FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tonight, I attended a talk by Fr. Jim Barnett who, a few weeks ago fled El Salvador under threat of death. In that country, every parish church working among the poor is suffering persecution. My own Methodist pastor says that this may be one of the worst cases of government persecution of the church in this century. Father Barnett said that in this time of need everyone can do something.

One of the principal purposes of our organization is to help the people of this country better understand the reality of the poor in other countries. We have obtained a grant of $5000, to support our Global Education efforts and now must implement our program. If you can give some time, energy and talent to this program please contact me by mail or by phone. There will be a few part-time paid staff positions connected with this educational effort. I would especially like to hear from anyone who might have the time and desire to fill one of these spots.

In regard to calling me, I have one of those darned high tech phones. In addition to hearing my recorded message, you are given instructions to press 3-7-9 after the beep to get a special announcement of upcoming RPCV events. You may leave your own message after the beep, or after the second message. Furthermore, if you don't want to hear me explain all this you can press a '3' during the first message and it will advance immediately to the beep. You can do all this even if you don't have touch-tone service, provided you have a phone that can be switched to tones after my machine answers. I hope you are not intimidated by this.

If you are afraid to call, don't be afraid to write. Members are encouraged to write with helpful comments, suggestions or concerns. But, if you have seen Loose Lips hanging around the docks waiting for troop ships to come in, that's her business and not yours.

Speaking of how we conduct ourselves, I am planning to present constitution and by-law CHANGES to the membership to assure that we conform to IRS requirements for non-profit tax-exempt status. Anyone who has a special interest in this subject should call me on that darned phone, and ask for a draft copy.

There will soon be an opening on the National Council Board. Our member Meredith Green has served one and a half years and has decided to resign. If you, or someone you know could run for this position please contact Meredith or myself. Required - hard-ball playing experience and ability to take the heat.

Three things about calendars. If you could sell a few more, it would help to increase our charity funds. If you have calendars unpaid for, pay up at the FREEZE FOR FOOD or at the next meeting. Think about helping with next year's project.
EDITOR’S CORNER:

1. DUES - This month’s reminder for all members whose dues expire on or around 1/90! If you cannot make either of the next two meetings, please send in the form on the back page with your check to keep your membership current and assure that you will continue to receive the newsletter. If you also want to join the National Council of RPCVs for the coming year, add $15 to your check. We will forward the money and membership information to the NCRPCV. Questions? Contact me – Walt (835-3083). NOTE – So far, 18 people have included dues for the National Council. When you read our current treasury balance in the minutes, be sure to subtract $270 which will have to be paid to the NC.

2. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY - Since we have our largest turnover in membership during the dues collection period going on now, the membership update will include only address and phone number changes. I’ll try to include a full membership directory as part of the March or April newsletter. I can include expiration dates as part of that directory if people would like that. Please let me know your feelings!

3. VACATIONS - They are supposed to offer a chance to get away from your everyday life and recharge yourself. Our recent vacation performed that function quite nicely, even if I didn’t have much chance to lie on the beach and swim while in Hawaii. Other things made up for that, especially the opportunity to be somewhere where it was warm and green instead of cold and brown. I’m ready to face winter now! San Francisco and Hawaii were nice, but one of the interesting things I learned during my two years in Kenya was that I’m much more comfortable living where I can experience a change of seasons.

4. Thanks to the newsletter committee for getting last month’s newsletter out in fine style while I was recharging. Next month’s newsletter may be delayed a couple of days because I’m planning to take a long weekend and visit friends in the Upper Peninsula. However, the deadline for submission of material for the next newsletter will not change – Thursday, Feb. 15.

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Next month’s meeting will be Monday, Feb. 5 in Union South on the UW campus at 7 PM. Check the "Today in the Union" sheet on various bulletin boards in Union South for the room.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday, Mar. 6
Wednesday, Apr. 4
Thursday, May 3
MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 1989
RPCV'S OF WI--MADISON

I. Introductions. 14 present. We enjoyed a pot luck dinner at Karen King's comfortable new apartment followed by a short business meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report. Kevin reported that our account has ballooned with the deposit of our $5,000 development education grant resulting in a grand total of $6,018.81.

III. Correspondence. Vice President Deb Stapleton has organized all the various correspondence we receive into a binder. Noteworthy recent correspondence includes a letter from Save the Rainforest, Inc., a homegrown grass roots organization started by Dodgeville High School students, which is raising money for a trip to Costa Rica and is organizing a boycott of Scott Paper to try to deters them from clearcutting the rain forests to make toilet paper.

Also, Saturday, February 24 Nuclear Freeze is conducting a dance marathon. We are encouraged either to form a team or to contribute $35 and in return get our name on the program.

IV. Recent Activities. The New Year Eve's party at Pete Joyce's was a success. We received a thank you note from Marquette School thanking us for our gift of $20 to help with their recent international games day.

V. Calendar. We have sold 2,858 so far resulting in income of $15,235.22. With expenses at $13,825.98 our net profit to date is $1,409.24. There still remain 800 odd calendars in Rose Ann's basement, 338 out among other groups, 100 out in stores and 300 out among our group unsold.

VI. Global Ed Grant. Now that we got the money, we need to figure out how to spend it. A meeting was set for January 16 for anyone interested to discuss the matter.

VII. Freeze For Food. Coming up soon on Saturday, January 27. Be there starting around 10:30 to help set up. The 2 mile fun walk starts at 12:15 and the 10 K run starts at 1:00. Following the walk and run will be a pot luck chili feed and party at Yvonne Schneider's, 1632 Madison St.

VIII. Cardinal Bar Benefit. Definitely set for Friday, February 10 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you want to bring a dish, call Kathleen Quinlan or Jo Thompson.

IX. Winter Retreat. February 23-25 at Camp Lucerne, Wautoma, WI. Cross country skiing, toboganning, huge pot luck dinner, stories around the campfire. Fun for all kids from 6 to 60.
Y. Peace Train. Pay your $50 deposit early to reserve a space on the Peace Train to Eugene, Oregon next summer for the National Conference. Details can be found in the World View.

XI. Constitution. Jerry Maynard has completed his draft of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and has done a very good job. By way of background, about a year ago the idea came up to seek tax exempt status from the IRS so that our donors could deduct their donations from their taxes. While we were at it, it seemed like a good time to review the entire document and to streamline and update it to reflect the current needs of our ever expanding group.

A few of the proposed amendments will require a bit of discussion before being put to a vote. Accordingly, it was resolved that the Secretary should prepare a summary of the proposed amendments for discussion at our next meeting. That summary appears elsewhere in this issue.

XII. National Council. Meredith Green wishes to resign from the National Council Board of Directors. Does anybody want to replace her? Traditionally, Madison has always been represented. But look before you leap. The position requires a 3 year commitment of substantial time and expense and the compensation amounts to $400 per annum which doesn't quite cover the actual cost involved of jetting around the country to attend meetings.

XIII. Miscellaneous.

A. The Dane County Literacy Council is looking for volunteers.

B. Rose Ann brought up the idea of buying a few books about the Peace Corps and donating them to area libraries. Accordingly, it was resolved to buy Blue Taxis for $11.45 and donate to the Madison Public Library.

C. We received a nice thank you letter from Pat Malone thanking us for our donation to the St. Stephen's Shelter in Minneapolis.

D. Finally, we received a letter from a listener in Brooklyn NY who enjoyed the 31 reasons for buying the Calendar broadcast nationwide on WHAD YA KNOW.

XIV. Next Meeting. Monday, February 5, 1990 7:00 p.m. at Union South.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon M. Malaise
Acting Secretary
UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY
21 Sun BRUNCH - 10 am-12 Noon - Lakefront Cafeteria - Mem. Union
Tobaganing in Elver Park after brunch?

27 Sat FREEZE FOR FOOD - Contact Deb Stapleton - 251-4192
Our big event for OXFAM - Everyone helps out.
Volunteers should arrive between 11 and 12.
Two mile walk at 12:15, the 10 K run at 1:00 pm sharp.
Chili Feast Pot Luck at Yvonne Schneider's place
1632 S. Madison, immediately afterwards.

28 Sun BRUNCH - 10 am-12 Noon - Lakefront Cafeteria - Mem. Union
Check your 1990 Calendars and do something spontaneous.

29 Mon RESULTS - 7 pm

FEBRUARY
4 Sun BRUNCH - 10 am-12 noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union

5 Mon GENERAL MEETING - 7 pm - Union South - 227 N. Randall Av

9 Fri PEACE TRAIN - Eugene, Oregon. National Conference
$50 Deposit due - Call Don Sauer for info. 255-0192

10 Sat CARDINAL BAR BENEFIT - 5:00 pm - Curry Recipe Pot Luck
Suggested donation, $5.00 at door. Proceeds for hunger
programs - local and international. To help out, call
Kathleen Quinlan 249-2792 or Jo Thompson 255-1339

11 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union

14 Wed Milwaukee Meeting - 7 pm 1756 N. Prospect - 271-9950

15 Thu NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

18 Sun BRUNCH - 10 am-12 noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union

23-25 FSS WINTER RETREAT - Camp Lucerne - Winter Recreation - New
member slides and regional updates. Fireplace chats.
Registration forms in this issue.

26 Mon RESULTS - 7 pm - Memorial Union

MARCH
3 Sun BRUNCH - 10 am-12 Noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union

6 Tue GENERAL MEETING - 7 pm - Union South - 227 N. Randall Ave.

9 Fri Baron Bliss Day

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BRUNCH on Sunday is where the discussion of our group business occurs
between meetings, plus spirited chatter. Nice days (+50) on terrace.

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Drs. Brent McNabb and Ross Royster, of Family Chiropractic Clinic,
Madison, have received the 1989 Humanitarian Award from the Wisconsin
Chiropractic Association for contributions in advancing chiropractic into
new arenas.

Recently filled staff positions at The
World Council of Credit Unions, 5810 Min-
eral Point Road, include: Robert Mallinow-
ski, director of finance and administra-
tion; Linda Bruce, public relations coordi-
nator; and Robert Cowell, research and
publications coordinator.
9TH ANNUAL
FREEZE FOR FOOD

RUNNERS 10K RACE
2 MILE FUN WALK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1990
VILAS PARK SHELTER
2 MILE WALK 12:15 pm SHARP!
10K RACE 1:00 pm SHARP!

RACE DETAILS

SPONSORS: Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin

PURPOSE: All proceeds from the race and walk will be donated to Oxfam-America, an international agency that funds self-help development projects and disaster relief in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

PLEDGES: Your support in soliciting pledges, either on a per-kilometer or flat donation basis, will be greatly appreciated.

COURSE: 10K RUN: Vilas Shelter, around Lake Wingra, through the Arboretum, and back to the Shelter. 2MILE WALK: Vilas Shelter, around park & Vilas Ave, to Shelter.

START: Meet at Vilas Park Shelter. 2mile walk starts at 12:15pm sharp! Register between 11:30 and 12:00. 10K race starts at 1:00pm sharp! Register between 11:45 and 12:45.

FEES: Pre-registration: $5.00 per participant until January 24, 1990. Day of Race: $6.00.

SPLITS: 10K times at 1 mile, half-way, and finish.

PRIZES: Prizes to the top three pledge raisers. 10K Race: Prizes to the top overall male and female and the first two finishers in each age group. 2mile Walk: Prizes to the oldest and youngest participants.

Make checks payable to RPCV's of Wisconsin and mail registration to:

FREEZE FOR FOOD
RPCV's of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 1012
Madison, WI 53703

QUESTIONS?? Call Deb Stapleton, 251-4192

ENTRY FORM

Name: __________________________ Age: ______
Address: _________________________ City: __________ Zip: __________

MALE FEMALE
CHECK ONE CHECK ONE

( ) 19 and under ( ) 19 and under
( ) 20-29 ( ) 20-29
( ) 30-39 ( ) 30-39
( ) 40-49 ( ) 40-49
( ) 50 and over ( ) 50 and over

ENTRY FEE: $5.00 BEFORE 1/24/90, $6.00 DAY OF RACE.

I hereby assume for myself all risk, harm, and injury during the run. I will not hold Oxfam-America, the RPCV's of WI, or the city of Madison liable for any loss, damage, injury, or harm suffered by me during this event.

SIGNATURE __________________________ DATE __________________________
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (if under 18) __________________________
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

As discussed briefly in the Minutes, it's been proposed to amend our Constitution to achieve IRS tax exempt status and to update and streamline our organization. Jerry Maynard has completed a draft and it is now up to us to ratify the amendments and file them with the IRS and the Secretary of State.

The first stage is to finalize the proposal to ensure that what is put to the membership for a vote accurately reflects the intent of the majority. Accordingly, the purpose of this memo is to summarize the highlights of the proposal for discussion at our next meeting.

In general, Jerry has broken down the present Constitution into two separate documents—the Constitution and the By-Laws. The Constitution will state only general purposes and principles and will remain difficult to amend. The By-Laws will spell out the detailed workings of our organization and will be amendable with a simple majority vote.

I. Name and Objectives. This section will be amended substantially to comply with IRS regulations. We will be organized "exclusively for charitable and educational activities relating to international development and understanding" and will be expressly forbidden from engaging in "propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation". Our educational purpose can take the forms of:

1) contributing to existing institutions for international development education;
2) giving scholarships; and
3) organizing our own educational programs.

Our charitable activities can be to help the poor and underprivileged, improve neighborhood relations and to eliminate prejudice and discrimination.

One proposal we might wish to discuss is the nondiscrimination clause. Currently we do not discriminate on the basis of "sex, age, religion, politics or race." The proposal creates some additional categories, to wit, "creed, color, handicap, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation and arrest and conviction record." Do we need all of these? Are some redundant? Let's discuss.

The Objectives section will also include a provision allowing the organization to set up branches. So other communities in the state could borrow our Constitution to set themselves up.

II. Organization and Structure. We will need to make a few decisions about the composition and powers of the Board of Directors. Presently there are 8 members including 2 elected
at large by a 2/3 majority. The proposal calls for an additional
at large member thus increasing the Board to 9 members. The
idea was to have an odd number to break any ties, but is 9 too
large? Also, at large members would be elected by a simple
majority rather by 2/3.

Vacancies in the Board are now filled by the Board itself.
The proposal calls for approval by a majority vote at a
membership meeting. More democratic? Too cumbersome?

Currently the powers of the Board are vague—limited to
a non binding advisory role. The proposal would have the
Board do a yearly audit of the organization's finances and to
approve an annual budget. Currently the Finance Committee
with the Treasurer are supposed to prepare the budget. So,
who should have these responsibilities—the Board or the
Finance Committee? Is it realistic to expect that these things
will actually get done by either body?

Dues are now set in the Constitution at $10 per year.
The proposal calls for dues to be set in November of every
year by a simple majority of the members present. The added
flexibility should be helpful.

Amending the Constitution currently requires 2/3 of the
entire membership. As the group has grown geographically,
that may be difficult to do as people are simply too far
away to attend a meeting and proxy ballots are expensive.
State law only requires a 2/3 vote of those who actually
vote. So, how about it, should we make the Constitution
easier to amend?

III. Expenditures. For ease of administration, the
President, together with one other officer to co-sign, should
have authority to expend up to a sum certain without prior
approval of the membership. What should that limit be?
$100? $200?

IV. Adoption. Presently, every member is supposed to be
provided a copy of the Constitution. While that was realistic
and desirable when the group was small and local, it may now
be hard to do with members scattered all over the world.
Accordingly, the proposal calls for the Secretary to provide
a copy of the Constitution upon request. OK?

So, these are the highlights. We should discuss these
issues at our next meeting. Then a final proposal can be
printed in the Newsletter for review and approval of the
entire membership either in person or by proxy.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon M. Malaise
Acting Secretary
RPCVs of WISCONSIN MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

ADDRESS CHANGES

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DUERKOP, James  41 S. 2nd St., Barron, WI 54812.  

LEWANDOWSKI, Sharon  2301 Sommers Ave., Madison, WI 53704.  

MALAISE, Gordon  1331 Jenifer St. #2, Madison, WI 53703.  

MERIDETH, Robert  1103 N. Corl St., State College, PA 16803.  

263-3308 (1v msg) Paraguay 1977-79

PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

Peter Joyce - Home: 251-9405; Work: 256-6646

Note to the RPCVs of Madison,  
from an affiliated member  
in the village of St. Louis,  
Missouri. Truly appreciate  
the newsletter. Hope to  
return. Don't know when.  
Nothing like being there.  
Minor hearing loss here.  
A bit dis-orienting. More than one way,  
to get to Mandalay. No repeat performance  
in the PC as a V. Totally out of the  
warehouse. Mucho bueno. Getting down to  
the basic suitcase and passport mentality.  
Got to set myself down cold with where I  
came from in the first place before any-  
where else. Fiji sounds like a nice place.  
Best forever. Home is with the heart.  

contributed by John Ashbaugh.

Other RPCV organizations have our permission to  
use any material of interest in this newsletter.
Map to Retreat Site (Camp Lucerne)

Directions to Camp Lucerne:

From Madison: Take Hwy 51 N. to 22. Go N. through Montello to CTY YY. Turn right (E.) onto YY and follow it past the intersection with Rt. 73. Camp Lucerne is 1/2 a mile on YY.

From Milwaukee: Take Hwy 41 N. to Fon du Lac. Exit at Rt. 23 and go W. to Princeton. Take Rt. 73 N. through Neshkoro. Turn E. (right) on CTY YY. Proceed 1/2 mile to camp entrance.

From Lacrosse and East: Take State Hwy 21 E. through Wautoma. Turn S. (right) on Rt. 73. Proceed about 3 miles, and turn E. (left) on CTY YY. Camp entrance will be on left in 1/2 a mile.

--- Once at Camp Lucerne: Turn in at the main entrance and turn left at the first road. At the end of that short road take another left. Stay to your right and follow that road around until you see a parking lot. We will be in the two cabins across from each other to the left of the lot ("Elm & Pine") and in the main lodge across from the lot.

Note: Camp Lucerne is a United Methodist Camp and therefore has strict rules against the use of alcohol or illicit substances on the camp premises. As the official organizer and leader of retreats at this camp, I could be held responsible for any infringements of this policy. Therefore, I would prefer it if people leave such substances at home. If any feel it necessary to take such items along, I don't want to see or know anything about it.

-- Karen King