

Newsletter

for People to People Europe

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Dear Friends,

The past summer has been very intensive for many chapters, which is indicated by all the chapter reports. During the summer PTPI also appointed a new chief professional officer, Chuck Battey, who starts working in mid September. The European board has continued its effort to contact people who show interested in PTP and update the documents for chapter development. We are eager to hear your thoughts as we come closer to the open board meeting in Berlin.

I wish you a pleasant fall,

Lars Poignant, Secretary

Young Hungarian lady visits Scotland

My name is Eva Enyedi, I am an English student (in my final year) of the Hungarian Catholic University. I was so lucky as to receive the scholarship of the Scottish Universities' Summer School, concerning a course on the 20th Century Scottish literature. However, I would not have been able to participate on this course without the help of People to People. But this meant a lot more. They did not only offer me the possibility to learn as much about Scotland as I could, I had everything I needed to make the most of it. Thanks to the kindness of James and Sandra Reid I could see the most beautiful countryside and I met some lovely Scottish people, among whom I had the chance of dancing at a real Scottish 'ceilith'. It was more than learning about a culture, it was the real experience. Being an actress, the Edinburgh Festival caused me enormous pleasure, I saw eleven performances, about which I have the possibility to write in one of Hungary's most prominent theatrical magazine.

Thanks to People to People I had my richest trip in my life.

Grateful for ever

Eva Enyedi

People to People Sports

The PTP Sports Division is already planing for next years programs. Some events are scheduled and some will be planned during the fall.

Girls' field hockey in Wales April 11-19, '98

An American high school field hockey team will make a tour in England and Wales. In England they will stay in London area and the details are almost set. For Wales we look for people and contacts, who can help us to host and arrange games for the 20 players and two coaches.

Other sports for next year

For the summer PTP Sports try to organise tours for teams within basketball, soccer and baseball, girls field hockey and tennis. The programs involve not only games, but also homestay. Chapters and members interested in sports are encouraged to contact either PTP Sports division directly or to Lars Poignant. For PTP this is not only an opportunity for sports interested members to get involved, but also to reach out to local sports clubs and make connections to other groups of society.

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New program: Young members of PTP in Europe go to Japan

People to People and International Friendship Center offer young members a three month long program in Tokyo. This is an opportunity that members of PTP Sweden have had for over ten years. This is a overview of the program. Each chapter should have received or will shortly receive application forms. Included you will find a description about the program, application procedures and a short report from Ulrika Olofsson, Sweden, who just came back from IFC.

International Friendship Center

International Friendship Center is a Japanese organisation, which promotes increased international understanding and friendship between Japan and other countries. The centre offers international courses, excursions, lectures and dinner parties in order for the mainly Japanese members to meet people with similar interests, foreign visitors and students. The members are of all ages and professions. IFC receives *international students* from many different countries. The students both participate in the activities and help organise them.

Accommodation and other benefits

The students will not get any cash payment from IFC. Instead they will get free accommodation and classes in Japanese. During your three-month stay each student will have one week off, which usually is during one of the last weeks. The week offers a very good opportunity to see parts of Japan outside Tokyo such as Kyoto, Nara or Hiroshima. One easy way of getting around is with Japan Rail Pass.

Costs and responsibilities

The participants are responsible for all details regarding travel to and from Japan, visa, insurance and pocket money. Below is an *estimate* of what it may cost for three months in Tokyo. The actual cost may vary for each person depending on how much is spent each day and on food, souvenirs and trips.

| Item | Approximate Cost USD |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Air fare | 1 500 |
| Per month in Tokyo (500) | 1 500 |
| Japan Rail Pass | 300 |
| One week travel | 700 |
| Total | 4 000 |

Culture chock

During the stay most visitors experience culture chocks. It is hard to live and work in a society with other values. Japan is no exception. On the contrary, there are many things that are different between Japan and Europe. You will need patience, diplomacy and humour. It is important to take advantage of the opportunities given and to get involved in order to experience as much as possible.

Application and procedures

Both PTP and IFC would like to offer this successful program to more students. We are therefore very eager to find participants, who not only see this as an opportunity for themselves, but also that they are willing to share their culture and act as good ambassadors.

People to People nominates participants depending on personal assets. Prior experience in similar events, international projects or membership in PTP are beneficial. IFC decides based on the nomination who may be part of the program. There is an age limit of 20 years.

All correspondence should be done with the local PTP chapter. After you have submitted your application PTP will contact you for possible interview and to let you know if you have been accepted. PTP needs to have your application six months before you would like to leave.

“A great experience “ by Ulrika Olofsson

IFC is a center in Tokyo downtown where people from Japan and different countries can meet and get to know each other and each others culture. Most of the members are Japanese, who are interested in foreign language and foreign culture, but there are also foreign members, who are in Japan to work, and they come from all of the world e.g. France, USA, Madagascar, Sri Lanka. The members can take part in different activities such as language courses, coffee talks, embassy parties, cooking classes, culture parties, excursions etc.

The IFC-student is supposed to help IFC out with these activities. You usually work in the late afternoon and in the evenings about 15 hours a week. You have one day off a week and you usually work on Saturdays and Sundays.

There are often other things to do like having English classes for children, holding lectures/coffee talks about yourself and your country etc.

In return IFC gives you free accommodation and a Japanese lesson once a week. Your accommodation is in a house very close to IFC and you will share a room with another IFC-student if there is one. Very nice, but Japanese size...

You share the house with about seven other people (foreigners) and there is a kitchen and a laundry machine free to use. It is difficult to say how much money you will spend during the stay because it depends on your lifestyle. Keep in mind that Japan is expensive and because you don't work that many hours a week you have plenty of time to spend money so don't forget to bring some.

Most of the members are good at English so you don't have to speak any Japanese and you don't have to be an expert on Japanese culture since you will learn a lot by talking to the members. It is a great experience and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

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| | | Schedule of a normal week |
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| Monday | 18.30-21.00 | Open House the members pop in for a drink and conversation |
| Tuesday | 18.00-19.00 | Pre-Guidance Meeting take care of visitors who are waiting to get some information about IFC from the staff |
| Wednesday | | OFF |
| Thursday | 18.30-21.00 | Open House (same as Monday) |
| Friday | | Party e.g. Beer party, Swedish Midsummer party, Embassy Party, Creative Salon (welcome party for new members), French Party |
| Saturday | 12.30-13.20 | Guidance meeting (same as Tuesday) |
| | 15.30-16.20 | Guidance Meeting |
| | 19.00-21.00 | Party (same as Friday) |
| Sunday | | Various things like excursions, festivals sometimes OFF |

People to People – General update

Strategic plan

PTPE president Olga Ganzen has put together a document with thought and ideas for development of PTPE for the next few years. It is currently sent to all chapter presidents for comments. It will be used at the meeting in Berlin and possibly turned into a "strategic plan" for PTPE.

Resource Development Committee

A European fund has been created for PTP Europe needs. Already there are some \$1000 originating from personal contributions and from program fees.

Youth committee

The new youth committee in Europe plans to hold a youth conference on European soil next year. Miriam Troxler, PTPE youth co-ordinator will not only participate in the DC Youth Leadership Conference, but also gather information.

In order to compile a list of all youth programs and youth contact persons Miriam would be happy for any update on chapter youth activities. She will also contact chapters for updates.

Berlin meeting

There will be a PTP Europe meeting in mid November. The agenda is not set in detail, but it looks as if some 20 people will attend and many important issues discussed. PTP Berlin has been very helpful.

PTP Meeting for Russian speaking in St Petersburg

In December a meeting is planned to be held for Russian speaking chapters and officials. It aims to both inform about common PTP programs, procedures and to promote local initiatives. This is a very important event, since there due to language and cultural differences has been difficult to get working programs between chapters.

Coming events

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| November 14-16 | Open board meeting in Berlin |
| November 29 | Dinner in Belgium (see below) |
| December | Meeting for Russian speaking chapters in St Petersburg |
| December | PTP Estonian-Latvian conference in Riga |

Invitation to Belgium - "Dîner de Noël de gala"

PTP Brussels invites member and friends for gala dinner November 29.

Time: Saturday November 29, 19.30

Place: Hilton Hotel "En plein Ciel", 38, Db. de Watreloo, 1000 Bruxelles.

Price: 1.850 BEF (non members 1950), including wine.

Registration: Please contact Mrs Denise Maurice for further information to this excellent event; phone and fax: +32 2 345 6854

Open Board meeting in Berlin

Time: November 14-16

Place: Berlin

Cost: Accommodation from 20 DM, A small conference fee will be charged as well.

Registration: For registration and *accommodation*, please contact PTP Berlin, Hans-Dieter Robel,

Phone and fax: +49 30 344 3345, Tegelerweg 15, 10589 Berlin

New Chief Professional Officer - Chuck Battey

Kansas City, August 22, 1997

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has selected Chuck Battey to serve as our new Chief Professional Officer. Chuck will be joining us full-time in mid-September.

In the meantime, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief biographical background. Chuck comes to us from the Sprint Corporation, where he most recently served as a member of the team of managers that started a new joint venture dedicated to building a nationwide wireless telephone network.

A native of Kansas City, Chuck has enjoyed a tremendous exposure to international experiences. Beginning in high school, he traveled to France under the auspices of the Experiment in International Living and lived with a family for a summer. During college, he studied and lived with a family in Spain.

Chuck lived in Bali (Indonesia) and Manila (Philippines) from 1989 – 1991, where he served as a field manager for Opportunity International, a non-profit business development organization headquartered in Chicago,

Illinois and Sydney, Australia. His responsibilities included establishing management systems, fund raising and board development for revolving credit, job training and community assistance programs. During that time, he traveled extensively in Southeast Asia.

Earlier in his career, Chuck served in various marketing roles for General Mills, in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and as a financial analyst at Kidder, Peabody & Company in New York City.

A 1981 cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College, Chuck received his Masters of Business Administration in 1985 from Stanford Graduate School of Business.

I know you will share in our enthusiasm and give Chuck your full support!

Most sincerely,



Bill Jarvis, President

Conference guidelines

As a step to plan future PTP conferences active members and chapters are asked about what their expectations are for PTP conferences. Please use the questionnaire below or simply send us a message.

What do you want to achieve/experience at a conference?

| | very important | | | not so important |
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| a) Meet other chapters | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| b) Get information about PTP Europe | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| c) Get information about PTPI | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| d) Fundraising – information | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| e) Fundraising – event | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| f) Youth projects | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| g) Discuss goals of PTPE | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| h) National contributions (songs, stands etc) | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| i) | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| j) | ! | ! | ! | ! |

What information do you find important for the conference?

| | very important | | | not so important |
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| a) PTP general information | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| b) Meeting procedures | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| c) Written chapter reports | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| d) | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| e) | | | | |

What do you want to spend your time on at conferences?

| | lot of time | | | not so much time |
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| a) General meetings | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| b) Workshop | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| c) Free time | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| d) Evening receptions | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| e) Informal meetings (coffee breaks) | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| f) Speakers from PTP | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| g) Invited speakers | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| h) Chapter reports | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| i) Annual report of PTPE | ! | ! | ! | ! |
| j) | ! | ! | ! | ! |

Chapter development

The number of chapters reporting activities is lower than a year ago. In order to increase the efforts to reach out to more people to join the organisation, active contacts have been taken with people possibly interested in PTP. Also members of PTP have introduced PTP to friends and/or acquaintances. Daniel Schaubacher, Bern, Marianne Borth, Berlin, James Reid Scotland and Justyna Dziurma, Gliwice, have passed on names of people who wanted more information. That is for contacts in Warsaw, Holland, Scotland and Slovakia. Also a very nice help from Fred Bock, San Antonio Texas chapter to promote PTP on his trip to Austria.

PTP Europe contact effort

At the Trustee meeting in Washington members will be asked to not only pass on information about PTP through a questionnaire. The questionnaire can of course be used in Europe as well. Together with other PR efforts the idea is to use this for several purposes:

- ◆ Get contacts with new people and communities
- ◆ Initiate new chapters
- ◆ Promote programs
- ◆ Fundraising
- ◆ Get more members

If you know of anyone, who might be interested in PTP, please let us know. After all membership or affiliation with PTP is a mutual benefit and not a sacrifice. The possible actions may vary and we ask for your advice. It can for example be some of the actions listed below – or combination thereof.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send general information 2. Invite as member 3. Invite to an event 4. Promote as youth member | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Present PTP's Share the Vision fundraising effort for soliciting 6. Send information on international contacts in specific geographic area 7. You want to contact the person yourself and need information about PTP. |
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The contacts you provide will be for internal use only and used according to your indications. If you don't indicate how the contact should be approached we will send general information about PTP and its programs possibly with information about chapters and programs in the region.

The easiest way to let us know is just by sending the name and address to PTPE, Box 24080, S-104 80 Stockholm. You may also use the form below.

suggested contacts in Europe for introduction to People to People

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| Name with title | | |
| Address | | |
| Phone/fax/e-mail | | |
| Occupation | | |
| Reason for interest for PTP | | |
| What kind of contact is this (personal friend, business, academic, etc) | | |
| Your suggested action | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send general information 2. Invite as member 3. Invite to an event 4. Promote as youth member | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Present PTP's <i>Share the Vision</i> fundraising effort for soliciting 6. Send information on international contacts in specific geographic area 7. You want to contact the person yourself and need information about PTP. |
| Other action: | | |

Chapter reports

Bern-W. Switzerland (Daniel Schaubacher)

August 22, 1997 In June, the Bern chapter hosted 35 high school students and three adult escorts from the USA under the Student Ambassador Program. Through announcements made free of charge in the Bernese press, we received a great number of inquiries from prospective host families, which in turn produced additional contacts for our Chapter. A party held in the conference room of the American Embassy in Bern in honour of our American guests drew more than 100 people. PTP European Youth Co-ordinator Miriam Troxler addressed those present on PTPI youth activities. Both our American guests and the Swiss family hosts were enthusiastic about this program which the chapter wishes to support in the years to come. In the chapter's July Newsletter, a campaign to reach out to youth and new members has been announced. Already, two youth from Bern wish to participate in the International Youth Leadership Conference. The Chapter was represented by its President, Daniel Schaubacher, at receptions hosted by the American Ambassador for the Fourth of July, for the farewell of the US Cultural and Public Affairs Attaché Dr. Sam Westgate, by the French Ambassador for National Day, by the Canadian Ambassador, and in Les Diablerets, a Swiss mountain resort, for a group of public leaders from Cyprus, Greece and Turkey during a seminar on peaceful conflict resolution organized by the Swiss Good Offices Foundation. Contacts have been renewed to the rectorates of greater Bern's secondary, professional and high schools, as well with the Landegg Academy and Sir Peter Ustinov, a resident of Switzerland. These activities have prompted inquiries from Cyprus, Hungary, Poland, the USA, and, of course, the Helvetic Confederation -- with four persons signed up as chapter members.

Chester

The music board and program continues with success in Chester. Young musicians are supported to visit their US sister city Lakewood. In order to select the scholar this year auditions were introduced. In July a young musicians from Lakewood visited Chester.

In March the Music Board organised a concert, which also serves as a fundraising event.

As the chapter had its Annual meeting in summer, John Cowap succeeded Malcolm White as chairman and Betty Holland left the chair for Music board for Christine Edkins. After excellent work Betty will together with husband Len take on the next big event – the 1998 World Wide Conference.

In addition to the ties with Lakewood the chapter starts to build a connection with its twin city Sens, France.

Crimea (Andrew V. Shipilov)

After the Gliwice conference things started rolling in the Crimea very fast. At the end of the school year many of the chapter members have been busy taking their finals and receiving diplomas. We should soon have five more Bachelors of Arabic Studies, two Bachelors of Law. To spice up the life of the Chapter members we have organized a party "The Magic Summer is Coming". This was a great get together of friends and the party lasted for 5 hours.

As for the serious business, Alexander Raksha, Homestay Co-ordinator who at the same time fulfils the functions of the Resource Developer, has attended the seminar on grant proposal writing, sponsored by the International Renaissance Foundation in Simferopol. Andrew Shipilov, Chapter President has visited Washington DC where he met with the Capitol Area chapter. The meeting was very productive and both chapters agreed to help each other to develop and grow.

Kate Barsukova, Youth Co-ordinator of the chapter agreed to host an exchange student from USA for an academic Semester. The second student will be placed shortly in the family of another Chapter member. In the meantime Alexander Raksha will be responsible for preparing instruction materials on Russian as a Second Language Courses for American exchange students who will be hosted by the chapter

There are now talks undergoing with the Berlin chapter to set up an exchange in summer of 1998. Berlin friends will visit Crimea in June and Crimeans will most likely visit Germany in autumn of the same year. Then we might travel to the chapters in Denmark and Switzerland.

Andrew Shestiperov with the help of the chapter President have developed and sent out over the Internet the promotional add about PTP and its activities. Andrew Shipilov also put together a partnership proposal between Youth for Understanding International Exchange and PTPI that has been submitted to YFU and PTPI headquarters. Now it will be the upper management of both organizations decision on how to proceed. As far as the partnership between PTP and YFU-Ukraine is concerned there will be no obstacles from the side of YFU Ukraine whatsoever.

At the end of the summer the reference to PTPI programs will appear at YFU-Ukraine homepage in Canada. Additional information on the adds of this page will be submitted in the next newsletter.

Young members of the chapter are putting their resumes and application forms for internships together to submit them to the PTPE President in July.

Estonia

Travel Club for Teenagers

Travel Club for Teenagers is an ongoing project. It started on January 25, 1996 and has its base in two secondary schools classes in Tallinn. The Travel Club has meetings every week with different themes: history, culture, practical studies of travellers, lessons of psychology and astrology, librarian lessons and discussion of projects. The Travel Club has its own logo and travel diary.

Seminar on the Role and Functions of NGO's in Democratic Societies

Two seminars were held; Tallinn (April 5 – 6) and Denmark (April 13 – 21). Both attracted 32 participants from Non Governmental Organisations (NGO).

The seminar in Estonia was a comprised training sessions in the areas of: NGO management, NGO project development, NGO fund raising. Session leaders were selected from among people who have experience in working both with and within relevant kinds of NGO's. There were primarily five categories of NGO's: humanitarian organisations, environmental organisations, women's organisations, educational and cultural organisations, youth and student organisations. An essential element of the sessions deals with prospects for both co-operation between different organisations and the creation of joint organisations. It was an opportunity for NGO's from Estonia to make contacts and to start co-operation with similar Danish organisations, to share their experience with others, and to compare the work of NGO's in different countries.

Cultural Exchange between Tallinn and Sillamae chapters in April

A Tallinn band of folk singers "April Club" visited a group of Sillamae artists, named "April". There were also some guests from Tallinn Family club. Artists prepared an exhibition and Tallinn musicians gave a concert. Participants of the project visited a Sillamae brewery. This trip

was a lot of fun, guests made wonderful friends with their hosts. They currently plan some common projects for the near future.

Conflict resolution training – repeated events

In April and May sessions were in six towns. There were seven lectures and two classes in each town. In mid September an international youth conference on conflict resolution was held. Some 40 high school students from Estonia, Riga and Germany participated.

The conference workshops begin with some lectures and discussions of inter-ethnic and inter-cultural relations and conflict resolution. Then follows a role-play simulation based on interactions between two hypothetical cultures - the "BaFa-BaFa" culture simulation game. The workshops were concluded by discussion of stereotyping, misperception, misunderstanding, etc. in relation to inter-ethnic and inter-cultural relations.

Tallinn History book and Ball for teenagers in Tallinn Town Hall

Writer and historian Lev Livshitz, member of PTP Tallinn chapter, wrote a history book of Tallinn, which was illustrated by PTP member as well. It is a big project helping young people to feel more comfortable in their country and to co-operate with others. We hope that book will attract more people to PTP ideas. This book is already published in Russian and we are trying to collect money for an English edition. To promote interest for the book among young people to help us to attract potential readers and new PTP members Tallinn Chapter decided to organise a ball for teenagers. On May 31 45 teenagers gathered for a ball in the town hall. During the evening we had a presentation of the book, medieval music and dances, Ball's Queen and King elections.

Writing winning grant proposals "step-by-step"

In Sillamäe May 27 and June 3 a grant proposal project was held. First the participants were taught how to write successful grant proposals and then the written proposals were presented. Some of them turned out to be very successful. For example, with a help of such a proposal Anatoli Schura, conductor, got money for his international project with Polish choir. We find this project very successful and plan to repeat it. The project was made possible with assistance from the United States Peace Corps, People to People, Estonia, The Lake Peipsi Project and United States Aid for International Development.

Summer camp in Narva-Joesuu

Twelve members from the youth committee participated in a summer camp in Narva-Joesuu between June 16 and 22. The event was already the third summer camp in Narva-Joesuu. We discussed our achievements and plans for future, shared experiences and simply had fun. We hope that this camp becomes international!

Internship and Student exchange in the USA

In September and October seven high school students and five adult PTP members will go to the US. The high school students from have a chance to stay several weeks in US high schools. This project includes participation at the People to People International Youth Conference in Washington DC in September and various homestays. Also one or two members will have an opportunity of making professional internship in NGO in the New York area and in a US bank. Five-six students from the US will spend eight weeks in Estonia during summer 1998. The project includes educational, cultural, and social programs. We are sure that after coming back these interns will be bright individuals with PTP mentality, establishing international understanding.

People to People Estonia will be happy to work with interns from other countries coming to Estonia. In that case we can help with placement of international visitors for one or two month to private firms, state enterprises or NGO's in Estonia. We can help with homestay arrangements during the visit. The first intern in Estonia was in June 1997 and it was Janice Wong from Kansas City, USA (Center for International Business, University of Missouri).

Gliwice (Tadeusz Grabowiecki)

On July 16-20 we hosted Hidehiro Kawahira, People To People Japan President and Member of Board of Trustee, PTP International. He visited our city and made trips to Auschwitz, Cracow, medieval salt mine in Wieliczka, medieval zinc and silver mine in Tarnowskie Gory, palace in Pszczyna. He had meetings with the city authorities, Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry and participated in a meeting of the Gliwice chapter of PTP.

Polish-Estonian Musical Academy People to People (Justyna Dziurma)

Through PTP Gliwice and Tallinn, the Polish-Estonian Musical Academy People to People was organised. It consisted of over 80 participants from Gliwice Academic Musical Ensemble of the Silesian Technical University, Gliwice Poland and Narva Symphony Orchestra from Narva, Estonia.

This PTP sponsored tour held five concerts in Poland, Estonia and Finland. The tour was quite successful and all participants are satisfied with the event. For next year a new tour was discussed. New possible cities were mentioned, but no decisions made.

Visit to Switzerland and help for flooding (Marek Sadowski)

We had a great time in Switzerland, we visited Chapters Zurich, Lucerne and Interlaken, we saw the most wonderful places and met many interesting people, especially that actually it was the first "real" homestay for our members. We received a cheque from Chapter Zurich (from Claudia von Ellerts) for people who "suffered with the flood" in our area. It was very unexpected for us, but, of course, very nice gesture from Zurich Chapter members. I'm responsible to hand this cheque over to people, who really need that money. Generally it was very helpful experience for our young chapter and I hope we all would like come back to Switzerland at least once again to see all those places we couldn't see for many different reasons. I hope that one day we will do it.

Interlaken (Regina Wälti)

We had a wonderful and very busy summer with visitors respectively homestay guests from USA, Sweden, Slovakia, Scotland, Australia and Poland, and we shall terminate the "season" in October by receiving a group of friends from Berlin and a visit of a delegation from the United States.

During the forthcoming winter time we shall have several social gatherings and shall start with a new meeting program.

Luzern, Switzerland (Ruth Weber)

This summer we had guests from Sweden (Lars) and Scotland (Sandra and James Reid) and a group from Gliwice.

This summer a very successful direct youth exchange was started between Slovakia and Switzerland. 13 year old Katarina Sheer from Ruzomberok in Slovakia spent one week with a family in the Interlaken chapter and afterwards two weeks in the Lucerne chapter. Swiss girl Heidi Portmann, also 13 years old, and Katarina became fast friends and travelled to Slovakia to stay with Katarina's

family after having a great time in Lucerne. During the two week stay in Slovakia the Sheer family showed Heidi around and the two girls said goodbye after four weeks with lots of wonderful and interesting memories. At the end Lucie Hofer, Lucerne was able to offer the whole Scheer family a homestay, which was appreciated very much and a success as well.

At the end of August we organized a barbecue for all PTP members in Switzerland of all four chapters (Bern, Zürich, Interlaken, Luzern). Last we met officially like this has been two years ago in Berne when we dissolved PTP Switzerland and founded the three totally independent chapters (Interlaken was founded shortly after that). We had a nice evening and had a lot to chat and discuss, even though we met at different occasions and are in good contact by phone, email and fax.

Two young ladies (18 years old) enjoyed a homestay in the chapter of the Reid's, Scotland, two other young ladies (25) are going to have a homestay in San Francisco, USA.

Miriam Troxler, Youth Co-ordinator of PTP Europe and Chapter Luzern will participate in Washington at the youth conference.

In October our friends from our sister chapter Berlin will visit us once more. They will have homestays.

We also will receive a group of Americans, who are touring through Europe with the program Mission for Understanding. They will stay in Lucerne in a hotel. The city of Lucerne, represented by a member of the City Council, and the chapter will welcome them with a short reception in the City Hall, which was built 1370. They will also visit one of the Swiss banks. The evening before the group will leave we will have a farewell dinner, together with members of our chapter.

In November we plan to participate on the meeting in Berlin.

Sochi (Olga Demidova)

These four programs are presented by Sochi Chapter. Sochi is the beautiful Russian resort in the Black Sea shore with warm climate and evergreen trees. These four programs are not only professional but cultural and communicative component. These programs maybe for one or two weeks.

Artistic Ambassador. We are ready to start this program with any chapter. This is an exchange of talented young musicians with their conductors/musical direc-

tors/instructors. (You have my brochure as the example, but there will be the other participants). You've seen some of them in the European Conference. We are ready to start this program as Master Class in Sochi. We propose this program as exchange one or as Master Class in Sochi or in the foreign country.

Art Gallery exchange. Totally non-government and non-profit. We have very talented artists and painters and ready to be the first in this exchange program. Our Art Gallery is situated in the Sochi Riviera Park, which is the main Russian resort, in the Park - Riviera.

Mountain Bicycle Youth Club. Bicycle kids exchange program with communicative and cultural component. Hoping for an exchange with nearest countries to make it financially/economically feasible. It maybe Italy, Greece and Turkey.

Ready to start an educational exchange program with High School Students of 14-17 years, and would like to participate in English Language Camp.

Stockholm

During late spring PTP Stockholm arranged an essay competition for high school students. Students from 300 schools were able to participate. The winning contribution was written by Kristina Olsson and will give her participation in the PTPI Youth Leadership Conference in Washington. Thanks to Mattias Hedberg for the organisation.

In May a group through the PTP Collegiate program visited Sweden. Their agenda was organised by Anna Hass. The group has special interest for the medical system in Sweden. They were also introduced to Swedish culture as they stayed in families.

Three groups through the PTP Ambassador program were hosted in families in southern Sweden. In total there were around 100 young Americans making their way into Swedish culture. Åsa Grunning has managed this programs since many years.

A group of 15 young volley ball players from Ruzomberok, Slovakia were shown Stockholm on their way to Finland.

PTP Sweden supported an international camp outside Stockholm, where 20 young people from Germany, Switzerland, Bolivia, Costa Rica and Italy gathered to learn about Sweden and Swedish culture. Some of them will stay for a year as interns.

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