WORLD ROOTS

President’s Report

WOW! Are you as amazed as I am about the new presidency? I am sure some of you are wondering what happened. Well, it is a simple story...

I moved to town in August from Tucson, Arizona where I had been President of the RPCV group there. Having made such wonderful connections with the group in Tucson, I felt it was important for me to attend your meeting, since I really didn’t know anyone in town. My co-worker, Mai Ensmann (now VP) and I came to the potluck. When the group began talking about filling positions, I mentioned the Tucson strategy of slotting newcomers into those positions. Little did I know that I was talking myself into the job! The next thing I knew my friend Mai was nominating me. In response, I said I’d do it only if Mai was VP. One thing led to another and here I am, your fearless leader. I would like to thank all of those who convinced me that this was a good idea and for your support. I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

In addition, I was asked to give you all a bit of history about myself. First of all, I do originate from the mid-west and even graduated from a Wisconsin High School. After high school, I migrated out of Wisconsin where I traveled around for a bit and in 1994 I entered the Peace Corps and went to Guatemala. While in Guatemala, I worked in Appropriate Technology. In 1997, I returned back to the United States. As most volunteers face when they come back, I had no idea where I was going to live or what I was going to do. My ex-boyfriend, now fiancée, just happened to have parents living in Tucson, so we decided we would check out the area. It looked good so we decided to stay and both of us went back to graduate school. Upon completing my degree, I was offered a job at the University Wisconsin Madison, working with International Students and Scholar Services. I am enjoying my new job and the lovely fall, which I haven’t seen in years. But if you ask me in December how much I like it, I may have a different reaction.

I am happy to be here in Madison and I would like to encourage all of you to attend the meetings and events going on so I can have the opportunity to meet you. I would also like to encourage those of you who are newly returned, and those who are veterans, to attend our next meeting Tuesday, November 2nd. Our VP Mai Ensmann and her fellow RPCV’s from Kyrgyzstan will give a presentation on Kyrgyzstan. Learn about the struggles of volunteering in a new Peace Corps country in the 1990’s.

Sincerely
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Membership Information

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 RPCV of WI, Inc.
__ Individual - $15 for one year
__ Joint - $20 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
__ Overseas Individual - $24
__ Overseas Joint - $29
__ 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 ($15 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:
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:
RPCVs of Wisconsin - Madison
P.O.Box 1012
Madison, WI 53701
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## Editor's Spot

As we sat down for dinner this evening we were overlooking a herd of deer right on our back yard. The lab didn't like the idea that 'someone' was in 'his' yard. But they were beautiful. No, I didn't notice any bucks but I know that there is some around.

We can't keep up with the bird feeders with all the 'traffic' flying south and I am sure the salt lick has a major dent in it too. Oh, the joys of living in the country! Also, a reminder that I do wish that all correspondence sent have no attachments. After two hard drive crashes, a couple of hundred bucks that I could have spent on something 'more fun', I don't want to go down that path again. Anything can be easily copied and pasted onto any e-mail program utilized. Thank you for understanding.

If you haven’t made a note of it yet, please notice that our E-mail addresses have changed. AND that the editor has her OWN ACCOUNT. Please send everything concerning the RPCV's to that address thanks! So please make a note of the new addresses: Kevin Jenkins is kjenkins@brodnet.com, and my personal E-mail is theresa@brodnet.com

BUT please send any articles for the newsletter to the following address; 

**RPCV_editor@brodnet.com**

or snail mail W8407 Davis Rd., Browntown, WI 53522, thank you. Theresa
Community Help Page

This letter came in from Anna Morrison, who works for Citizen Advocacy. At Citizen Advocacy we help to initiate and support advocacy matches between citizens with developmental disabilities and other community members. Erik Jensen is an advocate in the program. He suggested I put an article in the newsletter that goes out to the returned Peace Corps volunteers. A brief description of the program follows. Thank you for your time. Anna Morrison - Citizen Advocacy Facilitator

What Is Citizen Advocacy?

Citizen Advocacy is an opportunity for people to become directly and personally involved in the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Citizen Advocacy is built on individual, freely given, advocacy relationships between citizens with developmental disabilities and community members. By building these one to one relationships, we are working to create a community in which rights, opportunities, and humanity are not restricted by or defined by physical or mental conditions. By helping to change this history of separation and segregation and by challenging old myths and attitudes, we have the opportunity to make our communities more whole, tolerant and compassionate for all of us. Citizen Advocacy is a program of the Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin.

What can you do? We're always seeking people to be advocates, but if you don't feel drawn to make that sort of commitment, there are other ways to be involved. If you're a person who is well connected in your community, you could talk to us about people we might approach to be advocates. You might consider serving on the program's advisory council or on one of it's committees. You could support the program financially. Or we could put you on our mailing list to receive our newsletter. Our office is located at 1717 N. Stoughton Rd., Madison, WI 53704 - Phone: 246-4767
e-mail: cac@inexpress.net

To support CAC's or receive their newsletter, call 246-4767 or e-mail cac@inexpress.net
Minutes of General Meeting of RPCV of Madison
Chapter 10/4/99

There was good attendance for our meeting at Union South, about 15 people. We sat in a circle introduced ourselves and told of an extra ordinary person we met in our Peace Corps service. Successful ELEC-
TIONS were conducted at the end of the meeting, but here are the results right away:

PRESIDENT: Melissa Schumacher
VICE-PRES.: Mai Ensmann
TREASURER: Troy Rutter
SECRETARY: Buck Trawicky

Congratulations to our new officers, and thank you for agreeing to serve. Let's all give them our strong support over the course of this next year.

CALENDAR REPORT: About 10,000 calendars are already sold, out of 32,000 printed! A good start! Also, the packing party at the ware-
house of ALAN WIENER was very productive with a strong turnout of volunteers. Thank you to all who helped out!

ERIC STONEBAKER, is our new PC Campus Recruiter. Welcome ERIC! His E-mail is stonebaker@students.wisc.edu.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: Will be held at KARL & LIA STARK’S residence this year. Saturday, October 30 at 7 PM, 5422 Dahlen Dr. Madison. Costumes, kids and a small dish to nibble on are all wel-
comed.(See page 7) Thank you KARL!

CHRISTMAS PARTY: It is not that SOPHIA desires to monopolize hosting this event. If anyone has a desire to host this year, please let us know. However, in the event no one else wants to or can host, SOPHIA generously offers to host again this year. Thank you SOPHIA!

FREEZE FOR FOOD: PETER JOYCE offers to organize this benefit again. Thank you PETER, and those volunteering to help out. If you would like to sign up please call PETER at (608) 249-8573.

International children’s holiday fair, will be held at the Civic Center early in November.

HELENE PESCHE is organizing a table at which we can sell calendars and promote Peace Corps. For volunteering to help and other information please call HELENE at 238-2792.

FAMILY BRUNCH: SHEILA PRZESMICKI is organizing this next years event. It will be held on the Sunday two weeks BEFORE Easter at Jingles, April 9, 2000. Thank you SHEILA! Would anyone else like to take this great activity after this next years? It is not that hard and a fun event, if interested or have any questions please call SHEILA at 244-6454.

Adjourned till November 2, 1999.

co-secretary Terry Stark
Where Does the $ Go!
by Sheila Przesmicki

I guess it has been awhile since there has been anything formal regarding all that money we keep giving away, but believe me, we continue to give it, and we continue to hear thanks en masse.

As usual – when the usual takes place – I am passing on news from contributions from 1998. Because of the transactions continuously taking place regarding giveaways in the present year, I do not maintain that file until our devoted Walt Zeltner has it compiled for the year. That compilation is often delayed because giveaway checks are not cashed immediately, and/or recipients do not acknowledge them with a report – if it is coming – until late in the year.

This month I found one of the first responses on the well-known Trickle Up program. We sponsor this every year – at least we have all five that I have been around – knowing what a worthwhile program it is that exists right within the Peace Corps organization. Many of us have organized or worked in, programs that have benefited from Trickle Up, so we know how immediate the results can be.

In April of 1998 we approved a $600 donation to Trickle Up, with Rose Ann Scott as the RPCV-WI sponsor. We continue to contribute to Trickle Up because, in Rose Ann’s words, “Trickle Up is a group that matches the RPCV’s development goals. It provides small amounts of capital for individuals to start a small business. It works in all the Peace Corps countries…”

In May 1998, we received the following thank-you note from Suzan S. Habachy, Executive Director of Trickle Up:

“…This support is most timely and significant as it comes just after the passing of Glen Frazier Leet, the co-Founder and co-President of the Trickle Up Program. Glen Leet lived a life devoted to the service of others and sought a goal no less than that of finding a way to end poverty. As you know, Glen Leet, in partnership with his wife, Mildred Robbins Leet, created and launched the Trickle Up Program in 1979 with $1,000 and a dream of making the world a better place. Nineteen years later, over 350,000 people have been touched and their lives improved…”

Along with this letter, we received a copy of Trickle Up’s Annual Report, which highlights not only the numbers that have been affected by Trickle Up, but some of the programs that it sponsors. If you would like to see a copy of this report, feel free to call me at (608)244-6454.
Thoughts Before Departing the States to Join the Peace Corps.

Before departure to the Caribbean to serve the Peace Corps in non-profit development and advisement, I want to extend an invitation to the RPCV to attend a service at my church. I have been nominated to serve and I am due to leave the States by February of 2000.

I have lived in Madison for twenty years. I came here from New York State. I have many sources of career experience and volunteer service. I worked in a construction trade for fourteen years, over seven years in the non-profit sector and I served in the domestic Peace Corps called VISTA for two years. I have a master's degree from the U W- Madison. The title of my Prairie service is: Thoughts Before Departing the States to Join the Peace Corps.

Learn about where and why I am going, my hopes for the coming year(s) and how my community can participate in an exchange of support for my journey ahead. There will also be an opportunity at the service for you to share some of your experience(s) in the Peace Corps with my congregation. Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society is located at 2010 Whenona Drive just off the frontage road of Seminole Hwy. Please call me at 259-0556 if you want more information. Location and time of Service: Sunday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. at the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society located at 2010 Whenona Drive just off the West Belt Line frontage road of Seminole Hwy. Please call me at 259-0556 if you want more information.

Karen A Gross

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Halloween Party!

Come and bring the kids, Yes the old and the young can come dressed up for this fun event. Bring a small dish if you like and plenty of smiles:)!

PLACE: KARL & LIA STARK'S. 5422 Dahlen Dr., Madison Saturday October 30 at 7 PM. 231-0739

DIRECTIONS: (from the UW campus) west on University Ave. go past Perkins Rest. Make LEFT on Craig, the RIGHT on Brody, then LEFT on Lorraine which name turns into Dahlen. White house on top of hill. See ya there.....
Calendar of Events

October 30, HALLOWEEN PARTY see page 7

November 2, 7:00 PM Tuesday Monthly Chapter Meeting Union South

November 10, POKER PARTY, Deb Staleton's 2406 Sommers Ave, MadCity, 244-8609

November 12, DEADLINE for newsletter. Please send articles, stories, recipes, or interesting antidotes to: RPCV_editor@brodnet.com

December 1, Wednesday Monthly Chapter Meeting Union South
Oh boy, an early one this month!

April 9, 2000 FAMILY BRUNCH at Jingles. more info to follow.

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