FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since last I wrote events have overtaken us. The issue is no longer should our government go to war, but rather what do we do now that we are at war? Well, Earl and Kathleen have come up with a great idea—a Middle Eastern Dinner at the Cardinal Bar to benefit the victims of the war. Whether you support or oppose the war, we can all agree that there are innocent victims. Before the benefit, we must determine who are the most needy victims and what organizations would most effectively assist them. Obviously, the civilians of Iraq, Kuwait and, to a lesser extent, Israel are innocent victims. (I've often thought it would teach the people of this country a lesson to have a war here instead of on TV—then we'd know what it was like.). And, once the land war begins, we'll have plenty of our own victims as people come home shot up, shell-shocked and brutalized. Let's not forget them. And, in a larger sense, the needy everywhere, the poor, the homeless, the children, the elderly, for whom the peace dividend has proved illusory, are victims as their needs will continue to go unmet. So, there is no end to the people who need our help; the only limit is our own creativity in channeling the funds we raise where they will have the most impact.

Also, if you are unable to attend our Winter Retreat, on Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Capitol there will be a statewide conference of the Wisconsin Network for Peace in the Middle East followed by the Wisconsin Nuclear Freeze Campaign's Give Peace a Dance fundraiser at Turner Hall starting at 8:00 p.m.

Meanwhile, as the war diverts our attention, the Peace Corps is suffering from "strain, confusion and chaos", in the words of PC Inspector General Gerard A. Roy, as traditional programs to help the poorest of the poor are being cut in order to fly the flag in Eastern Europe. Is the nonpolitical, person-to-person international help and friendship organization that we are proud to have been a part of being transformed into a shill for one administration's foreign policy? I hope not. If you're interested in the fate of the Peace Corps, please contact me for reprints of the articles quoting the Inspector General and read them for yourself.

Events in Kuwait and Washington sometimes seem out of our control. Well, here are some things that we can control: the Global Education Teacher's Manual and the 1992 Calendar. The Global Ed Committee has reconvened after the holidays and has a committed core of people who are willing to do the job. But they can always use some help. Similarly, its time already to start the production phase of our 1992 Calendar. In the past, Jim Good has done a heroic job, but with the demands of career and family, he needs some help. Learn an exciting new skill by being one of Jim's assistant producers. Finally, if all else fails, come to the Winter Retreat and the Baron Bliss Party and unwind. Sometimes that's all you can do.
EDITOR'S CORNER:

1. PLEASE NOTE Due to scheduling problems at Union South, next month's meeting will start an hour late. Come at 8 PM, not 7 or you won’t see anyone you know. WARNING! I won’t be at the March meeting, so call me if you need something.

2. If the expiration date on your mailing label is 1/91, it should have an ugly yellow-green mark over it. This mark indicates that I have no record that you have paid your 1991 dues, all 50+ of you. If you don't do this small chore soon (membership info is on the back page of this newsletter), you will not receive any more newsletters from us. If you want the newsletter but can’t afford to pay, call me and I'll keep you on the mailing list.

3. As our membership expands and we coordinate more closely with the National Council, I'm having more difficulty both editing the newsletter and keeping our membership lists current. (If those 50 people don’t rejoin, it will be much less of a problem!) I need to have someone take over one of these two jobs, preferably editing the newsletter.

While the position can be as complicated as you want to make it, at minimum it requires: (1) collecting each month’s submissions - minutes, calendar, Pres message if there is one, Thorn Tree, notices of events, filler material from Rose Ann and others, etc.; (2) cutting and pasting this material into 10 individual pages, possibly with help from others; (3) getting it duplicated (I can handle this task if you can get me the originals); and (4) mailing it, which can be a pain but goes better with a few willing volunteers who are not that difficult to get. All of this work would take you a few hours around the middle of each month and would make my life much easier. You would not even have to write anything! If anyone is willing, please call me, Walt Zeltner. My home and work numbers are on the back page.

4. The deadline for submission of material for the next newsletter is Thursday, Mar. 14.

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!! NOTE THE TIME CHANGE !!

Next month’s meeting will be Thursday, Mar. 7 in Union South on the UW campus at ** 8 PM **. Check the "Today in the Union" sheet on various bulletin boards in Union South for the room.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

- Friday, Apr. 5 (Potluck at Deb Stapleton's, 2406 Sommers Ave. starting about 6 PM)
- Monday, May 6
- Tuesday, June 4
MINUTES OF MEETING, TUESDAY JANUARY 8, 1991

About 30 were present. A reminder was given that dues are due this month. Kevin reported that the treasury total account balance was $4,780.07, including $500 in savings. $332.38 in the general account, and $4,342.69 in Global Ed.

Rose Ann gave us the calendar report. We have sold 3066 calendars. To date, income is $10,243; expenses are $14,169; yielding a net profit of $2,074. The cash on hand totals $12,123. There have been 125 worth of calendars sold at Magic Mill Food Market; but it seems that we don't know how they got there. Does anybody know who picked us those calendars? It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that we send $1500 to the National Council for the calendars sold ($0.50/calendar). The discussion included the question of how many calendars are sold by people other than our own members. Answer: many; probably a majority. National publicity is increasing each year. The National Board gives good coverage, and there are a variety of other outlets; for example, 99 calendars sold through an ad in Inland Book's magazine. A PCV in Pakistan recently sent a letter to one of our members expressing interest in the calendars. She and several colleagues want to buy calendars, and they want to submit photos for future editions.

In Hank's absence, Nancy gave a brief report on Global Ed. There was little to report this time. More help is needed. Workshops are coming up in January and February.

Buck and Gordon have been working on 501(c)(3) application. Most of the work is done, but no new developments to report yet.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FREEZE-FOR-FOOD -- January 28, at Vilas Park. Main work to be done prior to the event is to collect prizes. John Elder has sent out letters to 34 businesses, soliciting prizes. To follow up, we need to send one person to each of these businesses to collect the prizes. A sign-up sheet, listing each of the businesses contacted, was passed around, so that responsibility for these visits could be shared among many. T-shirts will be ordered on Saturday, Jan 11. The cost is $2.50/shirt, assuming we get 100 shirts. The traditional post-race chili dinner will occur at Kevin's place. Please call Kevin to volunteer something to share for the potluck.

WINTER RETREAT -- February 22-24, at Camp Lucerne, south of Wauneta. This is a chance to just unwind; do whatever you want to do. Bring slides (especially ones that might be appropriate for calendar), food, musical instruments, skiis, books, ...

PARENTS BRUNCH -- April 14 (not 4/21 as announced in meeting), 11:00-1:30. Organizer: Helen. Families of current PCVs from Wisconsin will be special guests. Prospective Peace Corps applicants may also be there. The idea is for us, the returned PCVs, to talk to the guests about our respective host countries and Peace Corps in general. We are encouraged to wear typical clothing from host countries and bring table decorations and exhibits. Some speakers are needed for 5-minute talks on different countries or cultures.

CARDINAL BAR BENEFIT -- time and cause not yet specified. March seems to be a good month for it (in line with other events). Made $400 on this last year, partly because of good press in Isthmus. Kathleen Guinlan will probably work on this again this year, but will need some help.

10th ANNIVERSARY PARTY -- February 15 at Meredith's. Donations to Food Pantry (either monetary or non-perishable food) will be accepted.

NATIONAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION. It was moved and seconded that we affiliate with the National Council. A procedural motion to table the vote on this issue until the next meeting died for lack of a second. Motion passed.

GUEST SPEAKER: Olaf Wilke, a visiting journalist from East Germany, has been here for 6 months as part of a journalism exchange program that sent American journalists to several cities in the U.S. Olaf is 32 years old and the father of two children. In a question-and-answer session, he spoke about changes in Germany since the unification. The former East Germany has had to adapt to many rapid changes. For many years a society that had been nearly closed to foreign immigration and influence, the country has suddenly become an open society. Some social insecurity and fear to accept new authority has developed as a result. As a journalist, Olaf had special insight on German and American Press. Most East German papers were taken over by West German publishers. European press tends to have less separation between opinion and fact than in U.S. We can not depend on American press for complete or accurate coverage of news from Eastern Europe.

--- John Elder, stand-in secretary.

State law should be amended to promote "global citizenship" skills in Wisconsin schoolchildren, a state senator proposed Thursday.

"The recent developments in the Persian Gulf demonstrate a need for everyone, especially our young people, to fully understand the realities of war and the need for diplomacy and peaceful resolution of conflicts between nations," Sen. Joseph Czarnecki, D-Milwaukee, said.

Czarnecki said he is drafting legislation to add an additional citizenship goal to the public school curriculum.

OUT OF PART OF AFRICA:
The Peace Corps has pulled its volunteers from four African countries as a result of the Gulf crisis. The most recent withdrawal is from Tanzania, where 22 non-essential staff and 59 dependents at the U.S. embassy have also been sent home. The State Department says the move was taken because of "a credible threat of pro-Iraqi terrorist action directed at U.S. government facilities and personnel in Tanzania."

In early January, Peace Corps activities were suspended in three north African countries - Morocco, Tunisia and Mauritania. Most of the volunteers who left those countries have had to end their terms of service, a Peace Corps spokeswoman said last week.

New assignments for some have been found. About 2,500 volunteers in 30 other African countries have not been affected by the crisis.

The war also cut short a tour of Africa by two high-ranking American officials. Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan and Dr. Ronald Roskens, administrator of the Agency for International Development (AID), were recalled to Washington last month before making scheduled stops in Mali and Senegal.

Before returning home, they visited Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Malawi, Uganda, South Africa and Zimbabwe to examine health problems affecting African children.
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***NOTE: Meeting starts one hour later than usual. |
| 9 Sat | BARON BLISS TROPICAL HEATWAVE PARTY--In honor of the benefactor of Belize. Dave Wakely's, 1326 E. Dayton, 255-1339. 6:00, Potluck. |
| 14 Thu | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE--Submit material to Walt Zeltner, 6187 Sun Valley Parkway, Oregon WI 53575 |
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DAVE ATKINSON + DEB STAPLETON |
| 5 Fri | POTLUCK MEETING--Cordon Maleics & Theresa Ahler's, 1447 Sprague Street, 255-2661, 6:00 p.m.  
2406 SOMERS AVE. 249-3609 |
| 11 Thu | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE--Submit material to Walt Zeltner, 6187 Sun Valley Parkway, Oregon WI 53575 |
| 13 Sat | MIDDLE EASTERN DINNER--Cardinal Bar, 418 E. Wilson St., 5:30 p.m. Benefit for victims of the war. For details call Earl Bricker at 257-7880 or Kathleen Quinlan at 249-6437. |
| 21 Sun | PARENT'S BRUNCH--CUNA, 5710 Mineral Point Road, 11:00 a.m.  
Brunch and program for parents of current PCV's. Bring country-of-service items for centerpieces. |
| MAY 6 Mon | GLOBAL ED COMMITTEE--Union South, 227 N. Randall, 6:00 p.m. |
| 6 Mon | GENERAL MEETING--Union South, 227 N. Randall, 7:00 p.m. |
| 16 Thu | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE--Submit material to Walt Zeltner, 6187 Sun Valley Parkway, Oregon WI 53575 |

UNCH every Sunday 10:00 a.m. to noon. Lakefront Cafeteria, Memorial Union.
**THORN TREE**

**DR RPCV’S SOUGHT**

Madison resident Shelly Gustafson has just received an invitation to serve in the Dominican Republic, and she would like to speak with RPCV’s who served or travelled there. Contact her through her father, Professor Dave Gustafson, Room 392, Mechanical Engineering Building, University of WI-Madison.

**RESULTS BENEFIT**

RESULTS is sponsoring a benefit on Tuesday, March 19, 1991, from 5 to 7 PM, at the home of Rick Phelps and Hannah Rosenthal, 1811 Juniper St. Ragtime music and hors d’oeuvres are included in the $25 donation, and proceeds will go toward implementing the goals of the 1990 World Children’s Vigil.

On Monday, February 25, 1991, at 7 PM in the Council Room of the Union South, RESULTS will hold an education and action meeting to address the topic: "Keeping the Promises of the World Summit for Children."

**FREEZE FOR FOOD T-SHIRTS**

Freeze for Food T-Shirts are still available!

These 100% cotton Fruit of the Loom shirts are royal blue and feature the Freeze for Food logo in white ink. Please help us support Oxfam America by ordering yours now! They are $6.50 each and are available in medium, large and extra-large sizes. Send a check, payable to RPCV’s of WI, to: RPCV’s of WI, PO Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701, or call Deb Stapleton at 244-8609.

**30TH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you would like to volunteer to help with one of the following committees for the 30th Anniversary National Conference of RPCV’s, call Ken Lehman, Campaign Chair, 708/475-2222, Bob Kerr, Conference Chair, 202/483-2633, or Bill Carey, Conference Director, 202/393-5501. The committees are:

* Logistics
* Hospitality
* Public Relations
* Fund-Raising
* Programming
* Volunteer Day
* Country Support

**REGIONAL DEV. ED. WORKSHOP**

From April 12-14, 1991, the National Council is sponsoring a Development Education Workshop in Chicago. The workshop is being planned by Nancy Westbrook, Gretchen Schirmer (RPCV’s of MI), David Klingenberg (Chicago Area RPCV’s), and Glenn Kopp (Greater St. Louis RPCV’s). For more information, contact Nancy at 241-5332.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE**

"The only war you win is the one you don’t fight."

**GARDEN SPACE NEEDED**

Members of a Cambodian war veterans support group are looking for a plot of land near Madison to cultivate. They have tried using community plots, but have become discouraged with gardening in the city because people steal their crops. If you live in one of Madison’s neighboring communities and can lend them some land, contact Kathleen Saidak, United Refugee Services of Wisconsin, 244-6680.

**PEACE DINNER**

The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom will hold a "Peace and Freedom Dinner" on March 16 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Call 835-3746.

**SEMINARS OFFERED**

Madison Campus Ministry is sponsoring an "Agenda for a Prophetic Faith" seminar series. The schedule for March is as follows:

"The Political, Economic and Moral Crisis of the Soviet Union and What Might Be Done About It," March 10, 7 PM, First Baptist Church.

"What a Post-Cold War Foreign Policy Ought to Be," March 17, 1991, 7 PM, First United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 257-1039.
GLOBAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 1991 – 7 PM
Present: Earl Bricker, Gerry Butz, Jeff Cochrane, Gordon Malaise, Lisa Pfaff, Linda Ritter
Facilitator: Nancy Westbrook

Nancy discussed the Development Education Manual Writing Workshop that she attended on Jan. 19 and 20 in Washington D.C. The goal of the workshop, which was sponsored by the National Council, was to have one member of each group that received a Biden–Pell grant in 1989 write a project summary. The summaries will then be compiled into a manual and distributed to each RPCV group that is affiliated with the Council.

Based on discussion with the other workshop participants, Nancy reached two conclusions about the projects that seemed to be most successful, in terms of both quality and timeliness: 1. A paid consultant was involved; and 2. The projects were much narrower in scope than the project that was originally proposed by RPCVs of WI–Madison.

Nancy also had the opportunity to discuss the Global Ed. Manual with a number of RPCV teachers, and she shared some of their comments:

Curricula vary across the country, and teachers are becoming more and more restricted in what they can teach, so it may be practical to limit our focus to Madison/Wisconsin. (Jeff stated that this was the intention of the committee anyway.) The committee agreed to limit it's focus to Madison/Wisconsin.

Focusing on one small country, such as Lesotho, may be detrimental. Because global education does not have a place in most curricula, teachers will have to squeeze it in wherever they can. Expanding the Manual to address the plight of women in Asia, Latin America, etc., will give teachers more flexibility. Also, some teachers and students may feel Lesotho is just plain boring. Many members of the committee stated that they have always been uncomfortable with the Lesothian emphasis. Gerry commented that everyone seems to agree that Women in Development is a good topic, but that focusing on Lesotho has generated a lot of debate and dissension. The committee tentatively decided to expand the Manual by keeping the Lesotho materials that have been gathered, but adding new material on women around the world.

The teachers liked the format of the "Day in the Life of an American vs. a Lesothian Woman" activity. They stated that while they didn't want lesson plans that told them exactly what to say, well–developed activities that included handouts and homework were very helpful.

The committee decided to try and finish a first draft of the manual by the fall 1991 school term. To do this, the committee

will:

Continue cooperating with Madison teachers and the DPI and try to strengthen those ties
Re–write the outline for the Manual to adopt a world–wide perspective, while keeping all the work that has already been done.

Meet on a bi–weekly basis. Mondays at 6PM in the Red Oak Grill of the Union South were chosen as regular meeting times.

It was felt that the committee couldn't go any further until each member received and reviewed all the work that had been done to date. Nancy agreed to copy the proposal, manual, and project summary and distribute them to each member before the next meeting.

To carry through with the idea of having a rotating chairperson, Linda Ritter will facilitate the next meeting and submit the minutes. Meeting adjourned at 9 PM. Next meeting is February 18.

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NEWSLETTER POLICY:
Since we're always trying to get new members, I'll 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.

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URGENT
IF YOU SOLD ANY OF OUR 1991 CALENDARS, PLEASE SEND THE PROCEEDS TO:

ROSE ANN SCOTT
2714 OAKRIDGE
MADISON, WI 53704.

QUESTIONS? CALL ROSE ANN AT 241-0845.
New Reference Book Being Published To Honor
The United States Peace Corps Volunteers.

Since its organization in 1961 over 100,000 American men and women from all walks of life have volunteered for the Peace Corps. These volunteers have served in more than 60 underdeveloped countries around the world, making it one of the most successful and important volunteer organizations ever formed.

In celebration of the Peace Corps' 30th Anniversary and in honor of those dedicated volunteers who through personal sacrifice have furthered world peace, Reference Press International, publishers of directories and reference books, is compiling their all new Who's Who In The Peace Corps. This directory is a volunteers biographical register comprised of listings of current and former volunteers and staff of the Peace Corps. A listing will consist of the volunteer's name, address, date and place of birth, telephone number, years and countries of service, educational background, occupational experiences, marital and family status, works published, and awards received. The directory will be organized alphabetically by name. It will then be cross-indexed geographically by the individual's current address, and then cross-indexed again by country of service.

This important new sourcebook will aid all interested persons in relocating returned volunteers with whom they have lost contact. Reference Press International is currently in the process of locating current and returned volunteers and active and retired staff of the Peace Corps. Anyone interested in receiving a biographical questionnaire for a Free Listing or additional information concerning Who's Who In The Peace Corps should contact Reference Press International, P.O. Box 4126, Greenwich, CT 06830 or call toll-free 1-800-786-6777 or fax 203-622-5983.

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Other RPCV organizations have our permission to use any material of interest in this newsletter.
Allied Sound -- It Can Be Dunn!!

This new project coming out of the Allied - Dunn's Marsh community is all about the sound of music coming together and growing out of our community. The first thing that needs to be done is to gather our thoughts, ideas, talent and dreams together. There will be a brainstorming potluck supper held Saturday evening, March 2nd at 5:30. Please bring yourself and your favorite calories to 4705 Jenewein (off Allied Drive). Park side entrance of the building.

To inspire our residents, local performing talent will be brought in to do ongoing workshops. All forms of music of all cultures will be welcome. The Asian residents will be encouraged to participate. As interest on both sides of our music project blooms .... the desire and commitment to learn, and the interest and desire to teach .... we will network the development of our area talent. Monthly group meetings to share support and progress will serve to keep a central group focus and to work toward long range goals: a community band, putting on public performances, recording a demo. From there God, talent, luck, and hard work will determine where we go.

And, to expand into greater areas of inspiration, anybody who comes to Madison to perform could be invited to join this part of our community project. Depending on how many people the performer(s) would like to meet with .... we want to do "up close and personal" workshops with major acts that come to town. There's more to music than making the big bucks .... there's a strong human element behind performers too, at least the special ones we're looking for. We're looking for acts that want to do more than leave town with our money. We're looking for people who care to make a difference .... make an indelible impression on our kids' minds and hearts that even though life can be a struggle - dreams turned into goals and solid plans can come true. If the talent and the drive to succeed is followed by the action required, we can accomplish our goals.

TV and radio stations will be approached, or are invited to contact us for more details about our project so they can be involved and give us news coverage as we grow, and cover our special workshops for their broadcasts.

We are also going to make a complete video history of every workshop we do, to keep at the Center as a part of the history of our community .... to keep as roots that our children can grow up to be proud of.

We'll accept any donation to help this project grow -- time, talent, instruments, equipment, ideas ....

Outreach is being done by flyers, an article and a survey which will be published in the community newsletter to be filled out and left at the Center. This will be followed by door to door outreach work. We are also going to approach some sky divers and hot air balloonists to land in front of the Center to gain community and citywide attention for this and other community projects. Our motivation behind this is the belief "The sky is our only limit .... look up!!"

-Rosie Olson, Coordinator
277-8858
All RPCVW, Inc. members receive the newsletter on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we would prefer that our members pay through December of the year of joining ($1 a month for each month to December), 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 Council of RPCVs through us by paying a further $20. We strongly encourage all members to join the National Council, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

[ ] I want to join RPCVW, Inc. and am enclosing $____.
   ____ Individual - $12 for one year (or $1 per month to next January)
   ____ Joint - $17 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
   ____ Overseas Individual - $20
   ____ Overseas Joint - $25

[ ] I am also enclosing $20 for National Council membership ($27.50 for joint membership).

[ ] I do not want to join, but I would like to receive the newsletter and am enclosing $7 ($15 for overseas) to cover the costs.

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