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# our world

Our World e-news brings students ages 13-18 around the globe together to learn how they can make a difference and spread PEACE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING. | May 2011

## You are amazing!



*To celebrate Global Youth Service Day 2011, members of PTPI's Dakar, Senegal Chapter cleaned areas of the city, removing rubbish and clearing open spaces.*

PTPI members carried out more projects than ever before for **Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) 2011**. So far we've learned that PTPI-led projects were held in 27 countries with more than 5,000 volunteers! [View photos](#).

Did you participate in GYSD? Please confirm PTPI received your [post-](#)

## The Latest

Don't miss these important announcements!

Did you notice? PTPI has a new website! The officer and operational documents in the website's [Student Chapter Files and Docs section](#) are from the new *Student Chapter Guidebook: Essentials for Success*. [Post on PTPI's Facebook](#) what you think of the site!

Are you an adult advisor? You have special access to PTPI's [In Brief](#) with the latest updates for adult members.

Congratulations to our student chapter members who are graduating from high school! By now, you should have received your "I [heart] PTPI" magnet. We hope you will stay involved with PTPI through our [Young Generation](#) programs for those ages 18-25.

Registration for PTPI's [Global Youth Forum](#) has opened! We invite you to join students ages 13-18 from around the world who are interested in promoting international friendship and bettering the world. Apply for a general tuition scholarship by July 5 or apply for the International Student Panel scholarship by June 17. Contact [youthdirector@ptpi.org](mailto:youthdirector@ptpi.org) for applications. There also are special scholarships just for student chapter members this year! [Learn more and register](#).

We need your help! Please take a moment to [update the mailing address, year of graduation and date of birth](#) that PTPI has on file for you.

[GYSD survey](#) and email [intern2@ptpi.org](mailto:intern2@ptpi.org) if PTPI is missing your survey.

As our members demonstrate every day, young people are the key to creating a more peaceful world. [Learn what PTPI members did during the GYSD weekend to make a difference in their communities.](#)

Opportunity for U.S. students: Do you want to learn a new language? The National Security Language Initiative for Youth is a program for U.S. high school students and recent graduates to learn Arabic, Persian, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Turkish in overseas immersion programs throughout the year. [Learn more](#).



## JUST FOR STUDENT AMBASSADORS

As a Student Ambassador, you receive a free one-year membership with People to People International (PTPI). [Learn more about People to People International in this section.](#)

Your Member ID of 428921 serves as your username and password to access the [Members Only side](#) of PTPI's website.

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## NEW STUDENT CHAPTERS

PTPI extends a warm welcome to the newest members of our international family!

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| Brownsville, Texas Student Chapter          | Chartered April 29, 2011 |
| Edison, New Jersey Student Chapter          | Chartered April 29, 2011 |
| Kathmandu, Nepal (Paradise) Student Chapter | Chartered March 11, 2011 |
| Parkersburg, West Virginia Student Chapter  | Chartered April 29, 2011 |
| Skopje, Macedonia Student Chapter           | Chartered March 6, 2011  |

[Find out](#) whether there is a PTPI Student Chapter in your area!

## NOTEWORTHY CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

How can you make a difference?

[Check out this section](#) to learn how PTPI members worldwide recently made a difference during Global Youth Service Day 2011, April 15-17, and find project ideas to implement in your own community!

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## TIP OF THE MONTH

We know that summer is used for slumber, but don't let your PTPI Student Chapter go a blunder! Here's a checklist so your chapter is prepared after the break from school.

- Relax and enjoy your months off. You deserve it after all your hard work this year.
- Make sure you have notified PTPI about your chapter's election results.
- Set a date now for your first meeting after you return from break.
- Touch base with the other officers during your months off. Try arranging a Skype conference call.
- Send an email to your chapter members midway through the summer. Get them excited about your fall plans and ask if they are traveling during the summer. Ask the travelers to present their adventures at the first meeting.
- If possible, reserve a booth for the fall activities/club fair at your school.
- Create a calendar of events to hand out at your first meeting.

Do you have a tip to share with fellow chapter members? Post it today on the [PTPI Student Chapters Facebook Group](#)!

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## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

The staff at PTPI took time during our busy retreat during April 11-15 to have a little fun. [Check out a photo](#) that catches us in the act during a scavenger hunt.

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## CULTURE

The Burgas, Bulgaria (The Vectors) Student Chapter had the rare opportunity to participate in the grand opening of a cultural center in a building that once was a casino. The chapter members went to great lengths to recreate the atmosphere of the golden years of the casino. They arrived by carriage or antique cars in 20's style attire. Read more about this exciting event.

*A member of PTPI's Burgas, Bulgaria (The Vectors) Student Chapter dressed in 20's style attire steps from a carriage. During March, the chapter participated in the grand opening of a cultural center in its city. The event took attendees back to the early 20th century, to the time when the center was a grand casino.*

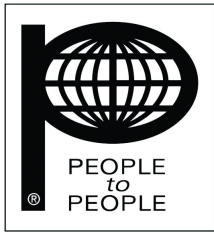
## EZ Poll

Are you considering attending the Global Youth Forum, November 9-13, in Kansas City?

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- Yes, I can't wait
- Yes, if I receive a scholarship
- Yes, if I can convince my parents
- No, it conflicts with school or sports
- No, it is too costly
- No, it doesn't interest me

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