Hello to all my fellow Madison-RPCVs:

Summer is upon us and everyone is busy. I look at my trusty International Calendar and see that my own summer has been transformed into a tightly wedged mass of trips, projects, meetings and commitments. As always, there are also the additional things that I know I’d like to do but can’t find an open weekend in which to write them. The good thing, I suppose, is that it’s all stuff that I really want to do; better to choose between goods than evils.

And I hope that many of you can join in some of the goods that our group has planned over the weeks and months of this summer. It’s all listed on the back calendar of events, but I’ll call your attention to a few items:

**JULY 4th:** Our regular July meeting would fall on the 4th, so we’ve rescheduled for the following Thursday, July 11th, at the Memorial Union.

**SUMMER TO DO LIST:**

1. 4TH OF JULY
2. SINGING
3. CAMPING
4. DRINKING
5. UNVIELING

**SINGING:** The World Youth Choir will be at Luther Memorial Church, 7:30 pm, Tuesday, August 6th. You are invited not only to attend, but possibly to meet with or host someone from your Peace Corps country of service.

**CAMPING:** The RPCV-Madison summer campout happens on June 29th at the Kettle Moraine State Park.

**DRINKING:** Well, you don’t have to drink, but most of us will at our monthly social gatherings. Next up, starting around 5:30, Thursday, July 18th at the Memorial Union terrace.

**UNVIELING:** The 2003 International Calendar unveiling party will take place the first weekend in August – location to be announced.

What other group but ours could possibly include singing, camping, drinking and unveiling on their calendar of events? That’s only part of the list, and it looks like our group is almost as busy as I am. Please dig inside this issue for more details on some of these items, and other tidbits that I know you’ll find interesting.

Peace,
Brad Hinkfuss
Our Virtual Identity  Submitted by Brad Hinkfuss

We’re looking to establish a new cabinet-level position in the group. It doesn’t have anything to do with homeland security, but it has everything to do with that invention that most of us knew little or nothing about when we served in the Peace Corps: the internet.

Completely separate from most things Peace Corps, the net is often the most effective way for many of us to communicate. Recognizing this, the consensus at our last meeting was that it would be worth the effort and investment to establish a stronger web-based presence for our RPCV-Madison group.

Now, we do have a limited website thanks to the ongoing efforts of Dean Jefferson and a few others. For relatively little money, though, our group could secure its own domain name and join the ranks of the virtual dot-orgs. We could post much more than our newsletter; we could use it as a reliable reference for upcoming events, a distribution point for grant information, a place to post a picture of the RPCV of the month, and so much more . . .

The cost is not the issue. What we need is a volunteer webmaster from among the ranks of our group. The job isn’t a big one for someone fluent in web design & maintenance, but it would involve the initial design and at least monthly updates to keep the information timely. If you’re interested, give me a call (242-9573) and we can hash out the details – this could be a lot of fun. -Brad Hinkfuss

EDITORS NOTE

Thank you very much to those of you who offered suggestions and ideas for “World Roots”. I’m still open to more of your ideas and any articles or information you would like to submit. I haven’t had much time to work on the content by browsing other RPCV newsletters or websites to find relevant information to share with you, but with each issue I will try to incorporate useful tidbits and stories. If you see anything that you would like to share with our group let me know via phone 249-3545 or email worldrootsnews@yahoo.com.
World Youth Choir – Ambassador of Goodwill of UNESCO Submitted by Brad

The World Youth Choir will be performing in Madison at 7:30pm on Tuesday, August 6th, at Luther Memorial Church (1021 University Ave., Madison). This select group of singers comes from around the world. As their own material attests: “The number of countries represented within the WYC is increasing, with all continents represented. The quality of singers, musical as well as personal, is at the highest level, guaranteeing a perfect blend of artistry and fraternal spirit.”

Bruce Bengtson, of Lutheran Memorial Church, contacted me to invite RPCVs.

As people who have served around the world, we have something in common with this unusual choir. What is more, there may be an opportunity for some of us to meet and/or host someone from a country in which we served.

Call Bruce Bengtson at Lutheran Memorial Church (258-3160) if you are interested in attending or to learn more details.

-Brad Hinkfuss

NPCCA Blues From Brad Hinkfuss

As many members know through membership, the National Peace Corps Association (NPCCA) is currently entertaining a $10 increase in annual dues. This would raise the annual membership rates, and there could be other rate increases as well. For example, as a group we currently pay a $1 per member ‘head tax’ to the NPCCA each year.

The NPCCA faces a series of financial challenges right now, and I know there are lots of supporters of this rate increase. They’re proposing a corresponding increase in services. Alternately, I know there are also plenty of detractors. Personally, I encourage you to investigate the issue for yourself through the NPCCA website at www.rpcv.org. It is an issue I’m sure we’ll discuss as a group at an upcoming meeting, but I thought that it deserved special mention in our own NL because so many members are also members of the NPCCA.

-Brad Hinkfuss
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MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEETING

-BUCK TRAWICKY

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison General Meeting of Wednesday, June 5, 2002

We met in the Memorial Union. 15 were present. We introduced ourselves, and described our "Greatest Achievement" in Peace Corps. And Ken Coffeen showed us that a cave in his village in Ecuador, which he helped develop as a local tourist attraction, is described in the latest Moon Guide to Ecuador (under "Tena," pp.254-56).

The World Youth Choir is coming to town, on Aug. 6. We are asked to serve as hosts to the singers, and to help in other ways. (See elsewhere.)

Jim Doyle, the Attorney General, asks if he can talk to our group, as part of his campaign for Governor (He's an RPCV.) Our consensus was that we do not endorse candidates, or even turn our meetings over to them. However, he, and the other candidates, will be invited to write something (brief) for our NL, and the appeals to us will be published.

Ken Coffeen brought up current moves to add a "Fourth Goal." He'll write up a summary for the NL, and we'll discuss it at the meeting in August (or later).

John Kaltenbach is our new Newsletter Editor. Thank you John. And we gave much applause in gratitude to our retiring Newsletter Editor, Theresa Jenkins. John's e-mail address is <worldrootsnews@yahoo.com>.

Calendar:
The print-run for the 2003 International Calendar is 37,500; and it's all printed! (In time for the National RPCV Conference.) 10,000 have already been sent out to panting customers etc. You can get copies from Rochelle Goedken, Prudence Barber, or Rose Ann Scott. And we'll officially unveil the Calendar at the August Potluck Meeting. (On Aug. 2 or 3, Fri., or Sat.)

We'll have a Calendar Packing Party on Fri., Sept. 13, at the normal place, Alan Weiner's warehouse. Starting at 7 p.m.

Buck Trawicky is demoting himself to sergeant on Calendar text work. He'll still compute the movable dates, but others will make judgments about what to include. Ron Chance will enlist an ad-hoc committee to discuss what text items to include in future Calendars.

Rose Ann Scott solicited people's votes on particular Peace Corps Partnerships, as the main recipients of our Calendar donation funds. She'll submit reports on the ones we've already selected.

Parties, etc: On the 3rd Thursday of each month, the gabby gather, from 5 p.m. onwards. June 20, Laurel Tavern (2505 Monroe St.); July 18, Memorial Union Terrace; Aug. 15, the Harmony (2201 Atwood Ave.); Sept. 19, Memorial Union Terrace.

And we'll have a presence at the Atwood Summerfest, Aug. 3 (Sat.); and at the Willy Street Fair, Sept. 15 (Sun.).

Our Next Meeting: on Thursday, July 11, NOT on Thursday, July 4! On the Memorial Union Terrace or in the Red Gym. (See notice elsewhere.)

Lastly, we should get our own website up running--but we need someone to serve as webmaster. And, we should regularly announce our general meetings in Isthmus, etc.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 $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.

Name:__________________________
Address:________________________

Telephone#’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

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Update from Apartadó Colombia

other needed supplies impeded; their ability to market their bananas is seriously damaged too by the horrible transport risks. While these murders and threats of starvation are not new, targeting drivers is; and four murders in one month is a striking escalation. Now even merchants who sell food and supplies to Peace Community members are under threat of murder. Please consider joining the next delega-

tion to Apartadó. Our presence saves farmers’ lives. We have the double protection of our American passports and the publicity surrounding such humanitarian gestures. Meantime, your calls for protection are requested. Please direct them to: Minister of Defense Gustavo Bell Phone: 011-571-222-2445 Fax: 011-571-222-1874 Talking points: Pacifist San José de Apartadó must be protected from assault and starvation. As long as paramilitaries kidnap and murder along the road to San José, the Colombian Army appears complicit.

US taxpayers will not tolerate military aid supporting such abuses. You are invited to Dane County/Apartadó meeting, July 18. The agenda will include fundraising efforts to help delegates.

Sincerely, Mary Sanderson
Update from Apartadó Colombia
by Mary Sanderson

Dear RPCVs of Madison:
The Peace Community of San José de Apartadó forms part of Dane County’s sister, the large municipality of Apartadó just east of the Panama border in Colombia. It is a resource-rich territory planted largely to chocolate and plantain. The Colombian government is actively promoting global development of this region, planning for new interoceanic shipping routes across the pristine Darien and actively marketing the whole region with slogans like “The Best Little Corner of America.” This helps explain the violent pressure of moneyed interests to evacuate the farmers and gain control of the region. Amid threats and massacres, the peasants of San José in 1997 courageously declared themselves a neutral, pacifist community scattering all the armed actors: guerrillas, paramilitaries, even the army. This has been the first sustained public demonstration of nonviolent resistance (now more communities have followed) in a country where physical force is the standard in land and labor disputes. San José has paid dearly for this neutral stance; more than 80 members have been killed. Others, losing heart, have fled. Threats and assaults are daily reality. Colombia’s premier chocolate producing region in the 80’s, San José’s prosperous farmers haven’t been able to tend their trees or harvest for 4 years! Battered and humiliated, they are grateful for the life saving solidarity gestures provided by Freeze For Food and European partners.

Food as a Weapon: On Saturday March 30, paramilitaries kidnapped and later murdered a member of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó, GILMA ROSA GRACIANO, the mother of 8 children and childcare worker in San José’s nursery school. Gilma Rosa’s offense was to bring food from town for the San José daycare program. The army two days before had suffered the loss of two soldiers killed by guerrillas, and the regional army commander, Col. Javier Vicente Hernandez-Acosta, charged that the killers had spent the night in the San José settlement (charges denied by Peace Community members.) Less than a mile after passing an army checkpoint, the public bus was stopped by 2 armed men dressed as civilians. The murder victim Gilma Rosa was kidnapped there with a co-worker who later escaped. Such paramilitary actions often occur just out of sight or earshot of army posts and, as usual, Col. Hernandez claims no responsibility. The incident does fit perfectly with many others fulfilling paramilitary’s repeated threats to “starve out” the Peace Community farmers. On Tuesday, April 9, the bus driver REYNALDO DE JESUS ALVAREZ, was accused of being a guerrilla collaborator and was also killed by the paramilitaries in the same place as Gilma Rosa. On Friday April 12, another driver OSIEL MONTOYA was killed in the same place by the paramilitaries. On Tuesday, April 16 at 10:30 p.m. GONZALO TREJOS was killed at his home in Apartadó, because he also drove supplies to San Jose. On the weekend of May 18 a fourth driver was murdered, this man previously screened and ‘approved’ by the armed actors as a neutral party. Not only is the ability of the community to obtain food and

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You Can Designate Calendar Money For a Peace Corps Partnership—by Rose Ann Scott

If you are a member of the RPCV of Madison WI you may apply $1,000 of the 2002 calendar money toward a Peace Corps Partnership. Just pick a partnership and let Rose Ann Scott know via phone 608.241.0845, e-mail roseannscott@yahoo.com, or in person. Remember the PCV are waiting, always for too long, for funding for their project. If you can’t figure out which project you would like to support, go on-line and look in depth at the projects, or think of other factors, as development, women, children, volunteer’s state, project country etc. The projects vary daily and you can see them on-line at www.peacecorps.gov/contribute/index.cfm

Bolivia Las Carreras School Library K. Owens NY $990
Cote D’Ivoire Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten School Construction V. Sady CT $7357
Ecuador Casa Comunal Renovation McCann MO $255
Jordan Irbid SOS Children’s Village-Playground Project G. Cabrera VA $6905
Kazakhstan Taraz Educational Assistance B. Hatcher TN $7126
Kenya Kichakasimba Secondary School Girls Scholarships G. Stocco IL $1500
Moldova Chisinau New Generation English Study Camp P. Russell TX $5615
Philippines Environmental Youth Camp C. Langan NM $1064
Philippines Municipality of Maliflog Livelihood Project J. Willers FL $1500
Philippines Isidro Construction of Public Library P. Guadici CA $4270
Philippines Sultao City Science Laboratory Establishment J. Ellerin NH $2000
Russia Far East Khoroi English and Technology Project R. Buck TX $8323
Togo Guerin-Kouka Community Library S. Doutriaux MA $3050
Tonga Tu’anuku Primary School Photocopy Machine M. Hsu CA $330
Tonga Youth Center Fit for a Kingdom J. Morin FL $3450
Ukraine Nationwide Ukrainian Community Action Network K. Jeffers OR $10660
Ukraine Poltava Oblast Camp Haditch and Lubny C. Del Vecchio FL $4825
Ukraine Rivne Orphanage Insulations K. Edly MI $3445

The following are upcoming WI PCV projects: Haiti Fonblan School Supply Project William Koller WI $8365
Nicaragua Tanya Zstorow

The Rivne Orphanage in the Ukraine is receiving $5,000 as a result of being selected by Phyllis Noble, Judy Miner, Tom Brown, Jo Seiser and Alyson Carr. Ken Coffeen has selected projects in Jordan and Haiti, each receiving $500. Troy Rutter selected a Bolivian School Library, Prudence Barber selected an Ecuadorian Communal Renovation and Haitian School Supply Program, Rose Ann Scott a children’s village in Jordan, Pat Halpin Kenyan Scholarships, Rochelle Geodon a Library in Togo, and Walt Zeltzer the Zastrow project in Nicaragua. Total donated $11,990.

Peace Corps Partnerships have been selected for the donation of $44,000 from the 2002 calendars. Peace Corps provides oversight of the donations with no administrative charges. There is community involvement required with each project. The money assists Peace Corps Volunteers all over the globe. Quarterly reports are provided by the PCV. PCP provides a way of donating that reinforces the goals of our group and calendar.

We have received the following reports. The Guibermorua Library Project, Ivory Coast was completed 4/02 and sent a final report. The Maubumba Maternity Ward Construction, Zambia and the San Marcos de Colon Training Center, Honduras sent quarterly reports. The reports may be seen at monthly meetings.
Peace Corps News

Ceremonies to Mark Peace Corps' Closing of Programs in the Baltic States

Washington, D.C., June 17, 2002—After ten years of partnership with the people of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, the Peace Corps will commemorate the programs' closures with ceremonies this week.

"The closure of these programs has been planned for several years, reflecting each country's impressive success during the transition from Communist rule to democratic government and open economies," said Gaddi Vasquez, Director of the Peace Corps. To celebrate the occasion, each country will have a ceremonial closing of post: Latvia's ceremony will occur June 19, Estonia's takes place June 20 and Lithuania will hold its ceremony June 21. About 200 returned volunteers, current volunteers and their co-workers and former staff are expected to participate in these ceremonies.

Prime Minister Slim Kallas of Estonia and Prime Minister Aladris Berzins of Latvia will be the key note speakers at their respective ceremonies. Minister of Education Monkevicius will represent the government of Lithuania. Judy Van Rest, Regional Director for Europe, Mediterranean, and Asia, will represent the Peace Corps at each of these ceremonies.

The programs in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania were started in 1992, shortly after formal independence from the Soviet Union was completed. These were the first of the former Soviet Republics to invite Peace Corps volunteers to be involved in their transition. A total of 555 people served as volunteers in the three countries: 198 in Latvia, 194 in Lithuania, and 163 in Estonia. The volunteers worked as TEFL teachers and as advisors to small enterprise development centers and in non-governmental organizations.

First Group of Peace Corps Volunteers Bound for East Timor

Washington, DC, June 18, 2002—The first group of Peace Corps volunteers to serve in the newly-independent nation of East Timor, formerly part of the island nation of Indonesia, will depart June 19 from Washington D.C. The nineteen volunteers, who have all recently finished a two-year Peace Corps assignment in another country, will spend the next year helping to establish a Peace Corps presence in East Timor and set up foundations for sustainable development projects.

East Timor is the 136th country in the world to invite the United States government to send American Peace Corps volunteers to live and work in their country.
Calendar of Events

July 11 - Thursday, General Meeting @ the Memorial Union (outside on the terrace if it's nice, inside in the Ratherskellar if it's not)

July 18 - Thursday, RPCVs Guff. From 5 p.m. Memorial Union Terrace

Aug. 2 - Friday, General Meeting, Potluck!, and Calendar Unveiling; fr. c.6:00; location as yet unknown (to volunteer, phone Brad, 242-9573).

Aug. 3 - Saturday, Atwood Summerfest (Atwood Ave., near the Barrymore)

Aug. 6 - Tuesday, 7:00pm, World Youth Choir at Luther Memorial Church

Aug. 15 - Thursday, RPCVs Guff. From 5 p.m. The Harmony, 2201 Atwood Ave.

Sept 13 - Fri Calendar Packing Party. 7 p.m. Alan Weiner's warehouse, 7182 Hwy 14, #1010; 831-3554

Sept 15 - Sunday, Willy St. Fair (on Williamson St., c.900 block)

Sept 19—Thursday, RPCVs Guff. From 5 p.m. Memorial Union Terrace