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Dear members:

After a two-week autumn season we got smacked with sub-freezing temps and two or three snows! From summer directly to winter is not the norm for us that I can remember! Nearly half way through the year, the board and I hope that things are well for you and the relationships between you, your officer and his or her family has continued to grow and mature into something of which you'll both cherish!



Also "not the norm" are all the feelings your officer and family may be experiencing. If you are sponsoring a "geographical bachelor," be sure to keep in touch. Please set aside at

least a day or two of scheduled time with him/her during the holidays. They may have family they haven't seen for nearly a year – depending upon how long their DLI session may have been!

I remember how important it was for me when I was in Germany during my first ever holiday season away from my family, as a single soldier and my first time on foreign soil, it was tough! If I hadn't had my German family, it would have been horrible. My first Christmas Eve away was a trip with the Schiebel's to old downtown Augsburg, where at 11:00 p.m. the doors opened on the top of one of the spires of the Stadt Augsburger Rathause (City Hall). I stood there with tears streaming down my face listening to a brass choir play a series of most familiar and beautiful Christmas Carols.

Your sponsorship makes a difference in people's lives forever! For your care, love and interest of these officers and their families, we couldn't be prouder or more grateful. Thank you!

The board and I wish you and your families the best of this holiday season and a very Merry Christmas!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any board member.

Randy Pace

President

Board of Directors

Greater Kansas City Chapter People to People International

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**Get On Board: The Value And Importance of
Serving Our Chapter**

My final term will soon come to an end as president of our chapter's board of directors. So, I've been thinking about the transition to a new president and several new board members.



During my time on the board, the organization experienced periods of both transition and tremendous growth. There were staff changes, financial issues to manage, a few minor crises to address, new programs to implement, and membership strategies to consider. Typical stuff, really for a nonprofit board. Nothing our team couldn't handle.

Board service is an important part of community involvement. Effective board work, which I witnessed and engaged in firsthand, is not just a question of showing up. It necessitates having a strong personal belief and interest in our organization, its mission, and its vision. I know many of you have that passion.

If someone calls about board service please listen. Better yet, reach out to a current board member and think about what might be a great way to find an entry point to serve. A committee has been formed to put together a new leadership team. Karen Haber is the contact person: ; let her know that you're interested by [email](#) or phone (816-868-5103).

Randy Pace
President

Upcoming "Know Your World" events offer opportunities for you and potential members to learn about international countries and cultures

"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilisation." — Mahatma Ghandi

Please join GKCPTP as we seek to create unity through diversity as we learn from cultural presentations representing countries throughout the world. We have a series of informative talks, open to the public, that will highlight the countries of Albania, Tanzania, Jordan, Germany and the Netherlands. Please invite your neighbors and friends to learn about our unique relationship with the foreign officers from 90+ countries, a few of which will be represented in these talks. These are essentially the same presentations given on post, without the need for an access badge.



In addition, our members-only annual meeting held at Park University in February will feature cuisine from many countries, a presentation from the Indonesian officer and performances by Park University's international student organization. Presentations, except the annual meeting, are no charge, and limited to the available seating at the respective venues.

Please join the Greater Kansas City Chapter of People to People for these presentations (members only for the annual meeting)

• **Albania & Tanzania**

Sunday, January 13, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Church of the Resurrection

5009 W.137th Street

Leawood, KS 66224

The international military students will talk about the geography, history, current culture, economy, and security of their respective countries. Each officer will present for about 30 minutes, and will answer a few questions after the presentations. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

RSVP by emailing [Jeff Muchow](mailto:Jeff.Muchow) or or calling (913) 221-5361 by Thursday, January 10.

- **Jordan**

Sunday, February 10, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Home of Randy and Marquita Pace

7711 N. Kansas Ave.

Kansas City, Missouri 64119

The international military student will will talk about the geography, history, current culture, economy, and security of his country. The officer will present for about 30 minutes, and will answer a few questions after the presentations. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. This presentation is limited to the first 30 people that RSVP to [Randy Pace](#), 816-810-4004

- **Indonesia**

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Annual Meeting *Plus* IMS Presentation:

Sunday, February 24, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

Park University

8700 NW River Park Drive

Parkville, MO 64152

Relax and enjoy a presentation by the IMS Officer from Indonesia. The international military student will will talk about the geography, history, current culture, economy, and security of Indonesia.

We will conduct our annual business meeting and the election of our 2019-2020 board of directors. Enjoy an afternoon with other GKCPTP members.

1:00 Gather

1:15-1:45 Lunch

1:45-2:15 – IMS Presentation

Buffet menu consists of:

- Panisee- France type of bread
- Potatoes Bravas-Spain
- Brendade w/ crostini Norwegian (Salted cod)
- Shrimp Ceviche-Mexico
- Pao de Cueijo-Brazil (cheese bread)
- Caprese Salad -Italy
- Pot Stickers-China
- Morocaaan Chicken-Morocco
- Kafta Kebabs- Middle East
- Korean Fried Chicken Wings- Korea
- Desserts
- Basbousa-Egypt semolina cake
- Brigadeiro-Brazil chocolate truffle
- Churros with Chocolate Sauce-Mexico

Cost: \$25 per person (members only)

RSVP no later than February 14 to [Karen Haber](#):

816-868-5103 or karen@kchaber.com

(Payment will be possible on our website in early in 2019)

- **Germany & Netherlands**

Sunday, March 3, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Weatherby Lake Community Center

8230 NW Potomac, Weatherby Lake, MO 64152

Please join us to learn about Germany and the Netherlands at Weatherby Lake Community Center in the Northland. Military officers from those countries will talk about

the geography, history, current culture, economy, and security of their country. Light refreshments will be served. Who knows, you may even be interested in hosting an officer and his family next year!

RSVP by emailing [Nancy Quitmeier](#) or calling 816-835-4230 by Thursday, February 27.

Calendar

Click on [download calendar](#) for a PDF. 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.)

| Date | Event | Place | Time |
|------------------|---|---|-----------|
| Dec 07 | Holiday Dinner Dance group 2 | Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth | 6:30 p.m. |
| Dec 12 | Know Your World presentation: Belize | Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth | 3:45 p.m. |
| Dec 20 to Jan 02 | Winter break | IMS holiday | - |
| Jan 13 | GKCPTP External Know Your World: Albania & Tanzania | Church of the Resurrection, 5009 W.137th Street, Leawood, KS 66224 | 2:00 p.m. |
| Jan 16 | Know Your World presentation: Tunisia | Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth | 3:45 p.m. |
| Jan 19 | Parade of Nations (OISS) | Leavenworth High School | - |
| Jan 21 | Martin Luther King holiday | IMS holiday | - |
| Feb 10 | GKCPTP External Know Your World: Jordan | Home of Randy and Marquita Pace, 7711 N. Kansas Ave., Kansas City, Missouri 64119 | 2:00 p.m. |
| Feb 18 | President's Day | IMS holiday | - |
| Feb 20 | Know Your World presentation: Lithuania | Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth | 3:45 p.m. |
| Feb 24 | Annual Meeting Plus External Know Your World: Indonesia | Park University, 8700 NW River Park Drive, Parkville, MO 64152 | 1:00 p.m. |
| Mar 1 | Spring Food Fair Group 1 | Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth | 6:00 p.m. |
| Mar 3 | GKCPTP External Know Your World: Germany & Netherlands | Weatherby Lake Community Center, 8230 NW Potomac,, MO 64152 | 2:00 p.m. |
| Mar 11-15 | Spring Break | IMS holiday | - |
| Mar 20 | Know Your World presentation: Chile | Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth | 3:45 p.m. |
| Mar 23 | Spring Food Fair Group 2 | Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth | 6:00 p.m. |
| Apr 4 | International Hall of Fame ceremony | To be announced. Invitation only to some events. | |
| May 31 | Sponsor Appreciation Ceremony | Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth | 7:00 p.m. |
| June 13 | Badge Ceremony | Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth | TBD |

Passing of Larry Denton

Larry Ray Denton passed away on November 26, 2018. Larry and Fran Denton were members and IMS sponsors for several years. Funeral home services for Mr. Denton were provided by McGilley Memorial Chapel-Midtown of Kansas City, MO.

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