

You are receiving this e-newsletter to update you on activities of Partnership for Education of Children in Afghanistan (P.E.C.A.).

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1. FUNDRAISING EVENT REMINDER

Partnership for Education of Children in Afghanistan (P.E.C.A.) and Women for Afghan Women (WAW) are co-hosting a fund raising event called

Extrava'ghanistan, Building Schools for Afghanistan's Children

Thursday, November 11, 2004
6 pm to 9 pm
Landmark Center, 75 West Fifth Street
downtown St Paul

Program:

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| 6 - 7 pm | Shop at the bazaar which will feature clothing, jewelry, crafts and books. Sales proceeds support programs for women and children in Afghanistan. |
| 7 - 9 pm | A buffet of Afghan cuisine followed by Afghan music, dance and keynote speaker. |

Tickets: \$40 if purchased before November 5. Beginning November 5 the price is \$50. Tickets are available at Da Afghan Restaurant in Bloomington or by mailing a check payable to P.E.C.A., PO Box 201542, Bloomington MN 55420. See order form at the bottom. For more information and to inquire about tickets, email: info@afghanmodelschool.org.

Don Shelby, a highly recognized news anchor for WCCO-TV (Channel 4), will be the host and emcee. He is also a talk show host for WCCO Radio.

The award winning Da Afghan Restaurant will cater the buffet meal of Chalow (rice), Kabeli Palow (rice dish), Korma Chicken, Kofta Kebob (beef), Bahnjaan Bouranee (eggplant), Afghani Salada, and Naan (bread) and chutney sauces.

The keynote speaker will be Fahima Vorgetts, an Afghan-born American, board member of WAW and frequent visitor to Afghanistan. Ms. Vorgetts lectures worldwide, has spoken at the UN, BBC, and NPR and will share insights from her most recent visit to Afghanistan.

Ethnic Dance Theatre will perform Afghan Tajik and Frontier tribal dances. Ethnic Dance Theatre is the only professional international dance company in the Upper Midwest passionately dedicated to presenting and preserving world music, song and dance.

Afghan music and songs will be performed by the local Afghan community including the Afghan

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2. SEEKING DIRECTORS FOR THE BOARD

The terms of the directors who served the board since the founding year are ending. Although this means that the organization has now been around for three years, it also means that the organization needs a new slate of candidates to serve a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2005.

If you have an interest in making a difference in the lives of children at an international level, specifically Afghan children, this is an opportunity you will find very awarding. Skills such as marketing, fundraising, speaking, event planning, legal, accounting and business management would be helpful in making PECA known to more people and developing the organization. Check out the website to learn more about the organization – www.afghanmodelschool.org or contact Barbara Gerten at 651-457-0256.

Please feel free to pass this along to others.

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3. P.E.C.A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Partnership for Education of Children in Afghanistan (P.E.C.A.) is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization.

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