



*A Newsletter for the Members of  
People to People International - Arizona Chapter  
November 2006*



*President's Message*

Dear Members,

Our chapter has had a very busy 2006. In this newsletter you will learn about some of our many activities.

The People to People International-Arizona Chapter board of directors, want to share with our members international guest speakers, events and activities occurring in Arizona's international community.

People to People International and the Arizona Chapter cooperate with other international organizations with missions that enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among peoples of different countries and diverse cultures. Sister Cities organizations and the World Affairs Council of Arizona are two such organizations we are cooperating with to foster international understanding.

These programs are presented for information only, it is not our intent to influence our members politically, but to provide them with opportunities to hear interesting guest speakers on a variety of topics. We will keep you posted on upcoming speakers and activities through our website: [www.ptpiaaz.org](http://www.ptpiaaz.org) and through membership e-mails.

We are looking forward to working with many other like minded international organizations in the future and having you share these experiences with us.

Sincerely,  
Margaret DuBois  
PTPI/AZ Chapter President



*PTPI School & Classroom Program in Flagstaff*

*Looking Back at 2006*



**Cultural Activity  
3/11/2006**

Our third annual International Women's Day event was celebrated in collaboration with the International Cultural Forum Dialog group. This year our key note speaker was Cynthia Lukas author of a young adult novel "Center Stage Summer" and former Scottsdale City Councilwoman. Her topic was "Women's Participation in Life and Their Achievements Around the World". Flowers were presented to each of women. Musical entertainment was provided by Mr. Henry Temes. Light snacks and beverages were provided.



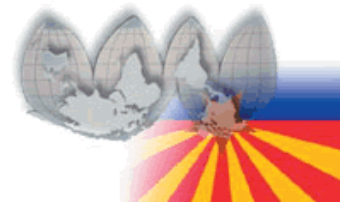
*2006 International Women's Day Celebration*

**PTPI School & Classroom Program**

The eight grade students at St. Mary's School in Flagstaff are participating in a program with a school in the Ukraine. The students are excited about creating their first assignment which includes powerpoint presentations depicting various aspects of American life. Mrs. Amy Faull, the eight grade English teacher, is leading the program at St. Mary's School. Chapter board member Cindy McParland, is assisting her.

PTPI's School and Classroom Program is a free service that pairs classes in different countries, enabling students to work together on cultural pen pal exchanges. As of the first of October, the cumulative number of students who have participated in this program exceeds 100,000 world wide!

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*07' Board Meeting Calendar*

December 7	March 8
January 11	April 5
February 8	May 17

All members are welcome to attend. Please contact a board member (via [www.ptpiaaz.org](http://www.ptpiaaz.org) website) for meeting location.

Visit our web site [www.ptpiaaz.org](http://www.ptpiaaz.org) for photos of the events featured in this newsletter and for more information on the Arizona chapter activities and events offered.





Arizona Chapter Receives Award at PTPI World Conference in Sydney, Australia

### PTPI Celebrating 50 Years 17<sup>th</sup> World Conference

PTPI's 50th anniversary was celebrated at the 17<sup>th</sup> World Conference held in Sydney, Australia, August 21-25<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Eight members of the Arizona chapter attended the conference and participated in the various break out sessions offered. Sessions included the importance of membership and volunteer involvement, growing local chapters, open forums, panel discussions, and worldwide chapter presentations. Todd Mc Parland from our AZ chapter, effectively presented the highlights of our chapter in a powerpoint presentation. John Anderson, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, was the keynote speaker. All participants enjoyed the warm welcome and hospitality of Australia. The Inverell chapter members were delightful conference hosts.

Our Arizona chapter was the proud recipient of the 2005-06 Golden Chapter Award from PTPI headquarters in Kansas City. The award is given to chapters who displayed growth, leadership, and member participation in local and world events. Margaret DuBois received the award on behalf of our chapter from President and CEO, Mary Jean Eisenhower and Joseph Patterson, chairman of PTPI's Board of Directors. The award was presented at the World Conference in Sydney, Australia.



### AZ Home Stay Experience

The Arizona chapter offered home stay experience to a group of 19 Italian high school age students June 30-July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Many families opened their homes and extended a warm welcome to the travelers. The group was led by Valeria Magistrelli who is the chapter president in Milan, Italy and sits on the board of directors for PTPI.

A thank you dinner was given to all the host families at The Paragon Clubhouse in Scottsdale.

### IWC Presentation

In October, PTPI-AZ chapter President Margaret DuBois and chapter Secretary Tracy Justinak gave a presentation to the International Women's Club of Arizona. The presentation recognized the 50th Anniversary of PTPI and our 17<sup>th</sup> World Conference in Sydney, Australia. One of the items discussed was what we do as a chapter and our chapter student group's involvement in the program, Operation Iraqi Children. Ellie Robb, one of the IWCA member's, donated \$100 to the program which sends school supplies to Iraqi children. Our student group, chapter and the PTPI organization are grateful for such donations.

### Looking Ahead at 2007

#### Chapter Sponsored Travel in 07'

We are sponsoring a mixed age delegation trip to Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. We will be visiting and staying with chapter families in each of the countries as well as visiting the capitals: Warsaw, Prague and Budapest. We will be traveling by train and bus, staying with families and at hostels or pensiones with an approximate stay of one week in each country. Departure date is tentatively set for Saturday, May 26, and a return date of Friday, June 15, 2007. The total estimated cost to be \$2,900 for the three weeks. This includes all transportation, accommodations, entrance fees and two meals a day.

Spaces are still available at this time. Contact Ruth Allen at [ruta1@ptpi.org](mailto:ruta1@ptpi.org) for more information if you are interested in joining the delegation. Also visit our website: [www.PTPIAZ.org](http://www.PTPIAZ.org)



### 06' Student Group Essays

#### "Become the Change"

By Chris Okawa

When I think back on my last two years I am amazed at the opportunities and adventures I have had. I have traveled to England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Holland and our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. I have made friends with people from many different states and even other nations all over the world. I have been a Student Ambassador, a Sports Ambassador and a Delegate representing Arizona at the Global Youth Forum. I have hosted a summer exchange student from Italy and in him found a great friend. Pretty incredible for just being an eighth grader! But I *never* would have had even one of these opportunities had I not been recommended to the People to People organization by one of my teachers.

Through these many travels and experiences, I have grown to understand and appreciate other cultures and I have learned to appreciate all that we have in the United States as well. I also have seen the need for change and the need for hope. As Mahatma Gandhi so eloquently said:

"We must become the change we want to see in the world."

PTPI has opened my eyes to the ways in which we *can* change the world! As the President of the Student Group of Arizona Chapter called *Sow Peace*, I have hopes that we can come together and be catalysts for change. When we come together as the youth of our state, we have great power and the opportunity to make a difference. We can fill many needs by doing community service and fundraising for worthy causes. Some ideas we have discussed are adopting a local street or area for clean-up; volunteering at a food bank or soup kitchen; providing opportunities to meet and discuss needs in our communities, our country and abroad. We can gather and discuss current events and brainstorm. We can also travel and visit other countries, stay with families and get

to know other cultures. We can make life-long friendships with people we might otherwise never meet. We can educate, inspire and make a positive impact; a change for the better.

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, Arizona People to People will participate in the Student Ambassador Rally at Peoria Sports Complex. The Student Group, *Sow Peace* will have an information booth there and you will be able to talk with us about things to come. *Sow Peace* is your opportunity to "walk the walk" and do something to make the world a better place. Please join us and become the change that you wish to see.

### Exploring England & France 2006

#### My Experience

By: Morgan Zamboni

I've always wanted to go to Europe-but I'd always planned on slowly saving up until, when I was much older, I'd be able to do it. Never did I think a letter would come in the mail saying that I was invited to go to the very place I'd always wanted to go in a year! You can imagine how excited I was.

The trip was great! In Arizona, everything is new; in Europe, everything seems to have a couple centuries of history, at the least. I'd never been interested in history, but now it has a new appeal. I'm very, very glad I took the chance People to People offered me-as promised, I now have the "traveling bug", with a new energy for road trips and planes. I went to Europe liking British accents and green fields, and I came back knowing there are posh accents and non-posh, realizing that French is much more like Spanish than I'd thought (which made it a bit easier), Not only that, but a new liking for history-I can tell you, it's much, much more interesting to be seeing the past with your own eyes, rather than just reading about it. There's really no comparison.

But one of my favorite things about the trip was the people I met. I went to school up to sixth grade, but I've been home schooled since then, and I sometimes miss the classroom atmosphere.