Message from the President
Hello everyone!

My name is Mary Ann Feutz and I am your new President. I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Lesotho from 2002-2004. Although, I was technically elected president at the June meeting, I was out of the country from mid June until the end of July and then out of Madison for much of August, thus I have only recently assumed my role as president. Thank you to Laura Buchs and Kate Schachter for filling in!

My travels in July took me back to my Peace Corps site and allowed me to enjoy all the aspects of life in Lesotho that I had almost forgotten about; the cramped taxi rides (which became even more exciting when one of the taxi drivers tried to kiss me), the food (which somehow ended up including a very interesting looking plate of papa and sheep’s intestines), and pee buckets (my favorite possession while I was a volunteer).

I am glad to be part of an organization full of people who have similar stories to tell.

Sala hantle! (Stay well!)

Mary Ann

Recent Arrivals
Say hello to Henry Takaki Malueg, born July 30th at 1:48 AM, weighing in at 7 lbs, 14 oz and measuring 20 in! Born a Leo and a Boar (just like Mom); Henry looks forward to his first game at Camp Randall, but is also a big fan of the Colorado Buffaloes.

His parents are Kurt and Kim Malueg (Vanuatu 94-96). Kim has been redesigning the website - when Henry permits.

Congratulations to the Maluegs and keep an eye out for the new improved website.

We also welcome William Burton Preston who arrived May 18th weighing 7 lbs, 2 oz and measuring 21 inches long. William’s parents are Burt and Liz Preston, who think he’s pretty amazing. Burt is our Webmaster who will be keeping our new website updated.

Congratulations and best wishes to both families!
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- RPCVs of WI – Madison http://www.rpcvmadison.org
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- Peace Corps Online http://www.peacecorpsonline.org
- Peace Corps http://www.peacecorps.gov

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**Calendar Purchases**

One of the benefits of membership in our group is the opportunity to purchase International Calendars for $5 each.

Calendars are available from

- Rose Ann Scott
  - 2714 Oakwood Ave.
  - 241.0845

- Troy Rutter
  - 3926 Anchor Dr.
  - 245.9964

- Sophia Zermuehlin
  - 317 Bordner Dr.
  - 233.7886
Meeting Minutes

We met at the Red Gym, on the UW/Madison campus. 7 were present, plus 2 Greg Pepping from the campus PC recruiting office and Erin from the Minneapolis recruiting office. Buck Trawicky took notes and composed this report.

We voted AYE to continue membership in the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice.

We discussed whether to continue to publish the details of our finances. We lean towards transparency and full honest detail, for all members. However, "oversight and auditing" is needed, say some.

Our October meeting, when our Annual Election is traditionally held, shall, this year, be our Outdoor Meeting on Sunday, Sept 30 2007, at Tenney Park, at the shelter. This will be a party: bring an appetite, good guff, your diligent mind, and, if possible, something to delight the palate of others.

The proposed slate of officers for election is this:

President: Mary Ann Feutz
Vice President: Kate Schachter
Treasurer: Ana Zambie
Secretary: Buck Trawicky

(Buck asks that his service be re-judged after 6 months)

Board Members (2): Walt Zeltner and Char Thompson
Walt will announce the election and slate on a postcard before the October meeting.

The meeting ended about 9 pm.

--Buck Trawicky, Secretary

Treasurer’s Report

August
Calendar sales/deposits $  5,006
Interest earned 48
Expenses*   74,431
(inc. $70,000 to PC Partnerships)

Accounts balance/Cash on hand $21,994

*Almost all August expenses were for the Calendar Packing party, postage, and shipping.

Fiscal Year
(September 1, 2006-August 30, 2007)
Calendar sales/deposits $156,334
Interest earned 4,000
Membership dues collected (includes NPCA dues) 1,398
Donated to annual projects 17,496
Donated to Peace Corps Partnerships 70,000
Donated to NPCA 10,000

Ana Zambie

Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 30 2007
The Tenney Park Shelter
Over 30 showed up to eat and guff and over 25 remained for the meeting. We gathered from about 5:30, looked lustfully at each others’ offerings of good food, and on silent signal, we dug in.

We also signed up for Door Prizes, paid dues, and collected e-mail addresses and address changes.

Announcements for all:
Melissa Kaltenbach, ex-Pres., has replaced Rochelle Goedken as Calendar Honcha.

We were offered opportunities to aid our group with Long Range Planning, which will include new activities and review of our Constitution and Bylaws. We will meet soon to discuss and will return the results to the group for consideration. If you would like to participate and contribute, phone Kate, 442.0432 or Judy.

The Treasurer directed us to the newsletter for her report. In short, we are flush.

We then held our Annual Election of Officers. The esteemed Tom Brodd conducted.

By unanimous AYE, after time for opponents to be proposed, these positions were filled by acclamation:

President: Mary Ann Feutz
Vice President: Kate Schachter
Treasurer: Ana Zambie
Secretary: Buck Trawicky

Members of the Board (2):
Char Kaslow-Thompson
Walt Zeltner

And, then, the lights came on! A timer was at work, but didn’t realize that we were meeting in autumn, and would have appreciated illumination an hour earlier. We distributed Door Prizes (including Buck’s), and departed, with full bellies and fond thoughts of each other.

--Buck Trawicky, Secretary
Tom extols the virtues of the Peace Corps wardrobe

Phyllis Noble
Helene Pesche
Rick Row
Dick and Karen Rundell
Troy Rutter
Kate Schachter
Laura Scheckter
Rose Ann Scott & Don Olson
Karl Stark
Terry & Gabriela Stark
Char Thompson
Stacie Tobinson
Alan Weiner & Sandra Belozercovsky
Ana Zambie

Calendar News

The biggest Calendar news is that we have a new Calendar Coordinator. The lovely and able Melissa Kaltenbach, a past President, has taken over the coordination functions. Thank you to Rochelle Goedken for her 10 years (!) of stellar service as Calendar Coordinator and best wishes to her in her new endeavors.

Rose Ann supplied the numerical count of what’s been happening with the Calendar. According to her, 32,000 International Calendars were printed this year of which 15,625 were drop shipped from Suttle Strauss, our printer, mainly to RPCV groups. 6,000 calendars were delivered to Rose Ann’s basement for local sales and 5,088 were prepacked at Weiners for orders of 1 to 12.

The Calendar Packing and Pizza Party was a success. Thank you to the packers:
Marc Brand & Jo Thomson
Tom Brodd
Mary Ann Feutz
Sarah Galanter
Rochelle Goedken
Heather Hempel Gomez
Meredith Green & Joe Mathers
Pat Halpin
Melissa, John & Vivianne
Kaltenbach
Mark Miller
Stephanie Motz
Gloria-Luz Nelson
Kevin Nies

Willy Street Fair News

To quote last week’s Isthmus, “Madison is not Madison without Williamson Street, and September is not September without the Willy Street Fair.” I would add that the RPCV table at the Willy Street Fair would not be the RPCV table without the following volunteers: Sharon Isensee, Ken Coffeen (also sole parade marcher), Pat Halpin, Karl Stark, Tom Brodd, Clare Vogel, Phyllis Noble, Jo Thomson, Marc Brand, Laurel Fleet, John and Melissa Kaltenbach, and Lee and Rick Row. Thanks to everyone for another fun and successful event. We sold about 140 calendars and raised over $750. Mark your calendars now for our next events: the Fair Trade Holiday Festival on Saturday December 1 at the downtown MATC campus and the International Festival in February at the Overture Center. Call Troy at 245-9964 to volunteer.

Editor’s note: Don’t forget to thank Troy for organizing!

Calendar meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month, usually at Rose Ann Scott’s home at 2714 Oakridge. All are welcome to be part of the Calendar Committee, you need only show up. For additional information, call Melissa, 249.3545 or Rose Ann, 241.0845.

John sells calendars while Tom distributes information

Calendar Meeting 9/25/07

Highlights:
1. Fresh baked Banana Cake by Vivianne...mmm
2. Looking for a note taker...Any takers??? (2 hr commitment per month)
3. Tom Brodd will contact Burt Preston about recipes and other useful links
4. Marketing Goals:

We discussed at length the goals and direction that we would like to take our marketing efforts for the calendar sales. The group decided that our main goal is to lesson the burden on individual volunteer member’s time by focusing our efforts on large-quantity buyers making us more of a distributor rather than sales associates.

Online sales were discussed, but more information is needed in order to make an informed decision.

The Marketing position was discussed. We talked about past successes and how we could improve the position to make it more attractive for volunteers. We decided that we really need two positions and give them both more autonomy and responsibility with less of a time commitment.

1. NEED Local Marketing Coordinator: Coordinates local team. The city is divided up into East/West/Downtown/Middle. Team members drop off and collect money. Seasonal com-
mitment (Sept-Jan), 4 hrs month.

2. NEED Global Marketing Coordinator: Responsible for marketing the Calendar to increase sales. Hours vary 2-10 hrs per month. The ideal Global Marketing Coordinator would phone and e-mail large calendar distributors, possibly advertise with specific organizations, and bring their own creativity to the position. This would be great to add to your resume as marketing experience, or to utilize your marketing experience and benefit the group.

We see great opportunity in marketing the calendar and are looking forward to working with the future volunteers!

Contact Melissa at 249-3545 or sauri_s@hotmail.com, if you are interested or have questions.

Thank You!

Although most of the proceeds of International Calendar sales go to Peace Corps Partnership projects, we retain a portion to distribute to worthy projects proposed to us by our membership. Over the past few months we’ve received thank you letters from the recipients of some of these funds.

Santa Teresa Sister City Project

On behalf of the people whose lives will be positively affected by your gift, the board of the Richland Center Santa Teresa Sister City Project would like to thank you for your recent donation of $1000. Your gift will assist with many ongoing projects in the Chacocente communities of Santa Teresa. We work with the people to improve their opportunities while preserving their unique environment. Areas of activities in recent years have included well and latrine construction, ecological agriculture, natural medicine, new schools, and sea turtle conservation.

Please refer to our newsletter for updates on these and other projects. The spring issue was sent out at the end of April. You can also read the newsletter online and get news of upcoming events on our new website at [www.Santa-teresa.wccnica.org](http://www.Santa-teresa.wccnica.org).

If you are in the Richland Center area, we invite you to sit in on our monthly meetings and participate in our benefit events.

Thanks again for your contribution.

Sincerely,
Stein Goering, Treasurer
Richland Center – Santa Teresa Sister City Project

Cambodian School Project

We hope you are having a good year. Enclosed is a progress report to let you know how our project is going and to ask your continued support this year.

We have now built three schools and a fourth one will be started and probably finished by the end of the year. About 800 children will attend these three schools. This is the only chance many of these kids have of getting any education.

The sewing project will produce more than 1000 uniforms this year for the children in our schools and other schools. We will build two wells this year, on near each of the new schools.

So, a lot of progress. But sometimes we forget just how many poor people are in Cambodia; family income may be less than a dollar a day, sometimes less than 50 cents a day. We are going to start three fishponds. We hope that the families that raise and sell the fish will become more self-sufficient. We will keep you posted on their success.

Again, thank you very much for your past support. The Board will continue to cover the cost of fund raising and progress reporting and we will continue to send all funds raised to the project in Cambodia.

Sincerely,
Sarith Ou
Board President
Cambodian School Project

Guatemala Cookstoves

I want to thank you for your donation to the health promotion organization, Vitorixh, Salquil Grande, Guatemala. The communities in Salquil are truly poor and need of much assistance. As I stated in my initial letter, my job with Peace Corps is to help introduce basic technologies to these communities.

My project is to provide improved cookstoves for families. Traditional cooking in this area is over an open fire in a one-room home where all family members gather, live, and sleep. Thanks to your assistance we were able to construct seventeen stoves in three rural village communities, improving the lives of scores of Guatemalans.

I subsequently visited all 17 stove sites and am happy to report that each household is now smoke free. In addition to the health benefits of a smoke free household, these households also burn less wood, which directly translates into saved forests and saved income. All of the women were happy to own an improved stove.

I have included photos of the stoves and would again like to thank your organization.

Jeff Reckner
PCV - Guatemala

Select Guatemala Cookstove photos
Summaries of a few important NPCA issues.

Support Builds for Affordable Shipping of Books Overseas
Nearly 140 organizations – including 46 groups representing the Peace Corps community – signed onto an NPCA organized congressional letter expressing concern about recent changes in postal rates that significantly raised shipping costs for humanitarian projects that send books and other items overseas to communities in need. Meanwhile, the number of individual citizens signing a similar online petition now exceeds 6,000.

As part of the Coalition to Restore Low Rate Shipping for Humanitarian Purposes, NPCA prepared materials and delivered the organizational letter and petition signatures in advance of a House subcommittee hearing (now rescheduled to October 30th) that is expected to raise this issue. This is part of a growing effort to bring more exposure to the issue and consider possible options to remedy the situation. Stay tuned for future updates and action opportunities. Thanks to all of you who have taken action and helped spread the word.

Highest Peace Corps Funding Increase in Five Years Looms
Sometimes our victories occur when over time, citizens provide consistent and ongoing advocacy. The efforts of our advocates over the past several years on Peace Corps funding is starting to pay off.

Recent action in the United States Senate sets the stage for the highest increase in Peace Corps funding in the past five years. While Congress and the President continue to work and debate overall federal spending for Fiscal Year 2008 (which began October 1st), the President, House and Senate are now – for the first time in six years - all proposing the same level of funding for Peace Corps.

On September 6th, the Senate approved an amendment to the State/Foreign Operations Appropriations bill to increase the Peace Corps appropriation for Fiscal Year 2008 by $10 Million. This raises the Senate funding recommendation for Peace Corps to $333.5 Million - the same funding level recommended by President Bush and approved earlier by the House of Representatives. This figure represents a funding increase of about 4.5 percent.

When it submitted its budget justification to Congress, the Peace Corps indicated $333.5 Million would allow the agency to "increase its participation in the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), serving in 10 of the 15 focus countries; maintain its presence in predominately Muslim countries; increase its recruitment of Volunteers from diverse backgrounds, particularly those ages 50 and older; and open a program in one new country."

Eleven House Reps Introduce Global Service Fellowship Act
Thanks to many of you who took action in seeking original co-sponsors of the Global Service Fellowship Program Act of 2007. Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN) introduced the legislation (HR 3698) on September 29th. Congresswoman McCollum says "citizen service and our nation's passion for volunteerism is the best face of America. My global service legislation not only promotes and encourages Americans to volunteer internationally; it provides scholarships to make sure any qualified American can serve."

The legislation, which establishes modest grants to support short-term (up to a year) volunteer service assignments overseas, has ten original co-sponsors. If your Congressman/woman has not yet become a co-sponsor, take action now and contact us (advocacy@rpcv.org) to discuss further action opportunities.

About the Legislation
The intent of H.R. 3698, the Global Service Fellowship Program Act of 2007, is to strengthen America's public diplomacy efforts overseas by increasing the presence of American volunteers abroad. In a letter circulated to her colleagues urging support for the legislation, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN) says "Global Service Fellowships will build on the continuing successes of volunteer experiences, like the Peace Corps and others, by offering a wider array of opportunities lasting up to one year."
Key elements of the bill include:

- The Secretary of State, in consultation with representatives of the Volunteers for Prosperity program would establish and administer the fellowship program.
- Fellowships would range from one week to one year, with grant awards ranging from $1,000 to $7,500.
- Fellowships would be coordinated and supervised by participating volunteer sponsorship organizations including nongovernmental organizations that sponsor international volunteer service, faith-based organizations engaged in nonsectarian services and universities offering overseas service learning or volunteer programs.
- Priority recipients for fellowship grants would include individuals with limited income, individuals with prior community service and individuals who possess skills and experience suited to the needs of the host country.

The legislation proposes $50 Million between Fiscal Years 2008 and 2010 to establish the fellowship program. Similar - but not exactly the same - legislation has been introduced in the Senate.

Take Action Now

The following ten Congressmen/women became original co-sponsors of the legislation: Steve Cohen (D-TN), William Delahunt (D-MA), Keith Ellison (D-MN), Mike Honda (D-CA), Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX), John Lewis (D-GA), Jim McDermott (D-WA), George Miller (D-CA), Donald Payne (D-NJ) and Betty Sutton (D-OH). If you are represented by any of these representatives, contact them to say "thank you for becoming an original co-sponsor of H.R. 3698, The Global Service Fellowship Act."

Take Action by Phone

Call the office of your Congressman/woman (you can be connected through the Capitol switchboard at 202-225-3121) and ask to speak with the office of your representative.

Leave the following message: "I'm calling to urge Congressman/woman _______ to become a co-sponsor of the Global Service Fellowship Program Act. Please contact Tim Morrissey in Congresswoman McCollum's office to become a co-sponsor.

Russ Feingold was a sponsor of the funding increase amendment for Peace Corps and has been a faithful friend of Peace Corps. Please take a few moments to thank him for his continuing support. He can be contacted at

Senator Russ Feingold
Phone: 202-224-5323
E-mail: http://feingold.senate.gov/contact_opinion.html

Something Completely Different

Following is an e-mail we received from Jim Oakley, our northernmost member. His wife, Anne, teaches in Ashland. They have a special request, but I'll let Jim tell you about it himself.

"This may seem to be an unusual message, and you all can ignore it if you want. We have a friend, Liz Woodworth, who is an English teacher in Anne's school. She has a lot of talent in music and drama, and actually grew up in Beaver Dam as I did and was a classmate of my brother Charles. Some of you may have heard her CD, "Green Lilly". Here is a link to a recent article about her in our local paper:

http://www.ashlandwi.com/dailypress/?section_id=1&story_id=214982

Her rock band, the Liz Woodworth Trio, is part of an internet competition, and it would be neat if some of you could vote for them. The web site is http://www.boru.com (It is a vodka company. Sorry.) Just follow the directions on the website. If you choose to do this you have to register your email on the site and create a password. Then you can vote once a day until the competition closes October 26. You can listen to the music too.

Thanks,--Jim"
All RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison members receive a monthly Newsletter, World Roots, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer members pay through September of the year joining, then pay for a full year membership in September. Members renewing or joining between September and December should pay $15; members renewing or joining between January and April should pay $10; members renewing or joining between May and August should pay $5. 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 $35. We encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

Please note that overseas rates do not include NPCA membership. See above for calculations

___ Individual - $15/$10/$5     ___ Overseas Individual - $24/$16/$8
___ Joint - $20/$14/$7 (Two people receiving one newsletter)     ___ Overseas Joint - $29/$20/$10
___ I am also enclosing $35 for each NPCA membership
___ 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

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