Today was another reminder of the interdependence of the world. The haze hanging over us for the whole day (May 15) was from fires in Central America and Chiapas. The fires are normal farming practice for clearing fields, that were stronger than usual because of the extra dry weather brought by El Nino. The strong winds out of the south brought it up to Madison. I never thought that the haze that would hang over all of Guatemala every year from late March to mid May would ever make it up here.

The next potluck meeting is a departure from our usual routine (SHOCK! HORROR! SURPRISE!). We are actually having a potluck on SATURDAY, instead of FRIDAY! I know the traditionalists among us are shaking their heads, muttering under their breaths, wondering what will come next, the Freeze For Food in June, the calendar in Black and White?? In any case, some of us will be riding our bikes to the event from the bike trail parking lot in Verona starting about 90 minutes before the potluck starts. I hope to see you there.

Pete

Next Calendar Meeting will be on Thursday June 11th, 7:00 P.M. at the home of Prudence Barber

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(Please check all that apply)
___ I want to Join RPCV of WI, Inc.
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___ Overseas Individual - $24
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___ I am also enclosing $25 for NPCA membership ($32.50 for joint membership - two people with the same address)
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The RPCVs of Wisconsin are an active bunch, and there’s always a need for new blood. If you are willing to be called to help, please let us know:

___ I might be interested in doing something, but would like additional information first. Call me.

Send completed form & check to:
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TREASURER’S REPORT
FOR MAY 1998
TROY RUTTER

May Report:

Calendar balance 55776.83
Sales 869.25
Interest 364.38
Phone -100.02
Donation newsletter -83.20
UPS -47.00
Ending balance 56780.24

Group balance 2573.02
Newsletter -56.86
Dues 205.00
NPCA rebate 217.50
Ending balance 2940.66

Global Education 2096.20
Large Projects 17914.00
Ashoka Society -3752.00
Ending balance 14162.00

Annual Projects 3870.35

Family Brunch** -663.50
Gift Away 10250.00

Freeze for Food 3514.05
Donation 30.00
Ending balance 3544.05

Project Totals 92980.00

Checking Account 5354.02
Market Yield 87625.98
Bank Total 92980.00

** Sorry if not updated

Editors Column

Another crazy month for the Jenkins clan hiding on the stateline. We, as newlyweds, went and bought an old farmhouse. The large structure needed much work and cleaning (understatement) before occupancy. After four weeks at 40+ hours per week, we are moving in; it is by no means done (well, 2 rooms out of 12) but as the saying goes: ‘The work on a house is never Done.’

Please note address change, phone number and E-mails will remain the same.
As much as possible, the articles, notices, announcements, etc. via E-mail. One, it is faster arriving and yes is is easier for formatting onto MSPublisher.
I also ask that all information is sent before June 17. This will allow a couple of days to re-coup from the cAMPout!

Articles etc. should be sent to:
theresaJ@tds.net

Or mail a disk to:
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Thank you very much for your cooperation on putting ‘Our’ newsletter together!

Other RPCV organizations have permission to use any articles of interest within this newsletter
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison Meeting Minutes

No Report from the Buck

Calendar Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 13, 1998

Members present: Rose Ann Scott (RAS), Ken Coffeen (KC), Barbara Chatterjee (BC), Prudence Barber (PB), Buck Trawicky (BT), Rochelle Goedken (RG).

Production is on schedule. BC has the OK from the committee to go with the proposed design changes for the 1999 calendar. We decided to print glossy brochures again this year, but will save money by doing this as part of the calendar print run. It will cost $1150.00 to go to a larger stock of paper from which we can produce the glossy brochure. We will decide in May how to use the remaining available space (ie. post cards, book marks, etc.)

We voted to accept AW's proposal to ship out the calendars from his warehouse. Our next step will be to bring this proposal to the group for a vote. This will be done at the General Membership meeting in May.

We will decide our print run size in May. RG will contact World Wise Schools to discuss the possibility of a direct shipment of donated calendars to their organization. PB will contact other groups who have ordered large quantities in the past to see if their anticipated order numbers will be similar this year.

There was some discussion about shipping fees going up 3-4 % and postage rates increasing in July. We need to finalize our price schedule and shipping/handling fees soon. AW will find out about these potential increases and report in May. He will also find out what the bulk mail rates are for post cards.

Calendar Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 11, 1998

Members present: Barbara Chatterjee (BC), Prudence Barber (PB), Terry Stark (TS), Rochelle Goedken (RG), Walt Zeltner (WZ), Buck Trawicky (BT), Troy Rutter (TR), Rose Ann Scott (RAS), Alan Weiner (AW).

The proposal for AW to ship the 1999 calendars from his warehouse was not voted on at the May membership meeting. RG will contact Peter Joyce to make sure that this is voted on at the June meeting.

Production is on schedule. We decided to print 25,000 calendars. 3000 will be shipped directly from the printing shop to the World Wise Schools (WWS) program. This will be the bulk of our calendar donations in 1999, however, we will also have some calendars available for local donations. PB will get numbers needed by the NPCA, PC Headquarters, and the regional PC offices.

Aw reported that the postage rate will increase to $0.33 (? exactly when) and may effect the shipment of some of the 1999 calendars. He also gave a report on bulk mail rates available. Glossy brochures will be $.32 to mail and post cards will range from $10.2 cents to $20 cents to mail.

We discussed a letter received from Gordon Malaise, basically stating that he was burnt out and needed his own space. He is requesting that the calendar supplies be moved off of his premises before July 1st. We will get this done ASAP.

Next Calendar Meeting will be on Thursday June 11th, 7:00 P.M. at the home of Prudence Barber.

WELCOMING THOSE NEWBIES

Remember every third Thursday 8-10 PM at the Cardinal Bar 418 East Wilson, 'Mad City'

Welcome to the new RPCV's in Madison. Especially those who served in the 1990's!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE JUNE POTLUCK/BARBECUE MEETING IN MOUNT HOREB!
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1998

"Bike to the Barbecue" for the June monthly meeting. Some people want to bicycle to Mt. Horeb from Madison, so the Potluck/Barbecue will start at 1:00 p.m. to give folk's time to bike home before dark. Bring a dish to share, your choice of beverage and anything you want to cook on the grill. Plates, cutlery, coffee and tea will be provided. The location is 505 Deertrail Road, Mt. Horeb (Linda Eiler & Tom Wirth's home, near Stewart Park). Call Linda or Tom at 437-6331 for help in coordinating car pools or with any questions.

If you are interested in biking, call Sheila Przesmicki at 244-6454 who will coordinate a group to meet in Verona on Saturday morning. Also, if you are able to transport food for the biking contingency, please call Sheila so you can meet the group to collect their dishes. Sag wagon volunteers are also appreciated.

Driving Directions: From Madison, take US 18/151 west to the first Mt. Horeb exit. Exit and turn right onto Highway ID. That will take you directly into downtown Mt. Horeb also known as the Trollway (watch out for Trolls!). After going through two stop lights, look for a sign (on your right) which says Stewart Park & Highway JG. Turn right at JG. At end of street, turn left (follow signs for JG) and then immediately turn right again onto Lake Street. Before entering Stewart Park, turn left at Hilltop Street and right at Ethelwyn Cir. Immediately after turning right, turn left onto Deertrail Road. 505 Deertrail is the third house on the left.

Biking Directions: Take Military Ridge State Park Trail from Verona (it starts across from the old Badger Hospital where there is a large parking lot or ask Sheila where the group will meet). Trail is a flat, former railroad bed & is approximately 12 miles from Verona to Mt. Horeb. Bike into Mt. Horeb over old railroad bridge (watch out for Trolls here too!). Stay on the trail if you wish and go through town until you reach a large trail sign with bench (First Street). Turn right on First Street and left on Main Street. Continue to follow JG signs as mentioned above. For anyone 16 or older there is a small trail permit fee required ($3 daily, $10 annually). Purchase your permit from the Verona A&W or Quik Trip or call Dept. of Natural Resources at 266-2181 to order one with a credit card. If you don't have a permit and you meet a ranger on the trail, you could be fined.

The Mount Horeb Summer Frolic will be in full swing that weekend, so come early to enjoy the fun and shopping.

SINCE WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO GET NEW MEMBERS, WE WILL SEND THREE COPIES OF OUR NEWSLETTER TO ANYONE THAT SHOWS INTEREST. AFTER THAT, ONE WILL HAVE TO JOIN/SUBSCRIBE TO STAY ON OUR MAILING LIST. EXCEPTION: CONTACTS WITH OTHER RPCV ORGANIZATIONS CAN CON.
Proposal for Global Education Fund
by RPCV Alicia L. Leinberger, El Salvador 94-96

The Bracelets for Peace Project is an attempt to raise awareness of indigenous culture through youth group education while giving back to the families in northern Chiapas (specifically women run households) by buying and selling their woven bracelets as a fund-raiser with the children in the program here in Madison.

In the northern highlands of Chiapas, Mexico, as in so many parts of the world, indigenous peoples are being threatened and exterminated by government forces and paramilitary troops. With business interests such as petroleum, timber, cattle, and coffee behind the genocide, modern colonialism is horrendous and inhumane. Families are plagued by the incoming tide of neo-liberalistic “progress” that will drive them from the lands they have inhabited for hundreds of centuries. The tragic reality of the affront is most evident in the children born into a world without room for them and their cultures.

Today the children flock to larger pueblos to sell their labor or home made wares in the streets. They are left little choice as the land that had been intended for them, to provide for their well-being, has been yanked from their hopes and dreams.

A strong and spirited people, indigenous descendants of the Maya will not lie down easily. To ensure a peaceful protection of human rights, it is imperative that they are not alone in their struggle. As citizens of America we must not allow history to be repeated and repeated, a history of which we are not proud. In order to work for changes in current trade and military policies that are responsible for the massacres we must be knowledgeable of the plight of so many indigenous populations on the planet.

Objectives
1. To form coalition of concerned community groups for the execution of the project including curriculum development, outreach contact, and fund-raising tasks
2. To collaborate with churches and schools in the educational aspect of the project as well as the fund-raising coordination
3. To provide a dignified source of income for women run families in the Chamula area of Chiapas, Mexico.

Modes of educational outreach
We would develop a project package including curriculum and fundraising materials to be distributed to schools and/or church youth groups.

Fundraising
Educators and kids would sell the bracelets to educate and raise funds. I suggest that we sell the bracelets for two dollars and pay the women in Chamula fifty cents per bracelet. On the street they sell 6 bracelets for 10 pesos, about 20 cents a piece. The other dollar and a half would go back into the Global Education fund and project expenses. We could probably ask for contributions from a few other organizations also.

Who benefits from the project?
Aside from the monetary support for the women and their families, the fact that someone else cares enough to speak for them is a powerful bond between the communities. The intended specific beneficiaries are the children here and there. In Madison the Bracelets for Peace project would widen the perspectives of the kids involved as well as their parents and teachers and all those who buy a bracelet. In Chiapas the kids would have more a chance to go to school and get the education they will need to be armed with the intelligence necessary to fight the affront on their families.

Planning and execution
I would suggest that we form a committee meeting bi-weekly to strategies and delegate tasks. Probably would be in conjunction with the meeting for CALA (Community Action on Latin America) because they have offered to be the support organization. Our meetings are Wednesday nights at 7:30.

Tentative budget proposal and timeline was presented at the May RPCV meeting for review. The total needed would be about $1,200 to start up the project, hopefully coming from more sources than just the Global Education fund.

At the next RPCV meeting we can discuss what I’ve proposed and take it from there. It is all very flexible depending on what others want to do. This is just my vision of how it would work. If anyone would like to talk more about it they can reach me at 251-9280.
Summer Campout at White Mound County Park, in Sauk County!

HOW DOES THE IDEA
OF LITERATURE AND POETRY
BY CAMPFIRE
SOUND TO YOU?
YOU ARE INVITED TO
BRING YOUR OWN READING
AND SHARE WITH THE GROUP.

Questions or comments?
Call Terry Stark, (608) 233 - 9140

Motion from the International Calendar Steering Committee voted on at the May meeting:
1999 calendars will be shipped by Weiners Limited. Alan Weiner is a member of our group. Other packaging services are not flexible enough to handle orders that come in varying amounts and times. In addition, Weiners would allow volunteers to help with packing once or twice a year in order to defray some costs. Weiners would charge $11.30 per hour and our best estimate of total cost for the year is $1,700.

Excerpt from the WI State Journal 4/30/98

Smelly Vials may Have a Vile Past
by George Hesselberg

Some cases just stick in a detective's mind, long after the last report is filed.

For Al Roehling, who retired 15 years ago from the Madison Police Dept., this one not only stuck but stunk. Last week, an East Side homeowner, Jim Good, while digging a horseshoe pit smelled something most foul.

It was Wednesday, April 23, when Good called for help. The smell, which he had first noticed when he placed a horseshoe stake into the ground, got even worse after he dug deeper. He found two jars with glass vials inside. The vials were wrapped in plastic; one jar was broken.

The skunky smell forced several residents from their homes in the Willard Avenue area. Good and his family had resided at the home for over 10 years.

But Dec. Roehling's memory goes back further than that.

He recalled a case in the 70's involving a strike against General Beverage, a liquor distributor.

"there were stick bombs put into liquor stores," recalled Roehling. In the midst of a 17 week long strike by Teamsters Local 695 on behalf of truck drivers and warehouse men against General Beverage, a series of stick bombs caused $25,000 damage to local liquor stores, a grocery store and bowling alley.

The teamsters agent at the time was James Marketti, a pistol of a union organizer, resided at the Willard Avenue residence during the 1973 incidenices.

"I wish I had known there was buried stuff there 25 years ago," muttered Roehling.

Roehling identified the chemicals within the vials as benzyl mercaptan, something that gives out a disagreeable sulfur odor, similar to the smell the gas company places into its natural gas so customers are aware there is a leak.

"It is a pungent smell almost impossible to get out."

"Shortly after the strike Marketti must have deposited of of the stuff, I don't think there is any question about that," Roehling said.

Roehling said he never expected, and doesn't now expect, any criminal charges to come out of the stick bombings.

"The book is closed on it for me now, he said. Good said there is only a slight smell left in the yard, and is pouring tomato juice in the hole to cover it up.
1998 RPCV SUMMER CAMPOUT!

June 13 and 14 at WHITE MOUND CNTY PARK!

RATTATATAT! I heard the machine-like hammering resound loudly through the dense hardwood forest thick with foliage. Could it be true? Was I about to glimpse my first Pileated Woodpecker? It seemed my heart pounded almost as loudly as the hammering of the elusive woodpecker feeding just ahead. But wait! What's that annoying buzzing sound? My alarm clock? Was I dreaming again? You mean I gotta go to work?

Dream for now, but the real thing is almost here!

Children, adults, friends, and family are invited to reconnect with Mother Nature at the SUMMER CAMPOUT. Bring your bicycle, swimsuit, softball glove and soccer ball. Come for the POTLUCK on Saturday afternoon.

Cost: $1/car; $1.25/adult.

Kids free!

Questions? Call Terry Stark, 233-9140.

Consider these routes >>

Leprechaun Lollygag
From USH 12/SH 60 Jct
West of Sauk City

L on SH 60 1 1/2 m
R on CTH O 7 1/2 m
R on CTH C 2 m
S on Oschner Rd 2 m
CTH C continues Right
S on Irish Valley Rd 3 m
R on Valley View Rd 3 m
R on SH 23 3/4 m
L on CTH GG 1 1/4 m
R on Pk Ent Rd to Pk HQ 1 1/4 m

Leland & Log Cabin Line
From USH 12/SH 60 Jct
West of Sauk City

L on SH 60 1 1/2 m
R on CTH O 7 1/2 m
R on CTH C 5 m (to Leland)
L on Hemlock Rd 2 m

(Log Cabin on L at 1 1/2 m)
R on CTH PF 1/4 m
L on Lins Rd (1st L) 1 1/4 m
R on Sky View Rd 1/2 m
L on Ohio Rd 2 m
L on Highland Rd 2 m
R on SH 23 3/4 m
L on CTH GG 1 1/4 m
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The boat is suitable for a
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rides for potential buy-
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Announcements

Remember!
Deadline for notices, minutes,
articles, etc. need to be to me be-
fore the June 17th. This will give
a couple of days for a report of
all the fun we had at White
Mound!

A fun month Ahead!
Hope to see many old faces
and new at the Potluck and
Campout!

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