New President’s Message

Hello everyone - This is the voice of the new president of our RPCV group. The ceremonious gavel is in hand. I have read over the enlightening, "info for New President" document. I must be ready to lead. Well, one would think so anyway... The one thing I have learned about this group in less than a year of membership is that this is an amazing group of individuals that each contribute in their own way. The events we host, projects we create, and donations we distribute are all the result of impassioned folks bringing their talents to the forefront. Am I ready to lead our group to greater heights? Well, I can do my part to encourage members to participate in their own way. You took great photos while in the Peace Corps? They might look good on our calendar. You like to run around silly in the cold? The freeze for food run is coming up! You have a friend who takes part in development work overseas? You can sponsor a project for him/her, which we review three times a year. The membership is over 200 strong, I hope to meet and take part in events with all of you. Please come out early and come out often. Steve's Bio: Bulgaria was my country of service from ’99-’01. I was an environmental education volunteer teaching at a community children's center on the Black Sea coastal town of Balchik. My wife, Sarah, and I have lived in Madison for a year now. While we have both moved around, we both have roots in Indiana. Right now I coordinate a program to assist small drinking water systems in Wisconsin provide safe drinking water.

-Sanford Elmore
sbelmore@usa.net
The Calendar Page

submitted by Jenny Guerne

CALENDARS FOR SALE
Calendars are for sale at $5.00 each for current group members. They are available at the following peoples’ homes:

West side:
Sophie Zermuehlen
Lee Row

East side:
Rose Ann Scott
Prudence Barber
Rochelle Goedken

Central:
Margot Kennard

PACKING PARTY
Thank you to Terry Stark, Heidi Fassnacht, Char Thompson, Marc Brand, Carra Davies, Helen Pesche, John Elder, Troy Rutter, Kristine Torres and her daughter Magda, Pat Halpin, Heather Hempel Yordanov, Karl Stark and his son Ian, Tom “pretty boy” Brodd, Sandra Belozercovsky, Alan Weiner, Kevin Nies, Rochelle Goedken, Margot Kennard, Rick Row, Beth and Ron Chance, their daughter Esther and her friend Brittney, Cynthia White and Jenny Guerne for coming to the calendar packing party!

NEXT MEETING
December 3 at 7:00 at Prudence Barber’s home.

WORK GROUP FOR DAY BLOCK INFORMATION
November 12 at 7:00 at Buck Trawicky’s home: 2330 Willard Ave., 241-2392

CALENDAR MINUTES
The Calendar Committee met on October 23, 2002 at Prudence Barber’s home. Rochelle Goedken, Alan Weiner, Troy Rutter, Rose Ann Scott, Pat Halpin, Buck Trawicky, Margot Kennard, Richard Zolnik, Walt Zeltner, Nicole Menard, Brad Hinktuss and Jenny Guerne were present. Thanks to all those mentioned above for helping pack calendars in September. We packed 4,045 calendars. There are still 12 packages of 10 calendars left to pack, and the packages of 11 and 12 calendars still need to be packed as well. The packing party ran smoothly, but next time we will have to order more veggie pizzas and fewer meat pizzas. There seems to be a billing discrepancy with Worldview—we were billed $1500 for a 1/4 page black and white ad, while we paid $3,500 for a two-page color ad. In the past it was only $300 for the smaller black and white; unfortunately the bill has already been paid. Margot emailed Worldview, but received no response. Rose Ann suggested writing to Dane Smith, the President of NPCA. Nicole offered to try to contact them in order to straighten out the billing problem. Sue Kummer would like to know how long we need to keep the release forms from photographers on file. Rose Ann suggested asking Gordon. Margot is now delivering calendars, she took 100 from Weiner’s and is paying for them as they are sold. The major topic of discussion was a letter from Sue Kummer explaining how she would like information to be laid out for her for printing the day blocks, word of the month, country summary, etc. She receives so much information from so many people, she needs to have things presented in a standard format. The main problem is all the “non-printing” text (that which won’t actually appear on the calendar but explains to her where we want it to appear); she ends up having to remove this in order to clean it up, and she says she doesn’t need it there because she is familiar with everything. There will be a meeting on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Buck’s home in order to discuss additions to the day blocks (there have been criticisms about not having enough women, a lot of dead white men...).
# RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison Officers and Contacts

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New Officers Alyson, Steven, and Andy

Alyson Carr—Secretary

[Editors note: Alyson sent me this short bio to share with the group]

Hi. I'm Alyson. I grew up in Janesville and attended Beloit College. After graduating in 1998 with a degree in International Relations and Modern Languages, I served in Namibia as an elementary school teacher trainer. I lived on a subsistence farm in the rural area of northern Namibia, where I learned how to look after goats, build a mud hut, tell time by the sun, and drink even the scariest looking beverages with a smile. I returned home to Janesville in December 2000 and moved to Madison the following August. I have enjoyed being a part of the RPCVs of Madison this past year and look forward to serving it in a more official capacity.
You Can Donate $1,000 to a Peace Corps Partnership

If you are a member of the RPCV of Madison WI you may apply $1,000 of the 2002 calendar money toward a Peace Corps Partnership. Just pick a partnership and let Rose Ann Scott know via phone 608.241.0845, e-mail roseann_scott@yahoo.com, or in person. Remember the PCV are waiting, always for too long, for funding for their project.

If you can’t figure out which project go on-line and look in depth at the projects. The projects vary daily and you can see them on-line at www.peacecorps.gov/contribute/index.cfm. The projects listed below are from July 28th.

There are also now 4 special funds you can donate to. The Global Fund distributes your donation evenly across the 6 Peace Corps regions. The Lore Mill Miller Ruppe for the Advancement of Women. The HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education Fund and Information and Technology Fund.

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October General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Oct. general meeting Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison Minutes of the General Meeting of Tues., Oct. 8, 2002

We met at 7:00 pm in the Red Gym; 17 were present. Brad Hinkfuss (Pres.) presided. The new PC Campus Recruiter was present and said hello to us all; she’s Lisa Wandke (PC/Micronesia–Pohnpei, ’93–95), ph.257-2972(h).

We changed our meeting date-formula. Rose Ann Scott proposed that we meet on a fixed day each month, instead of rotating through the weekdays; and, that we meet in the 3rd week of each month. Some argued in support of the wisdom in our traditional meeting date-formula, but they were in the minority. This MOTION was approved (with 2 Nays): "We shall hold our general meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm." On short-range reflection, this was swiftly changed to read "We shall hold our general meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm." (Note: we may also change the meeting time from 7:00 to 7:30pm.) We discussed how to get the Newsletter out in good time before the month’s general meeting. We discussed our group’s Website. Our group is willing to underwrite a website, but we need a new Webmaster. (See the October NL for details on an offer.)

An update on a donation proposal to assist Easter European Gypsies (Roma). This proposal had been tabled, until we could get more information. Steve, the sponsor, was present, and he said that this proposal will be resubmitted in an improved form, in time for the May Giftaway general meeting (perhaps as a Peace Corps Partnership).

PC Partnership report: (Rose Ann Scott): $21,000 has been allocated so far. She proposes that we put in a fixed amount in an account/accounting category (say, $10,000), for approved Peace Corps Partnerships. When the group has chosen particular PC Partnerships, she (or her eventual successor) can immediately notify Peace Corps/Washington, and dispatch a check for the approved amount. When the $10,000 nears exhaustion, we’ll top it up. This was expressed in the form of a MOTION, and all said AYE or abated.

Elections of Officers: (Lee Row, current VP): This will happen next month. Willing candidates are Steven Elmore, for President; Andrew Prochnow, for Vice-President; Alyson Carr, for Secretary. (Karl Stark agrees to serve another year as Treasurer.)

Monthly Social Gatherings: (Brad Hinkfuss): This will rotate from place to place, often at an ethnic restaurant. The next one will be on the 2nd Wed., Nov. 13, at "Baraka," on State St., from 6:30 pm.

—Buck Trawicky
November General Meeting Minutes

We met at 7:00 pm in the Red Gym; 26 were present, including 4 potential PCVs wanting to learn more about Peace Corps. Brad Hinkfuss (Pres.) presided.

Ken Opin (PC/Iran 62-66; now on the county planning commission) reported on a recent trip to Iran, with other Iran RPCVs, organized by the Nat'l PC Assoc. It was very enriching, informative, and hope-inducing; despite the pervasive influence on the country of hard-line bigoted clerics. He came back quite energized; perhaps he'll even work on establishing a sister-city relationship with an Iranian city, perhaps Isphahan. Ken tentatively agreed to write up some paragraphs on his trip, for our NL; and the "Cap. Times" of Wed., Nov. 20 '02, p.C1, had a good report.

Tom Brodd introduced several friends, notably Amy, who are deeply involved with the African Wildlife Foundation. For the May Giftaway meeting, they'll be submitting a donation proposal. For now, they just wanted to introduce themselves, briefly explain the AWF, and put faces on future submissions of paperwork.

Our Christmas Party: Sophia had offered us a choice of Dec. 7 or 14. We decided that it will be on Sat., Dec. 7 '02, from 6:00 or 6:30 pm onwards, at the home of Sophia Zermuehlen, 317 Bordner St., 233-7886. This is a potluck. And, each attender should bring a present of some sort, wrapped, for the gift exchange. Kids' presents should be identified as such. Presents can be tastefully inexpensive purchases, old outgrown treasures, or even older white elephants.

Elections: We elected these officers for the coming year, through the mid-point of the Oct. '03 general meeting.

Steven Elmore, President ph. 257-2712; e-mail <sbelmore@usa.net>; PC/Bulgaria '99-01.

Andrew Prochnow, Vice-President; ph. 215-0036; e-mail <prochnowa@netscape.net>; PC/Russia '00-02, business.

Alyson Carr, Secretary. Madison WI 53703; ph. 258-9463; e-mail <alysonmcarr@excite.com>; Namibia '98-'00.

Karl Stark was elected for another year as Treasurer. (These new officers met with the outgoing officers, and some other interested people, at Brad Hinkfuss's house on Nov. 7, to pass on lore.)

The outgoing officers were applauded for their faithful efforts.

Peace Corps Partnership voting: (Rose Ann Scott): more nominations of desired projects were collected.

A Nepal Teach-in, for the coming Sunday, was announced.

Regarding the Maoist guerrilla movement in Nepal (which resembles the Shining-Path types in Latin America), and which is creating a condition of widespread civil war. [Buck attended, and came away rather dispirited, and even more disappointed in the Nepali Royal Family.]
Peace Corps Online

A great resource for news about Peace Corps can be found at Peace Corps Online:
http://peacecorpsonline.org

Here is a sampling of what they currently have online:

1. Exclusive: Improvements Needed in Peace Corps Volunteer Support Services
2. House of Representatives adjourns without passing Peace Corps Bill
3. Returned Volunteer murdered/Peace Corps suspends program in Jordan
4. Op-ed: President Kennedy's suffering forged his character
5. Program to collect RPCV

Oral Histories
6. Peace Corps Cartoons

One of the most interesting articles comes from Bob Klein (Ghana 1961-63) titled, What is a Mythographer? He has traveled around the country interviewing RPCV's, mostly from the 1960's era. This is from his article "If you are interested in the project, inform fellow RPCVs about it and try to work with an affiliated NPCA group. The need is for local interviewers and project coordinators. Contact me (azyee@worldnet.att.net) or the RPCV Archivist at the

Kennedy Library, James Roth (james.roth@nara.gov). If you have questions and comments about the Archival Project, let me know. If you have personal materials to donate to the RPCV Collection, contact James Roth before you mail anything to the Kennedy Library. Until the project is broadly established (our goal by 2004), do not request to be interviewed."

Peace Corps Signs University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee for Fellows/USA Program

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 22, 2002—The University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee has signed a memorandum of agreement with the Peace Corps marking the beginning of their partnership with the agency's Fellows/USA program. This agreement will mark the second Fellows/USA partner university to benefit urban Milwaukee. Already, through Marquette University, Fellows have assisted with projects that have positively affected people's lives. For example, at a children's welfare nonprofit, they helped to establish a government relations branch to address social policy issues. They also worked with at-risk youth who attended an alternative high school for those who have been involved with the juvenile justice system.

"The Peace Corps Fellows/USA program will bring to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and our community partners a corps of graduate students who have already demonstrated their commitment to service," said UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. For more information about Peace Corps Fellows/USA, please contact Marketing Coordinator Gina Wynn at 202-692-1434, write to gwynn@peacecorps.gov, or visit www.peacecorps.gov/fellows.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 - $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:

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
Ten Things Anyone Can Do for World Peace by JENNIFER WATSON ROBERTS

Each act may seem small but, multiplied, can make a difference

[Op-Ed piece from The Charlotte Observer]

We are not helpless. We do not have to condemn our future to one of cross-cultural violence. Following are 10 things anyone can do for the cause of world peace. Each by itself may seem small, but many drops of water make an ocean. A couple of Peace Corps volunteers in a remote village in Peru once befriended a local village boy and helped him earn money for college. That education helped the boy later become the president of Peru.

1. Confront your own cultural prejudices.
2. Help alleviate world hunger.
3. Volunteer at a local school to help someone learn to read.
4. Give money to a global literacy program.
5. Invite a foreign student to dinner.
6. Conserve energy.
7. Stay informed.
8. Write a letter to the editor or to your member of Congress.
10. Vote.