ABSENTEE BALLOT - 1991
RPCV's of Wisconsin - Madison Chapter

Vote for one in each category:

Note - Write-in votes are permissible, but you should realize that a write-in candidate might not be willing to serve. The people who are listed on the ballot below have agreed to serve.

**PRESIDENT**
- [ ] Karen King
- [ ] Nancy Westbrook
- [ ]

**VICE-PRESIDENT**
- [ ] Gerry Butts
- [ ]

**TREASURER**
- [ ] John Gaska
- [ ]

**SECRETARY**
- [ ] Buck Trawicky
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Absentee ballots must reach us by the next meeting which is Monday, October 7 when the election is held. Please either sign the ballot on the line provided below or sign the envelope in which you enclose it. (No illegible scrawls, please!)

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Mail to:
RPCV's of Wisconsin - Election '91
P.O. Box 1012
Madison, WI 53701

member's signature (or sign envelope)
President's Message

Summer is over and it’s time to get down to business. We have a few matters to take care of at our October meeting before this President becomes Deadwood-for-Life. These matters include electing new officers for the coming year, deciding whether or not to renew our affiliation with the National Council and reconsidering our decision to donate the proceeds from the Cardinal Bar Benefit to the UN High Commissioner on Refugees (UNHCR).

Elections: The Nominating Committee has put forward a well-qualified slate of candidates, including a contested race for President. Because the race for President is contested, before voting I would like to hear each candidate’s stump speech to learn more about their respective priorities and aims for the coming year. I would also like to see a good turnout at the polls as this is a very important decision we will be making.

Affiliation: This issue was thoroughly briefed and argued last year. It seems that the issue comes down to a perceived gap between NC’s promises and their delivery. No doubt having a National Council to provide a network for us regional groups is a good idea, but there have been complaints of poor membership services and what appears to someone to be an elitist, inside the Washington beltway mentality regarding NC Board membership, i.e., only power players need apply. So, before we decide, let’s ask ourselves whether services have improved and whether the voice of the common person can be heard on the Board and, if not, whether the answer is to secede or to advocate for change within the system.

Cardinal Bar Money: To refresh your recollections, last March we voted to donate the proceeds of the Cardinal Bar Benefit to the UNHCR. Apparently, however, the UNHCR is not set up to receive donations from nongovernmental sources, as I wrote to them some 6 months ago and have received no response. Accordingly, I would suggest that we redirect our donation to an outfit that can use it. If we want to stay within the UN family, I would suggest UNICEF. If we want to play it safe and stick with a well-established, reputable organization, I would suggest the Red Cross. If anyone has other ideas, please bring them to our October meeting or forever hold your peace.

So these are the things we have to accomplish at our next meeting. But there will be more going on as Sue Jones from the Minneapolis Peace Corps recruiting office will be in town to tell us what's doing with Peace Corps these days. So, come on down to Union South, Monday, October 7, 7:00 p.m. A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Finally, as my term as President comes to a close, I would just like to thank everyone for doing his or her bit to help things along this last year. You're the greatest!

Gordon

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.
Candidate Forum

PRESIDENT: Karen King

I believe that I would bring a wide variety of experience to the post of president of this organization. My international experiences include growing up as a missionary kid in Bolivia, doing nutritional research in India as an undergraduate, and serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer math and science teacher at a secondary school in Sierra Leone (82-84). Since moving to Madison I have experienced life as a full-time student, as a research specialist for the University, and as a scientist for Promega Corp., a biotechnology firm in Fitchburg.

I get a lot of personal satisfaction out of offering my time and talents for community service. Consequently, I have become involved in many different activities in the Madison area, such as teaching Sunday school at a local church, volunteering at a shelter for the homeless, and playing trombone in a variety of different groups around town (often times for free). Probably the single biggest consumer of my time over the past several years, however, has been the organization of a state-wide week long church camp for junior high and elementary aged children every summer. The last two years I directed the camp, and was responsible for the recruitment of 15 staff members, communication with the parents of 50 campers, and the coordination of activities for the entire week.

While my attendance at meetings has been sporadic over the years, in part because of active participation in many of the activities described above, my involvement in the RPCVs of Wisconsin - Madison has been continual. Over the past seven years, I have assisted in the production and display of a Peace Ribbon in Washington DC, put a few stitches in quilts to raise funds for Ashoka Society, helped start a Speaker's Bureau, assisted in the organization of a National Conference of RPCVs, frozen my toes at five Freeze For Food Runs, served as Newsletter Editor for a year, coordinated all five winter retreats at Camp Lucerne, assembled the Phone Tree for four years, and computerized and maintained the mailing list for this group since 1986.

Besides being made up of wonderful people, I see this organization as being unique in its concern for both the awareness of and welfare of people throughout the world, without any hidden agenda of promoting any religious or political ideology. If elected president, I intend to concentrate on finding new ways to promote these two concerns ("global" education and support), by soliciting ideas and support from you. In addition, I would make a concerted effort to encourage more involvement of new as well as old but lately inactive members. Finally, as president, I would do my best to run meetings in an organized, impartial, and even-handed manner, encouraging both sides of an issue to be voiced when differences arise.

PRESIDENT: Nancy Westbrook


If elected President, my goals for RPCV's of WI-Madison will include: Increasing communication and participation between RPCV groups in the North-Central region; Extending a warm welcome to new members of RPCV's of WI-Madison (especially recently returned volunteers); and completing the process of obtaining 501c3 status.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Gerry Butz

I served in Nepal '87-'89. Since I got back I've been a member of the Madison RPCV group. I have enjoyed the events I've participated in and hope to be able to help serve the group as Vice-President.

SECRETARY: Buck Trawicky

I served in Nepal (68-71), doing ag. extension work with a group that PC/Nepal has never again matched. (It was the result of systematic selection error, since corrected.) I'd like eventually to re-up with Peace Corps and work in Malta with the smuggling coops; the program promises lots of wooden boat sailing, celestial navigation, immersion in the saffron and truffle markets, currency exchange experience, and a working fluency in Malt.

Since '72 I've lived in Madison, near Willy St, reading and doing carpentry. And I'm very grateful to the Mormons who created WordPerfect, which has much improved my prose.

I've been Secretary for about 9 years, to my great surprise. The job is so much fun that I'd think others would be jealous, and want to have a go.(And in any event, I'm happy to share, if others want to try their hand.)

Absolute (and dull) veracity is my grail, as you know. But it is also a treat to write the minutes for cancelled meetings, because I can then describe what should have happened. My goal for the next year is to help make our meetings so implausibly fine that straight reporting will seem like fiction to our foreign readers, though we ourselves will know that all those strange things really did happen.

(Forum continues... p 5)
This was a quinquemensal Friday potluck, this time at John Click's manse on the Near West Side, in a very snazzy neighborhood around Edgewood, full of middle-aged houses with sheltering eaves. 58 were there at the height. (28 participating in the meeting, with 15 guffing on the porch, and another 15 who parted, ate, and bolted.) We had enough food, and it tasty; and (a heartening sign of rebounding health) enough beer. (Though our favorite hosts are Henry & Barbara, who always have a reserve case of returnables in the garage.) We admired the soft evening from John's deck, and the kids loved his deep-parabola swing.

Gordon whistled us to order. We performed our introductions, to supplement the fables we'd been telling each other over paper plates.

Kevin-the-Treasurer sent his Money report: our General Monies are $5469, to wit: 809 general checking; 5 savings; 532 unspent Cardinal Bar Benefit monies, still unspent; 4123 Global Ed. grant monies.

We shall discuss where exactly to send our Cardinal Bar Benefit garnerings, perhaps at the next meeting (what fun for the new Pres!): remember the dukkha (Nepali: unmitigated wearying hassle) of the original debate?: Civilian refugees made by the Gulf War? Don't criticize a Just War? All refugees?.... The exhausted compromise was the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, but there are more efficient organizations, and we hope to have info on same soon.

We had a Guest Speaker, Terese Ahlers, First-Lady-For-Life (until October), who's director of The Recreation Resource Center. This is for adults with learning disabilities. (Dave, Deb and Gordon have all worked with this program.) The County proposes to cut funding by 65%, effectively killing it. This is very stupid, and you are urged to contact your County Board rep and Richard Phelps, and speak your mind. The reason to support this program is that basic care services for these folks are not enough for a human life; everyone needs a social life, or they begin to resemble old hermits. And the learning-disabled tend to have contacts only with each other and the care-givers, which is a mighty limited pool of acquaintance. They need to be out in the wide world. Recreation is not frivolity: it's when recreation happens.

Earl, out of his depth of political savvy, advised us to call conservatives and write to liberals. (Ed. - Cynics suggested this is because liberals read.)

[Buck mentioned the well-known truth that this lack of funding money is the result of a successful deep conspiracy by the Reagan reactionaries: get the nation so deep in the hole (while throwing a party with the loan), that there will be no money for any social programs at all; everything will go towards past and ongoing military/corporate programs. Nobody else thought this was well-known, or even true.]

Social and Adventure reports:

The Canoe Trip on the Wisconsin River, in August right after the National Conference, was exquisite. Henry was applauded for his grand organizing. We put in at Sauk City, with 6 canoes for the full trip, and several others who left us at Saturday's end. (Wade and Luke said they had to push on to reach the Mississippi, but we were skeptical.)

The whole weekend was of delightful weather, and the River was unclogged. As Henry says, there's nothing like being on a river to cleanse anything that ails you; it's an unfailing lift to the spirit. Beyond the Nude Beach we camped on an island (one comfortably close to the mainland), and made a very cozy camp. (Marred only by the Louts from Chicago, probably the same dozen who appear at all our outdoor events; Earl and Laurie insist that they are not at all like the farm people of Illinois, or even most Chicagoans.)

We cooked a gourmet potluck with the most basic utensils, admired the Milky Way in its refugence, and talked until well after midnight. (A major bone of guff was whether Adolph Hitler is indeed as important as UFOs. Some were unconvinced.) Present was Jim the blacksmith, with a beautiful tomahawk he'd forged. Henry brought his solo kayak, and many took their turns sporting past the slogging fur-traders with their heavily laden trade canoes. The whole trip was a delight, and we didn't want it to end. Ah, to live one's life, even the major rooted aspect, in travelling mode with one's friends: utter heaven.

Next year we'll put in where we took out this year, and paddle from Spring Green further south. If we're not greedy, we can paddle new stretches of the Wisconsin for the next 2 or 3 years.

The Pig Roast was also good, as you'd expect. Scheduling conflicts kept the Chicago guys away, and some others, so there were fewer than normal. (About 35 adults ate of the mock pig.) None came on Friday (rain threatened), but Saturday was populous, and full of guff, croquet, pots of great chili, and beer. The fire had an abundant circle, with John and Buck holding out until 2:30. Breakfast was ample and early, and the Sunday papers were on hand. The afternoon volleyball was ferocious (with special thanks due to some visiting PC/CAR chaps), and the meat was dandy.

(No buried pig this year: we went with slabs o' meat, on grills. Ooh, so yummy. But some year we really should try roast tofu, shaped in piglet molds.)

(And since the meeting, we've gone to Shakespeare at Spring Green. Almost a dozen of us saw "The Winter's Tale", following a picnic at Tower Hill. So we really are cultured, after all.)

Buck and Sharon recently went out to "Our Lady of the Oaks," a hilltop shrine in a nearby state park; it was lovely. Buck proposed a series of expeditions to local Power Spots (such as Parfrey's Glen, Ferry/Fairy Bluff, etc.) Enthusiasm was distinctly muted.
Sept. 91 Minutes continued...

Discussion of all this at the meeting made us recognize that we need a Social Chair (and committee). We have, of course, ad-hoc committees, such as the Night Club Committee, but these tend to be kinda frivolous and to focus on quick gratification. And there's the Adventure Committee of the Whole, with its shifting chair. But we've had no true Social Chair since Brent abdicated, these many years ago, in order to work w/chiropractic politics. Sharon and Terese offered to be the Chair, and we applauded: at last, we'll have enough parties.

92 Calendars (Don Sauer 244-3732). We printed 5000 calendars, and they are very very lovely, as you know. Money on hand is $7775. We've paid all but $2000 of our bills, so we stand $5000+ to the good. But before we consider profits to give out, we have to first salt away the money for the 93 Calendar (about $10,000-12,000). So, we've a long ways to go.

National Conference sales were less than hoped: we took 3000, sold about a thou. This is approximately the same as at Eugene, which was a smaller but more focused and intense Conference, and one where we had a very central selling spot.

Some good news: the Earth Care Paper calendar catalog is listing us, with a nifty ad. This catalog reaches 800,000 addresses (sic). We should easily sell the 500 Earth Care has already ordered (@$4). We're working on PC group sales, and sending cards to past buyers. We'll have ad(s) in the National Council's "World View" magazine. John Click and others will push calendars in the local stores.

Marketing is the Next Frontier. We've gotten a good handle on the matters of slides, graphics, text, and production. Now we're creating a world-class calendar, and there surely must be far more than 4500 people who ardently need it. We should gradually but vastly expand our sales. To help on this, call Don.

Global Ed (Caroline Peacock 833-9453). The Global Ed group is meeting on Mondays at Union South (see the events calendar in the Newsletter). They are focusing on producing a video to accompany the calendar. This will feature an interview with a rep. from each calendar country, with (unprotected) music, and perhaps old film footage. There will be several recurring themes, including women in development, and literacy. A film expert is on hand, and he won't charge us too much for his expertise.

Interviewers are needed. Interviews should be done in Sept-Oct, so editing can commence. We want this out for the January middle semester.

Help us: needed are Interviewers; Film footage, (and slides?); Music (preferably local stuff from your village); Writers; Film experts (like Jeff Golden). Call Caroline.

Next meeting we'll discuss affiliating w/ the National Council ($1/member.) We collected vols to staff our booth at the Willy St. Fair. We voted AYE to donate $100 to a PCV working to create a national ecological park in Honduras; this money will help reimburse his expenses in creating a slide show on this issue.

The Nominating Committee reported these nominations:

Pres: Karen King, Nancy Westbrook.
VP: Gerry Butz
Sec: Buck Trawicky
Treas: John Gasca.

All are to write up a paragraph about themselves, for the Newsletter.

Then we returned to the party of the evening, drank all the beer, and drifted down to the Memorial Union Terrace, for loud music and more liquid.

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Buck

Candidate Forum continued...

TREASURER: John Gasca

I recently returned from The Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific where I worked as an agricultural researcher for the Ministry of Agriculture. Both my wife and I served there from 1989 to 1990. We are interested in becoming more involved in the chapter and I thought that holding an office would be a good way to acquaint myself with all the people it serves.

I guess I'm supposed to tell why I'm the person for the job. It's tough to brag, so I'll just tell you that I'm very organized, can do math at the college level, and know something about bookkeeping and accounting. I plan to be in the area for at least a few years, so I won't skip town with the checkbook. I know a lot about personal computers and can use my own to keep the records if necessary.

So if elected, I will do the job to the best of my ability. I hope to have the opportunity to serve this chapter.
The Value of Volunteering

By Charles A. Larson

The Peace Corps is 30 years old this summer. The 130,000 people who volunteered over the past three decades may have made little dent on American foreign policy. But they have left a mark on individual communities around the world—entire nations, even—that is irreversible. Just to mention two examples, the improved educational standards and increased literacy rates in countries as disparate as Nigeria and Micronesia are due in large part to the work of diligent volunteers during the ’60s and ’70s.

If the Peace Corps never became a powerful force or an international model for politically acceptable aid (neither of which it was intended to be), that’s due to the individual volunteers themselves, not the program itself. Each volunteer goes through a process of awakening to the possibilities of self-awareness. Few volunteers I know would disagree: they were the real beneficiaries of this people-to-people experiment, not the countries that hosted them.

My own particulars were not that extraordinary. When I joined in 1962, at 24, there were fewer than a thousand volunteers. Why did I join? I feared I would be drafted and end up in Vietnam. When told I was assigned to Nigeria, had to check a map to learn where the country was. I had no burning sense of altruism, or commitment to the objectives (improved education) for my host country. My most evident quality was that I knew little about myself and even less about others. I was a blank sheet of paper at a moment of crucial self-discovery.

It was a transforming experience. I saw ways of life I would never have seen had I remained within the comfortable domain of my provincial Midwestern upbringing. For the first time, I learned to think of someone besides myself, to consider that there is no single way of observing a problem or answering a troubling question. I discovered that without the mutual tolerance and respect of other peoples’ cultures, there is no possibility for harmony in our world.

I’m convinced that what I learned overseas as a Peace Corps volunteer was fairly typical. Yes, there were others who had difficult assignments, but few will deny that their gains were greater than their losses. Would they do it again? You bet, on a moment’s notice, as some already have and others plan to do once lives now immersed in families and careers have taken another turn.

Our nation needs the lessons of the Peace Corps today. We talk about the economic morass our country has fallen into, but our moral muddle is much more disturbing. We are a nation of factions, with hardly any two groups agreeing about anything. We have forgotten how to share or how to be understanding of the bottom 20 percent of the population we have largely written out of our lives. Poverty, declining health standards, illiteracy, a deteriorating infrastructure, a general intolerance of anyone different from ourselves—all cry out for serious measures. Yet we are afraid to render even a quick fix for fear of stepping on someone’s toes.

We need to get people back together, working with and listening to one another. We need to do this with our young people, at a time when careers haven’t been fully launched and when they will still pay attention to another opinion, welcome a differing view. President Kennedy set up the Peace Corps quickly, through executive order, knowing that endless debate would kill the idea by slow suffocation. We need the same kind of forceful action now if we want to change where this country is headed.

Gifted educators: We need a two-year national-service plan for every young American—no exemptions, period. That includes the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated, even the handicapped. We need to convince each and every individual that there is something that he or she can contribute, that work has value, that an enormous effort will be needed to help turn our nation around.

Most of all, we need teachers—but not only those with university degrees. There are plenty of gifted educators who have never stood in front of a classroom. They can help with literacy programs or teach English to our rising number of immigrants. Others can teach job skills—the value of using one’s hands—which include anything from auto mechanics to computer programming. We need health-care workers, nurses’ aides—skilled and unskilled—providing care for the elderly and the young. We need preschool centers run by welfare mothers, sharing their frustrations and their joys, but doing something to connect with other people. We need highway and road crews of young men and women, restoring our transportation system before it collapses under the weight of inattention and the lack of funds. We need all of these and more to demonstrate once again that people can make a difference, both individually and collectively.

We’ve had the Teachers Corps, and VISTA, and other movements that were short-lived. They came at difficult times (the war in Vietnam, the war on poverty) but were little more than precursors of our current urgency. In this present do-nothing era, when our elected leaders refuse to address the troubling issues of our time, it is necessary for people to assume that sense of action, to give to the nation so that it can give back to us what has been forgotten: tolerance and responsibility. Besides a cure for our moral poverty, we might even help the economy. Or at least learn that every individual has something to offer.

Larson is professor of literature at American University.
Dates to Note

Upcoming Events

TR  Tibetan Resettlement Project Speaker/Reception
Saturday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.
Edgewood College, 855 Woodrow Street,
Regina Hall Conference Room
Slide show on resettlement project and
conditions in refugee camps in Nepal and
India. Reception to follow.

M  October General Meeting - Mon., Oct. 7, 7 p.m.
Union South, 227 N. Randall
Election of officers.

A  Global Education Committee - 6:00 p.m.
Every other Monday
Red Oak Grill, Union South, 227 N. Randall

N  Newsletter Deadline - Submit material to:
Dean Jefferson, 249-6094 (h), 266-9565 (w)
P.O. Box 335, Madison, 53701

Future and To-Be-Scheduled Events

New Member Slide Show - Some time in latter October. Your place? See Membership Committee report
elsewhere in this newsletter.

Halloween Party - Saturday, November 2, about eightish. Home of Deb Stapleton and Dave Atkinson,
2406 Sommers Ave. Bring your own snacks, drinks and kids (if you happen to be blessed with any of the latter). Costumes almost required.

1992 International Calendar Info

The price for RPCV's of WI/Madison members is now $5.00 each. Nonmembers get them for $6.50 each.

There is no limit to the number of calendars individual members may buy. What you do with them after you buy
them is your business.

We will ship them for you if you want. We charge actual postage or UPS charges. For UPS delivery a street
address is required. P.O. Box numbers are not acceptable.

Buy lots; they make great gifts.

Don Sauer — 244-3732(h) — 2428 E. Washington #17 — 266-7133(w) — Madison, WI 53704
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NEW MEMBERS:

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4/92 FEIL, Marilyn & Mike McCabe 2506 McDivitt Rd. #42, Madison, WI 53713.

8/92 HOYT, Tony Box 281, Arlee, MT 59821.

1/92 MOLINA, Shelby RR 4, P.O. Box 270A, Richland Center, WI 53581.

8/92 READ, Mike Rt. 1, Arlington, WI 53911.
   Home: 635-2161  Work: Liberia 1972-74

1/92 SPINK, Joan E. 109 N. Union St., Dodgeville, WI 53533.
   Home: 608/935-5692  Work: Gabon 1988-90

7/92 VANDERVORT, Sarah c/o Frankfurt International School, Middle School,
   An der Waldlust 15, 6370 Oberursel, Germany Lesotho 1988-91

9/92 WEST, Fritz 3324 Westview Lane, Madison, WI 53713.
   Home: 271-2707  Work: Sierra Leone 1967-69

9/92 ZIMPEL, Jesse Route 1, Box 243, Blue River, WI 53518.
   Home: 608/537-2044  Work: 608/822-3217

ADDRESS CHANGES

7/92 HAYES, Brian 2637 Stevens St., Madison, WI 53705.

1/92 HEMKEN, Douglas 205 N. Few St., Madison, WI 53703.

1/92 NEUMAN, Martha 412 Chamberlain Ave., Madison, WI 53705.
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1/92 NIES, Kevin 2136 Atwood Ave. #2, Madison, WI 53704.
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1/92 TURNER, Tim 7303 S.E. Reed College Place, Portland, OR 97202.
   Home: 731-7910  Work: Senegal 1977-80

1/92 WOLFE, Maureen 810 Abrams #2, Green Bay, WI 54302.

Please correct Ruth Urban's address as published last month. It should be
301 Palomino Lane, Apt. 1. John Ashbaugh has given me a home phone number:
249-7918. Joanne Leovy and Kurt Regner have rejoined for another year
(Exp. Date: 9/92 for both).

LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVE— In commemoration of Peace Corps' 30th anniversary, the Peace
Corps Office of Communications has just published a 16-page booklet containing 30 years of
reflections by the current director and his 10 predecessors. Starting with Paul Coverdell's
recollections about the Peace Corps during these days "of miracle and wonder," the words of the
men and women who have led the world's premier volunteer agency takes readers back through
three decades of contemporary history, culminating with the words of Sargent Shriver, who said,
"President Kennedy kept agitating with me to start, start, start the Peace Corps. I continually
delayed. I wanted to improve our chances for success...the first time."
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Two items need to be dealt with this month.

1. A while back, Lisa suggested that we should have more social events geared towards new members, specifically a potluck followed by a slide show by new and prospective members. I believe we haven't had such an event for a year or so. Not only would us older members get to interact with some newcomers, we'd also check out possible calendar pictures. Besides, it's useful every so often to spend some time listening to PC stories so we don't forget what it was like. I don't know if enough of those types of interactions occur at our meetings.

While this social potluck (NO BUSINESS!) may sound like a good idea, all the details need to be arranged. We need a site, preferably one located in Madison that is large enough for 30 or 40 people (more?) to view slides in reasonable comfort. Date? I suggest Fri., Oct. 18 or Fri., Oct. 25. The exact date would be set by whomever agreed to host this event. Time? I'd say eat at 6:45 and start showing slides at 7:30 PM, taking breaks after that as needed. We'd also need a slide projector, carousels and a screen.

I can coordinate this event initially, but I don't expect to be in town on either suggested date, so I'd need assistance in handling last minute details. Anyone willing to host this event and/or provide projecting equipment should contact me (Walt Zeltner - Home: 835-3083; Work: 262-1321). Hopefully most of the details will have been worked out in time for October's meeting. However, if this potluck is held on Oct. 18, it will have occurred before the next newsletter reaches you. Thus, a Phone Tree message may be needed to get the details to all our members. Any very new or prospective (you're getting 3 free newsletters) members who want to attend should call me and indicate their interest in getting the necessary information.

If this event does occur, we would plan to limit presentations to 20-25 slides per person in order to get a wide variety of slides. If this event goes well, let's plan for another at the end of February or early in March.

2. It is time once again to decide if the group will affiliate with the National Council. It would cost $145 or so to affiliate for next year. (Our membership is rising!) I recommend affiliation, primarily because I see the NC as our primary means of affecting Peace Corps policies and funding. The NC, in concert with the local DC RPCV group, can testify before Congressional committees and otherwise act to steer our foreign policy in saner directions. Also, some 30 of our members joined us through the National Council. This matter will be voted on at the next meeting.

Walt
Walt Zeltner
Membership Chair

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Newsletter Subscription Information

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 per month for each month through 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 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 $____.
  ☐ 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 [two people with the same address] in the NC).

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

☐ I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address on your records.

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Address: ____________________________ Service Dates: ____________________________
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PC Job: ____________________________

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marked Attention Membership!

QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS? Call Walt Zeltner at 608/835-3083 most evenings and weekends. Or try 608/262-2470 weekdays and ask for Walt.

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