8th ANNUAL WINTER RETREAT

When: We have the site reserved from 5 pm Friday, Feb. 21st until 3 pm Sunday, Feb. 23rd. However, people may come or go anytime during that period.

Where: Camp Lucerne, about 70 miles straight north of Madison (see map next page).

Facilities: We will be staying in winterized cabins with semi-private rooms. There are some cribs and play pens in the cabins and high chairs in the dining hall for children. There are bathrooms in the cabins and hot showers in the retreat center nearby. The cabins are furnished with beds, chairs, desks, fireplaces, and even kitchenettes.

Activities: The camp grounds are criss-crossed with scenic cross-country ski trails and hiking paths. An exciting toboggan hill runs down to a beautiful little lake just outside of the retreat center. If weather permits, some may also wish to try their hands at ice skating.

As for organized activities, there will be a rather informal meeting (as usual) in the Retreat Center Saturday afternoon to brainstorm about plans and dreams for the future of our group. There will be a slide projector on hand in case anyone would like to show slides Saturday night.

What to bring: Bring bedding or a sleeping bag, towels and toiletries, warm clothing, a dish to pass Saturday night. (If you bring a hot dish there are facilities for cooking and/or reating at the camp.) Skis, snow-shoes, sleds, toboggans, depending on the weather. Slides, musical instruments, . . .

Registration: Registration forms must be turned into Karen King (1032 Fiedler Ln.; Madison, WI 53713) by Friday, Feb. 14th with payment (non-refundable) so that she can call the camp to plan meals.

Registration Form for 8th Annual Winter Retreat

Name: Phone #:
Address:

Number attending: Adults ________ Children (1 to 12 yrs. old) ________

Check the nights and meals you plan to attend:

____ Friday night (Adults: $12.00, Chldr.: $7.50)  Cost: $12.00
____ Saturday Breakfast (A: $3.75, C: $1.90)  Cost: $3.75
____ Saturday Lunch (A: $5.25, C: $2.45)  Cost: $5.25
____ Saturday Night (A: $10.50, C: $7.50). This rate only applies if you stay both nights. Otherwise pay Friday night rate.  Cost: $10.50
____ Sunday Breakfast (A: $3.75, C: $1.90)  Cost: $3.75

Total (Complete pkg. cost A:$34.75, C:$21.25)  Cost: $34.75

How many in your party (if any) would like to be served vegetarian meals?
Will you need a ride?
If driving up from Madison, how many people are you willing and able to take?
Recommended Routes to Camp Lucerne:

From Madison: Take Hwy. 51 North to 22. Go through Montello to YY. Turn right (E) on to YY and follow it past the intersection with Hwy. 73. Camp Lucerne is 1/2 mile East of 73 on YY.

From Milwaukee: Take Hwy 41 North to Fond du Lac. Exit at Rt. 23 and go W. to Princeton. Turn right (N) on Hwy 73 and go through Neshkoro. Turn right (E) on YY. Proceed 1/2 mile to camp entrance.

From La Crosse: Take Hwy 21 East through Wautoma. Turn right (S) on Hwy 73. Proceed about 3 miles and turn left (E) on YY. Camp entrance will be on left in 1/2 a mile.

Once at camp grounds: Turn in at the main entrance and turn left at the first road. At the end of that short road take another left. Stay to your right and follow that road around until you see a parking lot. We will be in the two cabins across from each other to the left of the lot ("Elm & Pine") and in the main lodge across from the lot.

Note: Camp Lucerne is a United Methodist Church Camp and as such, has strict rules against the use of alcohol or illicit substances on the premises. As the official organizer and leader of retreats at this camp, I could be held responsible for any infringements of this policy. Therefore, I would prefer it if people were to leave such substances at home. If any feel it necessary to take such items along, I don't want to see or know anything about it.

— Karen King
Slices of Life
Memorable Moments from our Peace Corps Service

HOLIDAY TRAVEL '65

In the mid-sixties, Sucua, Ecuador was a sleepy frontier village in a tropical forest clearing. Its mud streets were playgrounds for children and dogs. We had flown there at Christmas to visit volunteer friends. In those days, there was no road to Sucua. The only airline flying there was TAO (Transportes Aereos Orientales). The only alternative to TAO was to arrange for a three day mule trip with a local guide. So, practically speaking there was no alternative to TAO. This regional line had two ancient DC-3’s. The two good things I had heard about TAO were that the company’s owners were the pilots, and that in case of trouble they had a reputation of always crash landing "safely" on sandbars in nearby rivers.

The trip to Sucua from Shell Mera had been relatively uneventful. Our plane was a combination passenger/freighter. About three-quarters of the seats had been removed from the cabin to make space for loosely strapped cargo. After inviting the passengers to board, the captain entered last and secured the rear door. He offered each passenger hard candies and sticks of gum from a small dish as he walked toward the front of the cabin. He was our entire flight crew. Before entering the cockpit area he turned and introduced himself explaining that the trip would be about at hour and that the weather at our destination was clear.

Soon we were airborne. Looking out over the wing I saw a light film of oil streaming back from the engine nacelle and seeping out from around loose wing rivets. I hoped this was a chronic condition and no cause for immediate concern. I calmed myself thinking of stories I had read of how such planes had been known to land safely with one engine and parts of wings missing. I looked down and could see nothing but rainforest. There was no sign of rivers or sandbars anywhere that I could see. In a short while the little grass strip that was our destination appeared below and we landed safely.

After a pleasant visit, it was too soon time to leave. Our friends accompanied us to the airport about midday. Soon after our plane arrived, the captain called the departing passengers together and explained that there was a heavy rainstorm in Shell Mera. The airport there would be closed until late in the day. Soon passengers would be arriving from town for a scheduled flight to Cuenca. He would fly there first and then come back for us. Okay, we would wait around.

Soon the Cuenca bound passengers were loaded and we watched as the ground crew prepared to start one of the engines. Apparently the battery was dead. The propellers on a DC-3 are over eleven feet in diameter. They are too big to crank by hand. So they got out the ROPE! It had a large leather pocket at one end, was about 30 feet long and was pulled by three men. It worked well. They pulled and the first engine started.

The other engine was then started with power from the first. We cheerily waved goodbye to the "lucky" group taking off.

The sky was full of scattered clouds, thicker in the direction of Cuenca. Soon those listening to the radio at the shack reported that the pilot was unable to locate the pass into the high Andean central valley. We all went over to listen. Finally, after about a half hour of circling near the 12,000-foot operating ceiling, the captain said he was low on fuel and would have to return. About 15 minutes later the once happy travelers were disembarking and being told to go back to town for the night. Now it was mid-afternoon and we were staring at an old DC-3, OUT OF GAS!

A weather check verified that it was now clear in Shell Mera. Also, the airline’s other plane was preparing to take off from there on its daily journey to various outlying destinations. That pilot was asked to bring out a few drums of petrol. No problem. About an hour later the other TAO DC-3 landed. What a moment! The same three guys that were so good with the rope, roll four 55-gallon drums of fuel off the second plane and position them below the wings of the empty one. The other plane takes off for its original destination as a hand pump is screwed into the first drum. After much wearying labor, the fuel is transferred up to the wing tanks. Freight consisting of cases of empty beer bottles, and partially wrapped beef carcasses is loaded on board.

Now it is about 5:30 pm and the local airport official is saying he can’t approve a departure at such a late hour for Shell Mera. It would be dark by the time we arrive, and of course there are no runway lights. The passengers are getting restless. I try to act calmer than the locals (No longer the typical gringo). We are tired of standing around, and want to go somewhere. The pilot proposes Macaus, the town half way to our destination. We are all for it. Out comes the rope, the candy dish, etc. As night falls we are landing at another grass strip in a hole in the forest and finding our way to the best corrugated roofed guest hotel in town. Next morning we are in the air again at 7:30 am, and back in "civilization" in a half hour. From Shell Mera we take the usual jarring, bumpy, four hour bus ride back out to Tena.

Send your stories for "Slices of Life" to Ken Coffeen, 1619 Reetz Road, Madison.
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|                   | Room 240, Agriculture Hall | Closed until Jan. 21.

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### Donation Request

**Humanitarian Trip to Vietnam**

Mike Boehm is a friend of mine who is a Vietnam vet (1968-9). He is also a local carpenter here in Madison and he wants to go back to Vietnam for a couple of months to help build a health clinic there. He’d enjoy the opportunity to talk to our group about his trip for two reasons: 1) for our own edification; 2) to raise funds for his trip. He has a video produced by a group of vets who have been back to Vietnam for charitable reasons and would like to show that to us as well as talk about his trip. Mike is well aware of his former role in Vietnam, and would like to make a different impression this time around. The US government is not interested in funding this trip, so Mike is going around to different groups in Madison asking for financial support. His sister-in-law has promised to lend him her video camera and he is interested in taking an appropriate amount of film in order to show us when he returns how our money was spent.

He is not interested in any specific amount of money, and would be content just in talking to us for educational purposes. However, I feel that we should partially support him financially, if possible. So in the interest of timely notice, I propose that we donate $300 to $500 to Mike Boehm’s trip to Vietnam.

Peter Joyce

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### Meeting Notice:

**Thursday, January 9, 7 p.m.**

Meeting South, 127 N. Randall Ave.

Possible presentation and vote on donation for Vietnam Humanitarian Trip from Calendar revenues.

**Future meeting dates:**

- **Saturday, February 8,** Potluck, meal 5 p.m.,
  meeting 6 p.m.
  Home of Carrie Loranger and John
  Gaska, N4301 Hwy. TT, Columbus;
  Contact: Carrie or John, 414/623-4530.
- **Monday, March 2,**
  at Union South
- **Tuesday, April 7,**
  at Union South

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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.
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Dates to Note

Upcoming Events

M January General Meeting - Thur., Jan. 9, 7 p.m., Union South, 227 N. Randall
F Freeze for Food Meeting - Thur., Jan. 9, After the general meeting.
FF Freeze for Food Race / Walk - Sat., Jan. 25, Contact Deb Stapleton at 244-8609 if you can help, or attend Jan. meeting above.
G Global Education Committee - 6:00 p.m. Every other Monday Red Oak Grill, Union South, 227 N. Randall
N Newsletter Deadline - Submit material to: Dean Jefferson, 249-6094 (h), leave message, or P.O. Box 335, Madison, 53701

Future Events

February General Meeting and Potluck - Saturday, February 8, 1992, Skiing, skating, etc. @ 2-3 p.m., meal @ 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Home of Carrie Loranger and John Gaska, N4301 Hwy. TT, Columbus; Contact: Carrie or John, 414/623-4530.


NEWSLETTER EDITOR Needed

Current editor, Dean Jefferson, will be attempting to work on a Masters full-time, work 50% time and do his share in the raising of two lively young ones (Rebeca - 8 and Erik 6) when spring semester commences at the UW. Needless to say he will find it impossible to continue to get out our newsletter in a timely manner.

Dean is willing to train his replacement in the use of page layout software on the Macintosh, floppy disk file conversion from IBM PC compatible format, etc. if desired. He also is willing to continue to assist the new editor on an ongoing basis as his limited free time permits.

This matter will be raised at the January meeting, since the February Newsletter is definitely the last one Dean will be able to edit.

To volunteer, call Nancy 241-5332.
RPCVs of WISCONSIN MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

NEW MEMBERS

1/93 EL-ASSAL, Kathy
Home: 831-4272
7102 Donna Dr., Middleton, WI 53562.

1/93 GUNther, Albert C.
Home: 282-0482
440 Henry Mall, Madison, WI 53706.

1/93 WiREmAn, Peggy
Home: 221-4470
4001 Monona Dr., Unit 1, Madison, WI 53716.

Work: Morocco 1981-83
Work: Malaysia 1972-74
Work: 263-7794

The following have renewed their memberships (Expiration Date: 1/93)

Dave Atkinson & Deb Stapleton; Ruth & Lowell Baltz; David Blado;
Barbara Cheppaikode; Ken Coffeen; Tim Egan & Nancy Westbrook;
John Elder; Meredith Green; Mike McQuestion; Carolyn Peacock;
Barbara & Henry Nehls-Lowe; Rose Ann Scott; Walt & Chris Zeltner;
Bob & Gina Cowell.

Vince O'Hern has renewed to 1/94.

New work phone numbers: Nancy Westbrook 273-6923; Dean Jefferson 267-0406;
Deb Stapleton 266-9432.

Note to members of the National Council of RPCVs!

Deb Stapleton and Don Sauer have not received any mail from the NC, even though they are members. Don recently informed the NC of this problem. (Both the NC and I were unaware of it until recently.) I just received a letter from Sue Ueberhorst of the NC concerning this issue.

It turns out that both Deb and Don are listed in the NC's data base with the correct addresses. Sue suggests that, because the NC magazine "WorldView" is sent bulk rate, the Post Office may not be delivering it to these people. Quoting from her letter: "In fact a significant percentage of bulk mail is never received at all. It's possible that Don's mail carrier or post office may be to blame - I can't say for sure without a better sample of the people in his zip code." Sure enough, both Deb and Don are in the 53704 zip. I don't yet know if other people are affected (if you are, I would like to know), but I would suggest that anyone in the 53704 zip code who has not been receiving "WorldView" should check with their post office branch.

This problem has further ramifications. Dean Jefferson is thinking of changing our newsletter mailings to a bulk rate. While we would save money with bulk rate mailings, we would lose some mailing services and could suffer the same delivery problems. Is a change to bulk rate mail worthwhile for us? Also, if you have a problem receiving mail from either the NC or us, please let us know. While we might not be able to solve the problem, I guarantee that it won't be solved if no one knows about it.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season!
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Results
Generating Political Will to End Hunger

Action Sheet -- November 1991

Request:

Urge your Representative to co-sign a letter initiated by Rep. Tony Hall (D-OH) and others making five specific requests of the new President of the World Bank.

Background:

The World Bank is the largest institution financing development projects in the world today, lending over $22 billion in 1990 alone. A growing number of critics have questioned whether the Bank's lending policies are consistent with ecologically sustainable and equitable shared development. New World Bank President Lewis Preston is apparently attempting to chart a new course for the Bank, saying in his first public speech, "I personally am fully committed" to poverty reduction.

Donor nations have recently begun negotiating the tenth replenishment of International Development Association (IDA), the arm of the Bank which loans to the poorest countries. If Congress approves this agreement in 1993, it will cost the U.S. about $3 billion over 3 years.

Preston, unlike former President Cunable who was previously a Member of Congress, is thought to have few allies in parliaments around the world, including the U.S. Congress. Considering the U.S. budget deficit, approval of the IDA 10 agreement is no sure thing. It is believed that Preston will be eager to respond positively to parliamentary and congressional requests, including those in the letter initiated by Rep. Hall. (The letter is expected to be circulated in the parliaments of Germany, Britain, Australia and other countries.) Thus, it is important that your Representative join them.

Strategy:

Write a brief, legible letter to your Representative

1. Introduce yourself and describe your commitment to ending poverty.

2. Thank your Rep. if they signed the 1988 World Bank letter; you can also thank them for other recent actions they have taken.

3. Briefly describe the five requests in the letter; go into depth about the one which inspires you the most.

4. Ask that your Rep. notify Representative Hall that they will join them in sending this letter to Preston.

5. Ask for a reply.

Address: The Honorable _____, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515
24 were present, after the drifters arrived. We introduced
ourselves, and each briefly spoke to the question "What
would you change in the National Council?" But the scribe
was tardy, and missed all the good answers. (And his own
answer is a full essay on the New Jerusalem, so it wouldn't
be kosher to include it here. It'll be in the first GreatLakes
BioRegion PCNewsletter.)

Editor Dean passed out snazzy booklets of the minutes of
the canceled meeting of 3 December 1990, the day of the
Blizzard, when our gathering was crashed by the Punk
Pickups for Peace. Ask Dean for your copy. Buck was
honored. (He was saved from resorting to vanity xerox
publishing.)

Money (John): we have $4142, thusly: General Acc't 300,
Savings Acc't (basic vital signs) 5, Global Ed. money 3837.
(We've sent off the Cardinal Bar benefit money, to the
Quakers to use in the Mideast; and we spent 150 on Luciano
the professional Videoist, for Global Ed. Neither of these
are surprises.) It's Dues time, so the General Account will
soon shoot skyrocketward.

Recent Events:

Deadwoods meeting (Nov. 17): the freshly-elected officers,
(w/ the Editor, meet in Nov. with the Deadwood Committee
(all of the still-lucid and still-present past-Presidents) to
think about the coming year. And so it was. As always, it
was an exuberant evening. Nancy reported that strong
emphasized was placed on community activities (beyond writing
checks) (especially with the Tibetans — Buck especially
wants us to have more Village Life here in Madison,
with thatched buildings; in the schools; in low-income
neighborhoods.) Mike McQuestion, a Deadwood—by—Virtue—of
Pith, (and not in recognition of being a Chicago Deadwood),
will honcho this planning for us. Also, Buck urges us to
continue celebrating our Birthday. Last Feb. 14 we celebrated
our Four Parents Conception Day, 10 years before at
the Avenue Bar; next September 25th, 11:45a.m. will be
our 10th Civil Birthday (date of incorporation). A proper
excuse for a very fine and public party. Let's commission
our horoscope, and invite all our friend—groups to help us
celebrate. We'll raise the roof, and keep it hovering for
hours. The Secretary also proposes to produce a Tenth
Anniversary Anthology of our niftiest writing (much of it
not his).

Thanksgiving was a treat, and we strongly applauded Gina
and Sharon (both ill, absent, and irritated by loud noises).
About 60 came for the gorging and the dancing. About $125
more was paid out than was garnered, and we voted AYE to
reimburse Gina, who was fronting for us. We also discussed
guidelines for future parties, to keep expenses lower and
more predictable, but you guys in other states don't care
about that, do you? (If you're missing a SPOON, call
Sharon 241-2392.)

Upcoming Hoopla:

Freeze For Food 10 km run (Deb): it's Sat, Jan 25. Mark
your calendar, because you are indeed working that day.
You're also eating chili after—wards, so don't make any
other plans. Call Deb Stapleton for your job (244-8609).
This week (you missed it, but there's more to come) is the
first of the Freeze Meetings, to tune up the details. And
Deb recruited folk to hand out flyers at two upcoming mild—
weather runs, to pique the interest of the fanatics. We
discussed changing the prize—awards orientation: it was
proposed that the winners of various categories (by age, by
garment style, etc.) have donations given to Oxfam in their
names, instead of being given a prize as of old (e.g. you
won in the fast comedy nudist category, and here's some
Killer Bee Honey, grown in Wisconsin; don't eat it.) We
decided that this was probably not a hot idea. Apart from
the difficulty of getting actual cash out of our donors
(instead of T-shirts or flights to Luxembourg), we sensed
that the fast runners would have connipations if they didn't
get their prizes. So we murmured NAH: no innovation.

A Saturday Doubleheader, for 7 Dec 91 (Dia del Diablo):

In the morning, a meeting at the Meredith Clubhouse to
discuss the National Council. (The problem is that the
National Council is deep in their debts, it seems. They
applied to the membership for salvation and direction. We
had nothing to do with the growth of these problems, but
we care a lot for the National Council.) Don is already
talking with all manner of other groups about how to
engender a better Council. He suggests that we in this
group are in a very potent place to have a good and fertile
influence.

[And Oh! that was a fine discussion: we were cooking with
gas on all six burners. Nancy is hot to get the GreatLakes
BioRegion together; Meredith and Rose Ann will do a
mailing (the start of a Newsletter—you'd have smiled to see
the anticipatory grins they gave each other); Don and Buck
are composing splendidly elevated intercalated essays on how
to do the National Council Right, to put in the regional
Newsletter. Much exuberance, many good ideas: the Greeks
were right — heaven is good talk.]

For the evening, the Christmas Party, at Sophia's as
customary.

[And that too was very fine. There were jillions of people
(barely room for the delivery—kids to walk, when all were
seated) and some splendid aliens from the World, notably an
Algerian who knows about the Sufis, and two very hand-
some Africans (one from Kenya) and an acute but demure
Japanese. They raised our tone, and talked with each other
and their visitors. Others ate dessert. The kids lurked
around, notting behavior. There was a gift for everyone,
even extras for the ones who dropped in without a clue. It
was a treat to see their faces light up when they realized that
they too had a present waiting. The kids were especially
attentive in the distribution. They had had a pep rally first,
in the smoking room, to alert them to the lesson of the
evening : observe the various ways that grownups handle
disappointment. But this was itself a disappointment,
because almost everyone accepted their chance gift with good
grace, and no envy. We are changing; remember the naked
displays of permitted greed, in past years? It was like being
at a poker game. (By the way, Mike McQuestion (238—
5458) is the Poker Game Chair. We already have 4 or 5
aficionados; call him if you want to get on the poker phone
tree. 3 raises; quarter ante; dollar max on the last round;
declare on high—low; leave whenever you want. These are
Takes that keep you earnest but you'll lose, at worst, half a day's wages on a hard-fought bad night. But if you're stubborn and gormless, you can drop a hundred. Don't do this.

To resume, this was a Lovely Party, and we are very grateful to Sophia for her hosting. The spirit of the evening was superb; everyone left with reluctance. If Heaven really is, we surely have a group rate, and all our friends as well, and it will distantly resemble Sophia's Christmas Party.

Aid to Caucasian Refugees in Our Midst: Mike Read introduced Dave Olson. Dave, an RPCV and a fine fellow, had lately been working in Zaire, doing Good Work, with a Zaire wife and a complete family, when the Army went on a protracted riot- loot. The whole country huddled down to escape the notice of badass guys with guns, who hadn't been paid in months. (This is very feckless governance, and a reproach on Belgium.) He and (most of) his family got out by the barest of squeaks, and they were plumped down here by the State Dept, with no real resettlement funding, 'cause he's not a hard-core diplomat. Mike (whom the non-existent god, and also Sharon, loves for his considerate and practical generosity) had rallied us to help them. Mismatched clothes for the winter are now in their paws. (They look half dapper and fully dressed.) They have a place to live, and food money, and a temporary job with Mike's seed company. Mike handed over his family's aged van, and Nancy used her President's authority to spend modest amounts, and authorized $100 for decent tires. We voted AYE to approve $250 of expenses for brakes materials of $60 (John Gaska, Treasurer and handy Mechanic, did the work gratis), and ca. $185 for 6 months of insurance, w/title, registration, etc. (There was some hoopla about which accounts these monies should come out of; the upshot was, I think, $185 Calendar monies; 60 and 100, General Account.) [This is goofy, but it can wait.]

We need to help Dave find a snazzy job; he's an aggie, and a competent teacher: a definite boon to Wisconsin, so don't let's lose him. Call Mike at 635-2161. We also granted Dave a gratis membership for a year.

Skip This Paragraph: Buck argued for the creation of a Village Life Committee. He thinks the Tibetans should be encouraged to settle near Meredith's, in all those quaint hovels, alongside the Hmong (who'll teach them America skills). And erect thatched buildings. So we can go out there frequently and help them garden, and resavour the Village. No one understood him, and he was ignored. So continue to forget you read this.

Winter Retreat (Karen 256-2141): it's on the weekend of Feb.21-23 (This is well past Lent begins, for you mortifiers. And the Moon will be just past Full.) This is a dandy excursion, and you should come. If you sleep in a bed twice, and eat whenever possible, it costs $35 if you've attained your growth; $21 for kids. Bring your own parched corn and it's cheaper, though kinda dull. The Winter Retreat is when our group as a whole thinks (for half an afternoon) about the big issues for the coming year. (What to discuss will be an Agenda item at the Jan. Meeting.) We also get our I Ching hexagram for the year. And we do a first applause for possible Calendar pictures, on Sat. eve, after the potluck. (Bring your dandiest slides, for us all to look at on Saturday eve. Lots of Oohs get you in the Batch of Consideration.) And we go helling about the snow-draped hillsides always, and especially during the moonlight. All this in the midst of staid but very tolerant Methodists, who know Karen of old, and who have decided we are harmless. It's a nice place; come and play. Definitely come on Friday, when the best behavior occurs.

Meeting Variation. John Gaska/Carrie Loranger, of Columbus, are our February meeting hosts. We'll meet on Saturday, Feb 8. With daylight play. See elsewhere for details.

Global Ed. Project (Video interviews of 12 Calendar country reps, w/other material) (Carolyn): most is done. In February, we'll have a Viewing Party. (Goody!) And, we'll probably recoup most of our expenses by selling the videos at a modest yet positive price (ca. $25). How nice: we can then use the proceeds as seed money for some other Development Ed. project. (Like Amish agriculture in Nepal.) What a treat it will be, to finish this, and finish it splendidly. And to have spent all our grant money ($5000) so sparingly. (But even so slowly.)

The 92 Calendar (Don): We've sold the first edition of 5000, and done a second edition of another 3000 (some images even improved themselves). 600 of these have been sold, and more orders keep coming in; we trust we will at least break even on the second edition, besides creating new Calendar addicts for the future. EarthCare Paper is selling about 165/wk! We now sell to about 50 PC groups, and some are even reordering. This is all new, a stochastic change. Rejoice. We'll have a bunch of money to give away, come Spring. Start constructing your plausible suggestions now; we won't believe you later on.

Regional Meeting (at least with Chicago) (Nancy): still hanging fire. We have the earnestness, they have the party (skis in Kettle Moraine), but no marriage yet. Not even bundling.

Speakers Bureau: Jim Smith, our Peace Corps campus recruiter, work #
262-1121, has such good uses for the Speakers Bureau that he's going to hocho its reactivation. He needs a co-chair, though, or he can't do it. Help him. Karen will involve herself; she's our all-time speakerist member.

And so we adjourned. Uncharacteristically, few assembled in the bar downstairs. So we all went home to our personal libraries and fridges, to read The Heart of Midlothian, by Sir Walter Scott. This book has one of the most splendid heroines in all the universe of novels. And Archibald is the tactful peaceful principled ideal that the doctors of M*A*S*H aspire to. So we didn't mind our solitude.

La.

Buck
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