President's Message

There are lots of items to mention in this month's message, most of them rather disconnected, so here goes.

To start with, thanks for the vote of confidence. I hope I live up to it. I speak for all of us in thanking Nancy Westbrook for the hard work she put in this past year. She played a vital role in many areas, and we wish her well in juggling a full-time job and evening law courses. It even looks like she'll have some time on weekends to continue being active in the group.

One of the tasks that falls to the president is to update our calendar of upcoming events. While I can track the formal events of the group, I can't keep up with all of our social activities unless you keep me informed. If you want to host a party or other event for the group, let me know of your plans as far in advance as possible so I can put the information in the calendar. (Walt Zeltner: 873-5257 [home] or 262-1321 [work])

Our constitution requires us to hold an annual Board meeting. It will take place on Sat., Oct. 24 at 1 PM at Dave Wakeley's house. The newly elected officers and members of the board of directors will meet with the past president to discuss the present status of our group and our future directions. However, this is not a closed meeting. Anyone interested in participating is welcome, but please tell me if you intend to come. I expect the meeting will last all afternoon. I also expect to try to hold more such meetings during my term as president.

I'm hoping as the year progresses to turn the record-keeping chores over to someone else. There are two reasons for this. (1) I've been keeping our membership records for 10 years now. It's time for new blood with new ideas (see Carolyn Peacock's letter in last month's newsletter). (2) I found out about two weeks ago that I might be able to land a job as a bureaucrat overseeing scientific research. This position would be in Colorado, so we better be sure that my duties can be transferred to someone else, preferably while the transfer can be done smoothly. On the other hand, my earlier attempts to land government jobs have not gotten very far, so this one may disappear just as rapidly. We shall see.

Finally, there is a good chance that my present job will have me traveling to the East Coast in early November. If so, I suppose I would become the first newly elected president to miss his first meeting, along with the Calendar Committee meeting and the Holiday Parade. Dave Wakeley may find himself doing a lot more as vice-president than he ever expected!

Walt
SPEAKERS' BUREAU

On November 3, Milton Jr. High School will be host to an agrif-business career fair. The event will attract two other area jr. highs and is a real good opportunity to reach many young minds.

We have been asked to provide one or two RPCVs, preferably who served in an ag field, to give two short presentations (15 min or less) and to staff an information table between the hours of 9-11 AM and 12:30-2:30 PM. Speakers will be provided current Peace Corps facts, brochures and freebees for the information table. Please contact Jim Smith at 262-1121, M W F 12:30 - 4:30.

Meeting Notice: Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.
Union South, 127 N. Randall Ave.

Future Meeting Dates:

Friday, December 4, 6:00 p.m.
POTLUCK!!! Location to be announced.

Monday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.
Union South, 127 N. Randall Ave.

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m.
Union South 127 N. Randall Ave.

Newsletter Policy

Since we're always trying to get new members, We'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.
Dates to Note

Saturday, Oct. 24 - 1:00 PM - RPCVW Board Meeting at Dave Wakeley’s, 1326 E. Dayton St. General discussion about all the activities that affect the group. Should last all afternoon. Anyone interested in discussing where we should be going as a group is invited.

Friday, Oct. 30 - 7:00 PM - Halloween Party at Carolyn Peacock’s, 7010 Farmington Way, off of Gammon Rd. Wear a costume and bring a dish to pass.

Thursday, Nov. 5 - 7:00 PM - RPCVW General Meeting at Union South, 127 N. Randall St.

Sunday, Nov. 8 - 10:00 AM - Calendar Committee Meeting at Barbara Chatterjee’s, 5102 Coney Weston Place, off of Odana Rd.

Sunday, Nov. 8 - meet before 1:00 PM - Holiday Parade around the Square. Come represent your country of service. Check this newsletter for more details. Further questions? Call Rose Ann Scott at 241-0845.

Thursday, Nov. 12 - Newsletter Deadline. Submit materials to Gordon Malaise, 1447 Spaight St., Madison, WI 53703.

Friday, Dec. 4 - 6:00-6:30 PM - Potluck, RPCVW General Meeting, and Potential Calendar Slide Viewing. No one has volunteered to hold the meeting yet. If you would like to host this event, let me know (Walt Zeltner at 873-5257 [home] or 262-1321 [work]). If no one is willing to host the potluck, do we cancel our meeting?

Sunday, Dec. 13 - 10:00 AM - Calendar Committee Meeting at Barbara Chatterjee’s, 5102 Coney Weston Place, off of Odana Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 17 - Newsletter Deadline. Submit materials to Gordon Malaise, 1447 Spaight St., Madison, WI 53703.

Monday, Jan. 4 - 7:00 PM - RPCVW General Meeting at Union South, 127 N. Randall St.

Sunday, Jan. 10 - 10:00 AM - Calendar Committee Meeting at Barbara Chatterjee’s, 5102 Coney Weston Place, off of Odana Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 14 - Newsletter Deadline. Submit materials to Gordon Malaise, 1447 Spaight St., Madison, WI 53703.

Saturday, Jan. 23 - 1:00 PM (meet at shelter by 11:30 AM) - Annual Freeze for Food Benefit Run. More details will follow. Gerry Ashmore will be organizing this event, with much help.
32 were present, including 6 new guys. In the start of what may become another tradition, we encouraged each of them to tell us of their Peace Corps work. Erik Wolf was an aggie in Paraguay, where he planted 10,000 trees. He’s now a discount travel broker here; call him with your last-minute cheap desires: 225-1700 (W). Sandi did ag. econ. work in Tanzania; she worked with fuel-saving stoves and planted lots of trees, too. Amy worked with local credit co-ops in Burundi, making micro-loans. Pat taught HS math & science in Swaziland, and organized a youth’s competitive swimming team. Diane (?) was a teacher in Papua New Guinea, and is now learning more education in grad school. Joan of Gabon worked with fish and wood-stoves. She loves snake stories.

Money: John Gaska was absent, but sent approximate numbers via Walt. We have $200 in the account, and about $200 in outstanding bills. And there’s $130 in pig roast proceeds to deposit. We’re getting short; we are encouraged to pay our ‘93 dues early. This shortfall (caused by increases in Newsletter costs) was why we voted to raise our dues to $15/yr.

Calendar Steering Committee (Barbara): see the report in last month’s NL. We were happy that all their adumbrations didn’t have to be orally expressed.

Don gave the numbers for the 93 Calendar: Of the print run of 10,000 cal. s, we’ve sold to date 4880 cal.s for a total of $17,800. We are approximately at the break-even point. We’ll probably sell at least another 3000 cal.s. By the way, the National Council bought 1000 at a slight discount, to use as incentive gifts to new members.

We then had another round of discussion about calendar growth strategies. Comments were: Slow-gro is best. Use the calendar as a PC recruiting aid. The Cal. is wonderful; don’t stop. Consider the limited-edition/Ming vase approach. No! don’t limit it—it’s a very educational beauty. The distribution work is grungy—accept paying (high school kids) for the shipping, etc. Limit the Cal.’s drain on our group’s enemies; don’t let it monopolize our attention. What we do with the profits needs more attention.

Regarding the Calendar Steering Committee itself, the sense of the meeting was that it is broad enough and open to all and seems quite responsible, so we trust it to handle day-to-day decisions, and think about the big stuff, and report on all in the Newsletter, and come to the group as a whole for decisions on fundamental or major matters. We all are to consense on principles; the committee will be trusted to make concrete choices. The committee is asked to work on a Mission Statement, with categories of decisions and principles.

Major topics to be addressed (soon or eventually) are: Size of print run (each year); What to do with the profits, and the selection procedure (working this out will call for a more concrete consideration); Planning for distribution work (quite hairy; we had very few paid workers—a bit was paid for the Global Ed. project, our National Council reps got some money to help pay for airfare, etc.).

Speakers Bureau (Jim Smith): Jim, the PC campus rep, needs colleagues; call him (see masthead). He signed up lots of us to help him in October, when the PC heavies come down from Minneapolis on a big recruiting push. (The Madison Biltzapers.)

Global Ed (Carolyn): the video-manual project is still perking. (‘Glaical movement, with faith in Spring.’) 150 copies were made, and 30-50 have been sold, #225. She and others will attend teachers’ conferences, and hawk them. An evaluation form is being developed. A Global Ed. project steering committee will start up. Regarding future projects: the video won’t be expanded (too huge a chore), but the Manual can be added to and improved. We agreed that this is a fine Third Goal project, and we should not stop or let it die. We’ll have some of the original grant left over, and there will be income from selling the videomanuals; we should roll this over into another Global Ed. project.

There will also be a Global Ed. Halloween Party at Carolyn’s. Come as the spook of your country. (Dave W is coming as Wisconsin’s id.) Friday, Oct. 30, Carolyn Peacecock’s, 7010 Farmington Way, Madison. 8:30-9:45pm. From 7:00 on. Potluck.

Willy St. Fair report (Gordon): we had a table w/info on PC and our group, and calendars for sale. We had a much nicer location (not near the cat-screen music), but sold only one calendar. A number of people showed interest in PC or in our group. It raised from 4 on, though.

Holiday Parade (Rose Ann): This will be on Sunday, Nov. 8th. From 1pm. This is a children’s parade, mainly. The organizers are excited that we’re coming. Rose Ann is springing for small country flags for all attenders, so call her before 19 October so she can get the order in. Everybody come, preferably in your country’s outfit. Bring children. Involve any nationals you know from your country. We’ll assemble shortly before 1pm, near the Square. The exact place hasn’t been picked yet. But Rose Ann will know, about a week before the Parade.

Gina and Bob Cowell invite us all to open house potluck at their house on Sat. 17 October, at 4pm. 6126 Old Middleton Road. 233-1894.

Our December meeting would normally be a potluck on the first Friday. But, instead, let’s consolidate this with our Christmas Party at Sophia’s. Sophia is happy to have us, but begs that we do it on Saturday (St. Nicholas’ Eve). So, December meeting/Christmas party: Saturday, Dec. 1, from 6:00 on. Potluck. And bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Sophia Zerwochnik, 317 Bondor Dr., Madison. 233-7458.

Freeze For Food Run: this will be Sat. Jan. 23. It’ll be both 5 and 10 km this year. Deb is retiring (and so she has to run in it). We discussed whether to continue doing it or not—last year only 50 runners showed up. But we decided to persevere. Gerry and Laurie will honcho next year’s Freeze.

Deb and Dave invite us all to attend the Sheboygan Polar Bear Club’s New Year’s Dip (on January First, of course).

Heredith raised her proposal, discussed at the last meeting and described in the last Newsletter, to donate $125 for lodging expenses to Alexei from Russia. We voted AYE (unanimous, but with 2 abstentions) to donate $125, to come from 92/93 Calendar profits. Incidentally, at least one of the groups to whom we sent checks has ceased to exist; the check came back.

Elections: the slate of Walt Zeltner (President), Dave Wakeley (Vice President), John Gaska (Treasurer), Buck Trawicky (Secretary), Mary Grace Brown-Ott and Helene Peache (Board Members) were elected by acclamation ("Huzzah!").

Walt’s first act was to schedule the mandatory annual Board Meeting, for long range planning. All are welcome, and the Deadwoods (all past presidents) are expected. At Dave Wakeley’s, 1326 E. Dayton St. Madison. 225-1359.

Sat. Oct. 24, 1pm.

And then we adjourned to the Red Oak Grill, to drink beer and talk about the latest laser technology.
BRINGING THE WORLD BACK HOME

The Holiday Parade is Sunday, November 8 and starts at 1 pm. Arrive anytime after 12, as that is the time the organizers want us there. You will have to call me to determine where to assemble at. I will know a week before the parade. I will put a message on my answering machine once I know. Get out your flags, colorful fabric, buy some balloons. Bring a boombox with lively international music. Invite international friends. Encourage national dress. Come with a Mardi Gras attitude. Children are especially welcome.

Rose Ann Scott 241-0845

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DON'T MESS WITH IT

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DOES ANYONE KNOW?

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WILL YOU CATCH HELL?

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244-3732 for more info.

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MINUTES
International Calendar Steering Committee (ICSC)
Sunday, October 11, 1992

Present: Barbara Chatterjee, Chair; Henry Nehls-Lowe; Gordon Malaise; Don Sauer; Kevin Nies; Nancy Westbrook; Walt Zeltner; Earl Bricker
Absent: Dave Wakely; Buck Trawicky

1. Earl Bricker volunteered to serve as Minutes taker for this meeting.

2. The Minutes of the 9/13/92 meeting were reviewed, with no additions or corrections.

3. Housekeeping:
   a. People were informed that the November meeting would end early, at 11:30, due to the Holiday Parade in which our RPCV group is participating.
   b. John Gaska has resigned from the ICSC due to other demands on his time.
   c. It was agreed to continue meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon at Barbara Chatterjee's for 1993.

4. Review of Calendar Panel Presentation at 10/7 Meeting:
   a. Don Sauer and Henry Nehls-Lowe each expressed pleasure with the discussion held at the meeting, feeling that other members were responsive to the goals of the Committee and welcoming of anything that would serve to alleviate an overabundance of Calendar business at monthly meetings.
   b. The Committee spent time developing two lists, one composed of tasks/decisions to be undertaken by the Committee on a regular basis and the other of tasks/decisions to be put to the members at a monthly meeting. For example, the specifics about marketing (advertising; catalogs; etc.) would be left to the Committee while the marketing philosophy (slow growth; no growth; etc.) would be determined by the larger group. Walt will draft these lists, copy all for comments, and they will be presented at the November meeting by Don, Henry and Dave Wakely.
   c. During the discussion about delineation of tasks, it was decided that creating and submitting an annual budget would serve to outline the calendar for the coming year. This document would also provide the information needed to make the decisions likely to be allocated to the members at a Chapter meeting. Finally, it was decided that a budget for the 1993 & 1994 Calendars would be drafted and published in the December newsletter. Copies will be available at the December 4 Chapter meeting, and discussion as desired by those attending. It was acknowledged that this first effort will be a learning experience, but one which is much-needed.

5. Tax Status: Gordon announced that he's received a letter acknowledging the receipt of the application for non-profit status by the IRS. Action will be taken within 90-100 days.

6. Marketing 1993 Calendar:
   a. Don shared that as of 10-11-92, 4,932 calendars have been sold. $18,754.50 has been billed, and $9,691.07 has been received to date. Don and Kevin have written a collection letter to send to all outstanding accounts over 30 days, which are actually very few in number.
   b. Don shared information about the arrangements with the San Diego RPCV Chapter and the National Council.
   c. An additional three letters will be written and mailed in the very near future:
      1) One to those groups who took advantage of the pre-publication price of $4, informing them that that price will hold through the year and asking for additional orders;
      2) A broad sales letter to other RPCV and Friends groups, asking for new orders; and
      3) A cooperative marketing venture containing order forms for those groups who took advantage of the pre-publication package and for the Calendar, mailed to all who ordered a calendar in previous years (this mailing is in lieu of the postcard sent in years past).
   d. Each letter will also ask for the submission for slides for the 1994 Calendar. Earl volunteered to create a flyer to send along with the letters to groups so that they might include it in their own newsletters.
   e. Mailing parties are being organized for every Wednesday night beginning at 7 p.m. at the home of Brent McNabb and Earl Bricker, 414 Clemons Avenue.
f. Henry announced that we are providing the National Council with slides to fulfill a request they received from the Today Show for a series they'll be running on "famous" RPCVs. The NCRPCV contact even suggested that a plug for the Calendar might happen.

g. Litho will be paid off in the very near future, meaning no bills will be outstanding for the 1993 calendar.

7. Accounting Issues:
   a. Given John Gaska's inability to participate in this committee, it was determined that he (or any Treasurer) need not be involved in making the decisions about accounting packages or bookkeeping procedures, but the Treasurer should sign off on the final recommendation and be part of any subsequent review.

   b. After a great deal of discussion, a consensus was reached that this is an area in which expertise is imperative and we should be willing to pay for it. Too much is at stake with this growing enterprise, and with non-profit status comes an audit requirement. Several people spoke of personal acquaintances with accounting experience. Gordon will confer with a colleague who is a CPA and report back about his interest and availability.

c. Another group which will be contacted (by Henry) is SCORE, Service Corps of Retired Executives. The thinking was that we could use guidance from someone with years of experience in business, since the calendar project is becoming a small business.

d. The goal for both of the above two tasks is the November Committee meeting.

8. Recommendation to Chapter re: Distribution of Calendar Proceeds:
   a. The needs are to develop a process for distribution of calendar proceeds to groups needing small grants for projects, or mere survival. The focus should be on the application process, timing, the basic philosophy, the necessity for the creation of a separate fund, etc.

   b. The consensus was that this is a recommendation which needs to come from a sub-committee. Walt and/or Barbara will write something for the next newsletter soliciting interested members, and hopefully the response will be sufficient for Walt to organize this group and announce the membership at the November Chapter meeting.

9. Schedule for 1994 Calendar Production:
   Due to time, Henry will draft a schedule for the November Committee meeting.

10. Budget for 1994 Calendar:
    Due to time, but also related to previous decisions, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

11. Closure:
    a. The Agenda for the November ICSC meeting will include the following:
      1) Production schedule for the 1994 Calendar
      2) Budget for 1993 & 1994 Calendars
      3) Review of Calendar Panel Presentation at November Chapter Meeting
      4) Establishment of Calendar Proceeds Distribution Sub-Committee

    b. Barbara went over the list of tasks she had compiled, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Earl Bricker

Other RPCV organizations have our permission to use any material of interest in this newsletter.
CALLING PROCEEDS DISTRIBUTION  
SUBCOMMITTEE BEING FORMED

Calling for volunteers! Have your say!

The International Calendar Steering Committee (ICSC) is asking for help in pinning down our Chapter’s philosophy and procedures regarding distribution of proceeds from the International Calendar project. The ICSC has asked our president, Walt Zeltner, to form a special Calendar Proceeds Subcommittee of volunteers to address these issues.

We are aware that there are varied points of view on this subject. Therefore, we hope this wide range of perspectives will be represented on the subcommittee. This group will meet over the next several months to prepare recommendations to bring back to the ICSC and subsequently to the entire RPCV-WI/Mad Chapter. The Calendar Proceeds Subcommittee will be expected to complete its work by March 1993, so procedures can be finalized for the 1993 distribution.

The issues are both interesting and challenging. So take the plunge and volunteer.
For more information call either Barbara Chatterjee (271-2405) or Walt Zeltner (873-5257).

To become a member of the Calendar Proceeds Subcommittee notify Walt no later than November 1.

DO SIGN ON--YOUR INPUTS AND IDEAS ARE NEEDED.

RPCVs of WISCONSIN MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

NEW MEMBERS:
1/93 BRIDSON, Michelle 3625 Spring Trail, Madison, WI 53711.

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Member Renewals: Sandy Moss (Exp. date: 1/94)
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You can also join the National Council of RPCV's 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 $______.
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   _____ Joint - $20 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
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☐ I am also enclosing $20 for National Council membership ($27.50 for joint membership [two people with the same address] in the NC).

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