September 1997

**HARVEST MOON CELEBRATION**

Potluck, Saturday September 13, 1997 at 6pm at the home of Mary Grace and Dan Ott in Brooklyn, WI (W971 Hwy. 92) / 608/455-1426

**Bring:** Musical Instruments and Food

**Directions:** Hwy 14 out of Madison. Turn right on Hwy. 92. Follow Hwy. 92 three miles out of Brooklyn. We are on the left with a gray house and wrap around porch.

This will be the biggest roundest and most beautiful moon of the year. Come prepared to view this marvel. Dress warmly. We'll have a bonfire, make some music, and tell stories. This is a time of love, harvest, and abundance. A time to stay up late and bathe in the glow of the moon.

**Welcome Peter D. Quella!**

new recruiter for PC here in Madison!

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First, the statistics. I was a Volunteer in Lesotho from 1990-92. I was an Irrigation Specialist working with a home gardening project in the mountainous Districts of Thaba Tseka and Qachas Nek. If this sounds familiar, it is. There are three other Lesotho RPCV's in the group with whom I served (Susan Mendrysa, Rochelle Goedkin, Erik Jensen). Currently, I am pursuing a PhD in the African Languages and Literature Department. I have been a member of the RPCV's of Madison for a little over a year.

I am taking over the most successful recruiting position in the country. UW has maintained its top spot for eight years, and I hope to continue this success. I believe one reason this University has been so successful is due to the strength of the RPCV's of Madison group. It didn't surprise me when I was told that the most common response to the application question "How did you find out about Peace Corps?" was "from an RPCV." Any questions, concerns, or ideas can be directed to me. The office phone number will remain the same (608)262-1121.

**Peter**

**Request for Nominations**

By: Melanie Brooks

It is time again for the annual elections of RPCV's of WI-Madison group. The elections will take place in November, and we are currently requesting nominations for the following positions: **President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.** If you would like to nominate yourself (self nominations are strongly encouraged), or another fine member of our group, please call Melanie at (608)252-6540/day or (608)255-8131/evening to submit names.

If you have any questions about these positions, or would like to help out with the nomination and election process, again give Melanie a call. The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 19, so take advantage of the opportunity to influence the leadership of the group by nominating the potential next President, VP., Secretaty, or Treasurer.

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RPCVs of Wisconsin -- Membership Information

All RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison receive a monthly newsletter, World Roots, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer that members pay through December of the year of joining ($1.25 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 Peace Corps Association (NPCA) through us by paying an additional $20. We strongly encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

(check all the following that apply)

  I want to join RPCVW, Inc. and am enclosing $_____.
  ___ Individual - $15 for one year (or $1.25 per month to next January)
  ___ Joint - $20 (two people receiving one newsletter)
  ___ Overseas Individual - $24
  ___ Overseas Joint - $29
  ___ I am also enclosing $20 for NPCA membership.
       ($27.50 for joint membership - two people with the same address)
  ___ I do not want to join, but I would like to receive World Roots and am enclosing $7 ($15 for overseas) to cover the costs.
  ___ I'm moving! Please change my mailing address on your records.

Name: ______________________________________

Country of Service: ___________________________

Address: ____________________________________

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Service Dates: _______________________________

PC Job: _____________________________________

Telephone(s): ______________ (H) __________ (W)

Email address: ________________________________

Birthdate: (optional -- month & day) ____________

The RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison are an active bunch, and there's always a need for new blood. If you're willing to be called to help out, make your mark:
  ___ I might be interested in doing something, but
  ___ I'd like to get more information. Call me.

Send completed form & check to: RPCVs of Wisconsin - Madison, P.O. Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701
General Malik is the leader of the regime that holds Mazar-i-Sharif and the north central provinces. He also is likely in connection with the KGB and is clearly a gross opportunist and has a severe lust for power. He ousted the previous commander in Mazar (not a nice man himself) and went over to the Taliban thinking that he would be a big shot in the new regime. When the Taliban came to town and began to shunt him aside he turned his coat again and the Taliban found their forces cut in half with the northern Taliban contingent surrounded by hostile forces. Hezb-i-Wahdat leads a coalition of parties who control the Central Highlands of the country. There are persistent stories of gross violations of basic standards of conduct and heinous treatment of prisoners which, if true, are nothing short of war crimes. Hekmatyar, a creature of the CIA who has used the money and influence that came his way as a result of this connection to finance and train terrorists among other things, sits across the border from Herat in Iran waiting for an opportune moment to strike against the Taliban. These are the NY Times “moderates.” Do NOT believe what you read in the NY Times about Afghanistan.

What you can believe is that the people of Afghanistan are heartily sick of the conflict. You can believe that much of the reason for the continuing high level of intensity in the conflict is the support that all the groups, including the Taliban, get from outside the country. You can believe that much of the reason for this outside influence and logistical support is the struggle to control where, when and under whose control the pipeline from the Turkmenistan oil and gas fields will be constructed. These ripples of influence and concern go around the world. Economic and political interests in Washington DC are not unrelated. As long as the image of a bunch of crazy fanatics fighting each other about religion and ethnicity can be maintained by the media and other interests, the real agenda of the conflict can be kept hidden. Does this begin to sound familiar to those who remember the “incursion” into Cambodia and the dirty little wars in Central America in which the news media were often at least unwitting co-conspirators?

The work that we do at DHSA is as unrelated to these issues as we can make it but the continuing high intensity fighting continues the agony of the Afghan people and makes the work of sustainable development difficult and often impossible. It often feels like we take one step forward and are forced three steps back. There is real energy and desire on the part of many to work, to rebuild, to rehabilitate, to develop this country. But when you build a culvert to protect an irrigation system and improve the road across which the water flows you would like to think that the main thing you have to worry about
President, Veep, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please consider running. Feel free to contact any current officers and/or "deadwood" if you’d like more info. about duties, etc. And remember, you don’t have to be a long-term veteran of the group to run. A hundred thanks to Marcie and Mike Reed for hosting our pigless roast this past weekend. And to Kathleen Quinlan and Sharon Lewandoski for food preparation. We welcomed several members of the Milwaukee group Hope to see more of you! At our next meeting, which will be Monday, September 8th, Barbara Chatterjee will introduce several visitors from Asha/AID to our group who will speak on development projects in India. Come give your good wishes to Ken Coffeen and Sharon Isensee for their upcoming wedding! Congratulations!

Que les vaya bien, Deb

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Minutes of Friday, Aug. 1, 1997

By: Buck Drawicky

This was a potluck meeting, held at the home of Zophia Zermuehlen. It was lightly attended (shame on us). The San Diego Conference: (Deb Stapleton): It was a very well run Conference. There were 10-15 sessions daily, many of them useful. And much camaraderie. She sold all the calendars she brought (623, plus 2 given away to the worthy) on the first day! The next Conference will be in 1999, site as yet unknown. Calendar: We have 23,000 calendars on hand. Rose Ann wants to train volunteers in data entry, to handle invoicing the orders as they come in. It's not hard to learn, and the commitment needn't be for too much time. Phone her! (Rose Ann Scott 241-0845).

We talked about the method of selecting slides for the Calendar, but could advance nothing to better the present method. An improved Brochure is in development. Would anyone like to work on developing Ads? We place 4 ads each year in "WorldView." Barbara Chatterjee and our typesetter, Sue Kummer, do this presently. The new person would work alongside Barbara and Sue for a bit, and thereafter work with Sue. It's fun. (Phone Barbara, 271-2405.) A general note urged by several present: publicize our Meeting Day Rule. (1st week of month, on Monday, Tuesday...).

Ashoka Society: our Fellow has already graduated! (The one in India, working to collect, preserve and disseminate native varieties of domesticated rice.) They’ll send us info on other Fellows to which we can dedicate the money we voted to donate for this year. Mendota Mental Hospital folk make and sell Bat Houses! Deb S. can get them for anyone who wants one. $15 each; they hold 50-70 bats. Who then eat all the mosquitoes they can find.
Don Sauer has indicated that the development agency that he works for has a need for more computer training. He says that the technicians and engineers have had basic training in computer drafting but need a book on mastering AUTO CAD. I (Ken Coffeen) found a book called **INSIDE AUTOCAD** by the Rider Publishing group that would meet his needs. If the group would be willing to donate Fifty dollars for this book, Don said he can get someone to take it to him in Pakistan. I feel this amount of money would be a big help to the planning for irrigation projects in Afghanistan.

### Request for Funding #2

**Project Title:** Spanish translations for AIDS Network  
**RPCV of WI sponsor:** Melanie Brooks, 255-8131,  
**Amount Requested:** $2,060

AIDS Network (formerly MASN) is a Non Profit agency currently serving 243 HIV+ individuals and their families. In addition to providing support and care, AIDS Network is also committed to outreach and prevention efforts to curb the spread of HIV infection. We serve a 13 county area in south-central WI, which includes a significant number of migrant farm workers and other Spanish speaking communities. As the client services department of AIDS Network sees increasing numbers of Spanish speaking clients, there is a growing need to **provide Spanish translation of many of our written materials**. Both the intake packet, including information about AIDS Network's services, as well as education materials about HIV disease, wellness, and prevention strategies are needed to provide quality service to our Spanish speaking clients.

AIDS Network has a Spanish speaking case manager who provides ongoing services to our growing number of exclusively Spanish speaking clients, but often faces difficulty in reaching these clients initially due to the absence of Spanish literature. Translation of some of our basic documents and literature, along with software to assist with ongoing translation needs can begin to bridge the gap between AIDS Network's services and Spanish speaking communities. The requested funding will assist AIDS Network in their commitment to reach this typically underserved population. The funding would pay for the following:

*Translation fees for 30 pages of documents @ $2.25/page=$ 750*
*Printing costs (for intake packet only), 200 copies of 11 pages @ $5/pack = $1,100*
*Windows version to Translate Instant Spanish program software=$ 210*

**TOTAL = $2,060**

Melanie Brooks can provide progress reports to the group to give updates on the progress of the translation project, as well as overall progress of our efforts to reach Spanish speaking communities in our service area.
**Request for Funding #3**  
Large Project Funding Request

Volunteer Program and Bilingual Services Program  
**Amount Requested:** $2,000  
**Member Sponsor:** Rose Ann Scott  
**Project Description:**  
The Madison Community Health Center (MCHC) would use this grant of $2,000 to support its volunteer program and its bilingual education materials. These two programs enable MCHC to serve a diverse clientele, most of whom are un/underinsured.

**Need**
MCHC served over 9,000 patients at its two clinics in 1996. One of MCHC's assets is that it used a combination of paid and volunteer physicians from the UW Medical School and UW Hospital & Clinics to work regular hours at the two clinics. This model of collaboration keeps costs at a minimum. However, increasing requests for services and flat income stream have not allowed them to keep up with demand. Specifically, MCHC needs to step up its volunteer training and recruitment in order to provide necessary retention.

MCHC sees a diverse clientele, whose language barriers and cultural difference make proper prenatal care a challenge to manage. MCHC provides educational birthing classes and literature in multi-lingual format and provides translators when necessary. These efforts help MCHC to introduce the concept of prenatal care into cultures that don't have a history of this type of care. Statistics show that women receiving prenatal care have lower incidences of low-birth weight babies and/or other costly complications. Funding is needed for interpreter services and Spanish language materials to be used in prenatal care of Hispanic women.

**Outcomes**
The funding of MCHC's Volunteer and Bilingual Education efforts should produce these outcomes:
- Better prenatal care case management through consistent few up exams
- Improved patient understanding of benefits of prenatal care
- Adequate support staff to handle demand for physician visits
- Better recruitment and retention of volunteers.

**Other Funding**
Funding for MCHC's volunteer project and its bilingual efforts will be matched by the Evjue Foundation (up to $2,500).

**Description of MCHC**
The Madison Community Health Center was founded in 1972. It serves the people of Madison and Dane County at two clinics: 1133 Williamson Street and 2022 S. Park Street. Both clinics are full-time, providing first rate primary care. MCHC's mission is to provide and promote health care in a way that makes it more obtainable for everyone in the Dane county area that needs it. The patient base is typically un/underinsured (60%). Of the client base, 50% are white, 35% are African-American, 13% are Hispanic, 2% are Asian and 19% are children.

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**Request for Funding #4**  
PCV Book Aid Project

**Application Date:** 20 Aug. 97  
**Amount Requested:** $500 (Equal Share)  
**RPCV of WI Sponsor:** Buck Trawicky. 241-2392  
**Project Title:** PCV Book Aid Project  
**Project Description:**
Friends of the Peace Corps is group composed mostly of West Coast people, many of them PCVs. One of their ongoing projects is to collect books for shipment to schools overseas, particularly those with PCV teachers. They've already shipped books (lots of them) to Guinea-Bissau and Lithuania that I know of, and perhaps to other countries as well. (They've also answered requests for sewing machines and village hygiene stuff). And they've many more requests they'd like to answer. Collecting the books is not that hard, but shipping them is pricey, even though by boat. The members have paid for this out of their own pockets so far, and ask for help. Mr. Otte (see below) sent us a packet of grateful thank you letters, and a membership roster. Project Contact Person: Ralph Otte  
**Project Address:** Friends of the Peace Corps. Attn. Raph Otte. 1669-2 Hollenbeck Ave, Rm.500. Sunnyvale CA 94087-5402. Project Telephone: 408/736-1477  
**Project Categories:** Geographic Location: Africa, Asia/Pacific, L.Am., E.Europe Type: Cross-Cult., Econ.Dev., Environ., Health, Int'l Ed. (depends on which books they send)
Where does the $ Go??

By: Sheila Przesmicki

Though I just did a write-up for our donation last year to Wisconsin Public Radio, I thought I'd follow-up with the response we received for our donation of $150.00 in April, 1996 to WORT.

Not much was needed as a reason for donating to the only public access radio station in Madison. (Correct me if I'm wrong) Buck Trawicky, the sponsor, simply wrote, "No justification needed, surely. They deserve and need our support. 'Third World View' is unique." And we most certainly agreed, last year as well as this year.

For our donation last year, we received the following response on June 14, 1996, from Nancy Nelson, Listener Development Director:

"I am happy to acknowledge receipt of your donation of $150.00 and the beautiful calendar. It came as quite a happy surprise, as we had just finished a very successful fund drive where all the volunteers pitched in and we had a lot of first-time callers to the station. In spite of the success of the drive, the end of the fiscal year is drawing near and spontaneous donations from individuals and groups like yourselves will really help us keep our financial stability for the summer.

"...We are very pleased about the return of the Access Hour, and the creation of several new, locally based shows that will enable more people to get their ideas out on the airwaves.

"I allocated your donation to the general fund, and one of our urgent major expenditures this summer is a new roof. Your donation will help keep our equipment dry and our volunteers from using umbrellas inside.

"Please be in touch with us if you would like us to announce volunteer deadlines, meetings, or opportunities, and when you have someone who would like to share their experiences with our listening community."

This year, we not only donated money to WORT, but we participated in the Community Access Hour by hosting a show celebrating Peace Corps and what it means, both to those currently serving and to those who have served. Quite a few people got their "fifteen minutes of fame," and the program was well-received. So in case you feel the need to voice your views, contact WORT. I'll bet they can find a space for you!

PS Though we donated to a lot of organizations last year, I'm starting to run out of responses. If you have
flowers out of his mouth, pushed all the lit candles away from his upper body, and tried to start a modified artificial respiration. The relatives and friends watched in stunned silence as I shifted the body around and tried to pump life into him. When I pressed his chest, and then released, as I held him balanced in a slightly sitting forward position, air was sucked in and then expelled, much as a set of bellows would respond. I tried jiggling him, bouncing him, and shaking him into life.

Nothing awakened the spirit that had gone. After about five minutes, when my own sense of urgency had started to wane, I looked around at the shocked mute faces surrounding me. The realization slowly crept over me that I was interfering with a ritual of death...and that this child was probably gone.

It was then that I became aware of the gravity of the situation. This boy with his beautiful white teeth who had laughed with me days earlier, was dead. For him to have died from parasites-worms in his belly—was doubly tragic. Generally, if the child lives beyond the age of seven, he is strong enough to make it to maturity. Seven out of ten children died before that age in my little village. Children are "wormed" periodically, as a matter of course, if the family can afford the medication. The environment in the tropics is very hard on youngsters. Parasites abound because of unsanitary living conditions, lack of latrines or septic systems, and chronically humid temperatures. No childhood vaccinations or basic medical care, combined with the unhealthy ambiance, eliminate the weak or unlucky. I had believed that this boy was a survivor.

With tremendous trepidation and sadness, I lowered his lifeless form back on to the table. I tried to once again arrange his clothing on him and set up the candles around him. I gently replaced the flowers in his mouth. Turning to his bereaved mother, I apologized for the interruption, hoping she would forgive me. All of the mourners eyes were upon me as I tried to retreat quietly. I really wanted to desappear off the face of the earth. Quickly as possible, I headed back down the trail to the center of the village. Finding Padre Cedraz, the missionary from Spain, I told him of my terrible mistake. I asked him to talk with the family to assure them that I hadn't meant to offend.

Later that afternoon there was a knock on the door. "Missy Janet!" the Padre called, "I just wanted you to know we buried the boy a few minutes ago!" He put his hands on my shoulders, looked me in the eye and said, "By the way, the boy was definitely dead!" "Really Padre—how did you know?" He wrinkled his nose and said, "He was starting to smell!"

For years I shared that story with no one. I was embarrassed with my actions—my ignorance—my complete lack of experience.

Now, having lived half a century, having had a great deal of life experience, I am not so hard on myself. Ignorance is bliss. Innocence is acceptable. Mountains have been climbed, Wars have been won, and bridges have been built by people who were too ignorant or innocent to realize it couldn't be done!

It is so easy to say why life's challenges are impossible to do. With age and the trauma of living, reality can be stark. Dreams are abandoned. Hearts and souls are wounded and broken down by daily struggle. We know too much about the valleys on the voyage to reach the top of the mountains. Would I risk looking that foolish today? Would I be naive enough to believe that the elders had made a mistake? That maybe the boy had a chance to live? That a miracle could happen?

Or would I worry about protocol...about offending them in their ritual of death? And therefore not make waves and chance being wrong? What if that boy had been alive? He could have been. He was dead. I was wrong. But God knows I still feel I did what I had to do at the time.

Perhaps I would be more diplomatic today. -Maybe I would ask permission first to touch the child and then minister to him. I know I'm older and should be wiser. But sometimes the innocence of youth and the belief in miracles can still make them happen.

What do you think? Could it be as Thomas Gray, the English poet, once said: Where ignorance is bliss, "its folly to be wise!"

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**Information Exchange Corner**

From the Reconnect Newsletter of the National Peace Corps Association

"COS" Has a New Meaning... Director Mark Gearan announced at the San Diego NPCA conference that Peace Corps' traditional close-of-service (COS) conferences are now called continuation-of-service conferences. The COS acronym remains intact but the change in wording reflects the agency's renewed commitment to the Third Goal. Gearan wants soon-to-be RPCVs to know that they are committed to Third Goal activities for the rest of their lives.

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**Employment Resources in Dane County**

There are several ways to find out what is available in the Dane County's Labor Market. The Dane County Job Center located at: 1819 Aberg Avenue, Suite C, telephone: 608/242-4917, is a one stop job information resources available to the general public Monday through Friday from 7:45am to 4:30pm. The WebSite address is: http://167.218.251.8/jobnet/mapWI.htm

UW-Madison on the second floor of the Peterson Bldg. for Classified job openings and on Bascom Hall for academic and unclassified postings. WebSite address is: gopher://gopher.adp.wisc.edu/11/ or UW-System at: http://www.uwss.edu/hr/jobs.htm

If all you need is a part time job to compliment your student schedule, try the Student Job Center at 432 Murray Street (across from the Peterson Bldg.)
Also for part-time jobs try the WI-Union at the 4th floor of the Memorial Union, by the entrance to room 408.

The County of Dane Job Postings can be found at: Room 418, City-County Bldg., 210 Martin Luther King Blvd. Telephone: 608/266-4123. Their WebSite address is: http://www.co.dane.wi.us/empl/career/html
The City of Madison Job listings can be found at rm. 501 of the City-County Bldg. telephone: 608/266-6500. WebSite address is: http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/jobs.html
The Madison Newspapers (Capital Times and State Journal) have WebSite for classifieds: http://www.npweb.com/madison/classifieds/read/employment.html

VOLUNTEER WITH CENTRO HISPANO
by: Laurie Maulenaas

Centro Hispano’s Youth Programs need people who are interested in making a difference for Dane County’s Latino Middle School and High School students. The JUVENTUD and ASPIRA Youth Programs help students to succeed in school by providing after school tutoring, as well as educational and recreational activities. We are in great need of volunteers who have an interest in working with youth. This is an excellent opportunity to support the achievement of Latino students, gain experience and skills in the field of education, and have fun while working with youth who are motivated to succeed in school. Ability to speak Spanish is helpful, but not required. For more information please call Centro Hispano at 255-3018, stop by at 1321 E. Mifflin, or Email at: youth@itits.com

From the Editor...
Special thanks to Shelby Molina for taking time from her busy schedule to share with us her experiences as PCV and RPCV.

For all of you who would like to contribute to your newsletter with articles, profiles (like the one that follows) or announcements, please send them to me via Email or to my home.

Profile of an RPCV of WJ

Shelby Molina
Honduras 1988-91
Large Animal Husbandry

It was the chance of a lifetime, so I took it. Immediately after graduation from veterinary school, I served as a veterinarian and large animal husbandry volunteer in Honduras. I came to love the Spanish language despite the early frustrations. Even more, I admired the people, enjoyed the challenges of every day life and relished the chance to learn, teach and test my abilities.

I worked with farmers and cooperatives to improve management and health of their livestock. I hope that I contributed even a fraction of what I gained. It was indeed the life-defining 2 1/2 years that I had hoped it would be.

After my service, I stayed on for a few months to marry Max, a Honduran I had first met through a mutual friend and later came to know as we worked together with the cattle at his father’s farm. Max is perceptive, kind, honest, educated and handsome to boot! Of course, we had a few memorable communication fiascoes, but, luckily, by the time I met him, his Spanish was already pretty good. We moved back to the U.S. because I had to pay back my student loans and couldn’t do so earning Honduran wages.

Life in the U.S. has been hard on Max. I think he had no idea what being married to a struggling young professional woman and living in the U.S. culture would be like, even though I tried to prepare him. He left behind family, country, life-long friends, social status, a good job in his profession and his language. He worked at factory and farm jobs and suffered from depression for over two years. Wisconsin’s winters are tough on him. Unfortunately, the strain has been too great on our marriage. We are now separated. He still lives in Whitewater and is looking more relaxed than he has in years, which is good to see.

We have a 3 1/2 year old son, Max Wayne, who has been a true blessing. He has the beautiful brown eyes, calm demeanor and good sense of humor of his papi and the independent spirit and stubbornness of his mom. In January, I took him on his first trip to Honduras to meet the family. He had a great time and charmed all the relatives. I’d like to take him to visit as often as we can so that Max Wayne gets to know, enjoy and respect his other native country.

Immediately upon returning from Peace Corps service, I worked at a dairy and companion animal practice in Richland Center. I enjoyed my work thoroughly, but decided the 60 hour weeks were too demanding for family life. Since Max Wayne was 3 months old I’ve worked for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. My Peace Corps experience has helped me maintain perspective, take risks, have confidence in my abilities and connect with people. I use the Peace Corps skills every day and maintain an interest, of course, in the goings on in Honduras and other parts of Latin America. Now that I have an internet connection I’m finding that I can even get some current events news. Someday, I hope to return to Honduras to work in the nonprofit or mission field, where I think my skills and experience could be useful.

Congratulations! and Best Wishes to Earl Bricker in his new job as Asst. Director of Computer Services for Marquette University, Continuing Education Program.
**Dates to remember**

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**Calendar Packing Parties**

Volunteers are needed to help pack calendar orders this fall and winter. Please call Alan Weiner at 233-9031 if you can help on any of the following dates.

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All packing parties start at 7:00 pm and usually end before 9:00 pm. Come join the fun and go home feeling great about helping your group raise funds to support various health, educational, environmental, multicultural understanding and peace projects.

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**Calendar Steering Committee Minutes of 8/13/97**

*By: Rochelle Goedken*

Present: Rochelle Goedken (RG), Rose Ann Scott (RAS), Dean Jefferson (DJ), Buck Truvisky (BT), Barbara Chatterjee (BC), Alsu Weinir (AW), Walt Zeltner (WZ).

June minutes were approved as published. DJ reported on the World Wide Web Page. Over 1400 people visited the site last year. We would like to put the calendar photos on the WWW. BT will ask photographers for their release and we will add this to the release form we mail to future photographers. BC reported on work done to produce a glossy brochure to send to possible calendar purchases. She will gather additional information to report at September’s meeting. BC is working on a two page spread ad for the NPCA World View Mag. She will also submit an ad to the UN magazine this fall.

AW is gearing up for the calendaaar packing season. He needs more RPCV’s to be trained to use the postage meter. Volunteers are needed to sign up for packing parties. The UPS strike was discussed and a back up plan was developed. New packing procedures will be reviewed at August 28th’s meeting. RAS needs RPCV’s to enter calendar orders into the computer. To volunteer, call her!! It was decided that no calendar information shall be given out to other groups requesting such information (re: production, printing, text, etc.) unless it goes through the Calendar Steering Committee. The calendar is copyright and all matters concerning it, need to be approved by the committee.

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**Rose Ann Scott**

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