoring international military students, be sure to attend the upcoming sponsor orientation (see information below). If you have questions, we have answers!

Thank you for your interest in this program, it's the best in all of the USA!

Sincerely,

Randy Pace

Chapter President

Sponsor Orientation/Briefing: June 2, 2015

Save the Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Members/sponsors, new and otherwise, as well as prospective members/ sponsors are invited to attend the next sponsor briefing, held at the Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, MO.

Please make every effort to attend as there will be important information about sponsoring presented by the Fort and the GKCPTP chapter. We will provide sponsor packets (sponsor assignments from other organizations, sponsor guides, culture grams, etc.) at the orientation. Appetizers and beverages will be provided.

The session is intended not only for new and current sponsors, but is also for any chapter member and guest who has an interest in the program. We especially welcome more seasoned sponsors because we count on you to be a resource to help "show new sponsors the ropes," so that they may become more quickly acclimated to the program.

SPONSOR ORIENTATION/BRIEFING



Tuesday, June 2, 2015

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Kauffman Foundation

4801 Rockhill Road

Kansas City, Missouri 64110

Sponsor Recognition: Are you Entitled to an Award?

The International Military Student Division (IMSD) at the Command and General Staff College (CGSG) holds a sponsor recognition event for all sponsors just prior to each class graduation. At this event, sponsors receive recognition for years of service as sponsors. These awards recognize years of service in five-year increments, i.e., five, ten, fifteen, twenty, etc. Specifically:

- During the time period when there were two IMS classes per year (Winter and Summer), members sponsoring an officer in **each** class receive credit for **two** years (e.g., classes of 14-01 + 14-02).
- Members who sponsor two officers in a single class, such as 14-01, receive credit for **one** year.



If you think you are eligible for a service award at the May 29, 2015 ceremony, class 15-01, please notify [Sharon Valasek](#) as soon as possible, and the information will be forwarded to IMSD for review. **We need this information by Friday, April 24.**

Tentative 2015 Sponsor Award Recipients

Ceremony to be held **May 29, 2015** (see chapter calendar below)

Five Year Award

Ms. Leslie Kupka

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Nolan (Wanda)

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson (Marti)

Ten Year Award

Ms. Patsy Medill

Fifteen Year Award

Mr. Tom Waggoner & Mrs. Jane Kohl

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fuson (Linda)

Twenty Year Award

Twenty-Five Year Award

Chapter Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
5/13/15	Know Your World: Tajikistan (open to public)	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:30 p.m.
5/29/15	15-01 Sponsor Appreciation, by invitation only; RSVP required	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	7:00 p.m.
6/2/15	IMS Sponsor Orientation	Kauffman Foundation, 4801 Rockhill, KCMO 64110	6-8:00 p.m
6/11/15	15-01 IMSD Badge Ceremony	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	TBD
6/12/15	15-01 Graduation Ceremony for all students (IMSD plus others)	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	TBD

Travel Awardee: Emilene Sivagnanam



Emilene Sivagnanam, daughter of GKCPTP member **Siew Lau**, states that studying abroad has completely changed her life plan. An Oregon State University graduate, Emilene attended an IE3 Global study abroad program at Deakin University in **Australia** during the winter and spring terms of 2013. Our chapter supported Emilene by awarding her the **Al and Anne Brown Travel Award**. Click on [Emilene](#) to read the full story of Emilene's international travel adventure.

Note: if you would like information on the **Al and Anne Brown Travel Award**, contact chapter president [Randy Pace](#).

Annual Meeting Highlights

Our 2015 chapter annual meeting included a special award for a chapter member and a few words from Dr. Micah Kubic, from People to People International. To view more photos, go to our chapter's [Facebook page](#) (and be sure to "like" us while you're there). It's an easy way to keep up to date and share the benefits of membership with your fellow Facebook friends!



Chapter member Inga Barringer accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award from Dr. Micah Kubic of People to People International

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