President's Message

Some comments about our latest distribution of calendar proceeds to small projects.

Overall I was pleased with the way the process worked this time, and it will be easy to correct some of the glitches. I particularly appreciate the efforts of Buck, Meredith, Sharon, and John (Elder) who worked on the Project Review Committee with me. It was relatively easy to recommend funding for each project, due largely to Barbara's well-designed Project Application Form. Those of us on this committee appreciate the vote of confidence we received from the general membership when our recommendations as printed in the newsletter were approved. I was also happy not to have to sit at the general meeting with my calculator in hand and keep a running tally of how people's suggestions for funding would affect the overall amount requested.

One interesting thing that happened was that many of the people who requested funding did not participate in the project review process. I was somewhat surprised by this lack of input. Apparently people were reasonably satisfied by the manner in which their requests were handled because I have not received any complaints about the process yet.

The major problem we faced in this process was providing information about the project requests to our members for their consideration. As I was reminded, the application was designed so that it could be easily reduced during copying to allow the vital information about 8 projects to be reproduced on one double-sided page. Because we received 23 applications, the committee agreed with my suggestion to prepare a single page (double-sided) summary of the information we received on the projects rather than take up three full pages of the newsletter. (Besides, there is no guarantee that the newsletter editor will include all of that in the newsletter. He decides what goes in the newsletter.) The unfortunate result, though, was that the membership was asked to approve $6,025 in funding without having full information about the projects being funded.

One way to avoid this problem in the future is to send our members a separate mailing containing the application information and committee recommendations. This approach would also allow our members to see how other people have filled out the application. However, such a mailing would cost us about $100. Since we have a committee in place to review the project applications, I'm not convinced that we really need a separate mailing. Please let me know your feelings on this matter.

I had another problem. I felt it was time to distinguish the small projects that we were funding from special projects that require more funds. We have not developed procedures for dealing with special project requests, and I felt that some of the requested donations ($1,000) were large enough to be considered as special projects by our standards. After extensive discussion I conceded that I was a minority of one and that these requests did not constitute special projects. We'll know them when they come up and will deal with them at that time. I would like to revise the application by adding the following statement: "Our typical donations for small projects are from $150 to $600". Again I need feedback on this issue.

Final problem - the members of the Project Review Committee assumed that only one meeting was needed. However, the committee is also responsible for record keeping. I guess I can handle the details of getting the checks dispersed (and it makes sense for the Prez to keep the requests with our other records), but some help would be appreciated. Thanks!
Editor's Corner

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

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258-4419 (w)

India 1969-70

Guatemala 1983-86 (J)

1987-90 (B)

Sri Lanka 1967-69

Member Renewals: Kathleen Quinlan (Exp. Date 5/94); Edward Cothroll (Exp. Date 8/94); Sandy Moss (Exp. Date 1/95)

NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

Rick and Masako Lackey are the proud parents of a newborn baby girl, Mei Vesta Lackey, born May 1, 1993, 7 lbs., 3 oz. They will be in WI for a few weeks in August and September.

Other RPCV organizations have our permission to use any material of interest in this newsletter.

Newsletter Policy
Since we're always trying to get new members, we'll send three copies of our newsletter to anyone we think will be interested. After that, you have to pay to stay on our mailing list. Details can be found on the back page. ONE EXCEPTION: Contacts in other RPCV organizations can continue to receive our newsletter if they will send us theirs.

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Buck Trawicky
256-7868

Campus PC Recruiter
Jim Smith
262-1121
Room 240, Agriculture Hall
Mon. 10-12
Wed. 10-12
Fri. 10-2

Next Meeting:
Friday, July 9, 6:15 p.m.
Mary Grace & Dan Brown-Ott's, Hwy. 92,
Brooklyn. Map elsewhere in newsletter.
POTLUCK!!!

Future Meeting Dates:

Sometime in August (see Dates to Note)
Eagle Heights Brown Bus picnic area
6:15 p.m. POTLUCK!!!

***During the summer, you may contact the
Peace Corps recruiter at the Minneapolis office:
1-800-328-8282.
Thursday, July 1 thru Monday, July 5 - Annual Conference of RPCVs.

Friday, July 9 - 6:15 PM on - Pot luck dinner and meeting at Mary Grace Brown-Ott's on Hwy 92 in Brooklyn. Map should be in this newsletter. Questions? Call Mary Grace at 445-1426.

Sunday, July 11 - 10:00 AM - Calendar Committee Meeting at Barbara Chatterjee's, 5102 Coney Weston Place, off of Odana Rd.

Wednesday, July 14 - Mike Farmer of the Milwaukee RPCVs holds his Annual Picnic starting around 6:30 PM. Bring your own meat and a dish to pass. Mike is at 2115 Wolf in Waukesha. Questions? Call 414/288-6360.

Thursday, July 15 - Newsletter Deadline. Submit materials to Gordon Malaise, 1447 Spaight St., Madison, WI 53703.

Saturday, July 17 - NOON - Lunch and RPCVW-Madison Board Meeting at Walt Zeltner's, 393 Lake Kegonsa Rd. but several miles from Lake Kegonsa. Directions: Drive to Park St and head south past Oregon. Left at Hwy A. After 3.1 miles, right on Lake Kegonsa Rd. We're on the right (west) side of the road about two miles down and past the stop sign. Please RSVP! If not enough people can make it, we'll cancel the meeting.

Saturday, July 24 - 8 AM to 4 PM - Rescheduled house building with Habitat for Humanity. We expect this one to occur!

AUGUST Meeting - Potluck and short business meeting at Eagle Heights Brown Bus (?) picnic area starting about 6:15 PM. Date is not known yet but we're considering Aug. 2, 3, 12 or 13.

Weekend of Aug. 7 - CANOE TRIP - Put in at Muscoda. Other details will follow.

Sunday, Aug. 15 - 10:00 AM - Calendar Committee Meeting at Barbara Chatterjee's, 5102 Coney Weston Place, off of Odana Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 17 - Newsletter Deadline. Submit materials to Gordon Malaise, 1447 Spaight St., Madison, WI 53703.

Saturday, Aug. 21 - Minneapolis PC Recruitment Office has reserved 650 seats for Twins - White Sox game at $9.50 each. This is a good chance to meet with other regional groups. I expect more info later, so check the newsletter. Questions? Contact Randy Merideth at 800/328-8282.

Saturday, Aug. 28 - Start of our annual "Whatever we can roast (formerly Pig) Roast" at Mike Read's. More clean country living!

SEPTEMBER Meeting - Date must still be set. Will start at 7:00 PM at Union South on the UW campus.
Returned Peace Corps of Wisconsin - Madison
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 7, 1993
7:15 pm
Union South

There were 15 members present.

The meeting opened with the usual introductions including Ken from Ecuador and correspondence for review by any interested.

Treasurer's Report:

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Global Education: Dave W. reported that he and Sandy M. will take charge of the project. Needs to know which direction the group is willing to go on the whole project. Has had some inquiries by interested teachers for a global education package. May arrange for speakers to visit classrooms as part of this project.

Speakers Bureau: Walt L. Jim Smith is in charge of this effort but needs some help from others.

National Conference: Walt L. - A newsletter writing workshop is being held at the National Conference in CA. We may send a delegate to listen in. Any interested parties are welcome to attend.

Habitat for Humanity: Dave W. - Emergency release form must be filled in ahead of time. Work date is July 24, 1993. Call Dave or see last months newsletter if you need info or a release form.

Calendar News: Don S. - The 1994 calendar is almost done. A few hundred copies have been received from the printer with the rest to come shortly. We will be sending 500 to Philadelphia for a conference. Don't know how many will be sold. 1000 will be shipped to CA for the NC. Now for the bad news; the following people owe monies for their 1993 calendars:

- John Ashbaugh $20.00
- Kathleen Quinnan $50.00

Please Pay Up Soon!!!!

Don't feel too bad, the INDIANA RPCV's owe us over $400 for 1993 Calendars. There is a total of over $400 still receivable.

These who do not pay up soon will be hung upside down by their toenails and pummeled with a wet carpet.

Calendar Steering Committee: Barbara C. - Monthly meeting this Sunday to discuss accounting and marketing issues. Kevin N moved and Nancy W. seconded a motion to accept the calendar pricing structure. Approved.

Parents Brunch: John B. - $805.00 collected and $910.00 paid out for a deficit of $107.00 to be made up in the future from contingency fund or other sources. Will consider this issue later.

Campings Gordon M. - A good time was had by all. We broke even and people even got some sleep due to the absence of several unneeded revelers. 23 adults and 12 children attended.

National Conference (again): Walt L. - Ron S. will coordinate the staffing of our booth. There will be a president's forum. Reactions to attending this were mixed on past experiences. Walt said he would try to go. Some big changes are coming down the pipe for the NC of RPCV's like bylaw changes, Board changes and possibly a name change. Stay tuned.

Mons. Lisa Kozlowski, a Wisconsinite going to Uganda soon, needs some dental work done cheap. If you know of anybody who does this work at cut rate prices, let Walt know soon.

Advocacy Issues: Walt L. - A spirited discussion was had by all. It was generally felt that writing or contacting your respective representatives in the government regarding issues you think are important in your own business, and our group as a whole should never become a political action group. It just not our goal or aim.

Calendar Biftawey: Walt L. - Ken C. moved the $750.00 should be set as an upper limit for small projects and anything above should be considered a special project. A long discussion was held regarding this. The consensus was that an issue like this should be considered by a special committee and not by the body as a whole. The motion was withdrawn. Mike M. moved to accept the recommendations of the Calendar Donation Committee. Kevin seconded and added that $25.00 should be added from the contingency fund to cover the amount over $600.00. Monies will be dispersed as soon as the appropriate paperwork is filled with the treasurer.

Discussion followed about publishing more information regarding the funded projects in our newsletter. It was felt by some that not enough information was in the May newsletter and that next year a better effort needs to be made to fully explain each requested project. Even if it takes another mailing, some felt it would be worth the money to inform everybody a little better.

No further business needed to be conducted so the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
John Beaska, acting secretary
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY

The Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin - Madison Habitat for Humanity workday will be on July 24, 1993. Our worksite will be the third house on the 800 block of Burr Oaks Lane. (Burr Oaks Lane is off of S. Park Street, the same corner as the Taco Bell). Parking will be behind Wisconsin Management Company located on the corner of S. Park and Dane St. (One block south of Burr Oaks Lane). The Habitat organizers start at 8:00am and they would like us there 15 minutes or so early for orientation. Bring your own tools if you have some you would like to use. (Label all tools you bring). Fill out the form in this newsletter if you want to participate and return them to David Wakeley at 1326 E. Dayton St., 53703 NO LATER THAN JULY 15, 1993. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me at 255-1339(h) or 251-6610(w). I look forward to seeing you there for what I think will a very exciting and enjoyable day!!

POTLUCK/MEETING/CELEBRATION (Bub's Martyrdom - check your calendar!)
Friday, July 9, 6:15 pm • Mary Grau & Dan Otto • N9172 Hwy 92 • Brooklyn

DIRECTIONS
- Take Hwy 14 south from Madison past Oregon to Hwy 92.
- Turn right (west) on 92 into Brooklyn.
- We are 3 miles west of Brooklyn
- N9172 Hwy 92
- Gray house, white porch, black dog
- Need help? Give us a call at 455-1426.
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EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Name

Home Address

City                        State                Zip

Home Phone                  Birthdate

List any specific building skills that you possess:


IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name

Relationship to you

Address

City                        State                Zip

Home Phone                  Work Phone

Other instructions in case of emergency - medical conditions or allergies of which we should be aware: (Note, it is your responsibility to report these conditions to your supervisor.)


Read

* Please return this form to David Wakeley no later than July 10, 1993 if you intend to participate on the workday. 1326 E. Dayton St Madison, WI 53703
"On this great river one could glide forever - and here we discover the definition of bliss, salvation, Heaven, all the old Mediterranean dreams, the ultimate Homeric voyage". Edvard Abbey

The third annual RPCV canoe trip is scheduled for August 7 & 8. The Wisconsin River is our highway from Muscoda to Woodman. We will camp on an island/sand bar somewhere between Blue River and Boscobel. Like last year, the trip will cover about 20 miles in two days, which is an easy pace, neither an effortless or strenuous paddle. Children of all ages are welcomed. The lower Wisconsin is a beautifully calm river, but danger exists for the young and unwary.

**What to bring**

Here is a basic list of necessary items (other than swimming gear). I have a more detailed list for those who want one.

**Watercraft of your choice**: If you want to rent a canoe, let me know so I can reserve one for you from a place in Muscoda. The cost is about $20 per day, including the shuttle. If you are a Hoof er you can get one much cheaper from the Outing Club at UW. Please don't ask if you can bring your jetski.

**Lifejackets**: Everyone must have one. If you rent a canoe you will be given one for each passenger. Children who cannot swim must wear one at all times.

**Mosquito repellent and a tent with netting**: It may or may not rain, but come twilight there will definitely be hordes of mosquitos. This is the worst part of the trip, but they go to bed after a few hours.

**Food**: A island potluck is planned on Saturday evening. If you can round up a coleman stove please let me know. Bring your drinking water in gallon milk jugs, beer & ice in coolers. Glass is verboten on the Lower Wisconsin River.

**Deadline**: Please let me know if you plan come no later than July 30th (I'll be out of town till August 5th). I will need a deposit if you want to rent a canoe. Assistance is needed with the shuttle, so let me know if you plan to drive and can carry some canoes on top of your car. My phone is 835-5976.

- Henry Nehls-Lowe
Minutes of International Calendar Steering Committee (ICSC) Meeting

In attendance: Don Sauer, Walt Zeltner, Kevin Nies, Buck Trawicky, Barbara Chatterjee, Henry Nehis-Lowe

Kevin was appointed the designated minutes taker for this meeting.

It was determined that the August meeting of the ICSC would be held on 15 August 93.

**MARKETING & DISTRIBUTION & PRODUCTION**

Walt & Don stated that the Connecticut group is organizing a North East RPCV Regional Conference and that our calendar is being "promoted" in the registration materials. Don stated that he would be meeting Shelley Cruz, who is the spokesperson for the CT group, at the National Conference. She will get calendars and postcards from Don at that time.

Don stated that he had shipped 500 calendars to the Cincinnati group this past week which will be used in conjunction with Rudy Sovinee at the Parent - Teachers Association conference to be held 27 - 29 June in Cincinnati.

Don indicated that we've already received orders for 45 1994 Calendars. These early orders no doubt generated by our ad in the "World View." For he Fall issue of this magazine, we are tentatively penciled in for an ad on the entire back page. It was felt that this would give the calendar good exposure and it was decided to proceed with developing an ad. Buck and Henry expressed their interest in getting involved in this with the possible assistance of Lori Merrian.

Henry stated that he was contacted by one of the calendar photographers about the World University Games that will be held in Buffalo, NY. It was felt that this would be a good venue for calendar promotion. Don and Kevin will attempt to make contact with an RPCV group in that area in order to determine the possibility of doing this.

Buck will get in contact with the editor of the "Whole Earth Review" (a publication associated with the "Whole Earth Catalog") with the intent of getting our calendar reviewed. The end result, it is hoped, would be to generate calendar sales.

National Conference will be coming up soon and it will be the 1st big event for the 1994 International Calendar unveiling. We hope to sell all the calendars that are shipped out to the Conference. We may also be selling packs of postcards. It was decided that we would have packages of 12 postcards shrink-wrapped. Each pack would contain 4 of each type of postcards. It was determined that we would probably sell each pack for $3. Don will look into the possibility of having a sheltered workshop do the shrink-wrapping and labeling. Don and Henry will work on creating a label. We plan on packaging 5000 of each type of postcard in this way. A number of these packs of postcards will be marketed at the National Conference. We will also be handing out individual postcards at National Conference. These postcards will have calendar order forms printed on them. It is hoped that these will also generate calendar sales.

Barbara will take care of getting calendar brochures produced. These brochures would be similar to the ones we produced last year. The brochures explain the concepts behind the International Calendar and what happens to generated monies.

**REIMBURSEMENT**

This topic was broken into two sections: Recompense for Photographers and Recompense for volunteers working on calendar production, marketing and distribution.

In discussions concerning recompense for calendar photographers, it seemed to be decided that we would stick with giving 25 calendars per photo used to each photographer. If the photographer wanted more calendars, they could be purchased at discount rates.

In discussions concerning recompense of volunteers working on calendar production, marketing and distribution, it was felt that emphasis needs to be placed on the word "volunteer". In the end discussions concerning reimbursement were tabled as to the greyness of this topic.
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

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TO: Gordon Mabuse

FAX NUMBER: 608 266 5848

FROM: Cheryl Bartz

SUBJECT: Follow up to Action Alert on PC Budget

DATE: June 5, 1993

Total number of pages, including this one: 1

Thanks for your help on the Peace Corps Budget. Since I didn't catch you in when I called to tell you how it went, I thought I'd send a fax. Maybe you could do me the flavor of sharing this info with others in your group.

The good news is that Peace Corps was one of only two entities for which a budget cut (below the President's recommendation) was not recommended by Rep. Obey's subcommittee. And relatively speaking, that is very good news. The other program which was not cut was refugee assistance.

Your phone calls very likely helped save Peace Corps from deeper cuts. It is this kind of grass roots lobbying that helps offset those better-financed lobbies which push for more military assistance.

Peace Corps was one of only five programs to be recommended for an increase over the 1993 appropriation. The others were population programs, assistance to the newly independent states, refugee assistance, and peace keeping. Rep. Obey's subcommittee recommended for Peace Corps the $219.7 million requested by the Administration. In order to support 8,000 volunteers in the field, 2,000 below the Congressionally mandated strength, Peace Corps would need a budget of $254 million.

Other programs sustained at least a two per cent cut and several were much deeper. A cut was recommended in AID development assistance from the $1.03 billion authorized for FY 1993 to $818 million for FY 1994. That is not good news, because that is the amount from which support for sustainable development comes.

$2.37 billion was recommended for the Economic Support Fund, a cut from $2.7 billion in FY 93. These are the funds which can be used for special economic or security purposes, regardless of human need. Of these, 95 per cent are earmarked for Egypt and Israel.

The recommendation from Rep. Obey's Subcommittee now goes to the House Appropriations Committee where it will be considered along with those from the other 12 subcommittees. Few changes are expected to be made by the full committee. However, a larger appropriation may come out of the parallel process in the Senate.

In light of the widespread budget cutting fever, the perceived unpopularity of foreign assistance programs, and the strength of the Israel/Egypt lobby, Rep. Obey's Subcommittee did well by the Peace Corps. You may want to think about sending him a thank you letter. Thanking him for doing what he could does not imply that you are totally satisfied, but rather that you recognize the political reality within which he works and that you hope to see further changes in the future.

To contact Rep. Obey: The Honorable David R. Obey
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Thanks again for your help.
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 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 Council of RPCV's through us by paying a further $20. We strongly encourage all members to join the National Council, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

☐ I want to join RPCVW, Inc. and am enclosing $______.
  — Individual - $15 for one year (or $1.25 per month to next January)
  — Joint - $20 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
  — Overseas Individual - $24
  — Overseas Joint - $29

☐ I am also enclosing $20 for National Council membership ($27.50 for joint membership [two people with the same address] in the NC).

☐ I do not want to join, but would like to receive the newsletter and am enclosing $7 ($15 for overseas) to cover the costs.

☐ I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address on your records.

Name: ____________________________   Country of Service: ____________________________
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Present Job: ____________________________   Telephone: ____________________________
PC Job: ____________________________

Please make checks payable to RPCV's of Wisconsin, Inc. and send to:

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Madison, WI 53701

marked Attention Membership!

QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS? Call Walt Zeitner at 608/873-5257 most evenings and weekends.
Or try 608/262-1321 weekdays and ask for Walt.

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