Hi All,
Rick gave me the “floor” to write a few notes in the President’s page in the newsletter this quarter, so I’ll share and highlight what I remember for the past few months. This will be our first quarterly newsletter, and we’re hoping it goes well and keeps our group informed, while at the same time lending to a more efficient process with the issuing of postcards during the other 2 months. Share your feedback, please, to the worldrootsnews@yahoo.com e-mail address. Rick asked me to open up the opportunity, if anyone is interested at this time, to take on the presidency of our group. You may call Rick with any question about the responsibilities and activities of this post. The “2nd” toughest job you’ll ever love, right Rick?

We have had a busy spring/summer of activities and social events...the hustle and bustle of putting together our awesome 2006 calendar (it is more beautiful and breath-taking each year!), the unveiling party of our 2006 calendar, an exciting camping trip to Yellowstone State Park (we survived the “Monsoon” and are alive to tell about it!), the annual Family Brunch and volunteering at the Wisconsin Public Television(another “new” and exciting experience for some).

On a sad note, we will temporarily say “adieu” to our “treasured” treasurer and active group member, Tom Brodd, as he leaves in August for 2 years in The Gambia. We will miss greatly him and hope he stays in touch with pictures and e-mails during his adventure.

Peace,
Kristine S. Torres

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Calendar News
We combined our monthly calendar and business meeting on June 11th, at the annual "Calendar unveiling party, and had a nice turn-out at Tom Brodd’s home. Since Tom will be gone the next 2 years, who would like to host it next time?! We will probably be returning to our previous, smaller calendar size. Although the larger size has been a positive from an artistic and graphic standpoint, we have received significant negative feedback from many of our bulk purchase customers, i.e., NPCA. The size is much more difficult to mail out, envelopes are difficult to find and as a result orders have dropped. We need to listen to our customers.
We need someone to check and answer our customer service e-mail site, calendarmail@yahoo.com. The site is most demanding from the fall to mid-winter, when e-mail needs to be checked on a regular basis, but it is a fun calendar task. It is a great way to get involved and get familiar with our calendar, without having to stick to a set schedule; you decide when to work on it, from the comfort of your home/office! Pat Halpin is currently answering e-mails, you may call her if you’re interested and have more questions, ph#249-5948.
We will host 2 separate calendar packing parties this fall, both at Alan Weiner’s warehouse in Middleton, starting at 6:00 p.m., in September and October (see events calendar below). It’s fun and we feed you dinner, too. Please join us!!
Atwood SummerFest is Sat., Aug. 6, and we can use your help selling calendars that day. Please call Troy Rutter to tell him when you can be there. PH#245-9964.
Next meeting: August 23, at 1050 Jenifer St., 7:00 p.m.
RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF WISCONSIN - MADISON

Note: Calendars are available to our paid-up members at $4.00 each until the end of the September general meeting. The price increases to $5.00 after that. Calendars can also be purchased by contacting any of the following:

Rochelle Goedken  243-0298  541 Oak St., Madison
Rose Ann Scott  241-0845  2714 Oakridge, Madison
Margot Kennard  255-7539  1515 Rutledge St., Madison
Ken Coffeen  224-1164  1613 Vondron Rd., Madison
Sophie Zermuehlen  233-7886  317 Bordner Dr., Madison

Minutes from RPCVW – Madison Business Meetings at the Union

Minutes from April 20, 2005 meeting:

- Listserve: Sign up for the yahoo listserv because we would eventually like to get rid of the other emails that go out.

- Postcards: We will start sending out postcards instead of newsletters, with faster info.

- Brunch: The brunch has been postponed until June 26th, (tentative) more info to come.

- Tsunami Money: Up to $5000 was approved to go towards groups/organizations working with Tsunami victims.

  1. Women’s Development center: see last minutes. This was funded $1000

  2. Max’s project: tabled until Max can be there to explain how the money would get there.

  3. Larry Nahlik is in Thailand, his were approved, see last newsletter $2000

  4. Leaves $2000 to be handed out for future Tsunami Projects.

Money Distributed from Calendar Money. (See last newsletter for descriptions)

1. There was $8100 to gift away, but the description of how to write proposals got out late, so it was decided to give up to $5000 this time and the rest will be used for projects in sept or oct.

2. Guatemala Project had representation

3. Two students who are in process of applying to Peace Corps talked about Habitat trip

4. RPCV talked about the magazine Yegoo from Senegal.

5. At end $2000 was approved for Nicaragua projects, $900 to Habitat, and $2000 to the Health Clinic in Guatemala. A total of $4900.

- New Project: Farm Defenders. Mike Murray spoke on behalf of Madison Rafah Sister City Project. It would be to send formula and vitamins. Info to come in next newsletter.
• Volunteer Opportunities:
  • Wisconsin Public Television Auction June 2, 2005. Email sarahga@rocketmail.com for more info.

Minutes from May 18, 2005 meeting:

• A brief discussion of the benefits of sending a postcard to get information out faster but then less newsletters going out. Will we lose people from far away if we stop sending the newsletters as frequently? Will the postcards get more people involved?

• The 2006 calendar has been printed!

• We have some concerns that the website is not always updated, there has been an offer that Dean Jefferson may want to help update it.

• Tom Brodd, the current treasurer is going to Gambia. It takes about an hour a month of work to be the treasurer.

• Tom Kenney was nominated to be treasurer. We would like to vote on this at the June 11th meeting. (As long as a hard copy of this gets out to members before then.)

• There is not a RPCV meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of June. Instead the meeting will be held on Saturday June 11, 2005 at 5 PM at 1527 Jefferson St. This will be the unveiling of the new calendar and the June General Meeting.

• The July General meeting will be held in the Red Gym on the third Wednesday of the month.

• Max’s project got approved from the Tsunami fund, that had been held over from the April meeting. There is still $1000 available for a project that has to do with the Tsunami. If you have a proposal, please fill out the RFP that can be found on the RPCV-Wisconsin website.

• Anyone interested at volunteering at Wisconsin Public Television at the auction on June 2, 2005 from 7:30-midnight, should contact Sarah Galanter at sarahga@rocketmail.com

RPCVW Financial Accounts (provided by Treasurer Tom Brodd)

As his final gesture before passing on the financial records to Tom Kenney, outgoing treasurer Tom Brodd provided a detailed breakdown of expenses for the past 10 months. It starts with September because our tax year runs Sept 1 through Aug. 31. This information is not being provided on our website. Enjoy!
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**Segalsee Edu. Fund**

$501.75  $501.75  $917.25  $437.25  $417.25  $417.25  $622.25  $247.25  $247.25
Announcements!!

Per Helene Pesche, this past May, Sophie Zermuehlen tripped on a Twin Lakes sidewalk near her oldest son's home and broke both arms. Surgery was done on her right arm and Helene reports after a recent visit that she looks great and has immensely recovered. She is self-sufficient again and drives herself (carefully) to the swimming pool. If you'd like, give her a phone call, send an email or a card. She'd love to see the 2006 calendar and loves visits; but do phone ahead. She's on the bus buzzing around Madison, back to her normal schedule. Mrs. Sophia Zermuehlen, 317 Bordner Dr. Madison 53705 tele: 233-7886

Hope you recuperate fully and quickly, Sophie!!

If you are interested in an afternoon canoe outing, possibly on Lake Wingra on Saturday, July 30th, followed by a cook-out/potluck afterwards, please let Troy Rutter know, ph#245-9964, so we can reserve canoes. We will make this a going away get-together for Tom Brodd at the same time.

Contacting Members by Postcard
(contributed by Walt Zeltner)

One result of our recent newsletter problems is that we are changing our methods of contacting individual members. In order to lessen the demand on the newsletter editor, we are moving to quarterly newsletters that contain detailed information. Other information will be provided to members by e-mail through a listserv and by monthly reminder postcards. For now, I will be the primary person responsible for getting the postcards out, so I want to provide some information about the process.

It should be straightforward if everything works as planned. Someone will send me the brief information to be included on the postcard, at minimum, a reminder of the date, time, and location of the next group meeting. (Sarah Galanter provided this information for the postcard that was sent out at the end of May.) I will get that information onto a postcard and mail it once I get mailing labels from Brad Hinkfuss, who handles our member database. The end-of-May postcards went out to our members and other interested individuals in the Madison area. If you want to be included in future postcard updates, you should contact Brad to let him know of your interest(ph#242-9573, iambrad@chorus.net).

There are 2 ways we can send postcards:
1) When only a limited amount of information needs to be sent, I can put it on a peel-off label and then stick it on one of our calendar postcards. Thus, we use up some of our semi-infinite supply of postcards and minimize the cost. I estimate the end-of-May postcards cost $0.30/ea. to prepare and mail, with most of the cost being the stamp. The main drawback is the smaller space to include a return address, so we will not get feedback from the post office about address changes.

2) When more information needs to be included than will fit on a calendar postcard, I can have the postcard printed commercially on card stock. The commercial card will be a bit smaller than the calendar postcard, and one full side of the commercial card can be used for information. The other side will hold the return address, mailing label and stamp. The commercial postcards will cost approximately $0.60/ea. I could get the cards done through the university, but there are some issues with having them do the cards that do not appear to make it worth while.
One other possibility I would like to pursue is using postcards to remind members of their unpaid annual dues. This would require some coordination between Brad and myself, so don’t expect it to happen immediately.

Questions or comments about the postcard process can be directed to me. We realize that the information included on the postcard needs to be correct, so I will be careful to double check addresses and phone numbers on future mailings.

Walt Zeltner (ph# 873-5257)

Update on Donations from Calendar Proceeds - June 2005
(contributed by Walt Zeltner)

At the April meeting, we discussed donations to 4 Tsunami relief projects and 8 other projects. We approved donations of $1,000 to each of the 4 tsunami relief projects. We tabled approval of an Indonesian project until the May meeting. I have mailed the checks for 2 projects sponsored by the Friends of Thailand. Dr. Robert Cowell is handling funding for a Sri Lankan project. I don’t know the status of the Indonesia project funding, as it was being handled between the project sponsor, Maximillian Ashwill, and our treasurer. Since we authorized $5,000 for tsunami relief projects, we can accept one additional proposal or use that money for another purpose.

It was more complex to deal with the other projects. A major reason was because of problems associated with production and distribution of the newsletter, we did not send required information to our members in a timely manner. As a result, at our March meeting, we agreed to set up a sub-fund containing $1,200 in calendar proceeds to fund global education projects. Any donations made from this sub-fund will be replenished annually. $600 from this sub-fund was approved for a local project that needed the funds to help set up their event at the end of April. I suggested to the project sponsors that in the future, they request our group authorize an ongoing, annual donation of $600 from calendar proceeds, with the assumption that this project will occur annually. Then we will not have to discuss and vote on this request every year. We already do this, for example, with the Freeze for Food project. As a result of this action, only $8,100 remained for donations to other projects at the April meeting. (we will put $600 back into this sub-fund next year from the $10,000 in calendar proceeds that are available for other project donations. Since we earmark $700 for Freeze for Food set up costs from the $10,000 pot, only $8,700 will be left to fund other projects in 2006.)

A second consequence of the newsletter problems was we did not publish the information on the method for requesting donations in time for people to submit their donation requests for consideration in April(unless they already knew the application process). In fairness to all interested applicants, I suggested at the April meeting that we only distribute $5,000 of the $8,100 at that meeting and leave the remainder to be considered at the September meeting, after other requests have been received. This suggestion was accepted.

Finally, we reach the 8 other projects. $2,000 was approved to be split among 4 projects submitted by the Richland Center - Santa Teresa (Nicaragua) Sister City Project. $2,000 was approved to support a health clinic sponsored by the Kickapoo/Guatemala Accompaniment Project. Those two checks have been mailed and their receipt has been acknowledged. $900 was approved to pay for supplies in-country for 3 UW students who were participating in a
Habitat for Humanity International student service trip. The students received the check directly from Tom Brodd. A request to support a bilingual magazine was turned down. A request from Steve Elmore to support an International Language Center in Mongolia was tabled because Steve was not present at the meeting to provide more details about the project. I had some concerns about the best method to make the payment. I e-mailed Steve about this issue in early May, but have not yet received a response. These actions leave about $3,200 available for distribution to other projects at an upcoming meeting.

Another result of the newsletter problems is that we are changing our methods of contacting individual members. In order to lessen the demand on the newsletter editor, we are moving to quarterly newsletters which contain detailed information such as this update. Other information will be provided to members by e-mail, via listserv and by monthly reminder postcards. This change, however, impacts the calendar donation process, as all requests must be published in the newsletter before they can be considered at a business meeting. The newsletter will come out at the end of March, June, September, and December. The next meeting for donation request consideration will occur at the October meeting.

The deadline for submitting the next set of donation requests will be 9/15/05 (per Kristy Torres) to ensure inclusion in the newsletter and consideration at the October meeting. The process for requesting donations was described in detail in the newsletter that came out at the end of March, 2005. Please check our website for that issue. Essentially, fill out a Donation Request form which is also available on our website and e-mail it to me and the editor. Our e-mail addresses are: zeitner@chorus.net, zeitner@engr.wisc.edu, Kristine.torres@doc.state.wi.us. You can also use the format employed for donation requests in the March 2005 newsletter. Any supporting information you want to provide can be mailed (or e-mailed) to me, not to the newsletter editor. You can also mail me the request and hope that I have time to transcribe it into an electronic format.

- On June 1, 2005, President Rick Row received a letter from NPCA President Kevin Quigley, with a request for $10,000 from our group for a group-building grant. What follows is Mr. Quigley’s letter of request, the grant application and our grant policy. This information is being provided for your review, with the intention of voting on the application at the next scheduled business meeting (7/20/05)

1 June, 2005

Dear Rick,
In accordance with the outline provided by the RPCV - Madison group, the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) is pleased to submit this $10,000 group-building grant application for your consideration.

Under this proposal, the RPCVs of Wisconsin - Madison would be recognized as lead sponsor of several key resources and activities designed to support affiliate groups and volunteer leaders.

Resources will include creation of a flexible brochure template to assist groups in the promotion of their activities, conference calls to educate and mobilize group representatives on advocacy
initiatives related to the Peace Corps, modest stipends to emerging volunteer leaders who are coordinating advocacy activities in their region, and group materials for our March 2006 National Day of Action in Support of the Peace Corps.

Activities included in this proposal include our Day of Action next March and a Capitol Hill Advocacy Day in Washington DC this July in conjunction with NPCA’s Annual General Meeting and Group Leaders Forum.

We are grateful to the RPCVs of Madison for your generous past support, and hope you will be excited about and supportive of this proposal. Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions.

With very best wishes to you and the RPCV-Madison group.

Sincerely,

Kevin F. F. Quigley - President
National Peace Corps Association

Grant Application:
Challenge and Opportunity: The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) plans to build upon the momentum of recent outreach and advocacy initiatives in support of the Peace Corps and the Peace Corps community. The Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison can lead this effort by sponsoring a series of activities culminating in a National Day of Action in Support of the Peace Corps during Peace Corps Week 2006.

Request: We seek $10,000 from the RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison to carry out four interconnected projects that will strengthen affiliate group membership development and advocacy. The RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison would be primary sponsor and recognized for leadership in advancing these projects. Project components are:

1. Brochure “Template”: A brochure will be designed as a flexible “template”, providing affiliate groups with a resource that can be edited and converted to create a promotional item highlighting each group’s individual achievements, and the interconnection of our community in promoting service, education and advocacy.

2. Capitol Hill Advocacy Day: As part of the NPCA’s Annual General Meeting and Group Leaders’ Forum in Washington, we propose organizing a July 28th 2005 advocacy day on Capitol Hill. This program will include an orientation session for individuals and group leaders, action opportunities and a goal of 40 meetings with congressional offices.

3. Leadership Communications/Support: To sustain momentum from advocacy day and build momentum for the Day of Action, we propose at least three national conference calls to further educate and mobilize interested advocates and affiliate group representatives on legislative matters pertaining to the Peace Corps. Additionally, to support between three and five emerging volunteer leaders serving as state/regional advocacy coordinators, a stipend of up to $75 per year would be offered.
4. 2006 National Day of Action in Support of the Peace Corps: Our project will culminate with NPCA’s second Day of Action. This past March, 17 affiliate groups formally participated, and we know at least 400 individuals from 35 states took action. This contributed to a doubling of the number of Congressmen/women signing a letter supporting increased Peace Corps funding. Our goal is to double the number of known Day of Action affiliate groups and participants in 2006.

Report: An interim project evaluation will be submitted by February 1, 2006. A final summary of National Day of Action activities will be submitted by April 1, 2006.

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Funding sources: Several advocacy projects are supported by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the United Nations Foundation, and others. These are for non-Peace Corps initiatives.

RPCV Group-Building Grant Application
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers - Madison, WI

2004/05 Group-Building Grant Policy

The members of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Madison, WI, recognize that the work and culture of Peace Corps does not stop at the close of service, but that we continue on in an endless variety of groups and projects across the country and the world. We also recognize that the basic effort of forming RPCV groups and keeping that culture alive requires a great deal of effort in itself. We feel that this effort of ‘group-building’ among other RPCVs is worth supporting.

The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) is one of the key organizations that provides some assistance to RPCVs as individuals and groups. One of the NPCA goals is to “Strengthen the work of its affiliates at home and abroad in their pursuit of service.” To those ends we have established this grant application as a means of encouraging specific NPCA efforts that support other RPCV groups and group efforts.

At this time, this grant opportunity is being extended only to the NPCA. All proposals that outline specific projects or initiatives to meaningfully contribute to the further development and success of RPCV groups and group efforts will be given serious consideration.

The following criteria outline the basic grant policy:

1. As an organization founded by RPCVs, the RPCV-Madison, WI group has a commitment to helping other RPCV groups.
2. The RPCV-Madison, WI group looks favorably on projects that outline specific projects with specific goals.
3. Grants will be made only to the NPCA as an organization and not to individuals.
4. Grants are not made to establish or add to endowment funds.
5. Grants are not usually made to support operating expenses and general administrative expenses.
6. Grant proposals will be accepted once a year.
7. The RPCV-Madison group retains sole discretion as to the awarding of grants, the amount of the grants and the longevity of this program.

Grant Application
Grant applications should outline in a simple narrative form what the NPCA proposes to do with the funds requested. A total project budget that lists other sources of funding and support should also be included. The total application narrative and budget statement should not exceed one single-spaced page, combined. In addition, please include a detailed financial statement from the previous operating year.

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- an old tradition to be revived?
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 $35. We 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)
    I am also enclosing $35 for NPCA membership
    ($45 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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Phone #s (H):_____ (W):______ E-mail:

Country of Service:

PC Job:

Service Dates:

Birth Date: (Optional – M/D/Y)

The RPCVs 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 and check to: RPCVs of Wisconsin – Madison, P.O. Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701.