Dear fellow RPCVs of WI-Madison,

Just a quick note to pass along season's greetings and to mention once again that your new (and used) officers are Dan Rosenthal as Vice President (new), Sarah Galanter as Secretary (new), Tom Brodd as Treasurer (used), and me as President (new).

As much as possible, I'll endeavor to e-mail most members on most communications...just to keep you all in the loop (we used to call it the Peace Corps "grapevine" in Togo) and give each of you an informed chance to participate in group activities and initiatives. Thus far I've noticed that when I've sent a "mass e-mail" announcing the monthly meeting and the fast approaching Christmas party, I've received a number of "failure to deliver" notifications from the service provider - meaning that we have outdated e-mail addresses on file for a number of you. Please help us in updating such information by sending changes to Brad Hinkfuss (iambrad@chorus.net).

Finally, a big word of THANKS to outgoing President Steve Elmore who served with admirable tact and diplomacy in this role for over two years (a year longer than the normal tenure I'm told).

Thank you as well to outgoing Secretary Alysson Carr for her good and diligent work in that capacity. Season's greetings to all!

Rick Row
President, RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison

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Kristy Torres
Sylvan Lane, Monona
221-3872

Margot Kennard
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Rose Ann Scott
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Rochelle Goedken
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Central
Tom Brodd
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West
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Rows
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232.9065

Dates
December
4 - Fair Trade Festival
11 - Christmas Party & General Meeting
6 p.m.
31 - Photo submission deadline
January
19 - General Meeting
22 - Freeze for Food
Vilas Park
24 & 30 - Photo viewing
February
13 - International Fair
Overture Center
16 - General Meeting

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2005 Calendar Sellers
$5 each for RPCVs of WI-Madison members!
# RPCVs of WI - Madison Officers & Contacts

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Peace Corps Online: [http://peacecorpsonline.org/](http://peacecorpsonline.org/)

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**Freezing Again!**

The 24th Annual 5/10K Run/Walk *Freeze for Food*, will be held January 22nd, 2005 in Vilas Park. As usual, we'll need volunteers for the day of the event.

Funds raised will benefit Colombia Support Network, which gives the money to an agricultural project being conducted in spite of the ongoing war in Colombia. CSN representatives will be on hand at the Freeze to give participants more detail of how the money is used there. They are always looking for people interested in going on delegations to visit the project in Colombia. We hope to have them speak to us at a future meeting about their work and their delegations.
Calendar News

From Peace Corps Burkina Faso, a project selected by Alan Weiner:

I hope this letter reaches you in the best of health and spirit. Among all the thank you letters I have to those who contributed and/or participated in the camp this was the hardest. It was difficult to write this letter because thank you is not sufficient. Nonetheless, I will extend it anyway. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. The organizers and I thank you for your generous contribution. It was because of you we were able to put this camp together. I am enclosing a couple of pictures and a small thank you gift with this letter.

As noted in the proposal, we hosted fifty-four children who are either orphans or underprivileged. Since most of the children do not speak French all the activities were done in their native language in the form of games or discussions. The camp was held for four days. Each day had a different theme. For example, on the first day we concentrated on gender roles, the second day was on health and AIDS, and the third day was on goal setting and self esteem.

Of course we had a number of obstacles along the way. For example, some of the children we wanted to register into school did not have legal documents such as birth certificates for enrolment. Nonetheless, we were able to get assistance from the mayor. The camp was held September 20-23 and those who were registered were able to attend school yesterday, October 1st along with their peers.

Fortunately we have a small amount of left over funds and we would like to ask for your permission to use it in areas such as medical follow up and vocational training fees. Again thank you for your generous contribution. I look forward to remaining in contact.

All the best,
Geroldine Sicot

Fair Trade Holiday Festival update

Thanks for Sharon Isensee, Ken Coffeen, Dan Rosenthal, Helene Pesche, Heather Hempel, Sarah Galanter, Lee Row, Rick Row, Tom Brodd, and Jon Lee for helping at the 8th annual Holiday Festival at the Pres House on December 4, 2004. Special thanks to Rose Ann Scott for making an emergency delivery of calendars right before we ran out of calendars. We sold 158 calendars (a new record) and collected over $1000. Thanks everyone.

Our next tabling event will be the International Festival at the new Overture Center on Sunday February 13, 2005. Come on down to see singers and dancers from around the world, eat some tasty food, buy some international type crafty things, and see the new Overture Center. Call Troy at 245-9964 to volunteer.

Go Julie!

Dear RPCVs of Madison

I wanted to thank you for all that you do and share a story with you. Two years ago when my RPCV husband and I got married we decided that of all the things you're supposed to do with a marriage and wedding, one of the few that we really wanted to do right was to have rings that were symbolic and meaningful. We decided to design our own rings and looked to YOUR CALENDAR for inspiration. We searched through my stack of old calendars looking at the borders used for framing. Our rings are modeled after June 1995's Togo motif. I tried to take a photo, but did not have the right lens to show the detail.

Thanks again folks and keep up the good work!

Amy Wilson - Niger 82-82 (90-93 staff)
Steve Fedorko - Botswana 85-87

Financial Summary

Calendar balance $46,221
Group balance 1,961
Senegalese Ed. Fund 917
Annual projects 8,270
PC Partnerships 0
NPCA 6,000
Freeze for Food 0
Account Balance $63,369

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Rose Ann Scott
Introductions

Rick's House Keeping
Brad Hinkfluss' grant application draft for the NPCA. Please take a look and offer feedback/suggestions for change.

Volunteer Opportunities:
Saturday Dec. 4, 2004 from 10-4pm. Fair Trade Holiday Festival. Contact Troy Rutter at tdrutter@usgs.gov or 245-9964 for more information.

Karl Stark, son in Madison Speed Skating club. Looking for RPCVs to meet incoming skaters from long list of countries to greet skaters at airport etc. for Thanksgiving Weekend. Contact Carl at Karl@stark0312@cs.com.

Woman from WESLI looking for someone to give short presentation to International Group of students for question and answer. Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10:30-12:20pm. Contact Renee Lejacsk, at 1-800-765-8577

Wisconsin Public Television volunteers to answer phones on Saturday December 11th, 2004 from 6:45-10:45pm. Please contact Laura Buchs at lbuchs@hotmail.com.

Holiday Party: December 11, 2004 6pm at 317 Bordner Dr. 233-7886. Ask for Sophie. Bring a wrapped present and food to share.

No Separate Meeting in December. Meeting will be held at Holiday party, December 11.

Judy Kader Brenner runs the Senegalese Education Fund. She lives in Milwaukee. About four years ago RPCVs of WI-Madison became the umbrella to her organization. There's a link to the SEF on the RPCVs of WI-Madison website (www.rpcvmadison.org). They provide two services. 1) Funding for higher education and 2) girls' clubs for girls ages 11-15 who aren't in public schools. She does all the fundraising and then deposits the checks with our treasurer. She is looking into the possibility of fundraising online. There was some discussion of pay pal or looking into our bank as a way that people could make online donations. Judy and friends are also planning a visit to Senegal in 2006, if anyone is interested. Judy also has a friend interested in using our group as an umbrella organization but he lives in Denver, so the group recommended he speak to RPCVs in Denver area.

Freeze for Food Saturday January 22nd 2004: Sarah suggested creating a committee to try to get more of the newly returned RPCVs more involved in this event, especially for getting the word out and Lee suggested creating a ceremony to honor winners in various categories. More information from Peter Joyce to come.

World Roots newsletter: Lee reported the deadline is the 1st of each month. People had previously been interested in the relationship of the RPCVs of Madison with the NPCA. She is going to be speaking with Kevin Quigley and wants to know what questions people have. Email worldrootsnews@yahoo.com if you have anything to go in the newsletter or want to propose questions to ask Kevin.

Grenada Relief Organization of Wisconsin: John Lee, an RPCV from Grenada is looking to start an organization to help in the aftermath of hurricane Ivan. He also would like to use the RPCVs of WI-Madison as his umbrella group. He will send in an article to World Roots to provide more information and we will continue our discussion at the next meeting.

NPCA Update from Stephanie Arnold, NPCA Great Lakes Regional Representative

I appreciate the opportunity to write a piece in your newsletter to tell you about current happenings at the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA). To date my communication to groups has been done through the group president.

Since this is my first time I have contributed an article to your newsletter, I will say a few words about myself. In July, I was elected to represent the NPCA affiliate groups in the Great Lakes Region, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Prior to that, I was elected to complete the one year remaining in a term vacated by my predecessor. At the NPCA Board meeting this past August, I was also elected to serve as Vice Chair of the NPCA Board of Directors.

I served as a Health Education/Water and Sanitation volunteer in the Peace Corps in Ghana from 1993 to 1996. I currently reside in Chicago and have for many years been on the board of the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association, serving as president from 2001 to 2003. As for my day job, I work at JPMorgan Chase Bank in derivatives and foreign exchange.

Like you perhaps, I always wondered exactly what the NPCA did and whether it supported its affiliate groups as effectively as it could. This desire to learn more and make a positive contribution based on my own experience as a group leader is what motivated me to run for the NPCA board. I am still learning, but have a much better understanding and appreciation for the role of the NPCA.
The last couple of years have brought about dramatic, albeit not always obvious, progress. Realizing that the organization has not yet reached its potential, the NPCA has largely re-built its foundation including:

- A new, realistic mission and goals
- Impressive new leadership
- A long-range view and detailed business plan
- A group of Directors able to foster necessary changes

The challenge ahead is to implement the plan! To make progress, we believe we must first simplify our structure for governing the NPCA. Changes to the NPCA by-laws have been developed to do just this. These changes were formally announced during the Presidents' Forum and Annual General Meeting in August and articles have also appeared in many NPCA publications over the past several months.

The Board of Directors and the Group Leaders have overwhelmingly approved these proposed changes. The time has come for the membership to vote. Around Thanksgiving, all NPCA members will receive a ballot. I strongly encourage each of you to vote on these important changes. It will make a difference. For more information on this issue, please visit www.rpcv.org/governance.

In an effort to improve the offerings to affiliate groups and members, the NPCA just launched a new association management system used by many not-for-profit organizations to manage membership data. This new, secure web-based system, which replaces a nine-year-old, highly-customized, server-based FoxPro system, offers the best combination of services required and desired by groups and the NPCA staff.

A core group of affiliate group leaders helped NPCA staff identify the key issues and concerns of affiliates in managing membership data. The new system allows NPCA members to go online to update their own membership profiles, including addresses, job information, and interest in NPCA programs, join or renew their membership with NPCA and the affiliate groups of their choice, subscribe to WorldView and Global TeachNet, or make a donation to NPCA.

Soon affiliate groups will be able to manage their own membership data through this new system. Currently, a number of affiliate groups are conducting a final round of user testing. Stay tuned for more information about this new system.

I plan to submit an article at least quarterly to update you on NPCA news and welcome any feedback or questions you may have at any time. The NPCA board meets twice per year. This offers the best opportunity for me to voice my concerns or those brought to my attention by NPCA members and groups I represent.

The Winter Board meeting will be held in Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina February 4-6, 2005. Should you ever have any questions or concerns, I can be reached by e-mail at samold@rpcv.org or by phone at 773.262.9440.

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Meet the U.S. Peace Corps Campus Representative

Damian Wampler  
Kyrgyz Republic, 99-01

Damian was a TEFL volunteer who worked mainly with 8-11th graders but also taught students ranging from kindergarten to college level. He helped start up an NGO called "Center of Women's Initiative," began a library in his community and got a grant to start a computer center. He is currently a graduate student at University of Wisconsin-Madison where he is pursuing a Master's degree at the Center for Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia.

Damian works on campus part-time as the new campus Peace Corps Representative. He answers questions about Peace Corps service and the application process, does presentations, staffs information tables and is an all-around Peace Corps campus guru. Students, faculty, staff and community members are welcome to stop in his office at 240 Agriculture Hall during his office hours: M/Tu/Th 12-1pm, Wed 3-5pm, or by appointment. Have a question about Peace Corps? Give Damian a call at 608-262-1121 or email peacecorps@cals.wisc.edu.
Following is the proposed form we plan to present to the NPCA. Please read and be ready to comment on it at the next meeting.

RPCV Group-Building Grant Application
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers - Madison, WI

2004/05 Group-Building Grant Policy
The members of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Madison, WI, recognize that the work and culture of Peace Corps does not stop at the close of service, but that we continue on in an endless variety of groups and projects across the country and the world. We also recognize that the basic effort of forming RPCV groups and keeping that culture alive requires a great deal of effort in itself. We feel that this effort of 'group-building' among other RPCVs is worth supporting.

The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) is one of the key organizations that provides some assistance to RPCVs as individuals and groups. One of the NPCA goals is to "Strengthen the work of its affiliates at home and abroad in their pursuit of service." To those ends we have established this grant application as a means of encouraging specific NPCA efforts that support other RPCV groups and group efforts.

At this time, this grant opportunity is being extended only to the NPCA. All proposals that outline specific projects or initiatives to meaningfully contribute to the further development and success of RPCV groups and group efforts will be given serious consideration.

The following criteria outline the basic grant policy:

1. As an organization founded by RPCVs, the RPCV-Madison, WI group has a commitment to helping other RPCV groups.
2. The RPCV-Madison, WI group looks favorably on projects that outline specific projects with specific goals.
3. Grants will be made only to the NPCA as an organization and not to individuals.
4. Grants are not made to establish or add to endowment funds.
5. Grants are not usually made to support operating expenses and general administrative expenses.
6. Grant proposals will be accepted once a year.
7. The RPCV-Madison group retains sole discretion as to the awarding of grants, the amount of the grants and the longevity of this program.

Grant Application
Grant applications should outline in a simple narrative form what the NPCA proposes to do with the funds requested. A total project budget that lists other sources of funding and support should also be included. The total application narrative and budget statement should not exceed one single-spaced page, combined. In addition, if an ongoing activity, a detailed financial statement from the previous operating year should be included.

Announcements

Kiribati Connections
RPCVs want to start 'Friends' group. We are making 1st database in 30 years. K13-K31 names are mostly complete. We need help with K1-K12 (1970s-80s), and early CDs and PST Directors. No solicitation, no list selling. Any leads or possibilities will be politely pursued.

Contact Havard Bauer (K-16)
havard@molalla.net, or Ailton Coleman (K-28)
sunbuddy68@yahoo.com.

Request for Assistance
Since September 7, 2004 the island nation of Grenada has been struggling to recover from the destruction of hurricane Ivan. Over 90% of the structures on the island and the island's top two economic sectors have been lost. Grenada's economists have tallied the total cost of reconstruction and economic recovery to be over $4 billion.

Though some relief money has already been pledged (less than $200 million in loans and relief aid), much of the country is still without electricity and telephone service. In the coming years, Grenada will need major assistance from communities throughout the world in order to rebuild properly.

The Grenada Relief Organization of Wisconsin (GROW), a newly created Madison-based group, plans to assist in the redevelopment process of Grenada by accepting donations for the people of the parish of St. Patrick, in the northern portion of the island. Because the north has an agricultural economy, St. Patrick has received little relief compared to the more
urban and tourist-centered areas of St. George and Grand Anse.

GROW proposes to focus on rebuilding schools and community centers in St. Patrick by purchasing replacement supplies and building materials such as wood, galvanized aluminum, and cement. These supplies would be purchased by Peace Corps volunteers on the neighboring island, St. Vincent, and then shipped to the appropriate areas of Grenada.

Mr. Roddy Samuel, has volunteered himself - in conjunction with Associate Peace Corps Director Franka Bernardine and the Peace Corps volunteers stationed in the parish - to be the on-island project leader.

Because starting a new non-profit corporation can be costly and because it is uncertain as to whether this cause will generate a response, GROW would like to begin under the umbrella of your already respected organization. GROW is requesting RPCVs of WI-Madison to sponsor the opening of the project.

I presented a preliminary plan to the members of the group at the November meeting. I will present the project again at the December meeting. I was a PCV in River Sallee, Grenada for one year before hurricane Ivan decimated the island. Since that time, I have returned to Madison to begin these relief efforts and initiatives. If you are interested in working with me on this project, please email wisconjon@hotmail.com.

Jon Lee
Project Coordinator, GROW

Offer from Katy Hansen

I am wondering if you would be interested in a training session for those wishing to enhance their efforts to communicate about global issues and help citizens reflect and debate on our country's foreign policy.

The material would be taken from the new publication "U.S. in the World, Talking Global Issues with Americans: A Practical Guide."

This guide is available from the website, <www.usintheworld.org>. The training session is for those who want to learn how to use the book to better engage the general population in foreign policy discussions. The Stanley Foundation (located in Muscatine, Iowa) will pay all expenses. This means travel as well. We would contact RPCV groups in the region along with United Nations Association chapters.

We did one here in Iowa City, and it was a great success. We had 33 people come including 2 from St. Louis and 3 from Nebraska.

What do you think?

The job there in Madison would be to find a place where a lunch could be catered. Time would be 10:00 am to 3:00 pm - maybe some pickup duties from the airport.

What date would be convenient for you? We are looking at February or March (end of March at the latest).

Katy Hansen
Iowa Peace Corps Association
Iowa United Nations Association
kwhansen@ia.net

New Opportunities

My name is Bob Torvestad. I started my national service career with VISTA in the late 60s followed by 5 years with Peace Corps in West Africa (Ghana, Gambia). I retired from federal service after serving as financial manager for the three AmeriCorps programs.

About this time last year, I began to work with several others to organize the Clinton School of Public Service. It has taken some time but we are now in the process of recruiting students for our inaugural class that will enter the School in the fall of 2005.

The Clinton School is located adjacent to the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock. We will confer a Master of Public Service (MPS) degree - the first School to offer a degree focused exclusively on individuals interested in careers in public service. As a professional school, we are interested in developing public service leadership skills.

We hope to have a student body from locations throughout the United States but also throughout the world. This is why I asking for your help to let RPCVs know about the School but also individuals from their country of service who might be interested in applying to the School. Tuition is very reasonable and is the same for in-state as well as out-of-state students.

Scholarships are available based on need and merit.

To learn more about the Clinton School, please go to www.clintonschool.uasys.edu. Let me know if you have any questions.

Bob Torvestad
Director, Office of Student Affairs
The Clinton School of Public Service
Email: rjtorvestad@clintonschool.uasys.edu
Phone: 501.683.5216

WANTED

...your stories, news, views, articles, photos, reports, concerns, and more.

If you live outside Madison, and don’t come to meetings, do you still feel connected to your Peace Corps experience?

Wherever you live, is there an event or activity you’d like to see the group try?

Are you a teacher who has an idea of how to bring the world to Wisconsin?

Should we have the Friends & Family Brunch again this year?

Got something on your mind you’d like to share?

Write World Roots at worldrootsnews@yahoo.com or PO Box 1012, Madison 53701
RPCV International Calendar
Picture Submission and Selection Guidelines
(July 2004 update)

First printed in 1987, the International Calendar’s ongoing success—including several silver and gold awards in national and international competitions—is largely due to the wonderful pictures submitted over the years. We welcome your submissions. We hope the following guidelines on our submission criteria and selection process will be helpful.

We are often asked what kind of pictures we are looking for. There is no set answer to this. We are interested in a wide range of subjects. In general we want to present countries in a positive light. We are proud of the people and countries where we have served. We like pictures of city life as well as village and rural scenes. We like to see people in action, resting, working, enjoying everyday life or celebrating special occasions. Humor is enjoyed. Landscapes or pictures with architectural or other detail—food, handiwork, etc.—add interest. When you are selecting pictures, please keep in mind that they need to have “month-long” appeal. Since teachers use our calendars as teaching tools, keep students and their interests in mind as well.

Submission Criteria
1. Eligible formats: 35mm slides and 5"x7" prints. Other sizes or B&W pictures are not acceptable.
2. Pictures must be from a county where Peace Corps Volunteers have served (past or present).
3. No picture showing a Peace Corps Volunteer is eligible.
4. A photographer may submit a maximum of 5 pictures per year.
5. A picture submitted three times, but not selected, is no longer eligible.
6. The photographer’s name and the country where the picture was taken must appear on each picture. Do not put tape or labels on slides and do not send framed or mounted photographs.
7. A submission form must accompany all submissions (please download from our website or call).
8. Basic requirements for technical quality include focus, realistic color and good overall contrast. Pictures should be free of flaws (scratches, mold, fingerprints, etc.) and should not be over- or underexposed. Originals or high-quality dupes are preferable. Pictures will be handled carefully and returned; however, we advise keeping a copy of submissions.
9. Submissions must be postmarked by December 31st. Those postmarked later will be held for the next year.

Selection Process
1. All submissions are assigned a reference number upon receipt. During the selection process, pictures are only referred to by number and country.
2. A committee reviews all submissions prior to Round 1 viewing to ascertain that they meet the criteria listed above. Disqualified pictures will be available for review by the larger group, but not eligible for selection.
3. **Round 1** — the RPCV group views the eligible pictures. Each person votes “YES” or “NO” on a ballot for each picture—with no limit placed on the number of YES votes. Comments or conversations are not allowed during viewing and voting. After results are tallied, 80 to 100 pictures with the most votes go to Round 2.
4. **Round 2** — final viewing to select the large calendar pictures takes place about one week later using the same procedures and rules that applied during Round 1. The top 20 go to the committee.
5. From these, the committee selects a cover photo, eliminates duplicate country winners (a country may only appear twice in the same year if it is chosen as a cover picture), makes selections in the case of ties, and notifies winners. The committee honors the top vote-getting pictures, moving to pictures receiving fewer votes only as needed to fill spots in the calendar. Small pictures are chosen from the entire pool of eligible pictures based on region and balance or contrast with the large picture.

We are deeply grateful to all photographers for taking time to submit pictures. All pictures meeting the eligibility requirements receive a complimentary calendar. Winners of large photos receive 25 calendars; small photo winners receive 5. Pictures are returned when the calendars are shipped (usually in August or September). Again, many thanks, and we look forward to seeing your pictures. Keep them coming!
PICTURE SUBMISSION FORM

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31ST *

Name ______________________________________ Date ________________

Address __________________________________________________________

City ______________________________________________________________

State __________________________ Zip ________________________

Home phone __________________ Work phone _________________________

Fax (optional) __________________________ Email address __________________

Alternative phone or email address (especially important if you are out of the U.S. or will be traveling.)

___________________________________________________________________

I am submitting the following pictures (total of 5 per photographer). I have marked each one with my name and the country where the picture was taken (slides with labels or tape, or photographs that are mounted or framed are not acceptable):

______ slides (35mm transparencies) ______ color prints (5" x 7" only)

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Service in Peace Corps is not required for photo submission. However, if you are a current or returned Peace Corps Volunteer, please list your country, years of service and field of work.

Country __________________________ Date of service ______________________

Type of work ______________________

SEND TO:  Photo Coordinator
          P.O. Box 1012
          Madison, WI 53701

Questions: e-mail mthomson@madison.k12.wi.us
          or call Jo at: 608.255.1339 (eves)

WEBSITE: www.rpcvmadison.org

* Submissions not postmarked by December 31st will be held over to the next year.
All RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison members 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 $35. We encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

(Please check all that apply)

___ I want to Join RPCV of WI, Inc.
___ Individual - $15 for one year
___ Joint - $20 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
___ I am also enclosing $35 for NPCA membership
___ ($45 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 ($15 for overseas) to cover costs.
___ I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address.

$_______ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Phone #s (H)_________________________ (W)_________________________ E-mail: ___________________________

Country of Service: ________________________________ Service Dates: ________________________________

PC Job: ________________________________ Birth date: (Optional - M/D/Y) ______________________________

The RPCV's of Wisconsin are an active group, and there's always a need for helpful hands. If you are willing to lend a hand, please let us know:

___ I am interested in doing something: call me.

Send completed form & check to: RPCV's of Wisconsin - Madison, P.O.Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701