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Message from the President

And, just like that... Summer's gone!

We saw many of you at the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead annual event in late September. It was an amazing and fun time! We had over 350 students, friends, families, and sponsors with their families. The Sheridan's ice cream was delicious and certainly helped us get through the hot afternoon!



My huge thanks to our board committee who worked very hard on this project; to make it happen and to save us money as well! We have the most energetic and committed board members, ever! It's a privilege and pleasure to work with each one!

As fall begins and the cooler weather sets in, our focus turns naturally towards seasonal activities, holiday traditions of the USA and/or your officer's home country. It's a time for families to come together. I certainly hope that so far, all is well with your officer. This is a tough time for them. They are under great pressure for much reading, testing and practical exercise demonstrations. For those with bachelor officers (geographical or otherwise) the upcoming holidays may be bittersweet as it is a reminder of parents, children and spouses who may be thousands of miles away.

As a sponsor, being available and taking the initiative towards getting them involved with your family or just for a quiet dinner may be just what they need. To them now, you may be the closest family they have. It is a great opportunity to become even more connected!

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the commitment you've made to sponsor this year. If you're not sponsoring, thanks for keeping your membership and your interest in our activities.

As always, if there are questions or problems, my phone is always available. Be well and be safe.

I wish you the happiest of holidays, Thanksgiving, and an early Merry Christmas!

Randy Pace

President

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Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead Recap



Our 2017 Deanna Rose Children's Farm event was wonderful. All international officers who attended gave great praise for the event and requested that the chapter keep it for next year's officers. Under guidance to save money from the board, our programs team of Pat Burnett and Kim Nitz really took the cost-saving initiative, and produced a first ever "ice cream social." The ice cream from Sheridan's was wonderful and enjoyed by all.

Instead of what had become an expensive effort over the past few years, it turned into a more simplified and manageable event. It saved several thousand dollars over previous years. We are looking at saving even more money next year. We had over 350 international officers, their families, sponsors, guests, and friends in attendance! Thanks to all sponsors and board members who volunteered to make this year's event truly memorable.

Calendar

Note: holiday dinner dances and late Summer/Spring food fairs are "invitation only." Be sure to RSVP when you get the invitation in the mail from the fort. You should have agreed to which event you would attend with your officer early in the year. Contact him or her now if you don't recall. (Some of you may have already attended your event.)

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Nov 10	Veteran's Day Holiday	Holiday for IMS	—
Nov 15	Know Your World presentation: Taiwan	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:45 p.m.
Nov 19	OISS Thanksgiving Dinner	Riverfront Community Center, Leavenworth, KS	3:45 p.m.
Nov 22-26	Thanksgiving Day Holidays	Long weekend for IMS	—
Dec 01	Holiday Dinner Dance group 1	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	6:30 p.m.
Dec 08	Holiday Dinner Dance group 2	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	6:30 p.m.
Dec 13	Know Your World presentation: Argentina	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:45 p.m.
Dec 20 to Jan 02	Holiday break	IMS holiday	—
Jan 15	Martin Luther King holiday	—	—
Jan 17	Know Your World presentation: Morocco	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:45 p.m.
Feb 19	President's Day holiday	—	—
Feb 21	Know Your World presentation: Iraq	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:45 p.m.
Feb 22	OISS Line Dancing	TBA	TBA
Mar 2	Spring Food Fair Group 1	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	6:00 p.m.
Mar 9	Spring Food Fair Group 2	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	6:00 p.m.
Mar 14	Know Your World presentation: Congo	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:45 p.m.
Mar 19 – 23	Spring Break holiday	—	—
Apr 12 – 20	IMS Gettysburg/DC Franchise Strategy Partners Trip Group 1	—	—
May 15	Ramadan Begins	—	—
May 17 - 25	IMS Gettysburg/DC Franchise Strategy Partners Trip Group 2	—	—
May 28	Memorial Day holiday	—	—
Jun 1	Sponsor Appreciation	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	7:00 p.m.
Jun 14	International Graduate Badge Ceremony	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	TBA

International Celebration of Friendship at the Kauffman Center for Performing Arts



This year's *International Celebration of Friendship* featured the U.S. Army Chorus. If you were fortunate enough to attend, you were swept off your feet by the wonderful harmony and interpretations of classic "red, white, and blue" musical offerings! The chorus members are most ready to return next year as they put the Kauffman Center for Performing Arts at very nearly the top of their favorite performance venues! They were also most appreciative of the way they were greeted and assisted by the CGSC Foundation and other volunteers.

Due to the hard work of the CGSC Foundation and others, there were more corporate sponsors to help shoulder the expense of bringing in the chorus, securing the venue, catering, etc. However, the event was not as well attended as we had hoped. For next year, we plan to include more targeted advertising and a broader reach to our members, friends and the public. This is a wonderful event and it needs support from all of us! If you have ideas on how the event could be improved, please send them my way at prez@gkcptp.org.

Profile of Member Linda Jacobs

GKCPTP member, Linda Jacobs, is a past president and current board member. Learn more about Linda and husband Jake in her profile below.



Jake and I joined GKCPTP in the mid 1980s, and we have been in the IMS sponsorship program for over 30 years. During our association with officers and their families from literally all over the world, we have been delighted with our opportunity to learn first-hand about a wide variety of cultures as well as becoming dear friends with people who have provided extraordinary insights.

Read the rest of Linda's story by [clicking here](#).

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