I sit here this evening all aglow after a delightful day outdoors helping with, but mostly enjoying the Freeze for Food run. (note: lest you think I've forgotten my boastful declaration to run the 10k, I did come prepared to run, but was asked to help instead.) It strikes me as ironic that an event involving heightened exposure to lowered temperatures - not to mention 10-12" of snow - could leave one in such a warm-fuzzy state, but indeed it has.

Perhaps, it was seeing the spirit of the runners and workers (young and old alike) as they braved the temperatures and the challenges of the course. Or maybe its the fact that over $1,600 was raised to help fight hunger. Or, perhaps its the effect of the jovial camaraderie and laughter which characterized the chili feed at Conrad's after the race. Or maybe its just the three bowls of chili I ate. (Chili: the gift that keeps on giving) [By the way, if you are looking for a recipe for meatless chili, Jennifer Guzman is a master - she knows many jokes too]

One thing is certain, the Freeze was an enormous success (more money was raised per participant this year than ever before) and I can't thank Dave Atkinson and Deb Hamilton enough for all of their hard work. Please give them a pat on the back next time you see them. Because they are so proficient at organizing the event and seem to enjoy it so much, we have named them "Official Organizers of the Freeze" - for life. Thanks also to all who volunteered and ran.

***And now for something completely different... ***

As we set about planning the "35th Anniversary Blowout" in the context of William and Newtie playing Pictionary with the national budget, and the subsequent furloughs of governmental workers deemed "non-essential" - look for this in the DSM V - (i.e. the folks in the regional Peace Corps office in Minneapolis), the resources of time and money have come to be at issue. With the possibility of another furlough, some decisions had to be made. Instead of a "Blowout celebration" on Mar. 1 with music, dance, etc. we will have several smaller, less expensive events to occur at the end of March - with no real change in the media campaign to promote the 35th anniversary itself.

On the evening of Fri., Mar. 29th we will help host a regional "nomination" party where newly nominated volunteers receive a proper "send off". This is an opportunity to promote the experience with those who are about to have it, celebrate 35 years of Peace Corps service, and show the director Garin (who will be in attendance) and the nominees how important the Peace Corps experience has been in our lives and how we continue to fulfill its third goal. Details of this event are forthcoming.

Director Garin will attend our Parents Brunch the next day (Mar. 30th) and talk briefly about the Peace Corps past and present.

Additionally, at the next meeting I will raise the possibility of linking our Cardinal Bar benefit with an annual anniversary celebration - with a perennial recipient of the donation. So, while extravagance is out, grass-roots celebrations are in. Hope to see you at all of them.

Hope February is kind to you. Stay bundled up.
CP
Editor's Corner

The food challenge of the continents

looking for 3 volunteers to head up three continents of service food tables at the Nom. Meet the Director, 35 year, hors d'oeuvres party pick Asia, Africa or Americas, decorate the table, determine food and drink, prepare or purchase food, take compliments call Rose Ann 241-0845 or 825-5444

Income Statement
12/15/95 to 1/15/95

REVENUES
Calendar 10,024.00
Interest 91.90
Bal from Pete 1,463.20
Total Rev 11,579.10

EXPENSES
Phone 148.85
Advertising 41.10
UPS 336.27
Postage 1,551.59
Printing 180.00
Reconnect 11.71
Panama calendar 300.00
Supplies 33.00
Total Expense 2,602.52

Net Income 8,975.58

CASH ON HAND
Checking 3,724.54
MarkAct 5.3% 37,140.60
Total 40,865.14

Newsletter Policy: Since we are always trying to get new members, we will 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.
Dates to Note:

* Feb 2nd is (was) the deadline for slide submission to Jim Good for the 1997 calendar.

* Tue. Feb. 6th - General Meeting: 7:00 pm at the Union South (Slide selection to follow brief business meeting)

* Sun. Feb. 11th, 10:00-12:00. Calendar Meeting at Barbara Chaterjee’s house.

* Feb. 17th. Deadline for meal reservations at Camp Lucerne for Winter Retreat (241-0845)

* Sat. & Sun. Feb. 24th and 25th. The Winter Retreat at Camp Lucerne. Come at noon on Sat. for lunch and to get an early start on the weekend.

* NOTE: Please strike Mar. 1st from your calendar as the “35th Anniversary Blowout” (see President’s message for details)

* Sat. Mar. 9th. Baron Bliss - boogie til you sweat- party at Gordon’s. 1447 Spaight.

* Fri. Mar. 29th, 7:00 pm. RPCV~“Nom” party. Come meet PC director Garin, enjoy an ethnic feast and help send off new recruits. (Location to be named) ~ Nom Party ~

* Sat. Mar. 30th. Parents Brunch. (Location and time to be named)

TIME TO RE-NEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Hey! It is that time of year again. Please remember to re-new your membership if it expires January 1996.

Thank you. Susan M. Menyra

It’s time again for the annual FAMILY BRUNCH. Mark your calendars for SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH, FROM 10:00 A.M.—12:30 P.M.. This year’s event will be more of a breakfast than a brunch so gear up your taste buds for a yummy breakfast all-you-can-eat. Specific details will be forthcoming in next month’s newsletter and if you subscribe to this mailing you will be receiving an invitation in the mail soon. This year we will have a mom and dad team tell us about their trip to visit their PCV son in West Africa. We will also be fortunate to have the current Peace Corps Director, Mark Gearen, speak to our group.

I’ll be looking for volunteers to arrive early on that day to help decorate the tables. Please bring fabric that we can use as tablecloths (fabric that won’t be damaged if spillage occurs). Also, look around for small baskets, artifacts, and other interesting memorabilia (including photos, journal entries, etc.), to bring with you for display/discussion. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please direct them to Shelly at 259-1125. Thank You./
30 were present, including 4 newguys! (Did I get the names right?--
Jenny, Rick, Joan, Rich?) We introduced ourselves, with a favorite Christmas
experience in our countries. (e.g. the Chipmunk Song on a bus in Bangkok;
wrapped Playboy mag. ads given as Xmas presents; turkeys are best killed by
pulling out the tongue (Yuk); playing golf in the jungle: 3 holes in 6 hrs.,
including machete work; Xmas in Darjeeling: 13 hrs sleep in 8 days, and it
seemed enough; ...) The minutes for Dec. were approved.
Money: (Rose Ann): see the last NL (and this one).
Freeze For Food (15th Annual): (Dave Atkinson): a host was needed for
the party afterwards. We nominated Conrad, who gazed benignly on us and
agreed. Chili makers were needed, and Jo and Jenny volunteered (it was
scrupulous, and very little was left over). Dave warned that the $600 budget
we approved will prove a bit low.

....(The Freeze was a big success. The weather was cold as hell (which
is what happens when the demons tinker with the thermostat), with windchill
supposedly -20°F, on top of almost a foot of beautiful new snow. But we of
course continued with our plans, and had a sorta-decent runner turnout: about
43 runners for the 10K and 23 walkers/runners for the 5K (plus some good
souls who'd registered but wimped out; normal is c.100 or more for the 10K).
And we pulled in about $1700, which is almost 20% more per runner than last
year. Remarkable. We'll pass it all on to Oxfam.

....(And the party afterwards at Conrad's was very pleasant. About 20
were there. The low, really low, point was the half hour or so spent telling
poor-taste jokes. (I took notes, but now on Sunday morning I can't type them
in cold blood. Perhaps we'll relay some at the Feb. mtg.) Also, Dave
announced that he intends to continue as honcho into the distant future.
(Cheers of relief.) We adjourned at 7:30, just as (not as soon as) Dave
Wakeley arrived. We felt like we'd been partying all day, even though it
wasn't yet midnight.

Calendar: (Buck, Jim etc.): We've sold c.14,000, and will sell more.
There are a bunch yet to give to schools (c.800 at present). Elinore Gbedey
has done heroic work finding happy homes for many in Dane Co. schools. If you
have destinations, tell Elinore (244-5844), and pick them up at Gordon's
(255-3261). Make sure you sign them out on the clipboard in his garage.

We'll be viewing slides for the 97Cal and voting on them for the 1st
time at our next meeting, Tues 6 Feb. Come! Jim Good has received c.150+ so
far, and they are dropped in the carousel and entered on his list as they
come in, so all will be organized for efficient viewing.

ReConnect Survey: lots of us (c.45) returned the postcard. Thank you!
Buck and Sharon have tapped the info into a nifty data-base.

Family Brunch: (from Shelly): The new Peace Corps Director will be
available to speak at this, if we are willing to have it on Saturday instead of
Sunday, on Sat, Mar 30. We said AYE, and thank you.

Winter Retreat: (Rose Ann): as per normal, up at Camp Lucerne. Sat,
Sun, Feb 24-25. See directions elsewhere. If you wanna eat camp food, call
Rose Ann (241-0845) for reservations; if not, just show up (beds or floors
are no problem). Potluck on Sat. evening. And Jim will have the winning
97Calendar slides, for a show.

Affiliation with the National Peace Corps Association: an annual piece
of business. Cost is $1/member (= c.$150). We voted AYE, do it.
Baron Bliss Party: Sat, 9 Mar 96, is Baron Bliss Day in Belize, and the excuse for a tropical heat wave party. Gordo will host again (Gordon Malaise, 1447 Spaight. 255-3261). Potluck (snacks). Start c.7:00. Bring very skimpy clothes -- the heat will be cranked way up.

Peace Corps' 35th Birthday Party: (Chris P.): Revision of plans: The unanimous sense of our group was that, NAY, we do not want to organize a raffle to pay for this or any party.

....(later: the present final situation, following guff by Chris with PC/MN and a meeting of the Party Committee: the PC recruiters will host a normal "Nom Party" (for nominees and families), on Fri 29 March. We will assist. We've reserved space at the Pres House on the UN Library Mall, so we can import food. The PC Director will be present. We'll attend, and help make it a good event, but we'll be in the background, and won't steal thunder from the nominees. ...a far cry from the first suggestion made us, no?

...(Also at the Party Committee meeting, we discussed having a Cardinal Bar Benefit in March -- it's that time of year.

...(And, it's time to celebrate our own 15th Birthday: let's do it all year long.)

--Buck

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**ATTENTION ALL NEWSHOUND WANNA-BE'S!!!**

- Do you have something to say about Peace Corps?
- Do you have a particular or unique story to tell?
- Do you offer a "hook" that might interest print and broadcast reporters?
- In a nutshell, are you interested and/or willing to be interviewed in some way?

Even though a big party to celebrate the 35th Anniversary is unlikely to happen at this point, this event still offers an opportunity to promote the Peace Corps, in general, and our local group specifically. A small work group has met and identified certain angles to promote, and media contacts will be made in February. When we're asked to provide someone with a particular point of view, it would be advantageous to have that reference available at the time of the request.

So, if you're up for talking to a reporter, call me and let me know the following:

- **who you are (and how to reach you),**
- **where and when you were a PCV; and**
- **anything else of interest (just back; went after retirement; got married while there; second stint; and so on)**

My work number is preferable because I have voice mail and no one else answers it: **263-5732**. Thanks, and don’t wait too long to call!

*Earl Bricker*
LAKE LUCERNE Camp & Retreat Center

The Winter Retreat
on Saturday and Sunday, February 24 and 25, 1996

As Conrad says "Come at noon for lunch on Saturday", so we can see who all is there and get a start good start on the weekend. We have 2 cabins Pine and Elm and the Ridgewood Lodge. There are 24 single beds, 2 per room, with sheets, pillows, and towels. After the first 24, mattresses will be put on the floor, you must provide your own sleeping bag, etc, and you must pay the bed rate!

DINNER
On Saturday night February 25th we have a pot luck in the lodge. Bring something yummy for that.

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LUNCH Sat at noon, BREAKFAST Sun at 8:00 am
If you want the meal prepared by the camp, RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE by February 17 by calling 241-0845, ELSE provide your own.
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adults 3-12 yrs under 3 Bring sleds, x-country skis,
LUNCH $ 5.00 $2.50 free games, photos, slides, projector,
BED 16.00 9.50 free ice skates, senses of humor,
BREAKFAST 3.75 2.00 free warm clothing and boots.

Camp Lucerne is 4 miles south of Wautoma on County Road YY just east off State Route 73. Watch for the Camp Lucerne sign on 73.
To be presented at the meeting of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin - Madison at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 6:

I move the following:

1. that a Cardinal Bar Benefit (CBB) be scheduled for Saturday, March 9, and promoted as a combination benefit and celebration of Peace Corps’ anniversary.

2. that future CBBs be scheduled for the first Saturday in March (March 2, 1997; March 1, 1998; and so on) for the sake of regularly commemorating the founding of the Peace Corps and combining it with a demonstration of the Third Goal of Peace Corps.

3. that the proceeds from this and future events be earmarked for donation to a local (city or county) human service provider, with the designated agency being the beneficiary for at least the next three years.

4. that the initial recipient be the United Refugee Services of Wisconsin, a fine example of a multi-focused service provider and one which would seem to have a special link to some of the purposes of the group.

Rationale:

1. This will allow us to do what we wanted to do in the first place - have a celebration of the anniversary - and, at the same time, rejuvenate the CBB which is all too easily forgotten.

2. This will put the CBB on a regular calendar, avoiding future postponements or cancellations because no one remembers it in time. Note that this date is the 2nd Saturday, a little farther from the actual anniversary date, but this is only due to the timing of this particular decision, i.e., this year only.

3. With the calendar give-away growing in size, why not denote a local agency which provides good service to people who need it, and one which is a stable presence in the community. I suggest that the relationship between the Freeze for Food and Oxfam America is both a precedent and an excellent example. There’s no good reason (in my humble opinion) to designate a different recipient year to year since, again, the calendar proceeds do that very well and quite extensively.

4. I only make this recommendation to get the discussion started. I could have easily said any of the following: Salvation Army (filling so many voids for homeless and otherwise needy families); the Madison Inner City Council on Substance Abuse; the Community Action Commission; the YWCA; the Bayview Foundation; United Neighborhood Centers -- and the list could go on and on.

    But I reiterate, for the maximum value to the beneficiary, I feel one relationship at a time is ideal. Yes, any amount of money is certain to be appreciated, but $700 (for example) is more likely to satisfy an agency’s need than $350, and who are we to say otherwise? (in my not so humble opinion) And, if it’s worked so well and so long for the Freeze, why can’t it work for the CBB?
Other Information:

1. A working group (Susan Mendrysa, Earl Bricker, Dave Wakeley -- and you????) has been created and planning has begun. The Cardinal has been reserved and recipes are being organized for distribution. Of course, should the group decide against the idea entirely, nothing can’t be dropped or stopped at this point.

2. It would be very helpful to identify the recipient, whether or not you agree with my starting point and whether or not it’s one alone, local or international.

3. Posters will be brought to the meeting around 8:30 (time enough for someone to call me at work and inform me of any changes that are needed) for everyone to take and distribute, assuming the whole idea isn’t scuttled in which case no posters will be brought.

4. This is the same night as the Baron Bliss Party, I’ve been informed. My immediate reaction (and that of the person who reminded me) was that this is a conflict. But is it? Since the CBB happens in the early evening, and the Baron Bliss Party is a later event, can they not cohabit? I’m asking rhetorically, but it is an interesting question. Of course, it’s conceivable that the CBB can be moved to the previous Saturday, on the 2nd, assuming the Cardinal is free.

5. I intentionally broke the motion into 4 parts so that each could be discussed and voted on separately. This is entirely appropriate, but I hope people are in the mood to act and not merely speak for the sake of speaking. (You know who you are) I obviously have opinions, but I am more interested in movement than in ratification.

6. I’ll be working on February 6 and will miss this discussion. As it happens, I’ll also miss the event itself as I’ll be at a work-related conference. I’ll still take care of (or assist, if there’s someone else champing at the bit) the promotion coordination.

Thanks for your consideration!

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Bricker

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CALENDAR STEERING COMMITTEE
Meeting of Sun 21 Jan 1996

We met at Barbara Chatterjee's, from 10 a.m. to noon.
Next Meeting: Sun, 11 Feb 96, 10:00 am to noon. 5102 Coney Weston.
Total Sales for 96Cal as of 6 Jan 96 were c.14,000 cals (Buck's
approximation. True total will be available once Dean fires up his computer in
his new digs).

Local Sales (Phyllis): c.250+. This is better than last year. And
University Book Store said this is the "best one yet." (They also sold c.80, a
bunch more than last year. Now, if they'd only position them on an eye-level
shelf, next to the "Wisconsin Pickups" calendars (trucks, that is), they'd
really sell a lot.) Also, more stores are becoming confident they'll sell the
calendars, and have resolved to pay up front (@$5.75) instead of paying after
the fact on actual sales (@$7.75). Thank you, Phyllis!

Collections: are on track, and no worry.

Money: We close the books on the 96Cal on 29 Feb. So it's time to draw
up a financial report on the 96Cal, compile a budget for the 97Cal, determine
how much to set-aside for the 97Cal, and move the net profit over to our
group's general fund for Donations etc. Rose Ann, Dean, Buck and others will
attend to this, and have numbers available for the Feb 11 Calendar Steering
Meeting, and the March General Meeting. (Buck loves this job: paper
capitalism.) We will surely have at least as much money as last year to give
away. A successful year.

Calendars to donate to schools etc: Elinore Gbedey (244-5844) has done
heroic work getting the word out to teachers, telling them that we have
calendars to give them for classroom use. She's found good homes for c.1700
(!); others have found homes for c.600. (Some as far away as schools in The
Gambia and Japan and Nepal.) We have c.800 more to donate. (See General
Meeting minutes for notes on the process.) Thank you very much, Elinore!

Phone: our Hot-Line number now resides in cyber-space. Kevin passed out
instructions for anyone needing to dial up our incoming messages and deal with
them. Neat, cheap, and wireless.

Slides for the 97Cal: Jim has this splendidly in hand. And we've
received c.150 slides, many from very far away. The Calendar is famous, and
photographers pant to be picked.

Recruiting: Kevin will perhaps be leaving us, for Arizona. (Sighs of
sadness.) In August. So we'll need someone to do his Marketing and Orders
tasks when he goes. We have ideas, but they're still feeble. Anyone interested
in taking over this interesting bit of work, call Kevin (849-8364) or Barbara
(271-2405). Kevin and Barbara will write up a dandy job description.

We also need someone who would enjoy schoozing with the various RPCV
groups: we've only scratched this market.

Printer's Day: this is on Jan 17, Ben Franklin's Birthday (as is
Electricity Day, Struck By Lightning Day, Public Library Day, Fireman's Day,
Almanac Day, Township and Range Day, 666 Day, Daylight Saving Time Day, Thrift
Day, Down with Cotton Mather Day, and Take an Older Lover Day). We had a hefty
fruit basket delivered at noon to our Calendar printers, Straus Printing. It
was a big hit with all the 70-odd workers, who seldom get any notice from the
customers (much less a grape). Now they have another reason to love us. (And
another reason to feel ever so bad about printing 10 calendars with a blank
half-page.) Thank you, Barbara, for handling the fruits.
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Time to Renew

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