WORLD ROOTS

To my fellow RPCVs -

I'm writing this a few weeks before it arrives in your mailbox, but I trust that spring has truly arrived by the time you read this. Winter has been kicking all our asses the past few weekends, but April is a turning point . . .

Thinking of turning points, I think the group has arrived at a few. With lots of food and drink to get the gears moving at our last meeting (a potluck at John & Melissa's house), we let loose with all our feelings about our priorities and procedures for disbursing calendar proceeds ... and we're all still friends. For those of you who've been tuned in, this discussion has gone on a bit too long. But a decision was needed and we made one: Of the $60,000 in calendar proceeds we have to work with this year, 10% will be given to the NPCA, $10,000 will be set aside for group expenses and discretionary projects, and the balance will be funneled to Peace Corps Partnership projects of our choosing.

How is this different, you ask? In the past, everything other than 10% to the NPCA was treated as a discretionary project, by which I mean the kind of project that could fund a very wide variety of things in an equally wide variety of places. All that was required was a happy feeling and the sponsorship of an active group member. We'll have fewer of these projects over the coming year because we'll have a much smaller pot of money with which to fund them. Instead, we'll be making our selections from the PC Partnership lists. These are all projects that active volunteers are making happen out in the field. We've funded them in the past, and now we'll be funding many more.

For those of you who find this news distressing, please view this as an experiment. A decision this year can become a different decision next year. The feeling for now is that this will help simply the process and get us out of the administrative rut that has stifled us for so long.

And we should celebrate getting out of ruts! To that effect, one of my goals is to keep our meetings shorter, more interesting and more diverse. To that effect, here are the items for our agenda at the next meeting:

- Introductions
- Slide presentation & talk from Jane Furchgott of the Richland Center
- Santa Teresa Sister City Project (this is a Nicaragua-based initiative)
- Calendar Update
- Other business (brief)

Our next meeting is on April 1st - a fine evening for the unexpected among friends. Following the short meeting I plan to retire to the Union next door. I hope to have some company - think spring. Brad Hinkfuss
Treasurers Report

no report sent

Editor’s Corner

Well, how do I start this story. One day we are living in Footville with myself starting a new first shift job the following Monday in Madison and then WOW...

Kevin and I went to Waterloo Iowa, the weekend of the ‘storm’, to attended an Overseas Recruiting Fair for Educators. We went ‘just to look’ but we both walked out at the end of the weekend with contracts to teach overseas! We will be moving along with Steve, my son, to Seoul South Korea in July.

I declined the job in Madison, staying at my old 3rd shift position till the end of June.

A million things to do between now and then one being I will have to resign my post as Editor.

I have really enjoyed this job over the last 4 years but it is time to start this new phase in our lives. Of course, I would be more than happy to show someone the ropes before I leave. I prefer that May be my last month but I could do June if in a pinch. After that the computer is being sold, the packing starts and the stress factor will be on the rise...

We should have are new address within a month (the school provides housing) and we will have Internet access so we hope to provide that address too.

Anyone interested, please let me or Brad know. If you just have questions give me a call.

In gracious gratitude for serving the chapter for so long, Theresa

Please remember the deadline date AND E-MAIL ADDRESS!

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

-Theresa
DONATION DAZE!

It's official. The bulk of money raised from International Calendar sales will be donated to the Peace Corps Partnership Program. We will continue to support the NPCA with 10 percent of donation money and we'll also set aside $10,000 for projects sponsored by RPCVs of WI-Madison members. A vote taken at the March 1st general meeting was overwhelmingly in favor of this arrangement. This year the Calendar Committee voted to make $60,000 available for donations. That will bring our lifetime total to somewhere around $300,000. What that means for this is that $6,000 will go to the National Council, $10,000 is available for member-sponsored projects, and $44,000 will be available for Peace Corps Partnership projects.

The Peace Corps Partnership (PCP) was chosen as a beneficiary for a number of reasons. Among them:

- Peace Corps, Volunteers & RPCVs are some of our biggest customers.
- PCP requires that PCVs work with their communities to define needs and make plans to address them.
- Peace Corps administers the program and requires the projects to develop detailed budgets and project reports.
- PCP ensures that we place funds where they are truly needed and are responsibly spent.

The program will allow us to donate to specific projects we select, to donate to an area of need like HIV/AIDs education and prevention or technology, or to send funds to where they're most urgently needed. You can read more about Peace Corps Partnerships at www.peacecorps.gov/contribute/index.cfm#. Read about projects that need funding at www.peacecorps.gov/contribute/projects/index.cfm to see if there's something you'd like to support. We also expect to circulate project descriptions at general meetings.

Donations from the $10,000 Fund
We will be deciding on the dispersal of our $10,000 fund in April and May. So, if you have a pet project, a good idea, or see an obvious need, please fill out the donation request form that came with last month's newsletter. You must be a member in good standing to sponsor a project, so make sure your dues are paid. If you got this newsletter in the mail, you can check your address label to see when they're due.

Donation forms are available online at www.geocities.com/wirpev, from Donation Coordinator, Lee Row at leerow@chorus.net, call 233.9065 to have one mailed to you, or at the April general meeting, April 1st at 7 in the Red Gym.

Donation requests are due April 8th
They can be sent to
Lee Row
5217 Pepin Place
Madison, WI 53705
e-mailed to
leerow@chorus.net
or given to Lee at the April 1st meeting.

A copy of all the requests will be mailed to members in April so you can read them before we vote on them at the May meeting.

Interested in having a part in the process?
We'll be meeting in a smaller group before the general meeting to evaluate the requests and assure they meet basic criteria. If you'd like to be a part of this process, contact Lee Row (contacts above) or Brad Hinkfuss at 242.9573, iambrad@chorus.net or at the April general meeting.

The 2002 NPCA Conference
RPCVs from around the country will gather in Washington, D.C. June 20th-23rd to celebrate 40 years of Peace Corps service. We hope to have calendars ready to sell and deliver. If you think you'd like to attend, contact Rose Ann Scott at 241.0845 for more information.
THE 2003 CALENDAR

The final choice of photographers and their slides for the 2003 calendar are:
Judith Siers-Poisson - Madison
Morocco
Joni Offerman - Eugene OR
Ghana
Corey Wise - New York
Nepal
Shawnte Pacheco - Westport MA
Turkmenistan
Johanna Dreiling - Missoula, MT
Guatemala
Mai Ensmann - Madison
Russia
Daniel Hagaman - Madison
Bolivia
Panama
Justin Mog – Madison
Thailand
George Swallow - Galena, IL
Zambia
Vince Murphy - Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Honduras
Jo Thomson – Madison
India

Notice a pattern? Half the photographers live in Madison! If you were at the slide selection sessions you know that all slides are presented anonymously, with no commentary. How to explain it? Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that the Madison campus traditionally sends more Volunteers to Peace Corps than any other. Whatever the case, congratulations to our photographers, local and otherwise! We’re working to make the 2003 calendar the best one ever.

Because the National Conference is early this year and there are other early requests for calendars, we’re pushing the production schedule. We’re aiming to have calendars available in early June. Just a reminder, the price is $4 to members until the September meeting, so start your gift list now.

How Many & Where They Will Go
The Calendar Committee has tentatively specified that we will print 37,500 calendars this year. We want to send at least 6,000 calendars to the Peace Corps World Wise Schools program that distributes calendars to teachers throughout the country. The program connects teachers and their students to other cultures in realistic ways. Students can also correspond with serving Peace Corps Volunteers. World Wise Schools asks Volunteers if they are willing to write to U.S. classes and 80 percent plus Volunteers answer affirmatively. The resulting exchanges are often real eye-openers for students.

If you are a teacher or know one, check out the World Wise Schools web pages. You’ll find them at the Peace Corps web site (www.peacecorps.gov ), on the bottom right of the page. There are stories, lesson plans, and lots of good educational resources.

Help! We Need a Photo Techie!
We’ve been getting lots of questions from Volunteers and RPCVs about submitting digital photos. We’ve also heard that it’s getting more and more difficult to find slide film and processing. To continue getting all those amazing photos to choose from, we’re going to have to get up to speed in new photo technology.

We need to be able to look at photo submissions as a group as well as ensure that the graphics people have good material to work with. That means we need to know what equipment we’ll need for viewing and where we might find it (and use it for free, if possible). We’d also like to be able to specify a standard for digital media for our potential contributors. If you have expertise in this area or know where to get it, please contact Rochelle Goedken at 243.0298.

Rochelle is also looking for a good excuse for a summer pot luck. Contact her with suggestions!
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison
Minutes of the General Meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2002

We met in the Red Gym. 14 were present. We introduced ourselves, with a story of Christmas abroad. Wade Dalla Grana and Chris Antonuzzo, with kids, have exchanged teaching positions for the semester and summer with a parallel couple in Durban, South Africa! Our new neighbors, residing in Wade & Chris's home, and retaining the phone number (238-5488), are: Lynette & Donald Dunlop, with their sons Spencer (age 11) and Dale (age 9). Lynette is teaching Wade's classes at Edgewood H.S.
(Buck, Sharon, Hanna, along with Mike and Marcy Read, have had them to supper, and they are excellent company: invite them to your homes, too, and you'll be pleased.)

Wade's & Chris's address in South Africa:
Wade Dalla Grana and Chris Antonuzzo
15a Roosevelt Rd., Gillits 3610
South Africa ph.: 011/27/31/776-1798
e-mail (unchanged): wedallag@facstaff.wisc.edu (Wade)

We took care of last-minute preparations for the Freeze For Food Run. [It went off well: the weather was balmy, the Freeze was quite well attended, and the party thereafter at the Arboretum-surrounded home of Rick & Masako Lackey was quite fine.]

We were reminded that the group will be selecting slides for the 2003 International Calendar at the February General Meeting, and then on Sun., Feb. 10, at the home of Lee and Rick Row.

As of this night, we have about 2600 copies of the 2002 Calendar remaining.

Regarding Donations: (1) We approved the proposed donation of $600 to the "Senegalese Education Fund," as sponsored by Rose Ann Scott, and published in the Jan. '02 NL. (2) We briefly discussed a proposed donation, sponsored by Elinor Gbedey, for "Postage for Contributions to Togo & Benin," as published in the Jan. '02 NL. Decision was tabled until an upcoming meeting, when we'd have more information, and perhaps could consider it alongside other proposals. (3) Rose Ann Scott argued for her proposed major change in the destination and procedure of our donations, as described in the Jan. '02 NL, and earlier. (Basically, we'd give almost all our annual Calendar profits to Peace Corps Partnerships.) We discussed this for awhile, and tabled it until a near-future meeting, perhaps that in March.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison
Minutes of the General Meeting of Thursday, February 7, 2002

We met in the Red Gym. 28 were present.
Marc Brand recruited volunteers to come speak about Peace Corps at East High School, on March 1.
Peggie Garties announced that WPTV is looking for an "international project" in the schools, which they could profile. The station would prefer one in a middle school. Phone her at 257-6979(h), 264-9759(w).

We then proceeded with the meeting's main business, making our first pick of the submitted slides, for the 2003 International Calendar. Which we did, from a pool of 452 slides.
The Second Round of selection was at the home of Lee and Rick Row, on Feb. 10 (Sun.). The winning countries are: Bolivia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Morocco, Nepal & Tibet, Panama, Russia, Thailand, Turkmenistan, and Zambia.
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison
Minutes of the General Meeting of Friday, March 1, 2002

This was a potluck meeting at the home of Melissa & John Kaltenbach. There were over 16 adults present at the height, plus several kids. After eating from an abundant selection, Brad our President called us together, to see if we could reach agreement on whether to change our donations procedure regarding Calendar profits. Note that all proposals presume that we will continue to donate 10% of our profits to the Nat'l Peace Corps Association.

Rose Ann Scott summarized her proposal in its pure form, to donate all but a small amount of profits to Peace Corps Partnerships. Buck Trawicky argued that this is a bad idea, and we should continue to use our present process; though this process can be improved. Walt Zeitner's proposal called for us to donate to certain destinations with which we have established a relationship, and set aside other moneys for additional donations, but to give a very substantial amount to Peace Corps Partnerships.

After discussion, Brad asked for a Motion, and this was proposed: "That our group shall donate all Calendar profits to Peace Corps Partnerships, except that 10% shall be donated to the National Peace Corps Association, and $10,000 shall be set aside for donations chosen by the group."

This was approved overwhelmingly, with 12 in favor, and 2 against. We then adjourned about 10:00 p.m. --Buck Trawicky

"REQUEST FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION FUNDS"

April 8th, is the last day we'll be accepting proposals for donations of calendar proceeds. Forms were attached to the previous newsletter and are available on the website and will be available at the meeting or by e-mailing me at leeroy@chorus.net or phoning at 233.9065. Proposals should be e-mailed to me or given to me at the meeting or sent to me at 5217 Pepin Place, Madison 53705.

Project Proposals

The Virtual Village Global Education Pilot Project engages K-12 teachers and their students in comparing and contrasting the social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of community life in other countries with their own neighborhoods. In the next year 10-20 Wisconsin teachers will attend a one-week workshop in Madison or meet with project staff so they can prepare learning activities for their students, to examine day to day life in India and Sri Lanka, then other countries. They will create a model "virtual village" website. $1500 in RPCV funds will pay for duplication of materials, offer critical matching funds for scholarships for teachers, and cover promotion/dissemination costs.

Submitted officially by Marc Brand

Richard S. Brooks, Director, Health Promotion Project
Department of Professional Development and Applied Studies
Division of Continuing Studies, UW-Madison, 20 Lowell Center, 610 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703 608-265-4077
Project Proposals (con't)

3 Micro-Enterprise Development Projects in a Community of Displaced Persons.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida (RPCV SF) established The Colombia Project (TCP) in 2000 as a pilot project to demonstrate a method to provide transparent, direct assistance to people in need while strengthening effective grassroots organizations. TCP serves as a link to join donors to displaced families that have a viable plan but lack the resources to establish a small business.

Once TCP has successfully demonstrated the concept of delivering help directly to needy persons without creating a costly bureaucracy, it will be possible to seek additional assistance from corporate donors and major foundations and expand this project beyond Bogota. In order to adequately demonstrate the principles of TCP, the goal is to support 30 projects by June, 2002, then work with ADESCOP (grassroots organization of, by, and for displaced persons) and U of Cundinamarca (Bogota area) students to mentor those projects to successful completion. To date, TCP has supported 15 businesses and one education project. For each successfully completed (repaid) project, the local, mentoring organization (ADESCOP) will receive $100 (or 50% of the repaid funds). Remaining funds will help pay TCP expenses. With this innovative, 'results-oriented' structure, the bureaucracies prosper only after we have successfully helped the people in need.

We are requesting aid for 3 specific projects that are posted on the web site www.colombiaproject.org on the PROJECTS screen:

1) #113 Meneses - door to door sales of popular items; loan to be repaid in 3 months: $315
2) #105 Calvo - 8 women will make and sell foundation garments: $276.80
3) #124 Alvarez - sale of roasted meats; loan to be repaid in 24 months: $314.99.

See attached web page excerpts for additional information on The Colombia Project.

Helene B. Dudley, 2151 SW 17 Street, Miami, Florida 33145, 305 856 5573

check would be payable to RPCV SF-The Colombia Project, PO Box 112951 Miami, Florida 33111.

RPCV SF has 501c3 status.

LOOKING FOR CLARICE

From Helene Dudley <helenedudley@yahoo.com> Sat, 2 Mar,
Do you know a Clarice Zilmer? She is probably married with a new name by now... She was in Barranquilla with me in the last 60's and was from Wisconsin..... Thanks for whatever help you can provide...

Helene Dudley
2151 SW 17 St
Miami, Fl 33145-2117
305 856-5573
Another Project Proposal

Support for RPCVs of WI—Madison

Proposal Sponsor: Walt Zeltner
Proposal Amount: $1,000
Description:
This proposal is submitted simply to remind the group that we use proceeds from the sale of the International Calendar for internal purposes as well as external donations. I suggest setting aside $1,000 for our internal use for the next year. The primary use would be to pay the setup costs for the Freeze for Food, which currently run $700-750. This would leave $250-300 for other purposes if needed. Remember that our President has discretionary power to authorize donations of $100 for individual purposes without needing the consent of the group. This additional money would be available for such emergency situations.

One or Two Points about Our New Donation Policy

With only $10,000 (actually $9,000, see above) available to fund external requests for donations, individuals requesting donations should realize some things. Points that strike me are:

1. We will no longer separate donation requests into small ($1,000 and under) and large ($1,000 or over) donations. Use the donation request form from last month's newsletter to request all donations (or make sure you include all relevant information in your request).

2. If you request several thousand dollars, don't be disappointed when you don't get that amount. I expect the maximum donation we fund this year will be $2,000, likely even less. If you need a large amount of money, look elsewhere.

3. Based on requests in past years, we will dispense all our money at the May meeting. Don't expect to be able to request funding at any other time of the year.

Let's see how this works this year. If enough people don't like this approach, we can change it again in the future.

Walt Zeltner

For Your Information:

During a phone conversation last night, Brad told me that he had just received a batch of mail with checks in it from last October. I suggested that this might not have been a problem at our end but that it may have originated in the Post Office in response to the anthrax fears at the time. For those of you who were concerned about your checks (both membership and calendar payments) not being received by us, I hope you will understand.
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Membership Information

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 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 - $25 (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:
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Telephone#’s (H)__________________
            (W)__________________
E-mail:__________________________
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
Calendar of Events

April 1 Mon 7:00p.m. in Red Gym. Look for our room location on the daily agenda posted inside the front door.

April 8 Mon Deadline for accepting donations proposals of calendar proceeds

May 7 Tues 7:00p.m. in Red Gym. Look for our room location on the daily agenda posted inside the front door.

June 5 Wed 7:00p.m. in Red Gym. Look for our room location on the daily agenda posted inside the front door.

June 20-23 RPCV National Conference, Washington DC

June 30 Sat Summer Camping Trip (Kettle Moraine, Terry, 233-9140)

NEWSLETTER NEWS
The Electronic Newsletter located at www.geocities.com/wirpcv

Editor is resigning: Story page 2