President's Message

We have a fun and exciting month planned for March. To start, we have our regular monthly business meeting Thursday, March 3 at Union South.

On March 11, our group will have the very special privilege to host the Director of Peace Corps, Carol Bellamy. This is a great opportunity for all of us in the Madison community who have benefitted from the Peace Corps experience to come together to meet and discuss the fate of the agency. Director Bellamy along with Chris Hedrick, the Director of Returned Volunteer Services, will be interested in hearing ideas about how groups like ours can impact more directly upon the Peace Corps mission. We will host a reception at 7PM in the beautiful new Grainger Hall on the UW-Madison campus. After some talk and snacks in the main lobby area, we will move to Morgridge Auditorium for a program at which time Carol Bellamy will address our group.

There are two items that we need help with concerning the reception for the Director. First, does anyone have ideas for musical entertainment for the event. One idea is to invite a culture group (Andean flautists?, Native American drummers?) but does anyone know how to contact these groups? If you have ideas, please call. The second item is that we would like to make this truly a community event and invite anyone in the Madison area who has had or will have any contact with the Peace Corps. Please, everyone invite folks you know who have any interest or curiosity in Peace Corps. The Minneapolis Recruiting office plans to invite all known RPCVs in the area and families of currently serving volunteers. The hardest people to reach are members of our community that are from countries in which Peace Corps Volunteers serve. This is where we can all help the most.

The evening following Director Bellamy's visit is one of the great annual events for our group. The Baron Bliss Party on March 12 is at Gordon Malaise's house (see Dates to Note). I predict a record crowd for this year since it is on the heels of the reception. It is a good opportunity for us to show the best face of our group to people we draw from the reception the night before. This event is a chance to wear native garb from your country of service We'll do our best to provide a "tropical" environment.

* Borders by Julie Olsen.
**Editor's Corner**

My typewriter really has died now and I'm not up and running on the computer yet, so the old ink pen will have to do.

1. **HAPPY NEWS!!!**  Gerry Ashmore and Linda Butz are the proud parents of Elaine Carolyn, born February 14, weighing in at 2 lbs. 2 oz. Though 3 months premature, Elaine is doing fine.

2. **Movie screening party at**

   Rose Ann Scott's, 2714 Oakridge, 241-0845, March 3rd, 5:30 to 7:30. Pot luck sandwiches and wine. Screening of “Horicon” which was filmed around here.

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**Future Meetings:**

See Dates to Note on next page.

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**Newsletter Policy**

Since we're always trying to get new members, we'll send three copies of our newsletter to anyone we think will be interested. After that, you have to pay to stay on our mailing list. Details can be found on the back page. ONE EXCEPTION: Contacts in other RPCV organizations can continue to receive our newsletter if they will send us theirs.
Dates to Note

February 26, 27 - Winter Retreat This annual event has proven to be quite a refreshing weekend in previous years. Winter sports, hiking, review slides for 1995 calendar. Contact: Mike Meshak, (715) 344-3202.

Thursday, March 3 - General Meeting at Union South, 127 N Randall Street. Check "Today in the Union" board for room number. Get agenda items to Jim Smith before noon at (414) 673-3318.

Friday, March 11, 7PM - Reception for Carol Bellamy, Peace Corps Director. The new director will make a visit to Madison to meet with our group. Location for the reception is Grainger Hall main lobby. After talk and refreshments we'll move into Morgridge Auditorium for a program.

Saturday, March 12 - Baron Bliss Party at Gordon Malaise's house, 1447 Spaight Street, 8PM. This party celebrates the birthday of a man who bequeathed his personal wealth to the country of Belize. An opportunity to show off indigenous wear from your country of service. Bring a munchie and warm spirits.

Sunday, March 13, 10AM - Calendar Committee Meeting at Barbara Chatterjee's 5102 Coney Weston Place, off of Odana Road. If you have questions or need directions call Barbara at 271-2405.

Friday, April 8, 6PM - Potluck Meeting at your house? We'll arrange a social program. Possibly a showing of the slides for the 1995 calendar! We'll also cover essential business concerning the Family Brunch.

Sunday, April 10, 10AM - Calendar Committee Meeting at Barbara Chatterjee's 5102 Coney Weston Place, off of Odana Road. If you have questions or need directions call Barbara at 271-2405.

Sunday, April 17, 11 to 1:30 - Family Brunch at Heritage House, 3855 E Washington Ave. This is an annual event where we host families of currently volunteers. We provide a meal (at cost), a brief program, and opportunity for families to talk with us about our experiences. Contact: Helene, 238-2792.

Monday, May 2, 7PM - General Meeting at Union South, 127 N Randall Street. Check "Today in the Union" board for room number. Get agenda items to Lori Merriam before the weekend, 257-2271.
Meeting of the RPCV's of Wisconsin-Madison Chapter
Minutes for February 2, 1994

1. Introductions: We all named what our recent favorite book was just as celebrities do in the Sunday New York Times.  See book list for the results.

2. Agenda additions; there were none.

3. Treasurer's Report.  The treasurer is still working on the taxes from the fiscal year end of August 1993.  When the taxes get done I'll be able to work on the rest of the year.

4. Committee Reports
   Speakers Bureau (James Gultry):
   Lisa and James spoke at a crafts fair over the holidays that went well.  There may be financial compensation coming from the Minneapolis PC office.  Talk to James if you are interested in speaking at more events.

   Calendar (Barbara Chatterjee):
   By December 31, 1993 we had 12,001 calendars sold of the 15,000 printed.  Another couple of hundred may have been sold in 1994.  There will be (was) a slide showing for selecting pictures for the 1995 calendar at Julie Olsen's house Feb 5th.  Our printer Litho had a major fire 2 weeks ago, the impact of which is not known.  The calendar minutes don't always make the newsletter, depending on how much space there is available.  Rumor has it that our January meeting minutes are floating around on High Street in Bisbee, Arizona as we speak.

5. Activities
   Freeze for Food (Dave Atkinson):
   The temperature was in the balmy teens, wind was 5 mph with a lite snow, and true to form 54 people froze for food again.  18 people ran in the 5K race and 37 ran in the 10K race (yes, one person ran in both).  As a rough estimate $800 was taken in donations and race entry fees on a budget of $350.  Many race organizers perceived volunteer contributions to be marginal and Dave wondered if we should continue.  Most present at the meeting thought that the FFF should continue and would volunteer in the future.  John Elder, who ran in the race this year, stated that it was a good race, but that we should only continue to do it if it was fun.  We probably need the participation of 35 people to pull it off.

   Cardinal Bar Benefit (Walt Zeltner):
   The benefit is (was) Saturday Feb. 12th.  Walt sent out a new sign up sheet for cooking dishes.  We need extra paper plates and plastic bows and stuff.  Everyone come!

   Peace Corps trinkets to buy:
   Apparently you can now spend and save buying a LAPEL PIN with some kind of PC logo on it!  Contact Judy Fox for more details.  In addition you can add to your PC memorabilia with your very own WRIST WATCH with the PC logo!  Contact Gerry Ashmore for more details.  Something else to impress your friends and family with.

   Membership (Sandy Moss)
   We now have something like 170 members; we will have an updated list in March.  Please pay your dues.

   Global Education (Sandy Moss):
   The committee will have (had) a meeting on Feb. 4th about the Allied Dunn Neighborhood project.  Contact Sandy or Dave Wakely for details.

   Winter Retreat (Lisa Spellman):
   Its a great time in the rolling hills of Camp Lucerne.  It is officially a Saturday night sleep over in cabins, with lots of skiing and kick-butt sledging available.  Caravans and car pools are encouraged, as is signing up at least 7 days early.

   Baron Bliss (Gordon Malaise):
   Baron Bliss is a revered gentleman in Belize where he donated apparently huge sums of money, so they declared a holiday in his name.  March 12th, we will also spend it in the artificially balmy, blissful confines of Gordon's house.  Bring snacks and beverages and your summer clothes.

   Carol Bellamy (Jim Smith):
   Carol apparently had too many things to do in Asia, and postponed her visit to Madison for sometime in March.  Keep your ears tuned to that RPCV channel for an actual time and date.

   Ruppe Award (Jim Smith):
   This year we decided that it was time that the calendar project get this award.  Jim passed the nomination sheet to the calendar committee.  I guess its our responsibility to nominate ourselves.

   Odds and Ends:
   *The Peruvian recipient of our calendar money sent a warm thank you card by John Elder.
   *Erik Jensen, our local recruiter, has a request from an elementary school teacher for a RPCV speaker.
   *There is a request to endorse a Columbian Catholic priest to speak at the University March 11th through 13th.  We decided more information was needed before we could approve the event.
   *Erik needs help with recruiting tables at Memorial Union Feb 8th, 15th, 22nd and 23rd.  Please contact him for more info.
   *Summer camp-out will be in Governor Dodge on June 11th and 12th.

And we adjourned way before 9:00 which was good, because we needed the extra time to raise our core body temperature with libations and incantations in the Rathskeiler before braving the Wisconsin winter.

Don't Miss Out on the Next Newsletter/Membership Directory!

Check your mailing label...This is the LAST issue of the newsletter you'll receive if you don't pay your dues.  If you renewed through the National Peace Corps Association, please call and let me know.  The paperwork can take a while to go through.  Please call also if you're short of cash, we'll continue to send the newsletter until you can pay.  The new membership directory will be published soon...Make sure you're included.  Let me know of any corrections/updates by March 10th. Thanks!!

Sandy Moss
246-9605
Colombian Human Rights Leader to Visit Madison and Milwaukee

Father Javier Giraldo, S.J. will visit Wisconsin March 12-14. He is Director of the Colombian human rights group Inter-Congregational Commission of Justice and Peace (Justicia Y Paz), and has documented the human rights situation in his country. Despite threats to his life, he continues to expose and denounce human rights abuses in Colombia.

His schedule is:
Sat March 12 Milwaukee 2PM Peace Action Center 1001 E. Keefe Ave - talk
Sun March 13 Madison 9AM Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ -sermon
11AM Edgewood College, Chapel - mass
5 PM Interview on WORT (tentative)
Mon March 14 UW-Madison 12 noon Brown-bag seminar Room 1418 Van Hise
4-6 PM Sister Community Reception - Capital
7:30 PM Memorial Student Union - Lecture

The Andean Commission of Jurists (Colombian Section) calculated an average of 12 political murders each day in 1992, attributing 70% to the police, armed forces and their paramilitary branches. Thousands of teachers, students, lawyers, judges, union organizers, community leaders, clergy, and human rights workers have been murdered in the past decade. Of 264 unionists assassinated worldwide from 1/90 to 3/91, over half were Colombian. There are estimates of at least 300,000 internal refugees in Colombia.

Military aid from the U.S. has increased, not lessened, the violence and repression in Colombia. For FY 1990-92, over one half billion dollars went to Colombia under the guise of the "War on Drugs", with 78% of it earmarked for the military and police. As of 1990, Colombia received more U.S. military aid than any other country in the hemisphere. U.S. military personnel have had a covert presence in Colombia until December when they developed an open presence west of Cali.

For more information, please contact:
Colombia Support Network
608 836-5107 or 274-2245
PO Box 1505 Madison WI 53701

Global Education is Alive and Well!!

Dave Wakeley, Lisa Goldman and Sandy Moss recently met with the directors of the two afterschool programs at the Allied-Dunn community center. (One program is designed for Cambodian and Hmong refugees, while the other primarily serves the non-immigrant population.) We discussed having members of our group establish an ongoing after school activity that would encourage students from both programs to get involved. The goal is to provide more opportunities for the kids to interact with each other. Teams of three or four (or more?) volunteers would design fun activities to be presented once or twice a month. Although the time hasn't been definitely set, Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:00 looks promising.  
If you're interested in participating, there will be an orientation/introduction meeting on Friday, March 4 at 2:30 at the United Refugee Services Office: 1245 East Washington Avenue. More information about the project will be shared at the next membership meeting, or you can call Dave, Lisa or Sandy with any questions:

Dave: 255-1339 Lisa: 249-0243 Sandy: 246-9605
Peace Corps' can-do spirit collides with the real Russia

By Howard Witt
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia—One year ago, American Peace Corps volunteers fanned out across this huge, crumbling country on a noble mission to help reconstruct its ruined economy. They were all bright, confident business people, brimming with the Peace Corps' characteristic brand of can-do optimism.

Then the many maddening realities of Russia began to set in: phones that don't work, hotel rooms with no heat, bureaucrats with impossible rules, businessmen with outlandish plans.

Today, those 99 beaming volunteers are down to 75, a little less confident and a lot more realistic about what they actually can accomplish in this backward nation still stubbornly clinging to many communist ways.

Gone are the volunteers' great expectations that they might quickly start advising Russian entrepreneurs on how to start up small businesses, because there still are few such entrepreneurs seeking Western advice.

Vanished, too, are the grand hopes that the Peace Corps workers could rush into small towns and villages to spread the gospel of grass-roots, free-market capitalism. The first few who tried it in Russia's Far East met such stony incomprehension that they quickly retreated to larger, more sophisticated cities.

The frustrations have been many and the successes so far are small. But this most difficult of Peace Corps missions finally is starting to find its feet.

"You have to regard Russia like an ocean. If you don't like waves, if you don't want to get wet, if you are afraid of sharks, then you shouldn't go out," observed Laurence Eshbark, a Peace Corps associate director. "The ocean doesn't care if you are out there or not. And neither does Russia."

The Peace Corps did not send young volunteers to Russia on the usual Third World-style mission to build bridges or inoculate children—although given the decrepit state of infrastructure and the tragic collapse of the healthcare system, that might not have been a bad thing.

Instead, officials dispatched experienced bankers and financial experts, many with graduate business degrees, to set up "business information centers" where Russians could come for advice.

After a few weeks of Russian language training, the volunteers were sent to 10 cities along the Volga and Don Rivers and in the Far East, where, on salaries of $160 a month, they were instructed to "live like Russians."

For the three volunteers who landed in this southern Russian city of 1 million people, that wasn't hard to do. It took nine frustrating months, for example, for such basic tools as computers, faxes, a copying machine and business reference books to arrive and that was largely because of the sluggish American government bureaucracy.

Russian security agents, concerned that the Peace Corps volunteers might be industrial spies, started interrogating Russian citizens whom the Americans met. And, as volunteer Joshua Eckhaus discovered, the agents bugged their apartments as well.

"One night, a friend came over to cook dinner in my kitchen and the complained about the absence of any rack inside the oven," Eckhaus recalled. "The next day when I came home from work, the oven had a rack."

But by far the most difficult task has been simply adjusting to the way Russians think and work.

"We all thought we would come here and help the Russians write business plans," said Eckhaus, 30, a transportation specialist. "But we discovered pretty quickly it doesn't work like that. The first thing we had to do was explain to them why they should want to have a plan in the first place."

Some Russian business people, the volunteers discovered, had little interest in detailing their company finances—particularly, Eckhaus noted, "the 20-year-olds driving BMWs and Mercedes." Fortunately, those kind of business people—often representatives of Russia's burgeoning criminal mafias—have only rarely ventured into the Peace Corps office.

Then there was the matter of the $2 billion in direct aid the American government has promised Russia. Many huddling Rostov business people figured the Peace Corps had arrived to hand them a piece of it.

"We tried to help them understand that no one was going to just give them money," said volunteer Neil DeLaurentis, 32, a banker.

They also try gently to dissuade some of the crazier schemes people bring to them. One Russian, for example, proposed setting up a business to send unemployed Russian factory workers to the U.S., where they could work night shifts in factories to produce goods to export back to Russia.

Yet there have been some successes. The Peace Corps volunteers were the first Western representatives to set up shop in Rostov and they quickly set about getting to know all the principal power brokers in town. Now, as American businesses and organizations begin to venture there, the Peace Corps business center is turning into a one-stop information network.

The Rostov volunteers organized a large banking conference, where many inexperienced Russian bankers got their first look at how American banks function.

And most days, one or two Russians wander into the office with a request the Peace Corps volunteers can actually try to fill. One morning last week, for example, a beekeeper came in seeking help in marketing bee poison, which can have medicinal uses. Staffers started investigating American pharmaceutical companies he could approach.

An unemployed nuclear engineer used one of the office's computers to design a business card for the Apple dealership he is setting up. The dealership, which will be the first in Rostov, is the fruit of months of work together with volunteer Carolyn Taylor, a 66-year-old retired computer educator who ended up in Russia after originally applying to work with the Peace Corps in the Caribbean.

"Every once in a while I think how nice it would be to sit on a beach in Antigua," she said, noting that he still is living in a frigid hotel room while waiting for an affordable apartment. "But there can be nothing more fascinating than watching this country trying to reinvent itself."
Calendar Steering Committee
2nd Sunday of the Month
Barbara Chatterjee's house
14 Nov 93
--Buck Trawicky, 15 Dec 93.

Calendars by others were passed around. The favorite was a Mayan Calendar. Minutes were approved.

SACG orders to date: 8900+. The Nat'l RPCV Assoc. has ordered 2000! (Or was it 12?) Salem projection: 1000-2000 left at year's end.

And we have a hole in the roof enclosure to go out with each order, describing the Calendar and listing prices for Calendars and Postcards.

Reimbursement and Prizes: All legitimate expenses are of course to be reimbursed. There is room on the back of the Calendar for more specific thanks to all who help. Buck an tact editor is to attend to this. And we need a praise of ourselves Night, in thanks to all who help us in all of our group's enterprises, perhaps in September. (See minutes of Dec general meeting for details; Buck will arrange, with the President presiding.)

We need good timelines for various cycles and specific tasks. Henry, Don, and Buck are to draw up their own, and all will then be melded together. We hate crises.

We need a group clubhouse! Just to store our stuff, and hang our awards, if for nothing else. On the Lake, of course, with sheep on our rolling acres, and villages of Mong and Tibetans, all downtown, and with no property taxes.

Managing Editor: Henry has a candidate, whom he is achoosing. The Job of Photo Editor has gotten so large that Henry wants to do this only. 9% cal: photos are already coming in.

Not-Sold Calendars: We planned on 2000 in this category (given to photographers, promotion, donations, etc). 1600 have gone out, and the other 400 will find good homes. But if we sell less than 15,000 (likely), it is important that we have good homes for them. And if for the schools, it would be courteous to have them in teachers' hands by the start of the spring semester. (Renee might help, and Buck is to achoose her.)

New spin-off project: Henry and Mary Grace are working on producing a series of poster-sized photos wih text (all from past Calendars), 3 or 4 to start with, for use in classrooms. This will probably be a big seller, and the posters will not go out of date as does a calendar. Yummm.

RPCV's of Wisconsin - Madison
International Calendar Steering Committee
Minutes of the December 12, 1993 Meeting

Present: Barbara Chatterjee, Peter Joyce, Lori Merriman, Henry Nehls-Lowe (minute taker), Kevin Nies, Don Sauer, Buck Trawicky, Wali Zehner.

The minutes from the November meeting were unavailable, so we were not able to review or approve. Tabled for next month.

Marketing/Advertisement

As usual, we are facing an 11th hour, yeoman's effort to make the December 15th deadline. We've committed to a one-third page, black & white ad. Henry and Lori will hash out the details of this ad. The committee will discuss future ad activities at the next meeting. Barbara suggested that additional people be recruited some of these tasks. Don said some people coming to packing parties have expressed an interest in participating in other calendar activities.

There was a snafu regarding the color ad in the Fall World View. NPCA quoted a price to us, not realizing the extra costs they would encounter in creating the camera ready copy. We discussed the NPCA proposal to split the difference on the extra costs, and agreed to do so.

Distribution/Sales

To date have sold over 3,500 unbundled postcards, totalling $450. We have also sold 349 12-packs of postcards totalling $974. The costs of shrink wrapping the postcards were approximately $1,600.

Financial report to date were $23,568 in accounts receivables, $103 in checking, and $16,908 in savings. Don said that, using current figures, if we collect 90% of receivables our net 1994 revenue will be $36,000, less $24,000 to carry forward to meet 1995 production costs, leaving the group with $12,000 for the giveaway.

Don sent a note to NPCA informing them of the terms of the cash our group will be giving to them. We talked about the sales of 100 calendars to a Japanese connection. We discussed payment options as this person wanted to pay for it with a credit card. Don will ask NPCA if they can act as an intermediary to receive payment and pass it on to us.

Accounting/Financial Issues

Kevin is working with a new list of collections from the accounts receivable.

Our fiscal year is September 1 to August 30th, and Peter is hard at work on the books for September to December, 1993. He is also working on completing the tax form for the most recent fiscal year. Once the statement/return is complete, he will have an accountant review for completeness and accuracy. He said that two accountants were interviewed, both estimating approximately $200 to do the review. Barbara emphasized the importance of this because we will likely have a long term relationship with the accountant we contract with.

We briefly discussed the issue of when the group has to pay State sales tax. Once our in state sales exceeds $15,000, we must start paying sales tax.

1995 Calendar Production

Henry shared the preliminary timeline with the committee. The deadline for photographs is January 31st and a reminder mailing for slides is planned for the end of December. The first big date is the slide review on February 5th. There will be slide potluck at a yet-to-be-determined home. Henry also stated that March 20th is the deadline for decisions on changes to the design of the calendar.

Henry said that he is looking for people who he could delegate out some of the production tasks to. It was suggested that Alan Weiner would be a good person to put together and send out the printing bids.

Next Meeting: scheduled at Gordon Malaise's on Tuesday, January 5th, at 7:00 pm.
RPCV OF WISCONSIN/MADISON

International Calendar Steering Committee (ICSC)
1447 Spaight Street, Madison WI
Wednesday, January 5, 1994

MINUTES
Present: Erik Jensen, Don Sauer, Buck Travicky, Barbara Chatterjee

Began: 8:00 pm

1. Minutes of 12/12/93 meeting not available.

2. 1995 Calendar production: Buck will have the holidays list ready for review before he leaves town 1/9/94, and expects to make final selections after his return about 2/25.

3. Calendar Sales Update: Don reported that as of 12/31/93 12,201 calendars were sold and a few more were shipped out this evening. Currently there are 1900 calendars left in stock, and we should try soon to distribute those which do not need for marketing purposes; suggestions are welcome. Major buyers this year were the NPCA, Peace Corps recruiting offices, Earthcare, Bookpeople, and several RPCV groups nationwide. For next year we might wish to link with The Nature Company, another catalog outlet, and PC in-country orders may increase from the 4-5 we received after a special mailing in the fall. At this time Don would welcome help in entering the sales information in spreadsheet files, so we can analyze them to prepare the 1995 marketing plan.

4. Don presented a project idea from an RPCV in Arkansas for encouraging photographs made by the residents of countries served by Peace Corps. The proposal is to access a supply of disposable, one-time use cameras and distribute them through current PCVs. Some of the resultant pictures might be considered for the Calendar and other displays. There are a number of complex aspects to this project, and if the other party remains interested, we will discuss it further at the next meeting.

5. The following suggestions for design changes in 1995 calendar were discussed and will be considered further at next meeting: (a) Larger size---e.g., 9” X 12” instead of the current 8-1/2” X 11”; group agreed that we should stay with a standard paper size even if we go for larger. (b) More white space, for which larger size would help. (c) Add previous and/or following month in a small block; Buck thinks only previous one is important. (d) Alternative binding, e.g., spiral, which allows the calendar to hang more flat, but will be more difficult to pack and ship.

6. Don initiated discussion of the fulfillment process. It is a very demanding job and we need to find ways to make it less burdensome on our volunteers. He will prepare a description of the tasks involved for the February meeting.


Adjourned: 9:30 pm

Recorded by:
Barbara Chatterjee

RPCV OF WISCONSIN/MADISON

International Calendar Steering Committee
502 Coney Weston Place, Madison, WI
Sunday, February 13, 1994

MINUTES
Present: Barbara Chatterjee, Laurie Merriam, Don Sauer, Henry Nehls-Lowe, Walt Zeltner, Julie Olsen

Began: 10:00 am. Adjourned 1:00 pm. Recorder: Julie Olsen

1. Minutes of 1/5/94 meeting.

2. Propose to group that Calendar Committee accept as administrative cost the publication and mailing of any newsletter more than 5 pages due to calendar information dissemination. (postage/printing) *See March newsletter.


4. Design Changes: Increase size to 9x12 to allow for more "white space". No price change. (Buck will need a new rucksack) The price of book folders, (cardboard 7x9" used for packaging 25 or less) will increase on 3/1/94. Need to decide on numbers and purchase before 3/1/94. Binding will be same. Postcards? Postpone decision as we have so many.

* Buck requests authorization to spend $100.00 for references. Yes, good plan.


Madison: (Laurie) Local stores report, "All sold out." Wish she'd come earlier. Retailers prefer to purchase at higher price for "on consignment". *June deadline will enable us to sell to Civic Center and others who select calendars at that time. In future we will list all stores in newsletter.

NATIONAL PC ASSN: Worldview ads: Henry and Laurie will request price quotes and space commitment for 1995 ads (spring, summer, fall--the big one) Reserve space by 3/1/94, spring ad copy deadline 3/15/94. (Laurie/Henry) Chic Dambach from NPCA will be here for brunch 5/17/94 and is planning to attend a special calendar meeting Saturday 4/16/94 to discuss marketing calendar nationally. We will hold our calendar steering committee as usual and have an additional meeting with Chic.

Nature Company: Board of Directors NPCA, Patricia Roble is also founder of Nature Company. We'd like to consult with her regarding calendar marketing.

Bookpeople: Sold 8275 of 300. See this as an investment ($200 for ad) as sales likely to increase each year. Ad deadline @ 7/1/94. Check with Susan Kummer re both color and b/w ads.

Earthcare: (Bought out by Real Goods, Ukiah, CA) Sold 650. (500 + 150) WPR/ERN/EP: Kevin is investigating ads for calendar in Signals magazine.

PC Washington: Increase in sales through PC, (3-5000 calendars.) Local RPCV groups; (Don) "Significant orders" Don will have numbers when software is in place for sales 1994.

6. Accounting: Actual numbers when software in place. $76,800 savings, 7 $566 checking w/no current liabilities. ($4,600 in receivables) Will set aside $25,000 for prep and run for 1995 calendar.
BARON BLISS

Henry Edward Ernest Victor Bliss, also known as the “Fourth Baron Bliss of the former Kingdom of Portugal,” was born in the County of Buckingham, England. He first sailed into the harbor of Belize in 1926, though he was too ill to go ashore because of food poisoning that he had contracted while visiting Trinidad. Bliss spent several months aboard his yacht, the Sea King, in the harbor, fishing in Belizean waters. Although he never became well enough to go ashore, Bliss learned to love the country from the sea and its habitats—the fishermen and officials in the harbor all treated him with great respect and friendliness. On the days that he was only able to languish on deck, he made every effort to learn about the small country. He was apparently so impressed with what he learned and the people he met that before his death he drew up a will that established a trust of nearly two million dollars to be used for projects that would benefit the people of Belize.

So far, over a million dollars in interest from the trust has been used for: the erection of the Bliss Institute, Bliss School of Nursing, Bliss Promenade, In-transit Lounge at the Belize International Airport, plus contributions to the Belize City water supply, the Corozal Town Board and Health Clinic, and land purchased for the building of Belmopan.

An avid yachtsman, Bliss stipulated that money be set aside for a regatta to be held in Belize waters, a focal point of the gala Baron Bliss Day celebrations each year. The Baron’s white granite tomb is located at the point of Fort George in Belize City guarded by the Bliss Lighthouse.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS c/o Walt Zeltner:

I have two items of business to report on.

1. Cardinal Bar Benefit: In spite of 4.4 inches of snow in Madison on Sat., Feb. 12 (more like 8 inches at my house), some 80 people attended the benefit. I was pleased with the way everything went. We had enough food, and there was enough space available for most people to sit comfortably. I now have $393 to pass on to Peter Joyce, who can then write checks to the Red Cross and Oxfam. Are there any objections to us as a group donating $7 from an account so that we can write two checks for $200 each? Another question. I have an address for Red Cross Disaster Relief in this area, but I need an address for Oxfam. Or can we send this check to Oxfam America and still have it used in Nepal? Any input would be helpful.

Thanks to all of you who brought food for the event. Special thanks to Earl Bricker, who helped greatly with the publicity and prepared the poster, and to my wife Chris, who assured that a wide variety of food was available.

2. Once again the time is approaching for distributing the proceeds of the 1994 Calendar. Although the amount of proceeds available must still be determined, it seems appropriate to start the process for submitting requests for donations. All requests for donations must come from currently paid members (so pay your dues if you haven’t yet) and must be described on one of our donation request forms (the same form we used last year). Anyone who would like a copy of the form should contact me (Walt Zeltner, 393 Lake Kegonsa Road, Oregon, WI 53575; Home: 608/873-5257; Work: 608/262-1321; FAX: 608/262-0454; Email: zeltner@engr. wisc.edu). By the way, if any other member would like to chair the distribution of proceeds, I’d be perfectly happy to pass on this job.

While I’m on this topic, I should note that some of the checks from last year’s request have still not been cashed. I’m waiting for Peter Joyce to computerize our finances before we take care of this problem. If you are requesting a donation, you can minimize the chances of a problem occurring by enclosing, if appropriate, a donation form or a cover letter to the organization that you want to receive funding. We had 24 requests last year, 23 funded, and I was not about to write 23 cover letters.

Additional Funding for Newsletter

As follow-up to the discussion at the last general body meeting re publication of the Calendar Steering Committee minutes, the Committee considered the topic at its 2/13/94 meeting. It recognized both its responsibility to communicate calendar business to the entire group and that this need can, at times, add to the size and mailing cost of the World Roots. Therefore we agreed to submit the following motion: The International Calendar will accept, as an administrative cost, the additional publication and mailing costs for any issue of World Roots that becomes greater than 5 sheets (10 pages) in size due to the need to disseminate calendar management information. Submitted by Barbara Chatterjee.
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 joining ($1.25 per month for each month through December), then pay 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 (formerly the National Council of RPCVs) through us by paying a further $20.00. We strongly encourage all members to join the National Association, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

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   — Overseas Individual - $24.00
   — Overseas Joint - $29.00

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