

Global Learning Center Newsletter

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The Global Learning Center is a multicultural activity center and international resource library promoting global understanding through the exchange of ideas and experience. The Center is a nonprofit organization, contributions to which are tax deductible.

TREES FOR LIFE PLANTING TREES & KINDNESS

If you've seen the Trees for Life logo on buttons and grocery sacks at Dillons stores but weren't sure who or what it represented, you can learn all about it October 13, 7:30 p.m. at the GLC. David Kimble, Operations Director of Trees for Life, will describe the organization's mission and programs.

A short video will illustrate its impressive statistics through the compelling faces and voices of villagers and volunteers. Those of you already familiar with this Wichita based movement will also want to be updated and acknowledge its tenth year of planting trees throughout the world.

GLC LANGUAGE CLASSES UNDERWAY

Adrienne Corticelli, a graduate student in language teaching at WSU, has been volunteering ten hours each week to assure that GLC language classes serve learners in the best manner possible.

Classes which meet minimum enrollment requirements at this writing include French, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese and Spanish. Enrollments in the Arabic and Persian (Farsi) classes are still below the minimum level of five students to guarantee their continuance this Fall.

Schedules for class meetings vary, but all classes will still accept new students, and charges for language instruction are \$5.00 per hour. A new series of lessons will be organized in January, 1995.

CELEBRATE UNITED NATIONS DAY

This year the Global Learning Center is again undertaking a meaningful examination of United Nations goals, programs and activities. You are invited to a potluck dinner and program at the GLC, 435 S. Broadway, Sunday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. You are asked to bring a dish to share and your own tableware.

The program, which will begin about 7:30 p.m., has scheduled the following panelists and subjects:

Don Skokan: *Think Globally, Act Locally: What the Rio Summit should mean to you;*

Janet Nickel: *Population Problems: What the United Nations achieved in Cairo;*

Manfred Menking: *The Role of the United Nations in Curbing Nuclear Weapons: Pending action on treaties;*

C.G. Chacko: *Human Rights and Responsibilities: The United Nations role.*

Each panelist will talk for not more than ten minutes, and the presentations will be followed by questions and answers in an effort to examine the interrelationships of these concerns. What the individual and local groups might do will also be explored. Come and bring your friends.

Howard Johnston

GLC'S MOST WANTED LIST

A correctable typewriter tops the list of essential items needed for the office. We have begun efforts to increase volunteer activity and need this particular item.

OLD TOWN OKTOBERFEST

This is the second year for the Oktoberfest to be held in Old Town (October 7-9) and we need your help in what has proven to be a good fundraising event.

We are scheduling friends and members for the booth. We not only need your time to operate the ring toss and dart game, but we need your baking talents as well. Your international baked goods have been especially well received at past events as prizes and sale items. Also, if members have any small items to donate as prizes they would be most appreciated.

If you are unable to bake and can donate money (e.g., \$5.00) to purchase pop as a prize, this would also be most welcome. Last year we earned over \$600 for GLC.

Oktoberfest has been celebrated in Wichita for 18 years and honors the contributions Germans have made to the settlement of the state. Kansas reputedly has the highest number of citizens of German heritage in the U.S.

This event at the Farm & Art Market is free and open to the public. For more information call 262-3555 or the GLC at 264-6884.

T-SHIRTS ARE HERE

The "World Class Citizen" T-Shirt, with the GLC logo and name on the sleeve, are on sale for \$15 for M,L,XL, and \$16 for XXL.

These shirts are of high quality 100% cotton with 140 colorful world flags on them - front and back.

Shirts will be available for purchase at Oktoberfest and other GLC programs.



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**UPDATE FROM
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT**

The past weeks have been busy, but many things have been accomplished. An audit of our finances was completed by a local certified public accountant since this was a basic requirement for submission of grant requests. Also, fourteen proposal letters were sent to local businesses and corporations; and followup reminder calls have been made to GLC members for membership dues.

Norman Carr and I will be working with WSU students of the Ad Astra Advertising Club to design a new brochure, newsletter masthead and format, and an ethnic dinner flyer. We are looking forward to working with these enthusiastic, talented young people.

Things to look for: *Active Aging* will feature Howard and Jeanne Johnston and the GLC in a few months, and watch for KAKE's Ole' Mike and Mogie show featuring the GLC. We are now listed in the Chamber of Commerce's Community Connection Directory and in United Way's InfoLine Areawide Community Resource Directory.

Jean Pollitt

RECENT EVENTS

The Haiti Program and Video was presented at the GLC August 30th. Le Grand Salvant, Daniel Louis and Rev. Dantus Louis, gave compelling testimony to the needs of their country and children. It's urgent that you contact A.S.A.P.- Haiti, Inter-Faith Ministries, 264-9303, to learn how you may help keep a child in school for as little as \$120.00 a year.

The struggle to educate Haiti's children was a primary theme of an impressive 15 minute video, *Haiti...A Human Tragedy*, shown during the program and produced by IFM-Wichita, who have visited the school in the Lambert area of Haiti and have seen first hand how desperate their need is.

A Program on Russia was hosted by Jim Phillips and Dorothy Billings at the Global Learning Center on September 15. Jim has long been a student of Russia and recently had the opportunity to see Moscow firsthand while Dorothy was attending an international conference in anthropology. They showed slides from their trip and discussed, among other things, the role of women in the new Russia and the emergence of the Mafia in business affairs.

A Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTB) and Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) were discussed by Manfred Menking, Kansas Chapter, Physicians For Social Responsibility (PSR) at the GLC on September 22.

The United States, which is currently observing a nuclear test ban, has the chief responsibility for completing CTB negotiations by a date early enough to complete a new NPT in April, 1995, at the NPT Extension Conference in New York. Manfred indicated that "a window of opportunity exists, but may be lost" if Clinton and the American public don't react.

Contact the Global Learning Center to get further information and learn how you can help in this critical matter.

The Oz Fest of KICT-95 on the Westbank, September 24, was the scene of another GLC fundraising activity. Bob Hernandez took charge of the booth, with the help of other GLC volunteers, to sell the new "World Class Citizen" T-Shirts, sign people up for language classes and generally get the word out about our organization.

This was all a warmup for another fundraiser, October 7-9, at the Oktoberfest in Old Town. (See the article on that in this newsletter).

GLC OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
10 - 3:30



OCTOBER

7-9 - Oktoberfest, Old Town Farm & Art Market (Friday-Sunday) Free and open to the public. (See article).

8 - Indian Dance Program, Asian Assoc., WSU, Miller Concert Hall (Saturday) 7:00 p.m. Contact Mohan Kambampati (682-6499) for more information.

8 - CROP Hunger Walk, Catholic Charities (gymnasium), 437 N. Topeka, 9:00 a.m. (Saturday); Contact Inter-Faith Ministries (264-9303) for more information.

11 - GLC Full Board Meeting at the Global Learning Center (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.

13 - Trees for Life Program at the GLC (Thursday) 7:30 p.m. David Kimbell will be the presenter. (See article).

23 - United Nations Panel and Potluck at the GLC (Sunday) 6:30 p.m. dinner, program at 7:30 p.m. (See article)

NOVEMBER

10 - Budda & The Middle Way program at the GLC (Thursday) 7:30 p.m. Mary Anderson will be the presenter. (See article in Nov. newsletter)

19 - Diwali Indian Dinner & Dance Program at WSU (Saturday) 6:00 p.m. (See article in Nov. newsletter).



I would like to join the Global Learning Center today, so that global understanding might be cultivated and come to flower in a brighter tomorrow. As a member, I understand I will receive the Centers Newsletter, and will be entitled to participate in the Center's decision-making process at quarterly Membership Meetings. In addition I am entitled to discounts for GLC-sponsored workshops. I have enclosed my (tax deductible) check for:

- \$10.00 annual Student/Child/Low Income Membership
- \$25.00 annual Individual Membership
- \$40.00 annual Family/Couple Membership
- \$60.00 annual Organizational Membership for _____
- \$100.00 annual Business Membership for _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

In addition, I am enclosing my tax deductible contribution of:

- \$25 - \$499 Friend
- \$500 - \$1,999 Partner
- \$2,000 - \$4,999 Patron
- \$5,000 - and up Benefactor

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I want to be a Builder, I can help _____ hours/week, or _____ hours/month with:

- Publicity, Membership, Fundraising
- Conferences and Programs
- Office and Organizational Work