WORLD ROOTS

Presidential Notes

Greetings and BIG THANKS to all of those who helped with this year's Freeze for Food run. COME ONE, COME ALL, to the February 6th meeting as we will begin the process of picking the pictures for 2002 calendar. A second meeting to pick the final pictures will be at Sophies' house on February 10, at 3pm.

At the January meeting we asked the members if there was any interest in moving the meeting place from Union South to another venue that would allow a more social aspect for an "after meeting". Some suggestions were for places near Williamson St. If we do move our meetings, we will most likely hold them on the same week day each month instead of our current way of holding them on a different day each month. We will have a survey form at the next meeting and for those who cannot make it to the meeting please contact me with your ideas and suggestions. Ph: 280-8945  e-mail: TWBrodd@aol.com

It was decided at the January meeting to set up a committee to look into setting up a foundation. The idea behind having a foundation is to expand and diversify the ways that the group raises funds for its projects; it would also allow the group to continue to raise funds in case of any unforeseen circumstances that may affect the calendar sales. Anyone interested in being on this committee or you do not want to be on the committee but have suggestions or ideas please feel free to contact me.

The 40th anniversary celebration is coming up and help will be needed with the events that are now being planned. Melissa or I will be in contact soon with those that signed up at the Christmas party. If anyone else is interested in helping out, please contact either Melissa or I. Help will be needed on March 1 from noon to 2 PM with a series of round table discussions to be held at Memorial Union and later that night from 7:30 to 9:30 with a forum also held at the Union. The most help will be needed on Friday, March 2 on which a reception/dinner will be held at Memorial Union in the great hall. This will start at 5 PM and run till around 10 PM. A more detailed program will be given out at the February meeting.

Thanks to Peter Joyce for the speaker at the January meeting who brought us first hand information on the situation in Apartado Colombia where the money from last year's Freeze for Food run went.
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Membership Information

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.

____ I’m Moving! Please change my mailing address.

$____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Name:__________________________________________
Address:________________________________________
Telephone #’s ______________________________ (H) (W)
E-mail Address:_________________________________
Country of Service:______________________________
Service Dates:__________________________________
PC Job:________________________________________
Birth date : (Optional - M/D/Y) ____________________

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
Treasurers Report December 2000

Calendar balance 94,443.01  Sales 26,180.00  Holiday Fair Sales 400.00  Interest 507.81  World View ad -3500.00  Customer services -543.38  Shipping services -467.90  Fed Ex -664.56  Credit card fee -76.73  Holiday Fair fee -10.00  Foreign postage -40.97  Refund -59.00  Bank fee -30.00  Phone -28.18  Ending balance 115,714.43

Group balance 1081.09  Dues 107.50  Speakers fee 99.00  World Roots -154.32  Balance 1133.27  Global Education 2096.20  Large Projects 197.35  Giftaway -1330.00  Annual Projects 3414.76  Freeze for Food -600.00  Balance 2814.76

Project Account totals 120,626.01
Bank checking account 2925.50
Bank savings account 117,700.51
Bank totals 120,626.01

Thanks to Lee Row and Melissa Kaltenbach for helping sell calendars and pass out PC literature at the Alternative Holiday Fair at the Pres House.

EDITOR'S SPOT

Please note E-MAIL address change!

Well, I did get my 98 Ram and the computer is running great, but then we got in our first phone bill. It seems that the 'local call' to our old e-mail provider is in fact a 'local long distance' call. I could have spent that $200 elsewhere.... So, we have a new provider and E-mail address. For those who don’t see this I will have the old account active for a while to check for incoming messages, but I will only check it once ON THE DEADLINE DATE (this stressed to those who are habitually late.)

New Address 131 Edwards St., P.O.Box, Footville WI. 53537
Phone 608-876-6649, e-mail is changed, rpcv_editor@yhmnet.com so keep those articles a coming!

A call for articles from the President himself, Tom that is... We would like members to contribute articles for the March edition of World Roots on what the Madison RPCV group has meant to them and to the community as a whole. We want to do this because we want to give copies of World Roots to all those who attend the reception/dinner on March 2 and to let other area RPCVs know who we are and what we do and maybe get some of them to join the group.

If so please send them to me and get yourself in print.

Please remember the deadline of the 11th and the new e-mail address! Looking forward to some feedback from you, our members. - Theresa
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison
General Meeting and Christmas Party, Sat. Dec. 9, 2000

This was a combined Friday Potluck Meeting and Saturday Christmas Party. 29 grownups were present, plus about 9 kids. After eating yummy food, and talking at random we met for business, thus: The meeting was fast and sweet, with Tom Brodd ably presiding. We unanimously voted "AYE" on the Motion that we affiliate again with the National Peace Corps Association.

Tom and Melissa are honchos for the 40th Anniversary Peace Corps Celebration, to be held at the UW on March 1-2 (Thurs.-Fri.), 2001. (*) We passed around a sign-up sheet to help prepare and host. (*) Photos from our Peace Corps days are needed. (*) A DJ is needed, and music tapes from members. (*) You should have gotten a letter about this event, sent by PC/Minneapolis. If not, you're not on their mailing list, and you'll not get an invitation: tell Melissa, so she can pass on your address! (*) If anyone is willing to offer sleeping space on the floor to out-of-town attendees, phone Melissa or Tom. (Tom: 280-8945. Melissa 249-3545.)

Two Questions to think about: (1) Should we change to a fixed day of the month (e.g., 1st Monday)? (2) Should we meet in a different place than Union South? Survey on page 6.

Winter Retreat at Camp Lucerne our 11th year at Camp Lucerne! See page 7.

Certificates of Appreciation Melissa handed out to persons who'd been especially helpful during her tenure. How sweet! And we applauded Sophia for hosting yet another Christmas Party. And that was it: all done in 15 minutes!

We then handed out presents, and indulged in greed. --Buck.

General Meeting of Monday, Jan. 9, 2000

We met in Union South. 20 were present.

Freeze For Food: Peter Joyce gave out more flyers for distribution, and passed around sign-up sheet for volunteers. Regarding a host for the post-Freeze party, Mike McQuestion may perhaps volunteer. And, asks Peter "Where is the coffee carboy (the big plastic coffee dispenser)?" He's not seen it since last year. Who has it?

Colombia, and our Sister City, Apartado. We had a visitor, Mary Sanderson (946-5217, email mhsanderson@hotmail.com, came with slides to describe what it's like in Apartado, Madison's Sister City in the Darien Peninsula of northern Colombia, where the Cuna Indians live. There's oil and coal potential in the area. Drug smuggling isn't a factor. The Apartado area was colonized 30 years ago by farmer refugees from the civil war, further south. The people grow fish, pigs, corn, yucca, and bananas; for some reasons, avocados don't grow anymore. The main town is the "Comunidad de Paz San Jose"--they have voluntarily disarmed. But the people still suffer ongoing harassment by the military and the paramilitary; there were 2 massacres recently, with 11 businesses. --The paramilitaries want to force the people out altogether. But they're not going.

Foundation Should we establish a Foundation with Calendar income? (Tom Brodd): Tom suggests we establish a committee to consider this topic. Brief discussion yielded these comments: Con: -- get the money out and working, every year. And managing a Foundation would be a whole other job. Pro: -- in the longer term view, it could be a good idea; we'd have money to donate in perpetuity. So: -- we passed around a sign-up sheet for those willing to discuss this further, and report back.

Calendar Slide Selection: Doug Larkin will be leaving town in June, so we need a new Slide Master, for next year's slide work. Details: See page 5.


Donation Proposals: they'll be next discussed at the May Meeting. Be writing up your proposals, for submission in late March. (And check the next newsletter - Walt)
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES CONT.

Should meetings be on the same day each month? (Tom Brodd):
We'll discuss this at future meetings, and in the Newsletter (mail in your thoughts). Our tradition has been that the day of the meeting rotates from Monday through Friday (Saturday), in the first week of the month; the Friday (or Saturday) meeting is a potluck, at someone's house. The intention is that no one is permanently prohibited from attending meetings because of conflicts with other commitments. However, argues Tom, it's confusing, and we'd do better to settle on a particular day.
See survey form on page 6 or phone Tom (280-8945). We'll discuss this at future meetings.

The 40th Anniversary Peace Corps Celebration. (Tom Brodd): Things are well in hand. PC/Minn. has hired a local coordinator, Liz, and is taking a guiding part in the planning. The Celebration will be on March 1-2, Thurs.-Fri., 2001. At the Memorial Union. The big do will be Thursday, from noon through the evening. In the afternoon will be a Forum, and 15-20 small-group discussions, led by UW faculty etc who were PVC's, and we're urged to sit in and talk.
One evening there'll be a Dinner with a Speaker -- has anyone any suggestions? (Dinner will cost $15.) On the other evening there'll be a Party, and a DJ with good international music. There'll be praise for RPCV's, and for our group. A plaque dedication and a flag procession, in the Red Gym. A reception and a program, with 1-paragraph reflections written up by RPCVs. A New-PCV Send Off. The UW Alumni will be starting to organize their own UW Alumni RPCV group. Information on UW/PC cooperation and programs.
To be involved, contact Tom Brodd (280-8945, <tmbrodd@aol.com>), or Liz (238-5358, <ellaufenberg@facstaff.wisc.edu>). --Buck Trawicky

Calendar Photo Choosing Time Again!

"Possibly the only forum in the USA where every vote really counts!" Things are different this year, so you need to make note of this, pay attention, and do your duty to vote if and as you can. This year the voting routine has been changed to try to improve the process a bit, and satisfy complaints about the old process. Here's what's happening:

1: The Primaries - Held at the TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 Regular RPCV Meeting: The first round of voting will reduce the slate of contenders from some 200-300 to a "short list" of 45 based purely on vote count, i.e., no electoral college. This is a no lobbying, pretty fast review in order to focus on the best of the group, not to make the final decision. The rules here are that all votes are tallied, the top 45 vote getters are included, with one caveat - a maximum of 3 slides from any one country will be included in the short list. This will result in a second "run-off" ballot that will represent at least 15 different countries, and probably 20-25.

2: The Run-Off Vote - Held at Sophia Zermushein's house on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 3:00 PM: This is the final vote that reduces the slate of 45 contenders to 13 winners. The top vote getters from 13 different countries win. This is actually more like the Supreme Court voting phase of the election where there is no further forum to undo what has been done. The top 13 are the winners, the calendar production/design folks can then meet and pick what to crop out or off, and which one is to be the cover, and other aesthetic details that need to be attended to vis a vis these specific 13 slides. Sophia's address is 317 Bordner Dr. on the near West Side.

So, get out there and vote. If you really want to maximize your impact, go to both events and vote at both.
The new Photo Coordinator, Doug Larkin, will be presenting the slides and preparing your ballots (non-machine-readable type). Help in tabulating the results immediately after each event will be greatly appreciated. Also the New Photo Coordinator for 2002/2003 will be selected at this meeting, since Doug has to leave town in May or June this year. So here's your chance to be famous too.
Thanks - Jim Good - Photo Coordinator Guy Emeritus (retired)
Returned Peace Corps Of Madison News

1. Pay your dues & update your address & phone number & your e-mail address if you have one. We want to start creating the new directory & can't do it until we have YOUR contact details.

Send dues to RPCVs of WI-Madison, P.O.Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701 or give them to Troy or Rose Ann. The newsletter always has a membership form on page 2, so you can figure out how much to pay. Please, seriously consider joining the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) which represents the interests of Peace Corps in Washington, provides a focus for all our efforts, and brings us news of each other and the rest of the PC world.

Note: NPCA also stands for
National Parks Conservation Association
National Paint & Coatings Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Police Canine Association
National Pavement Contractors Association

2. Slide Show The first round of the International Calendar Project Slide Viewing will be at the next meeting at the Union South, 7 P.M., February 6th, 2001. Come! See! Vote! The business meeting will be minimal to nonexistent. We'll be choosing the Final 45. The second round of the Slide Viewing will be at Sophia's house, 317 Bordner Drive, 3 P.M., Saturday, February 10th. We'll decide which 13 of the 45 will be on the 2002 calendar. Details on Page 5.

3. The Great Meeting Venue Change Survey....There are two questions:
A) Should we hold the meeting on the same night each month, as in The third Tuesday of every month? Con: same people will have to miss the meeting every month, because they have prior commitments. Pro: easier to remember & figure out & also easier to book a room for the meeting. There's a subquestion to this: Should we have meetings on a weekend day? Some people can't attend during the week, maybe they could make it on a weekend. Then again, some people can't come on a weekend, but can attend during the week.
B) And the second major question is: should we have the meeting somewhere other than the Union South, like someone's home or....any other suggestions? The place needs to be central, have plenty of parking, and be large enough to accommodate us.

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So, here you are - your chance to weigh in Please mail responses to Lee Row, 5217 Pepin Place, Madison 53705; or phone 232.9065 after 6; or e-mail leerow@chorus.net

We should keep the system we have now _____

We should hold the meeting on the same day each month _____ If so, which day_________
It doesn't matter to me _____

We should have meetings on weekends _____ We should have meeting on weeknights _____ both_____
It doesn't matter to me _____

We should continue to have the meetings at the Union South ______
We should change the place we have the meeting ______ If so, we should meet in our homes ______
or, should we meet ___________________________[place]_____
It doesn't matter to me ______
Comments:__________________________________________

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Web Site
Dean Jefferson has created a webpage for us at the NPCA website. You can see it by going to www.rpcv.org & clicking on Affiliated Groups & then Affiliated groups again & then scroll through the country groups to the location groups & find Madison & click on that. Or go directly there by typing in: www.rpcv.org/pages/groupinfo.cfm?id=73&category=2
The Editor and Dean are working on putting an electronic copy of the newsletter on the web site. There will be links to previous editions so one can check on giftaways and the like. (And hopefully see the newsletter as Theresa lays it out rather than the modified version we get when I print it. - Walt)

Camp Lucerne
This is the winter getaway. Bring all your winter snow gear, sleds, skates, skis, ice fishing equipment, etc. We have 2 warm cabins: Pine and Elm, with 24 beds with sheets, blankets, pillows and towels. After the first 24 beds are filled, there are mattresses to put on the floor and you must provide your own sleeping bags. If you sleep there, you must pay.

On Saturday night we cook our own pot luck at the retreat center. Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast are provided by the Camp, BUT MUST BE ORDERED 1 WEEK IN ADVANCE by calling Rose Ann at 241-0845. Reservations. Rate system has changed this year.

Adult: $30.12
Youth: $17.84
Family Rate: $71.70. new this year

Remember warm clothing, boots, and mittens. You can stay Fri and or Sat nights. Most people stay Sat night. Camp Lucerne is 4 miles south of Watoma on County Road YY just east off State Route 73. Watch for the Camp Lucerne on 73. Rose Ann Scott 608-241-0845

Calendar Exposure Holiday Fair Calendar Sales

This November we sold over 60 calendars at the Madison Civic Center International Holiday Fair. Thanks to Melissa Naud, Doug Larkin, Melissa and John Kaltenbach, Lee Row, Karl Stark, Ann Bentley, Kristy Torres, Prudence Barber, and our organizer Helene Pesche. And thanks to John Simon for coming down on short notice to do a 5 minute radio interview on WIBA-AM radio.

It's after CHRISTMAS BUT YOU CAN GET MORE CALENDARS
- FOR ALL THE PEOPLE YOU DIDN'T THINK OF THE FIRST TIME AROUND!

WESTSIDE - From Lee, 5217 Pepin Place (off Southhill); 232-9065
-From Sophie, 317 Bordner Dr., 233-7895
EASTSIDE - From Rochelle, 243-0298; Prudence, 1050 Jenifer St., 251-0852
WE NEED YOU!

Help make your Peace Corps 40th Anniversary Celebration a success by volunteering to decorate the Memorial Union's Great Hall, register guests, and much more. We need many volunteers to help on Thursday, March 1st in the afternoon and evening and on Friday, March 2nd in the evening. If you are willing to lend a hand please sign up for a time at the February 6th Madison RPCV Group meeting or contact Liz Laufenberg at 238-5358 or ellaufenberg@facstaff.wisc.edu. Tell your friends too - we'll have a grand time!

Also, JOIN US on Saturday, February 24th from 12noon to 3pm for a PIZZA and stuffing party at Melissa Kaltenbach's house (1102 Southridge Drive (near East Town Mall in the Ridgewood edition) phone 249-3545). We will be assembling the programs for the 40th Anniversary Celebration

Madison Friends of International Students and the University of Wisconsin's International Student Services present
"Expanding Our World View"

a free, three-part series of presentations by UW international students on a variety of subjects concerning social and economic in their home countries. Light refreshments will be served.

Jan. 23, 7:30pm - On-Wisconsin Room, "Chilean Society and the impact of Globalization" (sorry for late notice)

Feb. 19, 7:00pm - place TBA - a panel discussion on how Islam is practiced in a variety of countries around the world

March 15, 7:00pm - On-Wisconsin Room, 716 Langdon St. (Red Gym) - a panel discussion on the changing role of women since the 1970s in Sri Lanka and several other countries.

For more information, or to receive a flyer by mail: call MFIS, 263-4010 or e-mail to Cathy Silvern, mfis@redgym.wisc.edu. Some flyers may be available at the next RPCV monthly meeting.

Madison Friends of International Students is a forty-year old community volunteer organization that provides programs and services that support the University of Wisconsin's international students.
Cuba -- Parte 4 -- 1 October 2000 by Jim Oakley

Week 2 of my day-by-day account:

Sat. 12 Aug.-- After breakfast, the bus for Pinar del Rio picked me up about 8:15. As we stopped at each hotel, our guide, Victor, asked everyone what languages we spoke. He found we all could speak Spanish, but he was prepared to use English, French or German. There were 10 of us in the group, from Mexico, Germany & Spain. I was the only northamerican.

The countryside between Havana and Pinar del Rio is very lush --part wild and pristine, part prosperous looking fields of cane, corn, orchards, cattle & horses grazing. We passed the Sierra de los Organos, the name inspired by odd shaped mountains (mongotes), somewhat like pipe organs. Geologically it is the oldest part of Cuba.

We made a stop near Vinales, a tobacco area, where we got a lesson in tobacco-growing & cigar-making. We met a tobacco farmer who invited us into his home. He is apparently very well known in Cuba among cigar connoisseurs. Nicknamed "el Ninyo" & "el Veguero," he has a reputation for smoking 15 cigars per day for the past 50 years. (He is in his 60s.) When we met him it was about noon; one of the other folks in the group asked him how many he had smoked so far that day. He held up the one he was smoking and said, "This is number 8" -- right on schedule. He invited us to his home where we bought some at a really good price. I don't smoke, but I did try one of them later, mainly because the mood was right and it seemed the appropriate thing to do. I understand (from those who know better than I) that they are equivalent in quality to "Montecristos." Tobacco is a part of the economy which is partially privatized. Small tobacco farmers, along with taxi drivers, do well in the current economic system.

Next we stopped at the "Cueva del Indio," an impressive cave which we hiked through for a half hour, reaching an underground river where small launches picked us up and took us out the other end of the cave. It has only been developed as a tourism site for about the past 20 years. We had lunch at a restaurant there. I had some rum & cane juice, and bought a couple more CDs and a Cuban flag to add to the collection in my classroom.

We made a brief stop at the "Mural de la Prehistoria," an enormous mural painted on the cliff side of one of the "organos." The artist was Leo Vigildo Gonzalez, who directed the work 1959-62.

Esteban B., a friend of mine in Wisconsin, had stayed with this family 5 years ago. I carried an extra backpack full of the gifts he sent for them. They are a very poor, generous, proud family, and I understood why they had made such an impression on Esteban. Edelys and her husband Frank are in their 20s, and with her mother Chela, live in a 4-room house about 2 blocks off the main highway. It is sparsely furnished; but their life, I think, shows where the strength and the popular backing of Cuba's government comes from. They are literate and healthy and do complain about the "special period," but are optimistic about their future and Cuba's.

That evening about 10:00, we were about to go out to a club, but Edelys, who is 7 months pregnant, wasn't feeling well. So we walked about 3 blocks to a clinic where 2 doctors were on duty to serve this neighborhood on the outskirts of Pinar del Rio. They checked her over, gave her something, and told her to lie down and rest. So we didn't go out, and instead spent the time talking and relaxing. That mellow evening I smoked the cigar. Their home has a nice tiled bathroom & kitchen, but never enough water pressure to go through the pipes. When the water comes on, 2 or 3 hours per day, they fill containers as it trickles out in back of their house. Then they carry buckets into the house whenever they use the sink, the toilet, or the bath. But the water is clean, and they have electricity, a TV, a couple fans. When their son is born, he will have good health care, enough (rationed) food, and a free education. Eventually they want to get a pump, to fill a water tank on their roof. They read a lot --especially Frank. He gave me several magazines & newspapers, as did others I met in Cuba. (cont. next month)
Calendar of Events

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Feb 6, Tu General Meeting, 7 PM, Union South (with Slide Selection)
Feb 10, Sat Slide Selection, 2nd Round; Sophia Zermuehlen's, 3 PM (see inside)
Feb 11, Sun DEADLINES 1 FOR NEWSLETTER 2 FOR Camp Lucerne. Please note.
February 24, Sat Pizza & Stuffing party 12noon to 3pm; Melissa Kaltenbach’s house
1102 Southridge Drive 249-3545
Feb 24 & 25 - Sat Winter Retreat at Camp Lucerne, Call Rose Ann 241-0845

Mar 1-4 2001: local Peace Corps Conference, at UW-Madison
Mar 7, Wed General Meeting, 7 PM, Union South (?)
Mar 8- Th Peace Corps’ 40th Anniversary Celebration (Thurs-Fri)

Apr 5, Th General Meeting, 7 PM, Union South (?)
May 4, Fri Potluck General Meeting, ... (or on Sat.)

June 23, 2001 Sat. Summer Campout, Group tent site D, Hickory Ridge, Governor
Dodge State Park, Reservation # 1-201666 (call Terry Stark 4 more info 233-9140)

Parking Information For Meetings at Union South: Apart from city parking me-
ters, many UW parking lots are free to the public after 5:30 p.m. One is near Union
South: 2 lots, plus city meters, in the triangle west of Charter and north of Johnson,
across Johnson from Union South; enter from Charter or University.