And the winners are... (in order of most received votes)

- Brazil
- Senegal
- Belize
- Ecuador
- Uzbekistan
- India
- Niger
- Mali
- Kiribati
- Benin
- Micronesia
- Liberia
- Nepal

The second and last round of decision making was completed Sunday February 15. This years winners will be displayed during the 1998 Retreat at Camp Lucerne the last weekend of February 28 thru March 1. Hope to see many of you there. If you have not made plans please contact Rose Ann at scottr@genes.com or at (608) 241-0845 for additional information and for Reservations.

As with every year, there seems to be a recurring theme along with the slide-show. This years theme by far was “kids in buckets”!

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One of my goals for this term is to streamline our duties to free us from tasks that may feel burdensome wherever possible. Two tasks that seem to get heavier as they go along is the mailing of newsletters and calendars. I’d like to look into the possibilities of lightening those burdens on our group. One alternative would be to outsource the tasks. We need to look at the economics of that closer. Another alternative for the newsletter would be to send it out over the email. We had 36 volunteers with email addresses, according to our 1997 directory. Sending the newsletter out over email would ease the burden significantly for our hardworking newsletter committee and get the news out to our members in a more timely fashion. Not only that, it can save our group money on postage. This is an experiment at this point, but I believe the benefits are there. If you would like to add your email address to our list, send it to me at ptrjoyce@aol.com.

We continued our discussion about sending future calendar donations to teachers in conjunction with the World Wise Schools program. Currently they work with approx. 5000 teachers nationwide and may soon increase this number to 8000 teachers. This would be an ideal way to get our calendar out to many teachers in many parts of the USA. RG will explore the logistics of this option further. Depending on the situation, we may need to increase the print run for 1999.

Peter Joyce had new keys made for the P.O. box. We are hoping that this will ensure that the mail is regularly available for the Data Entry Volunteers so that our calendars can be sent out without so long of a delay.

The next meeting will be at the home of Prudence Barber, 1050 Jennifer St. (top doorbell), on Sunday, March 22nd at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is welcome to come and share their ideas.
All RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison receive a monthly Newsletter, World Roots, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer members pay through December of the year joining, 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 $25. We strongly encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

(Please check all that apply)

___ I want to Join RPCVof WI, Inc.
___ Individual - $20 for one year
___ Joint - $25 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
___ Overseas Individual - $29
___ Overseas Joint - $34
___ I am also enclosing $25 for NPCA membership
 ($32.50 for joint membership -
  two people with the same address)

___ I do not want to join, but would like to receive
 World Roots and am enclosing $7 (20$ for
 overseas) to cover costs.

___ I’m Moving! Please change my mailing address.

$___ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Name: ________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________

Telephone #’s ________ (W) __________ (H)

E-mail Address: ________________________________________

Country of Service: _____________________________________

Service Dates: __________________________________________

PC Job: ________________________________________________

Birthdate: (Optional - M/D/Y) _____________________________

The RPCV’s 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:
RPCV's of Wisconsin - Madison
P.O.Box 1012
Madison, WI 53701
Editors Column

Well, here it is my first attempt of the World Roots newsletter.
Due to many factors, this edition is not as ‘fat’ as one would wish, but due to logistics, I was not able to receive as many articles.
I, Theresa A. Janes, am the Vice Presidents Fiancé (wedding is in April) and new in the area. We live 50 miles south of Madison, I work at Swiss Colony in the QA Dept. while Kevin is the Chemistry Teacher at Blackhawk HS. Although not a RPCV myself, the ideals of the organization are true to my heart. I wanted to help out, so here I am.
Due to my location I need to receive as much as possible, the articles, notices, announcements, etc. via E-mail. One is is faster arriving and yes, is is easier for formatting onto Publisher.
I also ask that information is sent ASAP to me before the earlier than usual deadline of March 12th this upcoming month.
(wedding shower out of town ‘deadline weekend’). Articles etc. should be sent to theresaj@tds.net
Or mail a disk to:
N3597 County M
Monroe, WI 53566
Thank you very much for your cooperation on putting “Our” newsletter together!
And, THANK YOU ALL who contributed articles for this month’s World Roots!!

Other RPCV organizations have permission to use any articles of interest within this newsletter
DISTRIBUTION OF CALENDAR PROCEEDS

It's time to start the process for distributing the proceeds of the 1998 Calendar. All requests for donations must come from currently paid up members (so pay your dues if you haven't yet). Giftaway and other small donation requests must be submitted on one of our donation request forms (you can use the same form that we used last year). Anyone who would like a form or forms 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). Forms will also be available at future meetings of the group. All forms should be received by me by the end of the April group meeting. I will send a special mailing to all members that lists all requests that have been received. At the April meeting we will form a committee to consider the requests and recommend which projects to be funded and the amount of funding for each project. This information will be published in the newsletter you receive at the end of April, so that the funding requests can be voted on at the May meeting of the group.

One more point. If you are requesting a donation, you can minimize the chances of a problem occurring by enclosing, if appropriate, a donation form for the organization or a cover letter to the organization that you want to receive funding. For overseas donations, you MUST provide us with a reasonable means of getting the money to the recipient. We won't fund a project unless we feel confident that the money will get where it is needed. If you request a donation, you should also consider how that particular project can provide information to us about the way that they used our donation.

Some background for new members. The Calendar Operating Committee will decide how much of the proceeds from the 1998 calendar should be set aside to pay for expenses associated with producing the 1999 calendar. The remaining amount will be passed back to the group for distribution to worthy causes. (Hopefully, this amount will be determined at the arch meeting of the committee.) provide details on the procedure to follow for requesting funds for larger projects.) In the past we have funded several large projects, including $3,100 to the Community Garden Program in Madison, $3,600 to fund an shoka fellow, $5,000 for partial support of a Tillers Int'l project in Tanza a, $5,100 for a school in Vietnam, and several donations of $1,000. Last year we put $10,000 in the Giftaway, $2,000 for donations for the rest of the year, and $13,000 for long- term and/or large project uses. Other breakdowns may be more sensible. In any event, the group has to approve the particular amounts to be spent before we spend them.

DIRECTIONS FOR GIFTAWAY DONATIONS REQUESTS

1. Requests must be submitted on a Project Application Form. A copy of the form is attached to the front page of this newsletter. Check the back of the form for further guidance on completing it.

2. Requests must be received by the end of the meeting on Wednesday, April 1 at Monona Terrace for consideration in this year's Giftaway.

3. Only requests from members in good standing of the RPCVs of Wisconsin will be considered. Pay your dues!

4. Multiple requests can be submitted. Each request must be on a separate form.

5. Last year most projects received $500. Requests for $1,000 or more will be treated as large donations. You need to follow a different procedure for large donation requests.

6. Questions?? Contact Walt Zeltner (Home: 608-873-5257; Work: 608-262-1321; E-mail: zeltner@engr.wisc.edu).

By the way, if any other member would like to chair the distribution of proceeds, I'd be happy to pass on the job.

WELCOMING THOSE NEWBIES

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

Welcome to the new RPCVs in Madison. Especially those who served in the 1990's!
Author Liam Mahony to Speak in Madison

On Monday, March 9, human rights activist Liam Mahony, author of "Unarmed Bodyguards: International Accompaniment for the Protection of Human Rights," will be speaking in the chapel of First Congregational Church (UCC), 1609 University Avenue, from 7 to 9 PM. The event includes a reception and book signing.

Mr. Mahony has been actively involved with accompaniment work through Peace Brigades International (PBI) since 1987. An activist and freelance writer from Truro, Massachusetts, he has served three times in Guatemala and he co-founded the Peace Brigades Haiti Project. Mahony also serves as a consultant for the Seva Foundation, training volunteers to accompany refugees returning to Guatemala.

"Unarmed Bodyguards" gives an in-depth look at a daring practice known as international accompaniment: where unarmed volunteers physically accompany human rights activists facing threats from death squads and tyrannical governments. It shares the experiences of international volunteers who have traveled across the globe to stand in harm's way, counting on the fact that human rights abusers do not want their crimes viewed by outside witnesses. Readers hear the personal testimonies of the nonviolent human rights activists who are being threatened in parts of Latin America and Sri Lanka for their activities. Through interviews with dictators, generals, presidents, and state bureaucrats readers also get a good understanding of what goes on in the minds of those who plot to deny human rights.

This national book tour is sponsored by Peace Brigades International, an international nongovernmental organization which pioneered the development of nonviolent accompaniment in conflict zones. Co-sponsors of the event in Madison include PBI/USA, Guatemalan Student Initiative, Colombia Support Network, Peace and Social Justice Council of St. Paul's, the Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua, Rainbow Bookstore Cooperative, Amnesty International, and the Wisconsin Union Directorate Contemporary Issues Committee.

Liam Mahony is available for newspaper, radio and TV interviews. He can be reached directly at (508) 349-7828, or via e-mail at liam@capecod.net.

African Performance Clearinghouse
African Studies Program
Information

I am the coordinator of a project called the African Performance Clearinghouse at the African Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. One of the projects we have undertaken is to inaugurate listings for African performances in the greater Wisconsin area. You might want to let those RPCVs with experience in Africa know to check on this link at our website for listings of these performances. If they have any information on any such performances, please have them send it along to me at any of the following addresses.

Thanks,
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African Studies Program
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A special thank you to all the slide contributors from across our organization and beyond. Your slides and peace corps experience is what which take the cal-
Where does the $$ go?
by Terry Stark

One donation given by the group last year went to the community-sponsored radio station WORT-FM. Please let me share part of a very nice thank-you letter sent to us by Nancy Nelson, Listener Sponsor Development/WORT.

"Thank you so much for your gift of $500.00 to WORT-FM, as well as your lovely calendar. We applied your donation to our general operating expenses. As you no doubt are aware, WORT is run primarily by our 200 volunteers, so our expenses are a bit different from that of some other nonprofits."

Ms. Nelson continued in the letter, "You are no doubt familiar with 'THIRD WORLD VIEW,' our weekly, hour-long, volunteer-produced program on issues relating to the Third World, the "new world order," international relations, and Third World communities," and mentioned that "we also have 17 hours per week of international music programming, and an hour of news and music by and for the Hmong community."

Concluding the letter, Ms. Nelson extended an invitation to our group, saying, "Please don't hesitate to use WORT as a resource in getting word out about your own activities, opportunities, or needs. We welcome your public service and community calendar announcements, as well as your appearance as guests on news and public affairs programs where that fits your needs.

Thank you again!"

In community,
Nancy Nelson, Listener Sponsor Development

SUMMER CAMPOUT!

Okay, so it's not Summer Campout weather yet, but it's coming.
Thanks to El Nino summer should be here by mid February!

So far, the response to last month's Summer Campout Questionaire is overwhelmingly in favor of White Mounds County Park as our site. Let's see, if I include my own response, total tally of responses equals ... two.

But hey, that's okay! Silence can indicate consensus! Let's make this easy. Besides, last year the pileated woodpeckers that inhabit White Mounds County Park eluded my eager observation.

So if you want the Summer Campout site to be White Mounds County Park, let me know. Or don't let me know. Either way will work! However, if you have an idea for a different site, you will need to let me know.

If we decide on White Mounds, I volunteer to reserve the campsite.
Start dusting off those sleeping bags everybody!

Terry Stark
(608-233-9140)

Sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill update:
The State Senate AND the Assembly passed this Bill. The governor will now either sign or veto it. Your phone call to the governor at (608) 266-1212 urging him to sign it can make a difference. Consider calling today!
Announcements

March Meeting in the Union at 7 PM Tuesday March 3rd.

Dave Belina, from the Mpls PC Office, let me know the other day that the RPCV’s of Mpls were awarded the 1999 RPCV Conference (July).
Summitted by Peter Quella

WANT TO SELL
1 and 2 quart Mason Jars
Both regular and wide mouth
Used, but clean
Cheap: $2/dozen

Remember Deadline for notices, minutes, articles, etc. need to be to me before the 12th of March
PERFER E-mail! Mark subject “RPCV”

OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (ODN)
We have a copy World Roots (January 1997) and we are requesting information about the opportunity to outreach to your subscribers about our resources here with The Overseas Development Network. We are currently conducting an annual cross-country adventure, Bike-Aid, where cyclists participate in local community projects and gather national press to look at issues of sustainable transport and global justice. Bike-Aid cycles through Madison and makes a few stops in Wisconsin! We also provide a search and referral service for people looking for opportunities to work and volunteer abroad called International Clearinghouse Opportunities. We would more than happy to hear from you about World Roots and we can send more information at anytime to you about our programs. We look forward to hearing from you soon.
All the Best!
Sean Shodahl
Outreach Department

NOTE NEW ADDRESS!!! NOTE NEW ADDRESS!!!

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fax: 415-431-5953
email: odn@igc.org
website: http://www.igc.apc.org/odn
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Application Date __________________________ Amount Requested $__________
or
□ Check here = Equal Share

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor __________________________ Telephone __________

Project Title __________________________

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Fit text into box--about 100 words. Details on back)

Project Contact Person __________________________

Project Address __________________________ __________________________

Project telephone number (if any) __________________________

If project is funded, how will money be conveyed? (For all projects state: 1) how to make out check or money order and 2) address to send check. For overseas projects: WE WILL NOT MAIL CHECKS OVERSEAS. Money orders are preferred or bank drafts (more expensive), hand carried checks in some situations, etc.) Applications will not be considered if this information is not provided.

Project Categories (Check all that apply):
Geographic location: ___ Africa ___ Asia/Pacific ___ Latin America
___ U.S.A. (except WI) ___ Wisconsin/Madison
Type: ___ Cross-Cult. ___ Econ. Devel. ___ Environ. ___ Health
___ Internat. Ed. ___ Peace ___ Other (Specify) _______
GUIDANCE for COMPLETING FORM

Amount requested Write on line the dollar amount requested for the project OR place a check in the box at "Check here = Equal share." Choosing the equal share option indicates that applicant will receive an equal proportion of the calendar surplus fund.

Project Description (inside the box): Activities to be funded through the International Calendar shall be consistent with the self-development of people, involving either direct support for that purpose, or facilitating educational and related activities designed to create the conditions in which self-development can occur.

Your description should clearly state what activity will be supported, and how this activity is consistent with the philosophy and goals of the International Calendar and the goals of the Peace Corps. The Calendar Surplus Distribution Policy Statement of the International Calendar, available from the RPCV-WI/Madison Chapter, may also provide helpful guidance for project applicants.

RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor The sponsor must be a current (dues paid up) member of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison Chapter.

If project is funded, how will money be conveyed? In this section write the Name and address of person/party receiving funds, and the method (e.g., check, international bank draft, etc.) by which the award is to be conveyed.

Project Categories The geographic and activity type categories will be used for several purposes such as characterizing projects funded from the International Calendar, selecting among projects of equivalent merit in the case when there are more applicants than funds available, etc.

All other items are self-explanatory.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: Attn. Project Grants, RPPCVs of Wisconsin/Madison Chapter, P.O. Box 1012, Madison WI 53701

FOR RPCV-WI/MAD OFFICE USE ONLY:

Awarded: Amount $ ___________ Date sent ________________

Method ___________ Receipt confirmed-date ________________

Follow-up information on file?

(1/6/96)