

People to
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International
Delaware
Chapter

2008-
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People to People International Delaware Chapter continues to create programs, hosting and other opportunities to interact with people from various cultural backgrounds to fulfill our mission of 'Peace through Understanding'.

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of
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Our goals for the 2008-9 year were to increase the diversity of ages and backgrounds of our audiences and to grow participation in our events. We continue to make good progress in both areas. Our Action Plan, developed last year, acts as a guide in our decision-making and helps us measure our progress.

One way we have increased our reach to high school and college-age audiences is to ask our State Department speakers to talk with at least one high school class and a Widener Law School group when they come to Delaware to address an evening audience, which typically consists primarily of adults.

We have also re-activated our hosting committee in order to provide more opportunities for our members to have direct contact with overseas visitors. Similarly, we initiated on-going dinners where PTPDE members host international students, usually English teachers, who are studying at the University of Delaware's English Language Institute.

To give members and the community more choice in how to participate in PTPDE, we offer events that range from intimate groups of less than a dozen people to large audiences of diverse ages and backgrounds, and formats that include discussions to performances to hands on projects such as Books for Overseas Youth. We have also tried to de-centralize activities so that more members can exercise leadership in their areas of interest.

We steadily reduced our use of and dependence upon printed materials, opting for communication by email and our website whenever possible.

New bylaws developed last year set up procedures for proxy and electronic voting that enable the chapter to conduct business more efficiently and effectively.

We initiated connections with individuals at the News Journal who helped us understand how to work with them and how to better use new media for the benefit of PTPDE. To counter the difficulty in publicizing our events, we increasingly partner with organizations that have their own mailing lists, memberships, and often paid staff. This has been particularly successful with Girl Scouts, Cokesbury Village, Brandywine and Concord High Schools and Widener University, all organizations that take care of most of the publicity for our joint events.

As a result, this year PTPDE programs and activities reached more than 1700 people, including more than 850 young people.

Support from the community is evidenced by the number and diversity of people who participate in our events and by outstanding support from our Pacesetters. A third of our members contribute well beyond their basic dues and become Pacesetters. With careful planning, our finances continue to remain stable. PTPDE receives assistance from the State of Delaware Grant-In-Aid program, which, along with generous contributions from our members, enables us to continue to offer most programs and events free of charge.

We thank our dedicated board of directors for their fantastic support and enthusiasm, and we invite you to participate in another great year with People to People Delaware!

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Raleigh and Georgi Marquisee

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Development Committee helps our chapter to use our strategic plan as a guide as we make decisions regarding such things as programming, venues, partnering and policies. The work of the committee is on-going.

HOSTING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Ed Raleigh

In June we helped locate a HomeStay for a young person from Fulda, Germany in the Sister Cities Program, who was here for a summer internship at the Wilmington Public Library.

In August we found three HomeStays for a 10-day visit of two Italian teachers connected with the Turin, Italy Chapter of PTPI.

On September 6th through 9th a number of people were involved in providing HomeStays for 17 Danes with a Danish PTPI affiliation. They also had a field trip to visit the Amish country on September 8th. We began with a reception for the Danes and their hosts at the Raleigh's residence, where hosts met guests, and ended with the hosts dropping off their guests the morning of September 9th at the same location.

The Hosting Committee developed "HomeStay Procedures for PTPDE" to assure that hosting by our chapter follows the guidelines provided by PTPI.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Bahareh van Boekhold

WINNER OF THE PTPI MEMBERSHIP AWARD!!

The People to People Delaware Chapter's Membership Committee maintains an accurate and up-to-date membership list. The chair sends electronic email alerts to our database addresses. In addition, we have a volunteer working on a partnership list so that we can increase memberships and attendance at programs and events by combining our efforts with others with a similar mission.

The chair of this committee has continued to implement PTPDE strategic goals. The new membership standardized brochure has been updated with new programs and printed for distribution. This brochure was designed to be updated easily by entering new programs and events. The membership committee sends letters to past members, at-large PTPI members in Delaware, and others to join/rejoin our organization. Many were personally called or emailed to rejoin.

During 2008-2009 the Delaware Chapter has **64 members** and **25 PaceSetters**. Although due to the economic downturn our membership is down slightly this year, our PaceSetter contributions remain strong, actually increasing the percentage of members who are PaceSetters over last year.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
CHAIR: Anna M. White

PTPDE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS 2008-2009

June 19, 2008

The **Annual Meeting** was held on June 19th at The Christiana Hilton Hotel in Newark. The evening began with dinner attended by 44 Board members, Pacesetters, members and guests. Following dinner, a brief Chapter business meeting was held to present/confirm the nominating slate for new and returning Board of Directors and to elect Officers for the coming year and to announce the formation of an Advisory Board. Co-president Jean Raleigh gave a Power Point presentation with the many highlights and accomplishments during the 2007-2008 year.

Prior to the start of the program, the **“People Helping People” Award** was presented to Dr. John Levinson, a Delawarean who was highly involved in bringing medical innovations to Asia, taught surgery and worked in small jungle hospitals in Vietnam and established the group “Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam.” Certificates of Appreciation were presented to PTP Board members Rebecca Faber and Anna White for their tireless support of People to People International and contributions to the Delaware Chapter. Other Awards/Certificates were presented to Student Ambassador Scholarship winners – Michael A. Galt, Jr. and Carolyn Hart.

This was followed by the program “Delaware Nurses Go Global for Children” featuring Ms. Dawn R. Culp, RN, a volunteer with Operation Smile working in the pre-op and post-op setting with children from around the world. Among the countries she has served are Cambodia, India, Kenya, Philippines, Bangladesh, Honduras and Russia. She shared on-the-scene photos of the children and the families which she and other volunteers of Operation Smile have helped through vital operations to correct facial deformities that are often the result of endemic malnutrition that is prevalent in many third-world countries. Dawn is one of ten Delawareans who provide the medical support that brings new life and opportunities to so many young patients. About 75 people attended.

July 4 & 9, 2008

Hosting. People to People Delaware members hosted Egyptians during the 4th of July holiday and then on the 9th for a dinner of lobster/chicken at the Deerfield Tennis and Golf Club in Newark. Those with birthdays in July were honored with a cake and the attendees sang “Happy Birthday” in English and in Arabic. Thirty three people enjoyed the evening planned by Betty Vicente, University Hosting Chair.

July 13-20, 2008

Hosting. In partnership with Sister Cities Wilmington, Ed and Jean Raleigh hosted Silvan Gutermuth from our Sister City of Fulda, Germany. Silvia was a volunteer intern during the summer of 2008 in the downtown public library. She is a 23-year-old secondary education major to teach English and French at the University of Mainz.

July 29, 2008

Hosting. PTPDE joined with the English Language Institute of the University of Delaware to have dinner with Jordanians, Moroccans, and Koreans at the Deerfield Tennis and Golf Club in Newark. About 35 people enjoyed the dinner, birthday cake, conversations, and fun! At the end of the evening all the teachers were invited to take over 100 books back to their countries to help students learn English.

August 1- 12, 2008

Hosting. Two Italian teachers arrived in Wilmington to be hosted by Flora and Joe Calabrese, Martha Davis, and Jean and Ed Raleigh. PTPI notified our Hosting Committee about this opportunity. .

August 17, 2008

Student Ambassador Welcome Home Picnic was a big success at Lums Pond on a beautiful day! PTPDE provided the refreshments, supplies and prizes. Over 100 Student Ambassadors and their families along with PTPDE members enjoyed sharing memories from the SAs travels over the summer. Money was donated to help with a scholarship for summer of 2009. Over 100 people attended the picnic.

September 6-9, 2008

Hosting. Seventeen Danish PTPI members came to our area and were hosted by PTPDE families. A Welcome Reception was held at the Raleigh home. The various hosts provided meals, lodging and visits to local attractions. The Hosting Committee arranged for a bus trip to the Pennsylvania German area. This was PTPDE's first large hosting event.

September 10, 2008

P.E.O. a woman's educational non-profit organization, invited PTPDE to present a program about our mission, events, hosting, humanitarian projects, etc. Jean Raleigh gave a power point presentation and provided brochures to the group.

October 15, 2008 and November 5, 2008

Circles of Understanding. The Delaware Chapter of People to People International's October 15 and November 5 "Circles" focused on TAIWAN. Held at the residence of Chapter Founder Kathleen M. Meyer, the two-hour program featured three discussion leaders: Yu-min Fu, Officer, Counselor Division of Taiwan's mission to Washington known as the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the United States (TECRO), Taini Hsu, Founder and President of the Hanlin Chinese Cultural Association, and Juliet Hsiao, former Chairperson of the Chinese American Community Center. The evening program featured an authentic Taiwan Tea Ceremony conducted by Taini Hsu. Each participant received extensive literature and DVD's on Taiwan courtesy of TECRO. Each session was limited to 12 people

October 22, 2008

Hosting. PTPDE joined with the University of Delaware’s English Language Institute to provide dinner for teachers from Korea and professionals from Colombia, Panama, Mexico and Costa Rica. Over 50 books from the project: Books for Overseas Youth were given to the teachers. We enjoyed being at Timothy’s of the Riverfront for this event. Included were 15 PTPDE members/guests, 10 teachers from Korea and 8 professionals. **NOTE to Jean** – for clarification, I would say 10 teachers and 8 professionals from Korea unless the professionals were from somewhere else.

November 1, 2008

Families of the World: India. The Diversity Club of Delaware Technical and Community College and the IndoAmerican Association of Delaware joined with PTPDE to provide another “Families of the World” program on India. About 45 participants enjoyed the video, the games, the dances and the foods.

November 7, 2008

Families of the World: Sweden. PTPDE partnered with the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts Council, the New-Swedish Centre in Wilmington and the American Swedish Historical Museum south of Philadelphia for a “Families of the World” program. The Scouts watched several videos, played games, and made lanterns. Before enjoying the cider and ginger cookies, the girls made a procession around the room with their lanterns glowing and following “St. Lucia” with her crown of candles for a festival of lights. About 60 people attended this very popular program.

November 20, 2008

U.S. State Department – Town Meeting. Mr. Daniel Whitman, Deputy Director, Bureau of African Affairs in the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs of the United States Department of State, had discussions with students at Delaware Technical and Community College (DTCC), Concord High School, and Widener University School of Law. He also joined PTPDE’s Board of Directors and law professors for private sessions at Widener. The sessions included 35 students from DTCC; 40 students from Concord High School; and 35 students at an assembly at Widener.

November 21, 2008

On the Scene: Asia. The Delaware Nature Society and PTPDE partnered to sponsor this program which was well attended by over 140 people. Professional photographer and ecologist, Lloyd Raleigh presented his three and one-half year journey throughout Asia using some of his 10,000 photos. He highlighted Asians—their environments, their religions, their goods, and other aspects of living on that vast continent.

December 4, 2008

Annual Holiday Luncheon. The Board held its Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 6 at the Seamen's Center at the Port of Wilmington. An overview of the mission and activities of the Seamen's Center was presented by Bill Corbishley, long time volunteer of the Center followed by a walk-through of the Center. Although it is small in size, the Center is "home" to many foreign visitors while ships are in port and has many volunteers. Following the Center Tour and lunch, an optional tour of the Port of Wilmington was accepted by several Board members. Fifteen Board members attended and had the opportunity to meet with visitors who stopped by the Center.

March 12-13, 2009

U. S. State Department. The World Trade Center Delaware, Cokesbury Village, Widener University and People to People Delaware Chapter partnered to bring David M. Satterfield to the Wilmington area. On Thursday evening, March 12, Mr. Satterfield presented an hour long talk - "*Iraq: Looking Forward*" followed by Questions and Answers to an audience of 225 people. After the program ended, refreshments were provided by Cokesbury Village. On Friday, March 13, Mr. Satterfield visited Concord High School where he spoke to 60 students during two assemblies. He later had lunch at Widener University Law School with 25 staff members and members of PTP Board of Directors.

April 26, 2009

Multi-Cultural Program. On Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2009, more than 175 people enjoyed performances from four countries in a Multi-Cultural Program conducted by the Delaware Chapter of People to People International. Attendees included residents of Cokesbury Village, performers and their family members, PTP Delaware Chapter members and the community at large. The atrium stage area of Cokesbury Village in Hockessin, the Chapter's partner, was the venue for the second such program. Last year's event featured China, Kenya and the Philippines.

This year's program included vocals and drums from Korea, accordion music from Belgium and France, steel-pan-drum musical arrangements from Trinidad and Tobago and members of the Indonesian Dance Club from the University of Delaware.

The program provided a great opportunity for the local community to share their cultural heritages with each other through the enjoyment of music and dance and informal discussions and international refreshments immediately following the program. The objective of this program was to offer an international program that could be shared by a wide range of age level for and by members of our general community.

The Chapter is indebted to the performers: the Delaware Korean United Methodist Church, Francois Hricak- a member of the Delaware Accordion Club, C and C Sounds and the Indonesian Cultural Club of Delaware.

April 29, 2009

Concord High School – Volunteer Program. People to People Delaware Chapter was invited to exhibit at the Volunteer Program at Concord High School. The purpose was to interest students in volunteering for a service project. The high school is trying to make volunteering a part of their requirements. Over 300 students/teachers came to the gymnasium and walked around to each display created by many of Delaware's non-profit organizations. PTPDE mentioned volunteering as a help to the webmaster, newsletter and the Books for Overseas Youth project.

May 14 & 15, 2009

U.S. State Department – Town Meeting. People to People International Delaware and the World Trade Center Delaware presented a *Town Meeting: U.S. Foreign Policy Forum* with Joseph P. Mata, a foreign Affairs Officer with the Office of Afghanistan Affairs in the U.S. Department of State. *“A New Strategic Approach to Afghanistan”* was the topic of Mr. Mata's talk presented at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Newark. Following his presentation, there were many questions from the diverse audience. Also attending was Mr. Abdul Nisar from AFDECT. About 50 people attended this program.

The following day, on May 15, Mr. Mata and Carl Hutter, PTP DE Board member, visited Brandywine High School where students attended an assembly in their auditorium. After a presentation the students asked questions about their concerns on Afghanistan. One student asked Mr. Mata to sign an autograph. Over 100 students attended this presentation.

This was followed by discussion at Concord High School. Mr. Mata attended two classes: the first was attended by 25 and the second session was attended by 7 people. The small size of the class was due to two class trips which were sponsored on this same day. The students asked many questions.

The Program Committee has strived to offer a diversity of events and co-sponsors/partners who share our mission including: Boys and Girls Clubs, Cokesbury Village, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Delaware Technical & Community College Diversity Club, Hanlin Chinese Culture Association, Widener University and World Trade Center Delaware.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR: Sharon Williams

The chapter's Publicity Committee held a meeting in the summer of 2008 to develop a standardized written communication plan for 2009 with the goal of increasing chapter visibility, membership and event attendance.

In August a member of the News-Journal editorial staff gave PTPDE a public relations workshop on how to get our programs in the news and attract more people to our well-planned programs. In addition, another member of the News Journal staff met with a group from PTPDE to share how to use new website tools such as twitter and blogs for the advancement and promotion of PTPDE.

We currently post our events on our website to share with our members and the public.

The PR committee developed and distributed to board members a new partnership list identifying people, businesses, organizations, churches and schools that share our mission and/or offer possibilities for future partnerships. We also developed standardized press release formats to submit to the media.

The multicultural event for 2009 at Cokesbury Village on April 26th was held and publicity generated 175 in attendance. Beth Miller from the News Journal covered the David Satterfield event. The News Journal article was a full description of his presentation.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM CHAIR: Carl Hutter

The People to People Student Ambassador Program carefully selects students to travel to countries around the world so they can expand the way they see the world, to develop as leaders, to develop true friendships, and to play a role in international understanding. We, the Delaware Chapter, have been recognized as one of the most active People to People Chapters in the United States in our participation of this activity.

During the summer of 2008, 130 Delaware students traveled abroad in this program. In 2009, 107 students are registered to travel: High School Students - Great Wall and Beyond Program (Beijing, Shanghai, Xian, and Hong Kong), Imperial Capitals of Europe Program (Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany), European Heritage Program (England, France, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland); Middle School Students - Great Wall and Beyond Program, Australian Adventure Program (Sydney and Cairns); Grade School Students, grades 5 & 6, Exploring Australia Program (Sydney and the Sunshine Coast). Each trip is about 20 days with carefully selected teacher/leaders accompanying the students in a ratio of about 1 to 10.

For the past several years the Delaware Chapter has partially paid for the travel costs for a single high school student who applies and has a GPA of 3.5 or better, an interest in international affairs, is willing to write a short article of his/her experiences, has financial need, and has had no previous study abroad. This \$4000 scholarship is awarded by our Chapter, of which half comes from our Chapter treasury and the remainder from the national organization of People to People International. In 2008, Mr. Michael Golt, Jr. an 11th grade student from Dover High School in Dover, Delaware received this award. This year, 2009, the scholarship has been awarded to Mr. Tyler Justice, a 12th grade student from Sussex Technical High School. He will travel to China this summer.

For several years we have planned a welcome home picnic at Lum's Pond State Park for the students and families. A good turnout has always been experienced and we hope this year will be no exception. The picnic is planned for Sunday, August 23.

UNIVERSITY HOSTING CHAIR: Betty Vicente

On the 4th of July individual PTPDE members and their families invited Egyptians who were studying the English Language Institute of the University of Delaware to join them as they celebrated the holiday. On July 9th the chapter hosted the group for dinner at the Deerfield Tennis and Golf Club.

PTPDE joined with the English Language Institute on July 19 for a dinner with Jordanian, Moroccan, and Korean teachers of English at the Deerfield Tennis and Golf Club. The teachers were invited to choose from over 100 books to take back to their countries to augment their teaching efforts.

On Oct 22 at Timothy's on Wilmington's riverfront, the Chapter entertained Korean teachers and Columbian professionals who were attending English Language Institute of the University of Delaware . (ELI)

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Joost van Boekhold

The People to People Delaware Chapter's Website Chair is always busy posting future programs, events and hosting activities. Flyers are available on our website and can be downloaded or forwarded to increase publicity. Various members send in photos to the Chair, and occasionally video clips as well, which are posted with a report of the program, event or hosting activity so that our Chapter has an updated portfolio that members and others can view at their leisure.

The chair of this committee has begun to implement our strategic goals. We hope to develop a standard template for each of our programs, events and hosting activities. Also, hyperlinks from partnering organizations to our website will help our Chapter's exposure. The website has become an important asset in reaching out to our membership and the community at large.

During the 2008-2009 years the Delaware Chapter's website had a monthly average of 1,800 page requests. Next year we plan to increase that number.

BOOKS FOR OVERSEAS YOUTH

This project is new for our chapter. We discovered that the Teachers of English who were brought to the University of Delaware by the State Department did not have enough English books to teach.

We also discovered that used books from our local schools ended up every year in our landfills. The Chapter decided to begin to collect, sort, and send boxes of books overseas. Our first box just arrived in Morocco.

Below is the update on how many boxes of books have been sent by PTPDE using USPS. In order to send the box of books, PTPDE requests a letter of intent from an administrator that indeed the box will be accepted on arrival. Many other books have been given to the teachers and professionals attending the English Language Institute at the University of Delaware. We appreciate any donations of non-political/non-religious books and/or funds.

1. Box to Morocco:

Mr. Otmame Brahimi, Headmaster

> Contact name: Kamal Hadder English language Coordinator and teacher

School Name : Ahmed Belyamani Middle School Ages and grades of pupils

7/8/9 12 - 16

>School Address Lycee College Ahmed Belyamani

Sala Al Jadida Sale 11000 Morocco Telephone number 00 212 0 37 53 00 74 / 00

212 0 61 95 04 75 There is no email address available for the school

lakamel@61@yahoo.fr

RECEIVED

2. Two Boxes to Nigeria

School # 1 **RECEIVED**

>> Name: The Principal
 >> Business: Senior Science Secondary School
 >> Street: Ibakachi
 >> Postcode: PMB 1017, Ikot Ekpene
 >> City : Ikot Ekpene L.G.A
 >> State: Akwa Ibom State
 >> Country: Nigeria

School # 2 **RECEIVED**

>>
 >> Name: The Principal
 >> Business: Southern Annang Comprehensive Sec. School
 >> Street: Ikot Okoro
 >> Postcode: P. O. Box 22, Ikot Okoro
 >> City : Oruk Anam L.G.A
 >> State: Akwa Ibom State Country: Nigeria

3. Box to Italy

PROF. MENEGHEL MARINA
 LICEO SCIENTIFICO A. EINSTEIN
 VIA PACINI 28
 10154 TORINO – ITALY SENT NOVEMBER 26, 2009 **Received**

4. Box to Morocco

The school address:
 Lycee College Elbassatine Meknes, 50000
 Maroc. tel: 0021235501700

The address of the Principal:

Elhassainate Benaissa
 B.P. 5176
 Elbassatine Meknes 50000
 Maroc. tel: 0021261987758

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RECEIVED

We will be glad to receive more books for beginner students under any other further applications.

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5. Two Boxes to Nigeria

School 1 The Principal Topfaith International School

Through Mr. Mkposong Stephen Asuquo
 C/O: Office of The Nationwide Mass Media
 No. 32 Chubb Road,
 P. O. Box 977 Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria West Africa

School 2 The Principal Ritman College
 Through Mkposong Stephen Asuquo
 C/O: Office of The Nationwide Mass Media
 No. 32 Chubb Road,
 P. O. Box 977
 Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria West Africa

School 3 The Principal Midtown Secondary Commercial School
 Through Mkposong Stephen Asuquo
 C/O: Office of The Nationwide Mass Media
 No. 32 Chubb Road,
 P. O. Box 977
 Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria West Africa

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No. 32 Chubb Road,
P. O. Box 977
Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria
West Africa. WO BOXES WERE SENT TO MR. ASUQUO—November 26, 2008

6. Box to Kenya

Joyce Tannian Box342- 00242 KITENGELA KENYA
 ONE BOX SENT ON NOVEMBER 30, 2008

Received

Yes, the books arrived. I'm still in the U.S. but my friend who is checking my mail picked up the packages and is holding them for me until I'm back on Feb. 19. I will excited to open them. Thanks again for you and your organization's effort to get them to us. I will deliver them when I move to Meshenani next time. All best Joyce

Books for Overseas Youth is an ongoing project. This year Michael Golt, Jr. our SA winner chose as his Eagle Scout project to help with our Books for Overseas Youth project.

This project would be a book drive to collect English grammar books, children's magazines, and various other publications to be donated to the Delaware Chapter of People To People International for their efforts in sending these types of books to children of the world. Additionally, I would be collecting donations to cover the cost of actually sending the books to the children. If able to be arranged, I would coordinate with Dover Air Force Base to have books sent through a military flight and thus reducing shipping costs.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE DELAWARE ANNUAL REPORT

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This is our final report as Co-presidents of our Chapter. We have enjoyed being actively involved with our Chapter and appreciate all the efforts made by our Board of Directors. Edward Tucker and his Board of Directors will certainly provide excellent leadership for the 2009-2010 year. We wish to thank you for the support that we received from the People to People International's staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Raleigh and Georgi Marquisee