PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Greetings and thanks to all of those who came to the August potluck. We had a very good time with lots of good food, drinks, dessert and friendship. Plus we unveiled the 2002 calendar to universal acclaim.

For our September meeting we are going to review the application process for the calendar funds so bring your ideas and passion to this important meeting.

Also it is time to start rounding up people to be officers in the club and all of the offices are open. We are looking for a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Voting is at the October meeting and if you do not show then you may find yourself in office. Let the campaigning begin.

The Kids for Peace Day will be held at the Madison Children's Museum on Saturday, September 22 between 9am and 2pm and we are looking for volunteers to help hold down our table to let people know about our group and what we do and maybe sell a calendar or two, so anyone willing to help out please contact me so I can put you on the schedule. Looking for an hour or two of your time.

Hope the passing summer was enjoyable to all and that the fall will find you all in good spirits and health.

-Tom
Officers and Contacts

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(Need a volunteer here)
(Need a volunteer here)

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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 July 2001

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Thanks to Walt Zeltner for sending out all the donations and cover letters.

Editor's Spot

Please remember the permanent deadline date AND E-MAIL ADDRESS!

WOW, the warm days of summer are quickly coming to a close. I do want to mention two things about our Newsletter.

The first is a call again to get pertinent information sent in to the editor in a timely fashion so the information can be included BEFORE the event takes place. Case in point is last months Pig Roast. I did not receive any info until 11 days past the deadline. The NL was already at the printers. I have received numerous notices about upcoming events a week after the NL mailing for events that will be a week away. Many a great event has been missed in this fashion.

The second item is a format change I will be implementing due to a wonderful suggestion from Troy. The officer/contact/membership page will be moved to the second to last page of the NL instead of the current 2nd page. This change will help out Brad with updating membership information along with a couple of other small format changes to allow more efficient layout.

Lastly, see first highlighted line. Till next month. -Theresa

Address: 131 Edward St., P.O.Box 509, Footville WI. 53537
Phone 608-876-6649, e-mail rpcveditor@jvlinet.com (no space) so keep those articles a coming!

-Theresa
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison
Minutes of the General Meeting of June 4, 2001 (Mon.)

We met in Union South, at 7:00 p.m. Perhaps we should be thinking about moving to a new customary meeting place, perhaps the Memorial Union or the Red Gym.
The Calendar Committee is reassessing whether or not to change printers (this is done every 3 years or so, to keep Straus Printing on its toes). If you want to be involved, call Rochelle Goedken (243-0298; or see masthead).
The Calendar is out, and copies are available for $4 each (price good, for members, through the Sept. meeting). (There were samples at the July meeting, and it is indeed one of the best ever, with an especially iridescent cover. Good for us!)
Then, and importantly, we voted on the Large Donation Proposals.
After discussion, we voted AYE for:
- Social Justice Center Madison $0
- School Dorm. Kitchen Guatemala $1200
- Desks for Street Boys Brazil $4800
- My Lai Schoolrooms Vietnam $4800
- Ashoka Society Fellow Ecuador $2800
- Haiti Medical Mission Haiti $4000
- E.Kumwenda Scholarship Malawi $4000
- Kickapoo-Guatemala Acc. Guatemala $1000
- Nueva Esperanza Guatemala $1200
- 3 Sri Lanka projects Sri Lanka $1500
TOTAL: $23,300

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison
Minutes of the General Meeting of July 3, 2001 (Tues.)

We met in the Memorial Union, at 7:00 p.m. Only 12 were present.
The National RPCV Conference, celebrating Peace Corps’ 40th Birthday, will be in Washington, DC, this Sept. 20-23, ‘01, Thru - Sun. For info, see the NPCA website www.rpacv.org. Registration, w/o housing or some meals—stay with your friends, if you have any who live indoors, and bring your own jerky and pinole for lunches—is $165 if you’re an NPCA member, plus $40 to make you a member if you’re not, and this includes next year’s dues in your local RPCVs group.

We’ll be selling copies of the 2002 International Calendar at the Conference. And the Milwaukee RPCV group wants to club with us on booths—either share a single booth, or have adjoining booths, so workers can spell each other, and trade DC jokes—for their own obscure but surely admirable purposes.

We yet need to organize our Calendar-selling table at the Conference.
We voted AYE to rent tables at the Atwood Festival and the Willy Street Fair, so we can talk up Peace Corps, and also sell calendars.

Don’t forget the Calendar Packing Party on Sept. 14, Friday, from 7:00 onwards. There will be pizza and soda, and you can bring other goodies. About 20 people usually show up, and have a companionable time stuffing envelopes with calendars, bolderplate invoices, and postcards; and then adding stamps. All so it’s a snap to fulfill most of the small orders. This will be at Alan Weiner’s warehouse, just west of Middleton, at 7182 Hwy 12, #1010; ph. 831-3554.

Come to the Pig Roast, on the weekend of Aug. 18-19, At Mike and Marcy Read’s, N1789 Harvey Rd., Arlington WI 53911; ph. 608/635-2161. And that was it, one of the shortest meetings ever. We were done in 20 minutes! And then we retired to the Terrace, and admired the unusual cumulonimbus clouds, and relaxed.
CALENDAR MEETING/UNVEILING

Lots of people showed up for yet another of Madison RPCV's fabulous Potlucks, --August 4 at the home of our fearless leader and great host Tom Brodd. We had a fine evening, with good company, good conversation, good weather, brats by Tom, excellent dishes. pop, beer and wine.

To top it all off, Rochelle, our fearless calendar leader, officially "unveiled" the 2002 calendar. She did a spectacular and entertaining presentation, on Tom's front porch, with rapt attention from all of us. She named and thanked the many people who helped, in myriad ways, to make the 2002 calendar happen.

We were so enthralled that we forgot to go out in back to admire the full moon, which was one of the reasons we were happy we choose the 4th!

CALENDAR COMMITTEE NOTES

** NEW (AND RECENTLY NEW) CALENDAR COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS: THANKYOU'S TO MARGOT KENNARD
PAT HALPIN
SUE SPITZ
RON CHANCE
RICK BROOKS
DOROTHY DUMONTIER

Thus far, (what I remember at the moment anyway...) Margot and Pat are helping with a huge "college bookstore" brochure mailing; Ron will help with the downtown and East Side deliveries in Madison; Rick will get us out into some real limelight (maybe even Oprah??)

** CALENDAR PACKING PARTY - FRIDAY SEPT. 14 AT 6:00 at AI Weiner's Warehouse. 7182 US HWY 14, MIDDLETON Turn right on the last driveway at last industrial park--before the first cornfield! Across from boat storage lot. Go into the door by the red railing. 831-3554

In addition to good company and hard work, there will be good food and a last chance to buy the calendars for only $4!

** NEXT CALENDAR MEETING
- ??? Date?? AT 7:00M 1050 JENIFER ST. at Prudence's. Phone 251-0852

** NEW CALENDAR LEADER NEEDED - ROCHELLE GOEDKEN, after several years of leading and inspiring us, and helping to get new people involved in calendar operations, wants to take a much needed rest. We think she should rest on her laurels for a while!! So all names volunteered by themselves or others, should be communicated to Rochelle at 243-0298, or any other calendar committee person.
The National RPCV Conference,

Celebrating Peace Corps' 40th Birthyear,

will be in Washington, DC, this Sept. 20-23, '01, Thurs.-Sun. Hosted by our national organization, the National Peace Corps Association (202/293-7728).
The Nat'l RPCV Conferences are now held only every 2 years, but they are very important—a Gathering of the Tribes. I especially like to party with members of Nepal'17, and you all have similar specialized desires. This is an especially nostalgic conference, since it occurs during Peace Corps' 40th birthyear. (And the 50th anniversary will surely be grand.)

From my own experience, the Conference is well worth the base-charge money—you get to enter into many nifty conversations, make new friends, reconnect with your group, your country's Volunteers, and have some guff with your country's ambassadorial staff. You can learn new stuff. You can, for a weekend, walk around in that world-traveller high. At the end, I always feel that an RPCV Conference has been too short, and I've wasted too much time on sleep. It's a pernicious rush.

If you're gonna attend, please volunteer to spend some time at our calendar-selling booth. All of us wanna spend a lot of time in guff, so we all have to share the work-load; and if you don't help, a few stalwarts will end up doing all the work, and not having the proper regimen of mandated fun, which will make them outspokenly grumpy for months: think of the GUILT. (Call Rose Ann Scott, 608/241-0845; or Buck Trawicky, 608/241-2392.)

For registration info, see the NPCA website www.rpcv.org. Registration, w/o housing or some meals—stay with your friends, if you have any who live indoors, and bring your own jerky and pinto for lunches—is $165 if you're an NPCA member, plus $40 to make you a member if you're not, and this includes the next year's dues in our RPCVs of WI group, or some other RPCV group.

** MARKETING MAILINGS HELP NEEDED!!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER A COUPLE OF HOURS!

This is a one-time job that needs to be finished up ASAP to get brochures out to stores and all possible interested groups.

Anybody who can spend a couple of hours once or twice, most any time, should call Prudence Barber - 251-0852, or Pat Halpin - 249-5948.

** WHERE TO BUY CALENDARS -

LEE ROW - 232-9065, 5217 Pepin Place
SOPHIE ZERMUEHLEN - 233-7886, 317 Bordiner Drive
PRUDENCE BARBER - 251-0852, 1050 Jenifer Street
ROSE ANN SCOTT - 241-0845, 2714 Oakridge Street
ROCHELLE GOEDKEN - 243-0298, 541 Oak Street
**Will your name be in the upcoming RPCV-Madison Membership Directory?**

Many of us have been making noise about the benefits and usefulness of publishing a membership directory for a long time. And, from what I've heard, it's something our group has done from time to time in the past. There's no questioning the value of a membership directory; just think, you could call any of your local RPCV friends whenever the mood takes you and bemoan the putrid state of American culture. Whatever your individual reasons may be, just about everyone seems to think it's a good idea.

As steward of the membership database, I couldn't agree more and I am glad to comply. The one sticking point that has slowed this effort, however, is how to deal with the small number of members who may not want their personal contact information printed and shared with the group. We all respect that, and have decided that: **if you don't want your personal contact information shared with the group, you can simply call, write or email me to make sure that you're not included.**

As is published in every newsletter, I am available at 217 Corry St., Madison, 53704; (h)242-9573; iambred@chorus.net. Just let me know if you don't want to be included and I'll be sure to make special note of it. You must take the initiative to contact me within a month of this notice.

A few additional comments about the membership directory:

1) It will include current members only. It will not include former members, prospective members or members who haven't paid their dues in seven months but think they'll be included anyway.

2) The information provided will include the following items only, when applicable: Name, address, home phone number, email address, country of service and dates of service. Birth date will not be included.

3) I will try to list members twice, alphabetically and by country of service.

4) The directory will be sent out by mail, much like our monthly newsletter.

5) I will try to have it ready by the printing of the newsletter that will be published at the end of September.

If you have any comments or questions I encourage you to contact me.

Brad Hinkfuss 217 Corry St., Madison, 53704, (h)242-9573; iambred@chorus.net
Welcome new Members!

Jeff Craig, Nepal 81-84, 251-3066 (Madison) jacraig@students.wisc.edu
Jill Knepel, Nepal 98-00, 255-0719 (Madison) jdknepel@yahoo.com
Dave Burger, Thailand 61-65, (715)384-2307 (Marshfield)
Kristen Patterson, Niger 96-98, 298-0317 (Madison) kristen_arichatau96@hotmail.com

Thanks for renewing: Dorothy Blobner, John Ferrick, Craig Livingston Gjerke, Dan Roahan, Joe Chern, Jesse and Julia Zimpel, Phyllis Noble, Frank and Sally Richards, and Dorothy Dumontier.

Willy Street Fair - Sunday Sept. 16th 11am to 7pm
Volunteers needed to sell calendars and give out Peace Corps literature. There is a parade, food stands, music and entertainment stages. Call Troy at 245-9964 to volunteer.

The Madison Tour de Timor ride on September 16th 2001, now has a new $500 Specialized bike courtesy of Williamson Bicycle Works to offer the person who raises the most pledges, and many other prizes. Budget bicycle has pledged $10 per rider! We could use help getting riders, sponsors and promoting the ride. Also please forward the following message far and wide.

The Madison, Wisconsin, USA chapter of the East Timor Action Network hopes many other locations will want to join the Tour de Timor ride pledge drive for East Timor. We have cover letters to sponsors, high resolution jpeg posters, fliers, pledge sheets, T-shirt designs online at www.aideasteamor.org which should be easily customizable for your own location using say Adobe Photoshop and MS Word 2000. We'd prefer solidarity on our date Sunday, September 16th, 2001 for this year and a more coordinated effort for the following year, tentatively Sunday September 15th, 2002, but if this year's date is too close, a date of your own choosing is better than none at all. Ours is a small group so we would appreciate help organizing and promoting this ride internationally. Such a broad base of support with shorter rides in many locales is desirable before approaching the larger brand name sponsors who could help organize a long distance Tour. Support for the Bairro Pite clinic in Dili, East Timor, one of the largest if not the largest clinics in East Timor, and Doctor Dan Murphy's proposed medical school in Dili, support for the East Timor Action Network, are several of our goals but you are free to back other East Timor support groups such as Timor Aid etc. Madison's sister city Ainaro (which has friendship ties to Ballarat Australia) was particularly hard hit by the militia violence and you are welcome to help us send tools and medical supplies with our delegation there in Spring 2002. Information about the Bairro Pite clinic, Medical Aid East Timor and the Madison-Ainaro Sister City Alliance (the first official East Timorese sister city in the U.S.) may be found online at www.aideasteamor.org. Please let us know if there is interest.
DONATION UPDATE

I believe we were saving this page for donation requests for the remaining calendar money. However, neither Theresa nor I received any requests, so we will let the remaining funds sit until January, which will be the next opportunity to request a donation. Since my discussion last month, it appears that the check for the Eco-Education Camp in Armenia was actually cashed, which leaves us with about $1,900 to dispense.

I finally sent out the last check to a project about two weeks ago, in this case to the scholarship fund in Malawi. Now we get to sit back and wait to hear what good deeds have arisen from our benevolence (and possibly to ask ourselves why we are not getting out and doing more good deeds locally as a group). For those of you who requested funding for specific projects (rather than general donations to groups), please remember to bug the people involved in those projects to update us on their progress occasionally. If the updates consist of short e-mail reports, they can be forwarded directly to the editor (but not as attached files) for publication in the newsletter. Written reports will take much longer to appear, as they must be transcribed before publication, a job that Sharon Lewandowski has graciously agreed to take over.

With that, I will end for now, print out the newsletter (it's now Aug 23) which I downloaded from Theresa yesterday, take it in to campus for duplication, then pick it up and take it to Terry Stark for mailing (along with mailing labels I will pick up from Brad Hinkfuss). One of the drawbacks of using the cheaper non-profit mailing rate is that it takes longer for the newsletter to reach you, so you should not expect it to arrive much more than a day or two before the next meeting (especially with Labor Day coming just before the meeting). On the other hand, the non-profit rate is a lot cheaper than first class mailing.

Walt Zeltner
Calendar of Events

Sep 6, Thurs General Meeting, Union South (prob.)

Sep 14, Fri Calendar Packing Party, 6 p.m. Alan Weiner's warehouse, 7182 US Highway 14, Middleton; 831-3554(w

Sept 16 Willy Street Festival - 11am to 7pm Volunteer at our table. Call Troy at 245-9964.

Sept. 16 The Madison Tour de Timor ride

Sep 22, Sat RPCV National Conference, Washington DC (Thurs-Sun.)

Sep 22, Kids for Peace Day will be held at the Madison Children's Museum between 9am and 2pm

Oct 5 or 6, General Meeting, Potluck, Date, time, and location to be set at the Sept. General Meeting

NEWSLETTER NEWS

The Electronic Newsletter is now up and running see it here at www.geocities.com/wirpcv