President's Message

The photos, text and graphics for the 1992 calendar have recently been unveiled and the product promises to be awesome! Not only that, the calendar will be environmentally sound as it will be printed with soybean ink on recycled paper. Hats off to the calendar crew—Julie, Jim G., Henry, Buck and all the contributing photographers—for all their hard work and creativity. It just keeps getting better each year.

Also, hats off to the folks—Mike Jindra, Jim Smith, Jeff Cochrane and Peggy Wireman—who responded to the phone tree appeal and volunteered to lodge and chauffeur international guests at the World Council of Credit Unions World Convention. You have done a good deed.

One business matter to discuss. It's time already to start thinking about next year's slate of officers. Our Constitution requires the President to appoint, at the July meeting, a nominating committee of at least 3 people, in addition to the Vice-President who chairs the committee, to nominate candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 slots on the Board of Directors. The nominating committee receives nominations until the close of the September meeting, at which time the committee announces the candidates. The committee then prints the ballot in the October newsletter and conducts the election at the October meeting. So, if you consider yourself a good judge of character and are interested in serving on this committee, give either Nancy or myself a call.

Now, on to the fun stuff. Check out the Dates to Note section of this newsletter for the next round of good times brought to you by the Night Club Committee of the Whole. Note that our July meeting will actually be on June 28 at Donna Shalala's. Then, in mid-July there will be a spurt of 3 events in 5 days, leading off with America's National Pastime, that is, a Muskies game, on Tuesday, July 16 at Warner Park. Then, on Friday, July 19, a potluck reception for Karen Schwarz, author of *What You Can Do For Your Country: An Oral History of the Peace Corps*. Advance reviews say it's a good book. Then, the next day, Saturday, July 20, more great literature as we journey to Spring Green for the American Players Theatre production of Shakespeare's *A Winter's Tale*, a comedy about family jealousy, betrayal and banishment. Sounds good. So, gang, can we handle all this excitement? You bet!

Second Annual Potluck at the Chancellor's Digs

The July general meeting of the RPCV’s of Wisconsin - Madison will be held on Friday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Donna Shalala's residence, 130 N. Prospect in Madison. The University of Wisconsin - Madison Chancellor and RPCV '62-'64 has agreed to host a summer potluck meeting again this year—who says you can't take an RPCV anywhere?

Bring a dish to pass and a hearty appetite. This event was well attended last year and undoubtedly will be again.

For those who didn't attend last year, Prospect Street runs between Monroe Street and University Avenue. It is four blocks west of Camp Randall Stadium on the Regent Street side or two blocks on the University Avenue side. The Chancellor's residence was donated to the UW by a lumber baron, so it is large and plush—wipe your feet, and enjoy.
"With a 'microloan,' Cameroonian women parlay a rabbit into two shops." If you had to guess the last place you would expect to find the previous sentence, and an article covering four columns about lending small amounts of money to very small entrepreneurs, your guess might well be The Wall Street Journal. And yes, that's where I saw it, June 7!

Of course we knew microloans were a good idea when we allocated $100 of last year's calendar revenue to Trickle Up. Now it seems that microenterprise and microlending are all the rage with international development organizations.

Calendar distribution chair Rose Ann Scott (241-0845) is still awaiting calls from the following people who owe her money or calendars:

Dave Atkinson
Julie Olsen
Kathleen Quinlan
Buck Trawicky

Come on guys, isn't three months of public vilification enough?

Attention: The publisher of Who's Who in the Peace Corps has requested a copy of our mailing list and we will be sharing it with them. They will include you in their 1990 edition and undoubtedly try to sell it to you! If you do not want your name and address sent to them, please contact Dean Jefferson: 249-6094 (h), 266-9565 (w), or P.O. Box 335, Madison, 53701

The deadline for the next newsletter is July 18. I will be out of town the week of July 14-20, so I ask that you please mail me your submissions rather than dropping them by my office. Use P.O. Box 335 or my new home address, 1802 Vahlen. I've gotten very little feedback so far on the new format of the newsletter, but what I have gotten has been positive. If there is something you don't like or think could be improved, please let me know.

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.
From the Global Education Committee

After meeting every other week for several months, we offer the following as both a report to you and as a recommendation for future direction.

We strongly advise that the current effort be streamlined, changing the focus from a very specific country (Lesotho) and a very specific topic (Women in Development) and return to what seems to have been the original intent -- providing basic guidance to teachers about global education.

Specific Recommendations:

1) Incorporate the calendar into the curriculum project.

2) Include specific activities which refer to: a) the featured countries; b) the holidays in the respective months; and c) the featured photo.

3) Include general curriculum ideas and suggested activities to bring out the concept of global education.

4) Develop a generic worksheet which could be used for background on all countries.

5) Utilize the very comprehensive guide for Wisconsin social studies teachers, trying to accommodate the focus areas for each grade level as determined by the Department of Public Instruction.

In addition, we hope that Wade Dalla Grana will continue his relationship with the Committee, both on a professional and personal level. His guidance and suggestions have been focused and helpful, a result of years of experience as a classroom teacher.

The above is offered in the hope that more will come forth to assist in this effort. Meetings will continue every other Monday, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Red Oak Grill in Union South (next meeting: Monday, June 24).

A special meeting has been called for the purpose of brainstorming around the months, and respective calendar photos, of September through December 1991. Our goal is to have a beginning guide to global education for area social studies teachers by September of this year. Our thinking is that the 1992 Calendar can then be marketed to teachers, and that a similar teachers’ guide will be developed and printed for dissemination.

THIS GATHERING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, JULY 14, AT UNION SOUTH (check TITU for exact location) BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., RUNNING FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. IF PEOPLE CANNOT ATTEND, BUT HAVE IDEAS FOR THE MONTHS UNDER DISCUSSION, PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

   Nancy Westbrook (241-5332, home; 273-6600, work)
   Lisa Pfaff (256-7302, home)
   Earl Bricker (263-5732, work; 257-7880, home)
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin and Devil's Lake

Tue, 4 June 1991

General Meeting

"Intolerant people should be taken out and shot."

25 were present, including the guy who said that. But we all concurred; no one can stand intolerant people.

Henry corrected the minutes for the May meeting: He was given permission to spend not merely the $50 he'd asked for, for duplicating slides for our Slide Library, but rather up to the $300 we'd long ago authorized for this cause. He won't spend it all, though, he assured us (and especially Kevin, looking twitchy). We told him to do his best. All AYE.

Woolah: Kevin was there, and he did indeed pass his accounting exam -- he says he can now launder -- so we tended to believe his numbers.

Our General Account has $5723: $5 savings, $1500 checking, and $4128 Global Ed. We have yet to send a check to whoever gets the ta from the Cardinal Bar benefit for refugees.

Gordon suggested that we discuss the recipient at our July meeting.

As you'll remember if you were there, or heard the word gossip about it, we broke down into serious dizziness about this. Some were all for sending it to the Red Crescent Society, the Islamic version of the Red Cross, (especially those horrified by the Gulf War, and its civilian casualties and refugees, on both sides); others thought this a criticism of what they thought a very justified US policy, and favored something less politically outspoken; and yet others thought there are other ongoing horrors that should not be forgotten. So, in exhaustion, we accepted a compromise no one was delighted with: send the money to the UN High Commissioner on Refugees. (We suspect the UN often brokers off lots of its income on overhead; the very opposite of Oxfam or Ahsoka or the Kandy Children's Center.)

91 Calendar donations (continued):

We discussed and approved (all AYE), Duncan Chaplin's proposal that we donate $150 the Global Exchange for a US tour by a South African physician, speaking about care systems in his country. We had done a (favorable) straw vote on this at the May meeting, and he'd published his proposal in the Newsletter, so we had already thought about this.

Meredith has no more info on the Allied Drive Community Center; perhaps by next meeting.

The 22 Calendar: those who attended Gordon and Therese's housewarming party last month at the new Presidential Palace (lots did, and it was an excellent party, especially in the 60s Room after volleyball) had already gotten a first sight of the photos in their large gorgeous color. But for the rest, the June meeting was their first sight of them in their true form, and it was beautiful, seeing them all together, full size, and ever so brilliant. O! what dandy photos. And the prose is nice. The favorite word-of-the-month was 'nejepi', a Balinese holiday on which everyone is silent. We want to have our own 'nejepi Party', with blackboards, but no books allowed.

The 22 Calendar is ahead of schedule, better than ever, and there's a nice ad in lots of calendar catalogs for bookstores and serious schedule junkies. It'll be printed sometime in July.

Global Ed (Lisa Fiall): it's moving along; Wade Dallagate is being a big help. He considered discussing future Global Ed projects at the Devil's Lake campout (but in the event, had too much fun to do so.)

Julie Olsen wants information on World Shelter: what do you remember about the structures of your country? Can you recommend any people to talk to, or any speakers (for classrooms, presumably)? Call her: 283-3054.

Don Sauer chilled for Ahsoka coffee. He's been very busy and effective. This coffee is called "Aztec Harvest," grown on coops in Mexico. He's received his order (remember? we fronted the money, with his assurance of repayment) of 60 bags of coffee (30 light, in the dark sack, and 30 dark, in the light sack: how Aztec). He's ready to distribute them to qualified buyers; he'll even deliver them to your door, or he'll meet you in a dark parking lot, if that's your preference. $5.50/10 oz bag. 244-3732(h).

But he's also gone the extra mile, and persuaded (with no trouble) the Steep and Brew coffee dealers (one of the very best people to buy your coffee from; Mark Ballering is a fine man, and no yuppy) to buy lots of Aztec Harvest and sell it to all of Madison. Mark ordered twenty 150-pound bags.

Jeepers: that could wire an entire ward for several days. And Mark has also paid a voluntary surcharge of $450, for the coops' projects. A good man. So is Don.

Jim Smith, our (and PC/CC's) local campus Peace Corps recruiter, passed around a standard sheet of yellow paper, for helpers at an Educational Career Fair; he wanted people who'd been teachers as PCs. He got lots of names. (It's over by now; so don't call to sign up.)

He also announced an International Youth Conference, sponsored by the Friendship Force. This will be in Richmond VA, 28 July - 8 August. You might even be sponsored, if you want to go. Gotta be under 31 (and over 18; drinking age in Virginia). There is Unity in Friendship: Global Concerns for the 21st Century. Call Jim 262-1212(w). 3rd w.

Third, he needs everyone's PC "assignment area": what you did (when you were working). He needs to be able to refer bewildered customers to people who can tell them what they'll be getting into. He's got this info for many of us; if you don't, he does not have you. Call him.

Lastly, he is increasingly coming on books (eg, 500 biology texts), and he wants to get them overseas where they'll do some good. Ken Coffeen spoke up: he knows a middlemen group, who'll be happy to find them loving homes.

Gordon reminded us that the World Council of Credit Unions (WCCU) is having their international conference on 16-21 June. (Bob Cowell, an early founder, works there, and months ago he urged us to participate: we'd get to meet lots of interesting foreigners, and fascinated Americans willing to hear our stories.) WCCU is (was, by now) seeking hosts to put up the visitors, and drive them to the conference, at the Holiday Inn West. Ken said he'd drive if others hosted. (No one has ever been inside Ken's house; we suspect he breeds pit bulls.) The yellow sheet went around.

Ken suggested we have a "Penthouse" author's reception. Our faces had no expression at all, so he elaborated. This woman, who is an editor at Penthouse, attended a recent national conference of RPOs, and was enthralled by us, and by the whole idea of Peace Corps. She's doing a book on all this. Hence the reception. She also wrote (says Ken) Secrets of Achieving Marital Bliss. So the reception could be partly in honor and furtherance of Gordon and Therese's upcoming wedding: perhaps combined with a wedding shower. The date is Friday, 19 July. The site is undecided: perhaps Gordon's, or Deborah's, or the Cowells' (they weren't present, and couldn't defend themselves), or perhaps Donna's (ditto, with emphasis). Ken will work it out: come to the next meeting to find out, or read the next Newsletter to learn what you missed.
The National Conference (you are going, yes?): Friday of the Conference (Aug) will be Volunteer Day. Everyone (well, actually, I bet about 25%, but that’ll be a very large bunch) will fan out in small groups to do volunteer work in DC for a day. (This reminds me of FC/Nepal training, the half that took place in California. We all were sent for a couple of days to help out in VISTA situations. I was on a small crew of willing doits, helping a Chicano sheathe and shingle the roof of his sweat-economy house. Even at the time I didn’t think our plywood joints were very tight; now, I am aghast at the memory.) But this looks to be far better organized. And the DC honchos encourage local groups and country groups to pick a job and work together. Let’s all take our basic tools; we’ll have a fine time. Should we have our own project? (Shouted one enthusiast: let’s clean up a coo bar!)

As for travel: perhaps rent a van or two? Nancy Westrock has accumulated lots of info, but she (poor thing) cannot go, though she’ll continue to help with arrangements. Earl Bricker (founding member, now returned), is going, and will coordinate. Call him: 267-7880. (Linda is going, but won’t return. What does that mean?); Lisa is going, and Deb (but not Dave, that poopy), and Buck, and others too, ah to shout their names.) We said we’d discuss this, too, at the Devil’s Lake campout, and didn’t: the time was too dense and rich for business.

Henry Nehls-Lowe (a Spaniard) brought us current on the Canoe Trip. This will be on the Wisconsin River, 10-11 Aug. (Sat-Sun.) We’ll put in at Sauk City, in rented (or your own) canoes, camp on a luscious island, and take out at Lone Rock. There’s provisions for people joining us for only Sat or Sun. Canoe rental is $10/day, plus a handling fee. This will be an exquisite time: come if you can. It’s even better than Rocky and Bullwinkle. Kids can indeed come, but parents (and everyone) must watch them carefully, because the Wisconsin, though placid-looking, is nonetheless a very powerful river. Henry and his associates, we declared, were to devise Rules for Children and their Parents, so we’ll all feel (and be) safe. Our children are entirely to exceptionally precious to us, and we’ll watch them.

The deadline to register with Henry is 30 July (Thurs.) 835-5976 (h.
The August meeting cannot be in the first week, as would be normal, because we’ll all be in DC, at the Conference. So it’ll be a week later, still on a Thursday, on Aug. In a park! Meeting at 7:00, potluck food at 6:00. Yummy: another party.
The Pig Roast: at Mike Read’s again, if he agrees. And in August, so we’ll be nice and hot, instead of shivering with intemperate early October blizzards. Ideally on the weekend of the 24th of August, if Mike says fine. Buck will be Maxtimer Leader, and will recruit the others (hopefully Don and Bob, Kathleen and Sharon, Meredith, and the Chicago Hikes).

This year is our 10th anniversary of life as a group, (remember the Conception Day party at Meredith’s, on Valentine’s Day?) and Buck wants to have a full History ready for distribution at the Pig Roast. It’s already all but complete (up to the summer of last year: 25 pages so far.) We have had such a splendid history, my dears. You’ll love reading it, calling up your memories.

We noted approvingly that August was filling up with dandy parties, and this made July look empty. We have high summertime standards, and think we all look splendid with few clothes, and clearly need a bunch of things to do together in July. So:

Shakespeare: let’s go. It’s a Tradition. And we can all use the culture, for when we visit Milwaukee, Sharon Lewandowski (old honcho) volunteered to organize this, and to try for a July date. (And has: see below. In brief, it’s on Saturday (not Sunday this time), 20 July, for The Winter’s Tale. We’ll party at Tower Hill State Park first, from noon on. The show starts at 3:00. Cost is Adults $16.75; Seniors/Students $15.75; groups over 10 @13.50. Sign up: Sharon’s at 241-2392(h.)

We also need a Hawkies game, so we can clap like fish. Dave Wakeley will get up a July game for us. 265-1339(h.

Gordon, assiduous reader of The Golden Bough, recognized that it’s time to begin planning for an orderly succession, and reminded us that the Vice President (Nancy) is the statutory chair of the Nominating Committee. Elections are held at the October meeting, and Nancy must, with her fellow committee members, find good candidates for each of the four slots. Gordon appoints the members. 4 is the essential number; more are acceptable. Call Gordon 255-3261 (h if you want to work on the committee, or Nancy 241-5332 (h)

And that was it. All done, in good time.

The Red Oak Grill was closed, so we migrated to a nearby bar, and talked until very late, later than we ever get to sit around in the Red Oak. And had more fun, as well. Lena, bright nightchild that she is, was ardent to stay forever, and play the video machines. It was an altogether lovely evening; it any wonder that one misses one of our meetings only with extreme reluctance and leashed crabiness?

typed up on the night of Friday 14 June, when just to the right of the crescent New Moon appear the conjunction (L-R) of Mars, Jupiter, and Venus.
(Except it is, alas, an evening of scudding thunderstorms, with all stars hid.
But try again tomorrow, and Monday will be very close, but w/o the moon.)

Etc
Note: The Thorn Tree has a new look this month. Newsletter space seems to be at a premium, so I have sacrificed art (if you could call it that) for the sake of content.

Speaking of content, I am in desperate need of contributions. While I enjoy sifting through our correspondence to find newsworthy items, the Thorn Tree is intended to be a bulletin board for our members. To publish something in the Thorn Tree, call me (Nancy Westbrook) at 241-5332 or 273-6923, or send contributions to: 225 Jackson St.; Madison, WI 53704. Merci mingi-o!

THE KEN COFFEEN 1ST ANNUAL HUMOROUS STORY CHALLENGE

Ken Coffeen is challenging all RPCV's of WI-Madison to submit humorous anecdotes related to their Peace Corps experiences for publication in the National RPCV Conference "Humorous Story Book." Ken has personally offered a $15 prize to each and every RPCV of WI-Madison whose story is published in this book.

For information on how to submit stories, contact Ken at: 276-94-53.

AFRICAN NOTECARDS

International Club students at Corcoran High School in Syracuse, New York, are selling African wildlife notecards to raise money for a Peace Corps partnership project.
The cards are drawn and printed by students at the school on gray card stock.

Proceeds from the sale of the notecards will be used to build a school for the blind in Bossangoa, Central African Republic.

This is the eighth year that Corcoran High School has participated in the Peace Corps partnership program. Previous projects have funded the construction of a maternity ward in Gabon; elementary schools in Paraguay, Mauritania, Sierra Leone, and Nepal; and wells in Benin.

To order sets of 12 assorted notecards and matching envelopes, send $5.00 per set (this includes postage) to: Corcoran High School; 919 Glenwood Avenue; Syracuse, NY 13207.

SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE

The South Asian Area Center is soliciting proposals for the 20th Annual Conference on South Asia, to be held November 1-3, 1991. Proposals relating to undergraduate and K-12 curriculum development are encouraged. Contact: Conference Coordinator; South Asian Area Center; University of Wisconsin; 1236 Van Hise Hall; Madison, WI 53706; (608) 262-3012.

BUDDHIST GROUP NEEDS LEGAL AID

A local Buddhist group is trying to obtain 501(c) 3 status and needs some legal assistance. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Kathy Sajdak at United Refugee Services of Wisconsin at 244-6680 (days).

RPCV WRITERS

RPCV Writers lists books of every subject written by RPCV's. Each issue includes reviews of the latest RPCV books. To subscribe to RPCV, Writers, send $12 for 4 issues to: RPCV Writers; c/o Marian Bell; 330 Brookdawn Dr.; Rochester, NY 14618-2925.

PC HISTORY

What You Can Do For Your Country: An Oral History of the Peace Corps, compiled by Karen Schwarz, will be published by William Morrow and Company in June 1991. For ordering information, contact: William Morrow & Co.; 105 Madison Ave.; New York, NY 10016. (As many of you may already know, Ms. Schwarz will be in Madison this summer for a book-signing party, and will partake in an RPCV of WI-Madison potluck!)

AN RPCV FOR PRESIDENT?

Former PCV (Ethiopia, 1962-64), PC Training Coordinator (West Indies, 1967-68), and U.S. Senator of Massachusetts Paul Tsongas has thrown his name into the democratic presidential nomination race.

Other RPCV organizations have our permission to use any material of interest in this newsletter.
# Dates to Note

## Special Events

### PL
- **Potluck Meeting** - Friday, June 28, 6:00 p.m.
  Hosted by Donna Shalala, 130 N. Prospect, 263-3288
  This is our July meeting.

### GE
- **Global Ed. Brainstorming Session** -
  Sunday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.
  Union South, 227 Randall Ave.
  Details elsewhere in this newsletter.

### BB
- **Muskies Baseball** - Tuesday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.
  Warner Park, Sherman Ave. and Northport Dr.
  Madison Muskies vs. Burlington Astros
  Let's Go Fish!!!

### A
- **Author's Reception** - Friday, July 19, 6:00 p.m.
  Presidential Palace (1447 Spaight St.)
  Karen Schwarz, author of an oral history of Peace Corps will be our guest. Potluck

### S
- **Shakespeare - A Winter's Tale** -
  Saturday, July 20, Noon; Picnic at Tower Hill
  State Park outside Spring Green, WI; Curtain time: 3:00 p.m.; $13.50 each for group of 20 or more,
  $16.75 otherwise, $15.75 for students & seniors.
  Call Sharon by July 5 for reservations: h) 241-2392, w) 266-1046.

### W
- **President's Wedding Dance** -
  Saturday, July 27, 8:00 p.m.
  Inn on the Park, 22 South Carroll
  For Gordon Malaise & Therese Ahlers.

### NC
- **National Conference** - August 1-4
  Washington, D.C.
  Theme: Continuing to Serve.
  Call Earl Bricker if interested in renting a van:
  h) 257-2392, w) 263-5732.

### CT
- **Canoe Trip** - August 10-11
  Wisconsin River, Sauk City to Lone Rock.
  Call Henry Nehls-Lowe for details: 835-5976 (h)

### PR
- **Pig Roast** - August 24-25
  Mike & Marcy Read's farm; details in August newsletter.

## Regular Fare

### M
- **Future Meetings** - food at 6, meeting at 7 p.m.
  August 8 at Vilas Park Shelter
  September 6 at John Clik's, 123 S. Randall.

### G
- **Global Education Committee** - 6:00 p.m.
  Every other Monday
  Red Oak Grill, Union South, 227 Randall Ave.

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

"When he listened attentively to the river, to this song of a thousand voices... the great song consisted of one word: OM-perfection." Hermann Hesse

August 10th and 11th will mark what might become the annual RPCV canoe trip. We will put on the Wisconsin River at Sauk City (10 am) and take out at the second bridge at Spring Green. The night will be spent camped on an island/sand bar somewhere near the town of Arena. The trip will cover 21 miles in two days (12 + 9), which is an easy pace, neither an effortless or strenuous paddle. The lower Wisconsin River is wide and fast flowing, but with no rapids. With very little development visible from the river, it is easy to imagine being on a river of many centuries ago.

For those cannot stay the night on the river, our schedule and river access at Arena will allow paddling with the group either Saturday or Sunday.

Children of all ages are welcomed. However, parents of younger children should be more diligent with supervising than at a normal RCPV function. The Wisconsin is a beautifully calm river, but danger exists for the young and unwary.

What to bring

Here is a basic list of necessary items. Obviously, if we forget something we cannot slip off for a run to Kwik Stop. For those who want a more detailed list let me know.

- **Lifejackets:** Everyone must have one. Children who cannot swim must wear one at all times, even on the beach or in camp.

- **Watercraft of your choice:** If you want to rent an aluminum canoe, let me know so I can reserve one for you from a place in Spring Green. The cost is $10 per day. Rutabaga also rents canoes and sea kayaks. Except for the adventuresome, rubber rafts aren’t a good idea on the Wisconsin because of headwinds.

- **Tent with netting:** It may or may not rain in August, but come twilight the hordes of mosquitoes can carry you away. This is usually the worst part of the trip.

- **Food:** A island potluck is planned on Saturday evening. If you can round up a coleman stove please let me know. Bring your drinking water in gallon milk jugs, food, beverage & ice in coolers.

Deadline

Please let me know that you plan come no later than July 31st, particularly if you want to rent a canoe. Assistance is needed with the shuttle, so let me know if you can drive and carry some canoes on top of your car. My phone is 835-5976.

We may not find perfection on the river, but surely we will seek it.

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**The Good Humor Project**

One of several creative projects produced from the 1990 National Conference of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers in Eugene, Oregon was The Funniest Job You'll Ever Love, an anthology of humorous stories and anecdotes about life in the Peace Corps. Amusing tales from more than 30 RPCVs made this publication possible.

Additional funny stories about life abroad with the Peace Corps are begging to be told - enough to fill a book. Please help us to make this book a reality in time for the 1991 conference in Washington, DC, the 30th anniversary of the Peace Corps. Whether you are an RPCV, ex-staffer, or active volunteer, send us your favorite humorous, real life adventure. After all, humor not only helps one to feel better, it can serve as an effective tool in creating world peace as well.

To receive writing guidelines or additional information, please write The Good Humor Project, West Cascade RPCVs, PO Box 5462, Eugene, OR 97405, or call 503-345-3504.
NEWSLETTER

The KANDY CHILDREN’S CENTRE
127, D.S. Senanayake Veediya,
Kandy, Sri Lanka.

With the approach of the Christmas season, Staff and children of the Kandy Children’s Centre would like to take this opportunity of sending our best wishes and thanks to all our friends and, at the same time, keep you up to date with recent developments.

The Kandy Children’s Centre (KCC) works with those from one of the poorest sections of the community, in the main children from families who live on the streets of Kandy. It operates from St. Mark’s Church near the heart of the town and provides day care facilities for about 25 - 30 children, aged between 4 and 12.

The main objectives of the Centre are to provide the children who attend with a secure and supportive environment which meets their day to day needs and to make provisions that will help them to achieve a brighter future. From Monday to Saturday KCC provides the children with food, clean clothes and washing facilities and a basic education programme for those who fall outside the state provision.

Three full time staff are employed at the Centre and we are fortunate in having the interest and support of a number of volunteers. Mrs Regina Christianize has been running the KCC from its opening and with her daughter, Yolanda, created a friendly and caring atmosphere which has resulted in a very happy and lively group of children. When Yolanda married in 1989 she emigrated to Britain and her place at the Centre was taken by Mrs Prashanti Fernando. Additional assistance with the teaching programme is given on a voluntary basis by Mrs V. Nadarajah. During this year, the Centre has also been very fortunate in obtaining the services of Josie Wright, an Australian Volunteer, who visits the Centre on a regular basis and conducts stimulating craft sessions which the children clearly enjoy very much. Mr P. Sona Mutu is employed as a cook and the children are given breakfast, lunch and tea each day.

Treasurer Dr. Brian Jayawardena who retired earlier in the year. His post has been ably filled by Mr Percy Gunawardena. Additional Committee members are The Rev. Oswald Perera, Mr David Marson and a recent arrival, Dr. Paula Quigley. As well as seeing to the immediate needs of the KCC, the Committee has been much occupied this year with ensuring the future financial stability of the Centre, following major changes in funding.

When it was first established, the Centre relied upon donations from organisations and individuals, mostly from abroad, for its funding. However, rapidly increasing prices in Sri Lanka made it necessary to look elsewhere for help. In 1988 major assistance was obtained from The Save the Children Fund (UK) who provide for staff salaries and meet day to day expenses, on the basis of a monthly cash imprest. Thankfully, other donations have continued and have enabled us to reequip the kitchen, buy some new furniture, provide new clothes for the children, and obtain various educational and craft materials.

Meet an Author
Social Event

Karen Schwarz, the author of the newly published What You Can Do for Your Country, will be in Madison on Friday, July 19, to promote her book. That evening at 6:30 p.m. Gordon and Therese will be hosting an informal gathering for Ms. Schwarz and area RPCV’s in their home at 1447 Spaight Street. So come and meet this interesting person and find out how she came to create this engaging and challenging account of the 30 years of the Peace Corps. This will be a semi-potluck with light snacks and refreshments provided by the event committee where you may bring a dish to share.

Ken Coffeen has had a chance to look over an advance copy and he found it informative, thought provoking and very readable. If you can’t come to the evening event, you can stop by Four Star Fiction and Video in the afternoon to get your copy of the book and have it signed by the author.

Delegation to
Southern Mexico
and
Guatemala
with
Witness for Peace
October 18 to November 1, 1991

* Visit with, and demonstrate support for, Guatemalan refugees in camps in Chiapas, Mexico, as they prepare to return to their homeland in 1992.
* Meet with human rights groups and others active in the popular movement, both in Guatemala City and in the Highlands.
* Learn from the perspective and experience of the indigenous community of Guatemala as they plan for the alternative 1992 Columbus quincentennial observance.

Estimated cost of the delegation is $1300. Some financial assistance may be available. For more information call:
Sharon Lewandowski 241-2392 (h)

Shakespeare,
With American Players Theatre
of Spring Green

This year we’re going to see The Winter’s Tale. This will be on Saturday, July 20. Curtain rises at 3:00. Tickets are $16.75 Adults, $15.75 Seniors/Students, and $13.50 each if we can get together a party of 20 or more.

The Winter’s Tale, one of Shakespeare’s last plays, is technically a comedy (it ends happily, but just barely). It’s about family jealousy, betrayal, and banishment: forgiveness and love save the situation. Just what we need. A very mature play.

American Players are in Spring Green, not far from Tower Hill State Park. We’ll foregather at the park from noon on to picnic and party, and then go to the play. Call Sharon 241-2392 (h) to make your reservation. We’ve been going to see one of Will’s plays every year since we began (with several years off). Our aim is to gradually see the entire Shakespearean corpus, even Titus Andronicus.
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 $_____.
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  ____ Joint - $17 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
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  ____ Overseas Joint - $25

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