President's Message

Changes are coming. A walk around Farmer's Market hints of the passage of seasons. Gone are the asparagus and rhubarb. You'll look high and low for a few good ears of corn. The gladiola people warned me that next week is their last week on the Concourse. All the summer's bounty has been replaced by apples, pumpkins, gourds, and squash. Mary Grace and Dan hosted a wonderful Harvest Moon Celebration in which we shared a harvest of food and friendship at their country home. The full moon illuminated the fields as we went walking and listened to the crickets. Sage was burned in the bonfire. 'Twas another wonderful evening in South Central Wisconsin.

Our autumn glows with the excitement of new people on new projects and familiar faces sprucing up some traditional projects. New member Rob has offered to step into the International Calendar Project. He brings with him much enthusiasm and a spiffy new computer. New member Carmen expressed interest in taking on the head of the Internal Education committee. She shared with me some ideas for us working with area Hispanic families in matters of acculturation, education, and building community connections with our group. Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

Elections highlight the October meeting. All officers have expressed willingness to carry on in their respective positions for another year, since some of us have served a scanty six months or so this term. It looks as though we're all running unopposed. None of us would mind a little friendly competition. How about a coup d'etat? If you're a rebel, take this cause!

Deb Stapleton, Keeper of the Coffin, has offered to host the Halloween Party. We considered a theme this year. How about if we all come as Dolly Parton? Plans are in the works for a Thanksgiving celebration in which we get gussied up, put on a gala celebration, and find time to say "thank you" to each other for the things we all do for the group. Buck has offered to spearhead this committee. Talk to him with your ideas. And, believe it or not, it's already time to start thinking about the Freeze For Food. We need someone to coordinate prizes. Maybe you? Talk to Dave Atkinson.

Why did the skeleton NOT cross the highway? Because it didn't have the guts!
Next Meeting:

Monday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.
Union South, 127 N. Randall St. ELECTIONS.

Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.
Union South, 127 N. Randall St.

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.
Union South, 127 N. Randall St.
ABSENTEE BALLOT

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—1994-95

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF
WISCONSIN—MADISON

PRESIDENT

[ ] Lori Merriam

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(Write-in)

VICE-PRESIDENT

[ ] Conrad Weiffenbach

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(Write-in)

TREASURER

[ ] Peter Joyce

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(Write-in)

SECRETARY

[ ] Buck Trawicky

[ ] ---------------
(Write-in)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Vote for 2 Candidates)

[ ] Mary Grace Ott

[ ] ---------------
(Write-in)

[ ] Helene Pesche

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(Write-in)

Absentee ballots must reach us by the next meeting (Monday, October 3) when the election will be held. Please put your ballot inside a small envelope, seal it, mark it ABSENTEE BALLOT, and then send it in a larger envelope addressed as follows:

RPCV's of Wisconsin
Nominations Committee
P.O. Box 1012
Madison, WI 53701
Dates To Note

Monday, October 3, 7:00 p.m., General Meeting and Elections, Union South. Get all agenda items to Lori Merriam by Friday. 257-2271.

Sunday, October 9, 10:00 a.m., Calendar Committee Meeting at Barbara Chatterjee's home, 5102 Coney Weston Place. 271-2405.


Friday, October 29, Halloween Party at Deb Stapleton's home, 2406 Sommers Ave., 244-8609.

Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m., General Meeting, Union South.

Sunday, November 12, 10:00 Calendar Committee Meeting.

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DEAR WONDERFUL RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF WISCONSIN-MADISON:

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR THE MOST MEANINGFUL MESSAGE AND BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR THAT YOU WERE SO VERY KIND AND SENT ME! I WAS SO VERY PROUD WHEN CHIC TOLD ME THAT YOU HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE LORET MILLER RUPPE....I WAS ONLY SORRY THAT I COULD NOT BE THERE PERSONALLY TO PRESENT IT TO YOU ALL AND TO TELL YOU HOW PROUD I HAVE BEEN OF YOUR CALENDAR EVER SINCE I FIRST ENCOUNTERED IT WHILE PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR..."THE BEST JOB IN WASHINGTON...AND I MIGHT ADD THE WORLD THOUGH NORWAY WAS A CHOICE ASSIGNMENT ALSO!!!!

THIS IS ONE OF THE FIRST LETTERS I HAVE WRITTEN SINCE MY SURGERY.... AND IT WON'T BE TOO LONG AS I AM NOW IN CHEMOTHERAPY AND MUST CONSERVE MY STRENGTH...BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE GREAT SURGEON WHO OPERATED ON ME (14 HOURS) GOT EVERYTHING HE AND HIS TEAM COULD SEE...AND NOW WE ARE CHASING DOWN ANY "NASTY LEFT-OVER "C" CELLS WITH CHEMO!!! SO...YOUR PRAYERS, BEAUTIFUL WISHES ARE AT WORK AND SUCCEEDING...I FEEL SUCH A WAVE OF WARM SUPPORT AND LOVE.....

I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH...I WILL DO MY BEST TO GET WELL SO THAT I CAN ORDER YOUR WONDERFUL CALENDAR...WHICH I AM SO PROUD OF FOR MANY, MANY YEARS TO COME!!!!

And a happy Chistmas & A Year's Worth of Peace Corps!!

COULD YOU PLEASE SEND ME TEN ADDITIONAL 1995 CALENDARS AND PUT THE BILL IN FOR THEM...I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THEM AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS...I COULD NOT SEE A PRICE ON THEM SO WILL SEND CHECK AS SOON AS I KNOW.
Present: Kevin Nies, Rob, Buck Trawicky, Barbara Chatterjee, Lori Merriam, Julie Olson, Don Sauer, Henry Nehls-Lowe.

Approved minutes from 8/14/94.

1. **Adversizing Plan:** We discussed the advertising plan for the 1995 Calendar. An ad will be placed in Isthmus. Lori went over the Worldview ad and some of the difficulties in organizing it. We will also place ads in the Madison newspapers. The new Earthcare catalog is out and we saw our add. The word is that Earthcare has reorganized, in Ukiah, California, and we may experience sales levels comparable to two years ago.

2. **Calendar Distribution to Schools:** There will be calendars distributed to schools, but it will be a limited amount. Our efforts will initially be with Dane County schools. Where calendars are given away, we plan to deal directly with specific school staff (learning or multicultural coordinator) who will ensure that calendars are used in the classrooms, rather than only hang in the administration office. Hope for schools to be a good environmental for calendar sales. Discussion focussed around the elements of a letter to be sent out to schools and establish a contact at each school. This letter will include a questionnaire.

3. **Sales Report:** Don reported we have sold (billed or received payment) 2,761 calendars to date. 500 calendars were sent to Earthcare, but we may sell more (see above). A total of 4,000 calendars are gone and we are expecting to send another 5,000 to NPCA and PC-Washington. Questions were raised about whether we might be facing the need to make another print run. Barbara said she will call Tom Straus to discuss the logistics.

Don spoke in detail about the possible large purchase by PC-Washington to make a large bulk purchase (which they distribute to recruiting offices). While it is unclear if PC-Washington can act on this by the end of the current federal fiscal year, we may receive a windfall of orders. However PC-Minneapolis talked about ordering calendars separate from PC-Wash. Because of these issues we decided to allow PC-Minn to purchase at the 1,000 bulk order rate, even though they may only buy 500. Eight recruiting offices have separately expressed interest in purchasing direct. Barbara and Don suggested incorporating this into the 1996 marketing plan. Barbara also suggested sending complimentary postcards to these PC offices.

We discussed the need for a better marketing tracking system. Rob said he could tackle this with his computer. He will also work with Peter Joyce in pulling together the 1995 budget. We briefly talked about the status of the fiscal management system and the need to integrate it with other functions used under calendar activities.

4. **Mailbox/Telecommunications:** We talked about the situation with the mailbox and improving the distribution of correspondence to those involved with the calendar. Buck said he would talk with Gordon about how he sorts the mail, at his home, and having a distribution box specifically for the calendar. We discussed the need for the group to have a phone number specifically for the calendar, and not use someone's personal line. Buck said he would also talk with Gordon about allowing us to install another phone line at his house. We will definately pick up all costs associated with this.

5. **Copyright:** It came to our attention that another RPCV group used the graphics from the calendar on a T-shirt that they used as a fund raiser. They did not have authorization. Julie has spoken to this group and worked out the details. In the 1996 Calendar all photographs and borders will be specifically copyrighted to the photographer/artist.

Submitted by Henry Nehls-Lowe.
CALNDAR PRICE LIST

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* The S/H fee for 1-12 calendars is $3.00. Orders of 13 or more are charged for S/H at cost.

** The S/H fee for 1-12 packs of postcards is $.75. Orders of 13 or more packs are charged for S/H at cost.

Larger orders of both items are billed at cost, and are generally shipped UPS Ground Service unless other arrangements are made. Overseas shipments are sent Best Way and billed at cost.
What is the International Calendar Project?

The International Calendar Project is a multi-purpose effort. The Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison began this project in 1987, to share Peace Corps experiences with our home communities and to raise money for grassroots projects in the countries where we served. The Calendar and postcard pictures are windows into our memories and introduce you to the people who welcomed us so warmly into their communities.

The International Calendar is more than just another annual time marker with pretty pictures. It is also designed as a teaching aid, introducing varied life styles, terrain, foods, occupations, and crafts from around the world. Nearly every day marks a festival somewhere on earth. Postcards from past editions of the Calendar are also available.

The Calendar and postcards always feature countries in which the Peace Corps is currently active or has been hosted in the past. The Calendar is distributed by other Returned Peace Corps Volunteer groups which use it for their own fundraising. It is sold through bookstores and other businesses.

In 1992, a videotape and teachers guide were created as an educational module based on the Calendar. These provide interviews with local persons about life in the countries depicted that year. Information on this product is also available from the RPCVs of Wisconsin/Madison through the Calendar Hotline.

Why a Calendar?

The Calendar offers an attractive vehicle for sharing a few of the hundreds of beautiful scenes Peace Corps volunteers and friends of Peace Corps captured on film while abroad. Each year it is renewed with fresh images and new information. Photo selection for each new edition is a nostalgic evening at which Madison's Returned Peace Corps Volunteers gather to view, remember, and share stories.

Finally, the International Calendar Project is a fundraising tool for RPCVs of Wisconsin/Madison. The proceeds from Calendar and postcard sales are donated each year to local grassroots projects in our own communities and around the world. It is one way to meet the goals of Peace Corps to which we dedicated ourselves: To promote better understanding of other peoples among Americans and to help the people of the countries in which we served.

How can I be part of the International Calendar Project?

The International Calendar Project always welcomes new participants and uses.

☆ CONTRIBUTE PICTURES: If you have worked or visited in countries that ever hosted Peace Corps, you may submit photos from these places to be considered for a future Calendar. (All photographs are returned; for details call Calendar Hotline.)

☆ BUILD NEW MARKETS: Help expand the visibility of the Calendar and introduce the world of Peace Corps to a wider audience. (Examples: Bookstores, Schools, Special Interest Groups)

☆ FIND NEW USES: New products, such as the videotape & teachers guide or postcards, can be developed to expand the Calendar project.

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Vicki Slacker has been a Peace Corps volunteer in Turkmanistan for eight months. She returned to Milwaukee in July for a short period of time due to a death in the family. While she was home, she arranged for a wheelchair to be donated by Functional Rehabilitation for a citizen of Turkmanistan that needs one. (I think the wheelchair is motorized and quite heavy.) Before she could make arrangements for the wheelchair to be shipped, she had to return to country. Her friend Scott (414/278-0760), who lives in Milwaukee, has the chair and has been trying to figure out how to get it to Turkmanistan. Taylor Hutch (at PC/DC) will take care of getting it through customs, etc., etc., but would need to be reimbursed for the expense of doing the shipping. His *rough* estimate is that it would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of $750 - $1,000. The Milwaukee RPCVs have agreed to help pay for some of the cost, but haven’t specified an amount. Vicki Slacker (414/327-3807) is the person from their group that’s working on this.

I’ve told Scott and Vicki that our group would probably be willing to contribute some money towards this, but that we’d need to know exactly how much the total shipping costs would be, plus how much of that Milwaukee is willing to pay. They’d like to get this shipped off as soon as possible, and Taylor is willing to go ahead with it if we can give him a verbal assurance that he’ll be reimbursed.

Since we don’t have specific information about how much this will cost us exactly, I’d like to suggest that the group decide on the maximum we’d be willing to spend (given the rough estimate). Then when Vicki or Scott lets us know how much Milwaukee isn’t covering, we could either make up the balance (and spend less than the group authorized), or pay the maximum amount and then they can either find another source for the rest, or the group could vote again on whether we want to give additional funds.

Sandy Moss
Newsletter Subscription Information

All RPCVW, Inc. members receive the newsletter on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we would prefer that our members pay through December of the year of joining ($1.25 per month for each month through December), 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 through us by paying a further $20.00. We strongly encourage all members to join the National Association, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

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