



PEOPLE TO PEOPLE INTERNATIONAL DELAWARE CHAPTER 2021-2022 Annual Report

People to People Delaware Chapter [PTPDE] held its 2021-2022 Annual Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7 pm. The meeting was called to order by co-president Jean Raleigh. Saleem Khan, co-president, greeted the members, Board of Directors and Advisors. With many active cases of Covid, we decided to have the meeting via Zoom. Hopefully, next year we will be having an in-person annual meeting. We continue to be optimistic about what our organization can achieve going forward!

We were delighted to introduce to our members Nicole Randall, CEO of People to People International, Vlad Cherbov, and Rosalia Crosby of Jewish Family Service. [PTPDE partnered with JFS for the Funds for Families: Afghan Refugees Project.]

The purpose of PTPDE is to enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among people of different countries and diverse culture. The Delaware Chapter seeks to cooperate with any organization that believes in ***Peace Through Understanding.***

To achieve the goal of international understanding, the People to People Chapter will promote contact among peoples of every nation through many channels of communication. We invite people of all ages, cultures, races, religions, nationalities, to participate in our programs, events and projects. We asked members to invite friends to join us! PTPDE welcomed new members despite the pandemic.

Each year PTPDE has an annual meeting where a slate of officers and board members are nominated and voted upon. Our Bylaws state that all nominees, officers and committee chairpersons must be members in good standing in PTPDE. Each member has one vote. The majority of those present and who have sent in their votes determine if the slate is accepted. We have offered the opportunity to vote for the slate online, and at the Annual Meeting. The slate was sent to all members. No members were nominated at the meeting. The slate was approved.

**Board Members Whose Terms Expired June 2022 –
and were re-elected for a Two-Year Term to Expire
June 2024:**

Mary Cella	Vice President, Public Relations
Sharon Cooper	Vice President, Membership
Anna White	Vice President, Programs
Saleem Khan	Immediate Past Co-President
Jean Raleigh	Immediate Past Co-President
Carl Hutter	

**The following Candidates for Office were submitted for
approval for a two-year term to expire June 30, 2024 and
were re-elected:**

President or Co-Presidents	[Vacant]
Secretary	Barbara Theiss
Treasurer	Tyler Johnson
Vice President	Naveed Baqir, Technology

Elected New Board Members -Two-Year Term to Expire June 2024

* **Ms. Ami Patel**, University of Delaware Student Support Services Program
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rwd4ew10WKTVVJavfz9a54gVXdwlaKxj/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108735591157171368199&rtpof=true&sd=true>)

* **Andres Rodriguez**, DuPont Performance Solutions – Kalrez
(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ycj6Ht7B65O10kObU3TxCfJ3akJwz2GT/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108735591157171368199&rtpof=true&sd=true>)

* **Dr. Erin Zoranski**, DE Technical Community College
(https://docs.google.com/document/d/16Kp4na_j6kPGpS75C46o2QpJ9tURrS65/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111396389666536420133&rtpof=true&sd=true)

We thanked **Edward Tucker** for his many, many years of outstanding service in important roles including being PTPDE's president and treasurer. Most recently, he initiated the Togo Project to help fund community improvements in that African country.

Also we thanked **Edward Raleigh** for serving many years on the PTPDE Board. Before Covid he actively supported our hosting efforts.

Dr. Saleem Khan will become the Immediate Past President in the new year. Saleem has been a remarkably kind, sensitive leader during the pandemic. We are grateful for his statewide connections and his generosity.

Jean Raleigh will become the Immediate Past President in the new year 2022-2023.

Treasurer's Report

PTPDE completed this fiscal year on June 30, 2022. A financial statement and a final annual report has been issued by PTPDE. They will be sent to PTPI and uploaded at some point to our new PTPDE website—www.ptpde.org

FINAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2021-2022

Equity	
Retained Earnings	
Profit for all prior years	\$803.53
Profit between Jan 1, 2022 and Jun 30, 2022	\$2,369.85
Retained Earnings/Deficit	\$15,131.51
Total Retained Earnings	\$18,304.89
Total Equity	\$18,304.89

Aiste Stanley has served effectively and cheerfully as our treasurer. We valued her detailed reports and her assistance in creating the PTPDE application to the state of Delaware for a financial grant which we received this year!

Barbara Theiss serves in the important position of People to People Delaware's Secretary. She sends out the minutes of our Board meetings and notifies us of important matters.

Secretary's Report

This year I worked with Jean Raleigh to update the PTPDE Handbook and Bylaws. This was completed and the Board voted unanimously to accept the revisions. I also worked on the committee to search for and interview candidates for the Executive Director Position. I sent out the requests for votes. Aisha Al-Hajjar was offered and accepted the position. I am working with Sharon Cooper on drafting and sending a letter for membership renewal for the 2023 year. I have assisted in sending out announcements and reminders to the Board and Members regarding upcoming meetings, programs and other issues. I am also responsible for requesting items to add to the agenda for the board meetings, sending out the updated agenda and distributing the minutes of the meeting.

Vice-president of Technology

Naveed Baqir, Vice-president of Technology, has offered his many IT skills to assist PTPDE in moving into the *internet age*. He creates our forms, manages Zoom meetings, produces PTPDE email addresses and various other helpful internet items.

PTPDE Executive Director

Recently, PTPDE hired a talented, new Executive Director, **Aisha Al Hajjar**. She is quite tech savvy and PTPDE really needs her skills! Technology helps our members move into an age of internet global connections.

As the PTPDE Executive Director, I am honored to support the efforts of *Peace Through Understanding* that is at the heart of all of the volunteer efforts. I look forward to working with the team with the following top four goals in mind:

1. Improve our website and social media presence
2. Grow our membership and retain renewals
3. Continue our annual activities and explore new opportunities
4. Strengthen our relationships with our local politicians and community leaders

It is with great hope for the future of PTPDE and the international community at large, that the remainder of 2022, and beyond, are filled with opportunities to foster *Peace Through Understanding* for a brighter world to be left for our children.

Aisha Al Hajjar, Executive Director

Advisors to PTPDE

Kim Burdick, Annette Fletcher, Floyd Ho, Patrick Kelly, Esq., Kimberly Lopez, Carla Stone, Michele Weiner, Marilyn Stadalius

Bylaws for PTPDE

There was a motion and a second to accept the updated Bylaws for PTPDE. The PTPDE Bylaws will be found on the new website.

Public Relations Committee: Mary Cella

Over the last year, the PR Committee has been working diligently behind the scenes. Thank you to the entire PR team for their efforts and accomplishments:

Amazon Smile donation procedure was established for supporters of PTPDE Amazon shoppers

In person cultural events, meetings, etc. were transitioned to Zoom because of Covid

Mail Chimp electronic system was developed to send communications to PTPDE Members and Friends

PR spread the word about PTPDE through our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts

PR updated the PTPDE website to be more user friendly and informative

PR standardized PTPDE templates: program flyers, letterhead, logo, forms, etc.

Membership Chair: Sharon Cooper

Members: Barbara Theiss, Jean Raleigh, Anna White

Membership has held steady over the past year, despite the challenges of pandemic restrictions and our limited ability to offer in-person programs. At present current membership stands at 48 which is two higher than last year. We have 11 new members. Pacesetters remain at 16. Our Friend's list has grown considerably and now stands at 124..

Membership is responsible for keeping an accurate and up to date data base of members and friends. Our data base is managed through the Mailchimp program which allows us to create a list of Board Members, Advisory Board Members, Members and Friends. The system enables us to track correspondence and to determine what percentage of our correspondence is opened or shared.

Our annual membership drive is in May and June. Letters were sent to all members and friends of PTPDE to alert them to the new membership year. Follow-up emails are sent to members who had not yet renewed. This past year we made follow-up phone calls to members who had not yet renewed in the fall. We sent letters of appreciation to all new members.

Recruitment is an important job for the Membership Committee. When new people attend our Zoom programs they are added to our Friend's List. We try to email them personally after they attend an event to invite them to join.

We created a sub-committee comprised of Tyler Johnson, Barbara Theiss, Jean Raleigh and me to create a marketing tool to use when we have in-person programs or to display on tables for events like the US Global Leadership Conference and the Chamber of Commerce networking events. We created a 2-sided rack card with text and pictures to highlight the mission and activities of PTPDE. This marketing tool was completed in July of last year.

Goals for the coming year include:

1-Growing membership

2-Continuing to grow our friend's list and increase our networking to include:

A VIP list of politicians and leaders in the community

A list of private non-profits with like-minded values and missions

Program Committee: Anna White

[All programs were via Zoom except one.]

September 29, 2021

Bangladesh – From “Basketcase” to “Asian Tiger” – A presentation to learn about Bangladesh by Speaker Faizal Chaudbury, originally from Bangladesh who moved to the United States in 1992 to continue his higher education. He spoke about the economic progress of Bangladesh, a small country in South East Asia. Its growth has been nothing short of miraculous over the last two decades, but challenges also abound. The presentation also delved deeper into Bangladesh's history. He focused on its economic success and the challenges it faces.

November 23, 2021

Refugee Resettlement – From Afghanistan to Delaware – Ms. Emily Griffith, Volunteer Coordinator for Jewish Family Services, spoke about the statewide Afghani refugee resettlement initiative. She spoke about the role of Jewish Family Services and how individuals can volunteer to help families coming into our state. Also she mentioned how an organization might sponsor a refugee family in need of a home in Delaware.

January 26, 2022

Saudi Arabia at the Center of the World – This program explored the rich history, recent modernization and culture of **Saudi Arabia**. Co-President Dr. Saleem Khan invited two members of his local faith community to make this presentation. Mohammed Al Hajjar and his wife, Aisha, explained the rich culture and fast pace modernization of Saudi Arabia. Mr. Al Hajjar is a Saudi businessman who completed his college studies in America and his wife, Aisha, is an American convert to Islam who lived as an expatriate in Saudi Arabia for many years. The program was an exploration and celebration of East meets West. The couple navigated many cultural differences in this thought-provoking presentation.

February 14, 2022

The Ethics of Compassion in International Business Law -

PTPDE Board member Professor Geeta Tewari of Widener University Delaware Law School facilitated an online CLE Roundtable Discussion with global leaders in ethical thinking. Presenters included Ana Sid, International Law Partner with Seyfarth Shaw LLP; Professor David Chekroun of ESCP Business School in Paris, France; and Professor Paul Regan of Widener University Delaware Law School and the Professional Responsibility Board Member for the Supreme Court of Delaware. This was an engaging and thought-provoking discussion about ethical thinking in international business law. Approximately 65 participants attended this program.

February 27, 2022

Circle of Understanding – A Presentation on the Refugee Integration Support Effort (RISE)- Ms. Rosi Crosby, Chief Strategy Officer at Jewish Family Services of Delaware, provided an update on the refugees who have come to Delaware through RISE. Following her presentation, a guest refugee shared his experiences on leaving his home country and resettling in Delaware.

April 20, 2022

Case Study of African Migration: Johannesburg, South Africa in Sub Saharan Africa-

David Monda, who teaches Political Science, American Government and International Affairs at City University of New York at John Jay, was the speaker. He focused on the many African migrants who were migrating to Johannesburg, South Africa. In addition, the session highlighted migration issues for migrants to/from other countries, migrant experiences in transit to other nations and the challenges migrants experience in host countries.

June 21, 2022

U.S. Foreign Policy and National Security Challenges-

Mr. David Satterfield, who is retiring from the State Department, presented his opinions on what is happening in the world.

This presentation was held **in-person** at Cokesbury Village to about 75 people from 7:00-8:00.

In the future:

PTPDE needs ideas for unique programs from our members!

On December 10, 2022, two PTPI members from Winterthur Switzerland will present a concert at Winterthur DE.

Hosting Committee: Barbara Theiss

In the spring of 2021 the University of Delaware asked members to conduct Zoom meetings with a group of Global Studies Scholars from around the world. The initial contact was successful with 13 Families volunteering as hosts for the Zoom meetings. Due to technical and pandemic issues, our hosts were not able to stay in communication with all our scholars.

We have been in contact with Dr. Daniel Bottomley, Director of Public Diplomacy & Global Initiatives at the University of Delaware. I am happy to report that an outdoor event will be scheduled for July 21st in White Clay Creek State Park. There should be about 50 participants and about 35 staff members from the University. There are also Hosting opportunities scheduled for January of 2023. [to be announced]

Project Reports:

Youth Art Event Report: Sharon Cooper

PTPDE partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Delaware to provide the Youth Art Event at the Rose Hill Community Center in New Castle, DE. Sharon Cooper and Marilyn Stadalius were co-chairs of this event and Ms. Eunice LaFate was our artist in residence. A grant was approved from the Delaware Division of the Arts which provided 80% of the funding for this event. Eighteen students and two staff members participated. We used watercolor paint and watercolor markers to make individual works on canvas. Our theme this year was **UNITE FOR JUSTICE, UNITE FOR PEACE**. Some themes from the student's artwork included:

*LOVE YOUR LIFE, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, BE KIND,
BE RESPECTFUL; IT'S EASIER TO LOVE THAN TO HATE;
LOVE MORE THAN HATE, BREATHE and GET UP,
STAND UP, DON'T GIVE UP THE FIGHT.*

One of the participant's art was selected to market the PTPDE/ Academy for Peace program this year, and he received the **SUPERHEROES FOR PEACE AWARD** for his work. Tee-shirts were given to students with a visual theme reflecting diversity and unity.

PEACE WEEK EVENT REPORT: Sharon Cooper

PTPDE partnered with Stop the Violence Coalition/The Academy for Peace to provide our annual Peace Week Program— *SUPERHEROES FOR PEACE*. Sharon Cooper co-chaired the event with Dr. Jay Macklin. The Fashion Steppers led us in a peace march on Market Street. The Wilmington Police Chief attended the event and spoke. We provided several *SUPERHEROES FOR PEACE AWARDS* which included our co-president Ms. Jean Raleigh for her outstanding leadership of PTPDE. Ms. Anma Latif, a PTPDE member, received an award for leading a large staff who provided up to 7,000 meals/day for members of our community who were in need during the pandemic.

An award was also given to a participant in the Youth Art Program for the image he created for the theme UNITE FOR PEACE, UNITE FOR JUSTICE, which was used to market our Peace Week Program this year.

The program ended with a *Spoken Word* presentation. Our co-president Dr Saleem Khan wrote and recited a poem especially for the program. [About 60 people attended]

Funds for Families: Refugees from Afghanistan Project- Michele Weiner

Our campaign to raise funds for refugees from Afghanistan began in November 2021. After a zoom information session with Emily Griffith, Volunteer Coordinator for Jewish Family Services of Delaware, and after consulting with Regina Alonzo, Interim CEO of JFS of DE, PTPDE decided to support the Refugee Integration and Support Effort (RISE) by collecting funds and purchasing Target gift cards. Since Target sells food, clothing, household goods, and other products, RISE volunteers were able to shop at one location for the multiple daily living needs of newly arrived RISE refugees. The Target store at Christiana Mall contributed a \$50 gift card as well.

PTPDE has participated in Delaware's *Do More 24* campaign in previous years. As a continuation of our support for refugees coming to Delaware, the *Do More 24* campaign this year became phase 2 of our efforts to support the RISE program. All monies raised through *Do More 24* were donated to JFS of Delaware's RISE program.

As a result of our efforts, PTPDE is now in the process of establishing an on-going, community partnership with RISE. It is our hope that PTPDE can play an on-going role in welcoming and supporting new refugees to Delaware.

Books for Youth Project Report: Jean Raleigh

This project had been on hold due to the pandemic. We are unable to go to book sales to get books. However, if any member has non-political, non-religious, and non-fiction books that you wish to give for this project, please contact jean.raleigh@ptpde.org

We have been asked to send books to a library in Nepal. Hopefully, we can find some books to send.

The future of PTPDE continues to be challenging with the pandemic limiting people to people meetings and events. During this year we will promote as many exciting and unique programs, events, and activities as possible. We will attempt to grow our membership.

We are indeed lucky to have so many talented members who freely give their time and efforts to bring *PEACE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING* to our troubled world.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the 2021-2022 Annual Meeting of PTPDE.

THANKS YOU,

Jean Raleigh & Saleem Khan,

Co-presidents