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Message from the President

On behalf of your board of directors, I wish you a most happy and prosperous New Year! Now that the holidays have flown by, it's time to reflect on the past 6 months with your officer and family. What has gone well and perhaps what could be better? There are many



members with years of experience as sponsors. If you have questions or any concerns as to sponsorship, my phone is always open for a chat.

Your Greater Kansas City Chapter is the largest People to People International Chapter in the world! We are unique in several ways: 80% of our efforts are directed toward sponsorship of the international military officers that attend the **Command and General Staff College**, we are the largest of the three organizations that sponsor the **International Military Student Division (IMSD)** at Fort Leavenworth, KS. We help provide opportunities for the officers, their families and friends to attend “world class” events that are unique and meaningful for all. Available events have included: The annual Kansas City Air Show, the annual performance at the Kauffmann Center for the Performing Arts and the Deanna Rose Farm family event. We also sponsor a series of other stimulating events at interesting venues from wine tastings to museums for officers and their families to visit.

Through your sponsorship, these fine officers also have an opportunity to really understand what life in the US is about and take the interactions, information, your thoughtfulness and often your love back with him to his own country. Indeed, we’ve had officers who’ve told us the first thing they will do upon returning home is to tell everyone they see how wonderful the United States is, and not at all what they had heard from their countrymen! What an incredible opportunity we have to share who we are as Americans with the rest of the world!

A new membership directory is to be published this spring, just in time for the Annual Meeting. Please make sure we have your up-to-date contact information for the directory.

Your board has approved the chapter’s participation in the International’s 2-Day Student Orientation Program for local area schools that will be held in April this year at Union Station. We will need volunteers to man our chapter’s booth for two days of interesting interaction with the more than 500 students already signed up to attend.

After 10 years and 24 officers, my wife Marquita and I have learned some things that may help mid-term: Remember your officer may depend upon you for “family” ties, a place to really call home. Your sponsorship provides a haven from the motel-like place he sleeps and studies. If your officer lives in new housing on-post, this may not be much of an issue. Still, he will delight in the chance to be with you, to answer questions he may have about the United States or to share in his situation and to have a change of environment and a home-cooked meal.

With great thanks for your membership in this important organization!

Randy Pace

President

Board of Directors

Greater Kansas City Chapter People to People International

816-810-4004 Phone

A special note. Our chapter offers condolences to the family of long-time chapter member, **Bob Londerholm** (Colonel Robert Carl Londerholm), who passed December 18, 2015. The obituary (published 1/24/16) pays tribute to this accomplished veteran and citizen. Planned memorial services can be found at [Legacy obituaries](#).

Programs Update

Being a part of this chapter is what you make of it. It is the experiences that bring us together and the stories we get to share with friends later. Some of those moments included our annual event at **Deanna Rose Farmstead** where 347 people gathered on an amazing sunny September Sunday and shared a good old-fashioned BBQ meal and toured the



grounds, taking in the sights and sounds of the farmstead. Seeing old friends and new ones at Deanna Rose is a staple of the chapter and couldn't happen without a crew including the **Kim Nitz** family.

Our group also gathered to take in the magic of the Royals last regular season home game before they captured the nation's attention by winning the World Series. Be on the lookout for an upcoming announcement to attend a Sporting KC event as they start the 2016 season, perhaps bringing back a trophy they won in 2013.

A couple of upcoming events provided by the **Kansas City (MO) Public Library** that may be of interest:

Disciples: The World War II Missions of the CIA Directors Who Fought for Wild Bill Donovan - Douglas Waller

War Stories: World War II Remembered

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

6:30pm @ Plaza Branch

[Read more and/or RSVP now!](#)

Mesopotamia on Fire: Changing the Conversation on ISIS

Brian Steed

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

6:30pm @ Central Library

[Read more and/or RSVP now!](#)

If you have an idea for an event or outing or just want to participate more with the Programs group, don't hesitate to reach out. Please contact Julie Vosilus – jvosilus@gmail.com.

Membership Renewal 2016 and Membership Directory

A big thank you goes out to those who have already paid their 2016 dues! For those who haven't yet, you may pay by check mailed to GKCPTP, PO Box 22365, Kansas City MO 64113-0365, or online at www.gkcptp.org. This year, the board has approved a discounted rate for 3 years and for 5 years for family and individual memberships. Other categories will remain the same as in previous years. You will find the descriptions and specific amounts in the renewal notice mailed in November, 2015, or [online](#).

Membership in our chapter includes membership in People to People International (PTPI).

We are also working on a new printed membership directory for 2016. Please let us know if you've had any changes to the contact information in your renewal notice. Only those members who have paid their dues by February 15, 2016, will be included in the new directory.

Membership directories will be available at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 20, at Grand Street Café. Please come enjoy the company of your fellow chapter members (and save us the cost of mailing the directory.)

If you have any questions, please contact [Karen Haber](mailto:karen@kchaber.com) at karen@kchaber.com or 816-741-9518.

Membership Report – 4th Quarter 2015

by Betty Olberding

New Members are:

Ying L. Zurbuchen

Pete and Joan Cabell

Marcos and Angela Navarro

Recruited by:

PTPI

Larry Dolci

Chuck and Karen Haber

Welcome to our organization! It's truly wonderful to have you as members in our organization. Many thanks to our members listed above who have shared this opportunity.

In 2015, many members hosted the "Meet and Greet." Recent "Meet and Greet" hosts in the fourth quarter of 2015 were **Zahid and Carrie Awan** and **Larry and Barbara Dolci**. Each event gives our members the opportunity to invite prospective members to our Chapter and gives our guests opportunities to visit with other members of our Greater Kansas City Chapter People to People.

As we begin 2016, I would like to invite you to host a "Meet and Greet" in your neighborhood. Please contact [Betty Olberding](mailto:betty_olberding@yahoo.com) at betty_olberding@yahoo.com. I'm happy to answer your questions.

Updated LAC Application (Fort Leavenworth Access)

Dear Sponsors,

Please read the important information below about access to Fort Leavenworth.

Updated LAC Application

Effective January 1, 2016, an updated version of the [LAC application form](#) is required for anyone initially applying for access or for anyone wishing to renew their LAC pass. The form can be found on our GKCPTP website <http://www.gkcptp.org/forms/DES-LAC-APPLICATION.pdf>. The Fort **will not accept previous versions of the LAC form**, so please use the new form.

LAC passes must be picked up within 30 days of approval.

Please note in the LAC form that the Applicant Information is completed by the GKCPTP sponsor and the Sponsor Information section is completed by the Fort (the Fort is the

“sponsor” attesting that the applicant is a GKCTP sponsor).

Additional Documentation Needed to Obtain LAC

There are new procedures for obtaining an LAC for sponsors holding a Missouri driver's license. Documentation in addition to the Missouri driver's license is required. Below is a list of supplemental documentation that will be accepted, per the Fort Leavenworth Visitor Control Center website. If sponsors do not have one of the documents listed below, they will not be able to obtain an LAC and must be escorted while on Post. This requirement applies to day passes and longer term (1-year) passes.

Supplemental documentation to prove identity:

- United States Passport or United States Passport Card
- Permanent Resident Card/Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)
- Foreign passport with a temporary (I-551) stamp or temporary (I-551) printed notation on a machine readable immigrant visa
- Employment authorization document that contains a photograph (Form I-766)
- In the case of a nonimmigrant alien authorized to work for a specific employer incident to status, a foreign passport with Form I-94 or Form I-94A bearing the same name as the passport and containing an endorsement of the alien's nonimmigrant status, as long as the endorsement has not yet expired and the proposed employment is not in conflict with any restrictions or limitations identified on the form.
- School identification card with a photograph
- U.S. Military or draft record
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Cards
- Transportation Worker Identification Card
- Native American Tribal Document

Please contact [Pat Burnett](mailto:dburnett5@gmail.com) at dburnett5@gmail.com or 816-807-9188, [Sharon Valasek](mailto:svalasek@kc.rr.com) at svalasek@kc.rr.com or 816-213-5847 or any member of the military committee if you have questions about the above information.

Requests for IMS to Speak at Events

As sponsors, we often hear of requests or are interested ourselves in asking the officers to speak at an event off Post. If you have such a request, please either reach out to [Pat](#)

[Burnett](#) or [Sharon Valasek](#) with the request. Or, you can contact Mike Brettmann or Jim Fain directly with the details. They see the officers on a daily basis and are in the best position to be able to assess if the officer has time in his/her schedule and to evaluate the request.

Information from the Loan Closet

The Organization of International Spouses and Sponsors (OISS) has recently taken over the Loan Closet and is seeing a need for additional items (see below). The officers and families check out the items and return them at the end of school year. If you would like to donate any gently used items, please contact Marianne Tennant, OISS president at matennant3@gmail.com or 913-306-7184 and she'll schedule a time to meet at the Loan Closet.

The Loan Closet will be open on the following days in 2016:

- Saturday - February 20 - 9 am-12pm
- Saturday - March 12 -9 am-12pm
- And also by appointment by contacting Marianne Tennant

Winter items needed:

- Coats - men, women and children
- Gloves, hats, scarves
- Boots for men and women
- Snow shovels
- Sleds for the children

Kitchen Items needed:

- Crock-pots
- Rice cookers
- Blenders
- Coffee grinders
- Large stock pots with steamers
- Large roasting pans
- Rolling pins

- Baking pans

Household items needed:

- Land line phones (working) (many have Vonage and want a land line for their homes)
- Chairs
- Small desk for studying
- Area rugs - big ticket item
- Tablecloths - to fit 6-8 seating
- Bathroom rugs
- Strollers and booster seats
- Books
- Toys, chess sets, board games, puzzles

Also needed as we get closer to Spring:

- Outdoor furniture - a big item when officers first arrive in US
- Bikes - working for children and adults (Marianne is looking for someone who can repair bikes at little or no cost)
- Flag poles for porches - many live on Post and display their country's flag
- Grills - charcoal only

The Loan Closet will need extra hands in the Spring to help when families return items. Please contact [Marianne Tennant](mailto:matennant3@gmail.com) at matennant3@gmail.com or 913-306-7184 if you have questions about the Loan Closet.

Thank you for all you do for our international families.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting Sunday March 20

The annual meeting for Greater Kansas City People to People is Sunday, March 20, 2016, at the Grand Street Café, 4740 Grand Ave, Kansas City MO, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost of \$24 per person will include an appetizer buffet, your entrée, and coffee, tea, or a soft drink, as well as the gratuity. An invitation, a slate of proposed officers and a ballot will be mailed to all current members the first week of March (per our by-laws). We look forward to seeing you there!

Greater Kansas City People to People Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Grand Street Café

4740 Grand Ave

Kansas City MO 64112

816-561-8000

For more information contact [Karen Haber](mailto:karen@kchaber.com) at 816-741-9518 or karen@kchaber.com. More information will follow on the slate of officers and how to pay/RSVP and send in your vote.

Chapter Calendar

Date	Event	Place	Time
2/17/16	Know Your World Presentation: Mali	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:30 p.m.
3/4/16	Spring Food Fair (Afghanistan – Lebanon)	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	6:00 p.m.
3/11/16	Spring Food Fair (Liberia - Yemen)	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	6:00 p.m.
3/20/16	GKCPTP Chapter Annual Meeting	Grand Street Café (Plaza location)	1:30 p.m.
3/30/16	Know Your World Presentation: Rwanda	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:30 p.m.
4/7-15/16	Gettysburg/D.C. Trip (Group 1)	IMSD only (FYI)	–
5/12-20/16	Gettysburg/D.C. Trip (Group 2)	IMSD only (FYI)	–
6/3/16	Sponsor Appreciation Ceremony	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	7:00 p.m.
6/9/16	IMSD Badge Ceremony	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	TBD
6/10/16	CGSOC Graduation (FYI, sponsors are encouraged to attend badge ceremony only)	Fort Leavenworth	TBD
Starting 6/13/16	IMS Class 2017 Arrival Window	Watch your email for more information	

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