

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE INTERNATIONAL
DELAWARE CHAPTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

June 16, 2011

This past year 2010-2011 kept pace with our mission of Peace Through Understanding by meeting and learning about people from more than fifteen countries and regions featuring diplomats, artists and performers and panelists and other presenters from our own community with origins and ties to places around the world. We introduced them to the entire age spectrum of our community, from the grade school to high school and college level of students and to adults of all ages.

Our Board of Directors and Committees worked extremely hard and well to maintain quality activities, increase our communication efforts and sustain our membership rolls despite challenging economic times that affect both financial and human resources.

We broke new ground by adopting Facebook and Twitter as additional means of communicating with our members and the community beyond our Internet Website. In keeping with the times, we have reduced our dependency on postal messages and ask that members and interested folks sign up for our periodic e-mail alert and information messages.

Our finances have been well managed thanks to some very generous membership support through the Pacesetter program and other voluntary donations. We are also indebted to the State of Delaware for its support in helping us bring a global perspective to the State. Membership levels continue to be a struggle, particularly in maintaining the personal energy and skills to support the high level of activity on a chiefly volunteer basis.

We hope to play a vital part in international awareness in our community. We have been fortunate to have been associated with local organizations and groups who share the importance of this effort: Cokesbury Village of Hockessin, University of Delaware English Language Institute, Widener University Law School, Chesapeake Bay Area Girls Scouts, Arden Media and World Trade Center of Delaware.

The Chapter is indebted to its Board Members, Committee chairs and participants, its Partners in our local area and to the community at large for their support.

Below are summaries of each of our functional areas.

Program (Anna White- Chair)

The attached list of Chapter events shows the broad range of events that were conducted for the benefit of the community as a whole reaching virtually every age group from

around five years of age to whatever. Our Signature Programs have developed over time and now provide a portfolio from which to select programs including a Multicultural Event, Circles of Understanding, On the Scene, People Helping People, Town Meeting/Foreign Policy and Families of the World.

More than fifteen countries, regions and cultures were featured in our programs, including China, Ethiopia, India, Turkey, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Northern Ireland, Guatemala, the Western Hemisphere, Ireland, the Middle East, Africa, Kenya, Nepal and Egypt. This list was extended even further when considering the various student artists represented in connection with the PTPI Murals Youth Project that was exhibited in several venues throughout our community. Further extension to other regions came about through the University hosting program conducted with the university of Delaware.

Public Relations (Sean Curran- Chair)

Throughout the year, press releases were developed and distributed to local media, other organizations and groups that are felt to be interested in global understanding issues. Several radio interviews were conducted with Chapter resources or with guest presenters. While some events have made it to the media finish line, this is a challenging area that needs more attention in order for events to get regularly promoted to the public beyond the extensive e-Blast list that now has more than 425 addresses. The Facebook and Twitter initiative will help tremendously in this regard, especially in hoping to reach the younger adult age bracket.

Student Ambassador (Carl Hutter- Chair)

The Chapter remains committed to the Student Ambassador program. This year 105 Delaware students traveled under this PTPI effort in various groups to Australia and Europe from grade and high schools.

The Chapter assists in the promotion, interviewing and welcoming back the students in a picnic setting. The Chapter continued its scholarship program with significant funding support going to Miss Camille Fontenelle, an 11th grade student at the Towle Institute in Newark, to Miss Amanda Laise, an 11th grade student at Polytech High School in Dover and to Miss Amanda Schoonfield, a 10th grade student at Sussex Central in Georgetown.

In August, 2010 about 85 attended the picnic on a rainy day. This year it will be held in a covered pavilion at Lum's Pond on August 14.

It is our desire that all students who travel under this program will receive an unforgettable experience that will affect them in a positive way for their lives. Many parents have told us that their son/daughter is a changed person as a result of this travel experience.

Membership

Our current memberships stands at 70 divided between individual and family memberships including ten pacesetters that have generously supported the chapter beyond the standard dues. We appreciate all of this support and encourage them to continue or to begin taking a more active role in the chapter's affairs. These active resources are what are vital to maintain the high level of programs and events.

The Chapter operates on a fiscal year basis beginning in June. But the membership year follows the standard of PTPI which is a on a calendar year basis. In fact, holding and gaining membership is always in season. Membership information is available on our website.

Website

The www.ptpde.org website continues as a centerpiece of our chapter information program while interfacing with e-Blasts, Facebook and Twitter. Recently the use of more photos and icons has livened up the site, and more changes can be expected in the near future. Users can easily add their e-mail addresses to our routine electronic messages on the site. The use of ptpde@ptpde.org provides users with direct e-mail access to the Chapter for more information and event registration.

University Hosting (Betty Vicente- Chair)

The Chapter continued to meet and greet international students who are improving their English skills at the University of Delaware English Language Institute. This year's receptions were held at Timothy's at the Riverfront at a normal dinner where students and Chapter members could converse in a easy setting, learn about practices from home and abroad and celebrate birthdays with global tunes and greetings.

Special projects- (Jean Raleigh- Chair)

Books for Overseas Youth: Many books were collected at the Hockessin Book Sale and at the AAUW sale this year. Those books have been given to students and teachers in Morocco, Haiti, and the many countries studying at ELI at Delaware.

Solar projects: The Chapter has been studying ways to participate in small scale solar projects that can involve youths in our community to build units through a kit, study the needs of a community and raise funds to purchase kits and provide transportation to the beneficiary area. This idea was generated through the efforts of Villanova University in conjunction with Power Up Gambia.

A Chapter representative has been participating with the Wilmington Sister City organization resulting in the establishment of Nemours France becoming an official

Sister City of Wilmington. Nemours carries an important link to our community through the DuPont family. Perhaps there will be some future hosting opportunities for our Chapter.

Finance (Aref Aref- Treasurer)

The Treasurer's Report is attached and shows the healthy condition of the Chapter. An internal annual audit was conducted as prescribed by our By-Laws and found that our books and procedures are in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. Tucker
President, 2010-2011

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER EVENTS AND PROGRAMS 2010-2011

June 10, 2010

The Chapter's **2010 Annual Meeting** included election of six new Board members, reelection of current Directors of the Board and review of the 2009-2010 program year.

"Meeting People and Cultures through Travel and Photography" was held at the Hilton Christiana in Newark. The evening began with dinner attended by Board members, Pacesetters, members and guests. Following dinner, a brief Chapter business meeting was held to elect the nominating slate for new and returning Board of Directors, including Officers for the coming year. Three members, Henry Beckler, Georgi Marquisee and Jean Raleigh, were given a *PTPI Certificate of Appreciation Award*. Ms. Karen Hoch, Director of PTPI's Americas Region, based in Kansas City attended the program and presented the Certificates signed by PTPI's President Mary Jean Eisenhower. President Tucker gave a graphic Power Point presentation with the year's many highlights and accomplishments.

Following the Annual Meeting, four members of the Delaware Photographic Society gave an outstanding presentation both visual and verbal about the people and the cultures they encountered while traveling in China, Ethiopia, India and Turkey. About 85 people attended this interesting and stimulating program.

June 13 – August 13

PTPI Youth Mural Project – Murals were hung throughout the month at Delaware Technical and Community College (DelTech) in Wilmington.

July 28 – On this date two camp groups at DelTech learned more about the murals project with the hope that they may be interested in doing a similar project in the future. A few PTP Board members attended and spoke about the murals project during each of the camp sessions.

August 13

Circles of Understanding – Turkey - Professor Hakkan Baykal, Karatekin University, Cankiri, Turkey discussed the very diverse country that is Turkey – a bridge between Europe and the Middle East. A light buffet of Turkish food was served for all to enjoy. Fourteen people attended this program which was held at the home of a PTP Board member.

September 16

Cultural Insights: Afghanistan and Pakistan - included four panelists, Nasim Hassan, Hina Haq, Saleem Khan, and Nazir Nisar and was moderated by WDEL journalist and PTPDE Advisory Board

member Allan Loudell. This program covered a wide range of social customs and behaviors of the people of Afghanistan and Pakistan and answered an equally broad range of questions from

a very interested audience. Topics covered included: tribal societies in the border self-governed region, the concepts of Hospitality, Asylum guarantees, Justice and Revenge, Dignity/Honor/Face Saving, and Honor for Women. Ms. Haq read excerpts from her book, *Sadika's Way*, which illustrated preference for sons, high cost of dowry, arranged marriages, ease and convenience of the veil and Hijab, and segregation of the sexes. Social changes are underway as a result of modern communication.

Questions raised from the audience included the future role of women, unification of tribal elements, development of durable civil infrastructure, justice systems in the region, and schooling options including Madrasahs. About 115 people attended this very interesting program.

November 18

U.S. State Department - Diplomacy in Action: U.S. Foreign Policy in Ireland and Northern Ireland - Mr. Jason Hackworth, Desk Officer for Ireland & Northern Ireland from the Department of State in Washington, DC visited Wilmington on November 18 at the request of the Delaware Chapter of PTPI and the World Trade Center Delaware. Mr. Hackworth spoke to three audiences:

- Concord High School 10th Grade World History AP Class
- Widener University School of Law students and faculty
- Evening Presentation to Community

Each audience had many questions following the 20 to 30 minute presentation and all were enthusiastic about his remarks.

November 19

Families of the World – Guatemala - PTPDE and Harmony Weavers Gild presented a program for Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay for about 80 people at their Resource Headquarters in Newark. The program featured an award winning video from Arden Media – **Families of Guatemala** – which takes viewers into the lives of a typical urban and rural Guatemalan family. Also included were arts and foods of Guatemala.

The Scouts who participated had an opportunity to try spinning wool, experience the magic of dyeing with Kool-Aid, and learn how a weaving loom works. They also rolled out their first delicious tortillas which were then fried and enjoyed eating them with various toppings.

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February 21

People to People International Global Youth Murals on loan from PTPI Kansas City were exhibited at Widener University Law School during its February 21st Diversity Week program. PTP DE Chapter Board members attended this very enjoyable program which featured foods and entertainment from various cultures

March 3

U. S. Foreign Policy Forum: In addition to the Delaware Chapter of PTPI, The World Trade Center Delaware and The Widener University School of Law arranged for the third visit to our community by Ambassador Charles Shapiro, Senior Advisor for Economic Initiatives, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. State Department as part of PTP's effort to familiarize us about foreign policy and international affairs around the world.

The March 3rd series of presentations included three classes at Concord High School where students had the chance to learn about the workings of our Embassies and foreign policy development as well as the particulars of the Western Hemisphere. Ambassador Shapiro also addressed a combination of staff and students and PTPDE members at the Widener University School of Law connecting the macroeconomic results with the microeconomy considerations in the Western Hemisphere. Special comments about the booming economies of Latin America, the growing importance of Canadian imports of petroleum products to the United States and the need to include lower economic levels of populations in the financial mechanisms in their countries were included in his remarks.

April 3

Music, Art & Dance: A Multi-Cultural Program. This 4th Annual Multi Cultural Event was held at Cokesbury Village with 200 people attending. Featured were students of the MacAleer School of Irish Dancing who performed nine very colorful and energetic Irish step dances under the supervision of Veronica McAleer; Middle Eastern Oriental Dancing by Lynne Van Hauter (Amany) who is a native Delawarean dancer and dance teacher; a solo number of great and very colorful Indian classical dances from the South of India by Madhavi Ratnagiri; and The Wilmington Children's Chorus, a project of Cityfest Inc. in Delaware .

During the week leading up to the Multi-Cultural event, fourteen murals were on display from students around the world as part of the People to People International Global Youth Project. Program attendees were able to view these murals by elementary through high school students who created representations of Peace. The exhibit included works from Egypt, Poland, Uzbekistan, Turkey, Croatia, Romania and the United States (FL, IA, MO and CA).

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Families of the World – Kenya. This program was presented in partnership with and held at the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts Resource Headquarters in Newark. About 80 girl scouts, siblings, parents and leaders signed up for this popular series. The program featured a DVD video of Families of Kenya loaned to us by Arden Media and also included arts and foods of Kenya.

TanzAmer Productions attended the program and taught a great song and dance which the girls enjoyed. The girls learned about a woman in Kenya who makes Kazuri beads to earn extra money and then they made bead necklaces to take home and wear. The girls also tried chapati and chai.

April 13

Edge of Seven –NEPAL – Erin Guttenplan, founder of Edge of Seven, spoke to an intimate audience of PTPDE members and the general public regarding her organization's ongoing development work in Nepal. In 2010, Edge of Seven sent 36 volunteers and \$40K in funds to support infrastructure projects in rural Nepal where a boarding house is currently being built as there are no housing options for young women who wish to attend the University in Nepal. The dorm will house 40 girls from rural areas where higher education is not accessible.

Erin Guttenplan founded Edge of Seven for two reasons. 1) To provide financial and volunteer support to projects that would empower girls in developing countries and 2) To encourage Americans to get out and see the world and realize that they are capable of affecting change within it. People to People Delaware was enthusiastic about hosting this program. Our mission to bridge international barriers and promote peace is certainly mirrored in the work of groups such as Edge of Seven.

May 16

Circles of Understanding – “Observing the Egypt Revolution” - Jan Diggs, Cairo based Global Business Development Manager of *Arabia Inform*, a pioneer provider of electronic content in the Middle East and a regional leader of content documentation and analysis in **Arabic** and Mohamed Eliwa, Founder, *Arabia Inform* and its sister companies *Middle East Monitor*, *MOHEET*, *Ask ZAD*, *Almotahida Multimedia*. and *Acumen Media Intelligee*. The speakers presented first-hand accounts of the January 25, 2011 revolution, the issues leading up to it, and what the future holds for Egypt. They were interviewed by WDEL journalist Allan Loudell during the 5:00 p.m. news hour. About 26 people attended this program and light dinner which was held at the home of a PTP Board member.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 5/31/2011

Assets:

Wachovia Free Checking	\$6834.46
Wachovia Premium MM	\$10971.41
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS/ASSETS	\$17805.87

Liabilities:

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Inflow:

Books For Overseas Youth Fund	\$118.95
Grant-State Of DE & Other Gifts	\$5280.00
Interest Income	\$9.96
Membership Fees/Pacesetters/Donations	\$3845.00
Program Income	\$1464.60
Student Ambassadors Interviews	\$220.00
TOTAL INFLOW	\$10,938.51

Outflow:

Admin./Mailings/Stamps	\$496.98
Website	\$566.43
E-Blast	\$330.00
PTPI Conference Attendance	\$593.99
Books For Overseas Youth	\$377.66
Membership Dues/PTPI KC	\$820.00
Liability Insurance	\$802.00
Program Expenses	\$2198.12
SA Scholarship & Other Expenses	\$4508.30
TOTAL OUTFLOW	\$10693.48

NET FLOW 2010-2011 **\$245.03**

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