Hello Fellow RPCV’s,
Isn’t this nice weather we are having? I am enjoying the outdoors and the beautiful warm sun. I hope you are all getting a chance to enjoy the weather as well.

This past month there were a couple of activities that took place. I want to first thank Terry Stark for volunteering to have the Halloween party at his house. I heard people had a good time. Also I would like to thank Troy Rutter and Helene Pesche for setting up and working at the International day at the convention center on Sunday November 14th. They had a good time and sold many calendars. I would like to thank them on the behalf of the group, we really appreciate your time and efforts.

At our last meeting on November 2nd, Troy and I seemed to find each other but no one else. The Union had the group meeting listed twice and of course we never saw the other listing. Hence, we spent the meeting in the Engineering building room 3444. I am told the meeting went very well. Mai Ensmann and Eric Stonebraker spoke about their experiences as Volunteers in the Peace Corps group to serve in the NIS (Newly Independent States). I would like to thank them for presenting and my deepest apology for not being there. In addition we had a couple of guests from Citizen Advocacy and I would like to also thank them for coming out to our meeting and talking to us about their organization. I heard it was very informative.

On Friday November 5th, we had a gathering at 6 PM in the Memorial Union, where about 15 people showed up for beer and RPCV talk. It was nice to meet fellow recently returned Volunteers, and some not so recent. I believe the group will continue to meet there once a month on Fridays. Contact Eric Stonebraker, the campus recruiter, or myself if you are interested in attending. (Unfortunately this event is for people affiliated with the University and holding UW I.D. Sorry!)

FYI, on November 30th, on the UW campus, there will be a two part Work Abroad program from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM and then the Volunteer Abroad program from 6 PM to 7 PM. In addition, on December 1st the last part of the series will be on Teach Abroad from 6 to 7 PM. Eric Stonebraker is wondering if any RPCV’s would like to be on the panel for the volunteer abroad program, or anyone who taught ESL would be interested in the Teach Abroad. Please contact Eric at 262-1121.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 1, 1999, which I plan on attending. I hope to have one of our recently returned Volunteers from Senegal there to talk about their experience. In addition I would like to take a couple of minutes at the meeting to brainstorm different activities that the group is interested in participating in. I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,
Melissa Schumacher
All RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison receive a monthly Newsletter, *World Roots*, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer members pay through December of the year joining, then pay for a full year membership at that time. Reduced rates are available for those in extreme financial circumstances. You can also join the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) through us by paying an additional $25. We strongly encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

( Please check all that apply )

- ___ I want to Join RPCV of WI, Inc.
- ___ Individual - $15 for one year
- ___ Joint - $20 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
- ___ Overseas Individual - $24
- ___ Overseas Joint - $29
- ___ I am also enclosing $25 for NPCA membership
  ($32.50 for joint membership - two people with the same address)
- ___ I do not want to join, but would like to receive *World Roots* and am enclosing $7 ($15 for overseas) to cover costs.

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The RPCV’s of Wisconsin are an active group, and there’s always a need for helpful hands. If you are willing to lend a hand, please let us know:

____ I am interested in doing something: call me.

Send completed form & check to:

RPCV’s of Wisconsin - Madison
P.O.Box 1012
Madison, WI 53701
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Editor's Spot

We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Millennium. Doesn't have the same zing ...does it.

Myself, I am looking forward to getting past the 1st of January to stop hearing about all the Y2K hipe;fiction or non-fiction. I would rather spend this month worrying about my cookies, tree decorations, gift wrapping or the trip to D.C. to see family. I might do some extra shopping earlier in the month to stay away from the crazies' but one will see those Christmas season no matter what.

We as a group do have a busy month coming up again with Calendar Donations coming up. The Calendar sales, I hear have been good. And some social gatherings to be attended to. Hopefully many of us will spend some time together and thank each other for all we do!

A couple of people had a problem with this so: Please make sure when sending something to the Editor type in the "underline_" key and NOT the "hyphen-" key with the editor's e-mail address. It will 'bounce' back to you. Please send everything concerning the RPCV's to the Editor's address thanks! and my personal E-mail is theresaj@brodnet.com

BUT please send any RPCV articles for the newsletter to the following address:  
RPCV_editor@brodnet.com

or snail mail W8407 Davis Rd., Browntown, WI 53522. Thank you. Theresa
Community Help Page

I am the Director of the Wisconsin Union Travel Center located on the 2nd floor of Memorial Union. The Travel Center is a resource and advising service with information on work and study abroad opportunities and general travel in the U.S. and overseas. I also advise the WUD Travel Committee that plans informational programs to encourage travel and show its educational aspects.

The Travel Committee is going to sponsor a Work Abroad series. On November 30th there will be 2 parts. The Work Abroad program will be from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. The Volunteer Abroad program will be from 6 PM to 7 PM. On December 1st the last part of the series will be Teach Abroad from 6 to 7 PM. We were wondering if someone from the Peace Corps could be on our panel for the volunteer abroad program, and also, if any returnees in the area taught through the Peace Corps if you could send us names for the Teach Abroad panel. We also sponsor Travel Escape Coffee Breaks where people who have had overseas experiences share their slides and talk about their time.

Are there any returnees that might be interested in presenting a Coffee Break program? Thank you for your help. I hope to hear from you soon.

Please contact me through e-mail if you are interested. Jane Johnson

Peace Corps Job Announcement:

A recruiter position has just been announced for Minneapolis/St. Paul Regional Headquarters. Position open through Dec 1st. For more information contact: Dave Belina at 1800-424-8580 option 1...

CHECK THIS OUT!

The November 1999 issue of "National Geographic" magazine has an excellent article (with some amazing photographs) about the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras and Nicaragua. So check it out if you can.
Minutes of General Meeting of RPCV of Madison Chapter

No minutes were provided.

Calendar Minutes "Update"
The calendar people had a meeting scheduled for Monday, Sept. 27. Because several key people (Buck, Rochelle, Prudence) could not make the meeting, those who were there had an informal discussion for which no minutes were taken. There was apparently no meeting in October (if there was, no one ever told me about it), so again no report. Next scheduled meeting was Nov. 16 is after the newsletter deadline. Hopefully, a full report will be available for January's newsletter. - Walt

Calendar Donations Opportunity

Another opportunity to consider donations from the proceeds of our International Calendar will occur at the January meeting of the group. If you know an organization (it can be local, national, or international) that can use funds for activities with a developmental thrust (such as activities appropriate for Peace Corps projects), consider submitting a request for a donation. We have a special form for requests for small donations under $1,000 and an information sheet on what should be included in requests for large donations of $1,000 or more. All requests must be published in our newsletter (deadline December 11, 1999) before those requests can be considered by the group. You can find information in any newsletter on the methods available for sending Theresa submissions for upcoming newsletters. I strongly recommend that you also send a copy to me as a backup in case something goes wrong.

By the way, some people apparently feel that they have to work on the calendar in order to submit a request for a donation. Not true! The primary requirement is that you be a dues-paying member in good standing. If you request a large donation, you should also be prepared to attend the January meeting to answer any questions that the group might have about your donation. (We realize that this is a problem for people who don't live in the Madison area, but we see no way around this if we want to handle our money responsibly.)

Contact me for more details, answers to questions, and copies of any required forms -
Walt Zeltner - Home: 608-873-5257; Work: 608-262-1321 - you can leave a voice mail message at either number - or e-mail to zeltner@midplains.net.
Where Does the $ Go!
by Sheila Przesmicki

In far corners of the world, our money is working to provide training, education, supplies and services, to people that we may never meet.

In April of 1998, we approved a $400.00 donation for Mashal, which, according to sponsor Rose Ann Scott, is a Pakistani group of people who help disadvantaged people. For the handicapped, Mashal secures medical services, medicines, appliances, donated surgeries, physical therapy, etc. For young women they provide classes in various skills that can provide them with income. They are also active in obtaining books for libraries.

In October, 1998, we received a thank-you from Mrs. Shahida Azim, the president of Mashal in Islamabad. Along with a general thanks, Mrs. Azim was particularly thankful to you for contributing to our cause on such a regular basis.

As you would notice from our enclosed brochure, we are trying to expand the scope of our work so that a larger section of people could benefit. With the support of friends like you and some of the International Agencies we are confident of our success. Lest you think Mashal is completely dependent on donations such as ours, I would like to add that Huma Khan, the contact for the project, mentioned that they were (at the time of the letter) preparing for annual musical gala our fund raiser for the fall season. The other fund raiser will be in the Spring a fun fair. (sic)

As always, if you would like to see the pictures and brochure that accompanied these thank-yous' and information, you are welcome to call me, Sheila Przesmicki at 244-6454.
The 19th Annual Freeze For Food

The 19th Annual Freeze For Food (FFF) 10K/5K run/walk fundraiser for Colombian refugees will happen on Saturday January 22, 2000. The 5K starts at noon and the 10K race starts at 1:00 PM at the Vilas Park Shelter. We never cancel the race due to weather.

I need two things from the group.

1. Permission to conduct the race. This permission becomes tangible in the form of $720, which were the expense we had last year. This money is considered a donation so that 100% of the participants proceeds are contributed to charity.

2. 200 calendars to give away as premia to walkers/runners in place of the conventional T-shirt. Last year we raised approximately $2000, which was lower than the previous level of over $3000. Hopefully this year we can raise more money to make it more worth our time.

3. Bodies; anyone that will be willing to lend a hand please contact Peter Joyce ASAP

Peter Joyce
Your FFF coordinator
Calendar of Events

December 1, 7:00 PM Wednesday Monthly Chapter Meeting Union South

December 8, POKER PARTY, Deb Staleton's 2406 Sommers Ave, MadCity, 244-8609

December 11, DEADLINE for newsletter. Please send donation proposals, articles, stories, recipes, or interesting antidotes to: rpcv_editor@brodnet.com

December 20, Christmas and New Years Eve Bash to be decided on at monthly meeting

January 6, 7:00 PM Thursday Monthly Chapter Meeting Union South
Welcome to the new millennium!

January 22, 2000 Saturday, The 19th Annual Freeze For Food (FFF) 10K/5K run/walk fundraiser for Colombian refugees

April 9, 2000 FAMILY BRUNCH at Jingles, more info to follow

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