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APRIL 17 (11:00 – 1:30) – ANNUAL RPCV BRUNCH AT COLISEUM BAR

Hi All,

As will be mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, Kristy Torres has agreed to be our new newsletter editor. However, we have had a number of glitches arise in the process of trying to put together her first newsletter. With her going on vacation, I have tried to take what we have to date and put it into a reasonable format. (When she printed out what she had for me, it came to 29 or so pages with limited formatting and a lot of white space. Any information that had been in a text box had simply disappeared, including the mailing information on the back page.) As a result, I will try to include the bare bones information that we have been waiting for, but don’t expect to see many of the little things that make the newsletter look nice and make it easier to read. There are significant limits to my knowledge and capabilities with these programs.

One of the things that may happen as part of the newsletter editor transfer is that we may need to purchase one or two computer programs for Kristy to use. Her requirements should be clearer once she returns and starts working on the next newsletter.

You should note two dates in particular for April. The Annual Brunch is on the 17th (see below). The monthly business meeting follows on the 20th. This is the business meeting at which we will consider the donation requests for various causes that have been received to date. With that, I will sign off and let you catch up with the things that have been going on.

With best wishes, especially to my boss who let me take some time to massage this newsletter,

Walt Zeltner

RPCV Brunch
The annual RPCV Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, 11:00 – 1:30, at the Coliseum Bar (formerly Jingle’s), approx. $11.00 per person. Open to all RPCVs and their families. Heather Hempel is coordinating. You can RSVP to Heather’s e-mail address (Heather.Hempel@mattel.com) or give her a call (843-3973). We need decorations from country of service, so please bring them along!
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Calendar Unveiling Party/General Meeting
Please mark your calendars for June 11th (Saturday). That is the date we are going to have a combined General Meeting and Calendar Unveiling Party. It will be at the home of Tom Brodd and it will be a Potluck/Bar-B-Que. The grill will be lit at 5 PM and we will eat about 5:30 PM and then have a short meeting to thank everyone who helps with the calendar.
Calendar News

International Festival at the Overture Center...
Thanks to everyone who helped out at the International Festival at the Overture Center on Sunday, Feb. 13th. Thanks to Pat Halpin, Sharon Isensee, Ken Coffeen, Badger State Games Gold medal speed skater Karl Stark (Congrats to Karl!), first time volunteer Delores Liamba (welcome back and thanks for jumping in and volunteering!), Eileen Harrington (pulling a triple shift...triple thanks!), Dan Schneider and Margot Kennard. We had a great table on the second floor of the main lobby where we enjoyed the sights and sounds from the stage below. People were still buying calendars in February...sold almost 60. Thanks everyone. Troy Rutter

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

SEARCH FOR YOUR PICS...!
Hello fellow RPCVs, My name is Jason Gordon (Moldova 2002-04) and I am looking for photo contributions for a large coffee-table style photo book featuring photographs taken by PCVs all over the world. If you would like to contribute, please send a selection of your best photographs ASAP email to jegger79@yahoo.com or via snail mail at Jason Gordon 7815 McCallum Blvd., Apt. 17206 > Dallas, TX 75252. Please include your name, country of service, years of service, and a brief caption with each photograph. If sending digital, please be sure the images are 300dpi or higher. If published, a significant amount of the revenue from the book sales will go to support Peace Corps projects worldwide. Thank you.

Regards,

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Brazil Pics
Our cover photographer for 2005, David Whitman has sent an e-mail to share some of his other outstanding photos and an essay about "yellow" Brazil to share. Please check it out... http://homepage.mac.com/beijo.

Financial Summary (as of 3/1/05)

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Minutes from RPCVW – Madison Business Meetings at the Union
(with limited editing by temporary editor)

January 19, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Upcoming Important Dates:
Freeze for Food 1/22 at Vilas Park, 11am to help volunteer
Photo review for calendar 1/23 at the Red Gym media room 7-9 PM
2nd showing of calendar photos 1/30 at the Red Gym Media Room 1-4 PM

Important Updates from Participants at Meeting:
Lee Row is off to Niger for an APCD job.
Kristy Torres is going to be putting together the newsletter.
Marc Brand had an idea that there should be a RPCV speaker bank. He would be willing to co-coordinate it. Perhaps a full-time student could help him coordinate. Then if groups of high schools or senior centers were looking for speakers, they could have a bank of volunteers who were interested ready to go. If you are interested please contact Marc. If you are interested in speaking Marc is having a Peace Corps Day on Friday March 4, 2005 and is looking for speakers so the students at his high school can learn a bit more about Peace Corps.
Sarah Anderson suggested that there is a new charter school with an international theme opening in Janesville that might be interested in speakers.
John Lee was not at the meeting. Rick was suggesting that perhaps the Cardinal Bar fundraiser might be a good place for his project to raise funds.
History was provided that in the past the Cardinal Bar fundraiser was a potluck where people paid to enter the Cardinal and eat the potluck foods and the proceeds went to a direct relief project. It typically made around $500-750.
Troy put together a great calendar of yearly events in RPCV Madison.
Heather and Sarah Anderson volunteered to help coordinate the family brunch with Colleen O'Dell from the Peace Corps Office in Minnesota.
There were some suggestions to possibly have meetings at other locations such as a bar.
We would like to offer free membership to anyone new to the group or wanting to get back involved. We could send out a newsletter. We are really looking to open the group up and find areas for everyone to get involved.
Mariko Lin sent out an email to people who are UW students and are interested in a group about reverse culture shock.
Ria mentioned the Returned Peace Corps Group of Milwaukee have a list serve and a social event each month and possibly this is something we could copy.
The monthly dinners started this month and about 20 people went and it was a success. More info coming up on the next dinner.

Tsunami Relief Efforts:
There was substantial conversation about how to go about this. Some emails had been circulating between RPCVs of Madison but not everyone had the information. Some people wanted to pay out some small amount such as $500 and some people were talking about substantial donations of five to ten thousand dollars.
There was a suggestion that the $6000 that was pointed to go to NPCA in 2003, that was never spent could be redirected for Tsunami relief.
Others commented that a lot of money is going to Tsunami relief and perhaps other places should be getting funds. Max said he heard the statistic that over 300,000 people have died in Africa since the Tsunami of famine, AIDS and other illnesses.

Marc wondered if we had more direct connections if we could send some nominal amounts now. Are there people with personal connections?

Max has a friend from Spain working on Tsunami relief.

Walt was saying we need to put an upper limit. In theory we have money. We would have to approve it going to the Tsunami relief.

After much discussion the following Motion: A request for Tsunami relief and development proposals for the February 1st, newsletter deadline should go as follows: RFP for Tsunami relief with a maximum of $1000 per group with a total up to $5000. The Proposal must be submitted to the newsletter. It will be voted at the meeting after the newsletter. The group will consider funds in the future as well for funds that aren't dispersed in the next few meetings.

Tom, our treasurer, suggested many of those organizations are getting a lot now, but maybe we need to make a long term plan. We could even make it a fund where money is put aside for this particular area.

How can we support SARVODAYA in Sri Lanka, since we have a local connection. Could this be one of the proposals?

We often don't donate to big organizations. How can we find the on the ground people helping.

February 16, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Important Updates from Participants at Meeting:

Habitat for Humanity is sending a group to Kyrgyzistan and is asking for funds for materials. More info in March. Two leaders are PC applicants. Will talk to Damian for advice.

Discussion on Membership. A discussion of how the group can be more inclusive. At this point the only criteria is membership of $15. At this point the benefits of membership are you get a discount on the calendar, a vote at meetings, and a choice of where funds should be directed. There was a discussion of the newsletter and people seemed to think it was still important to keep a paper copy as well as the electronic one. If we are going to use Bulk mailing we need at least 200 newsletters to go out. Sarah, Laura, Tom and Brad are going to get together to discuss this issue more to present to group, so it is clear the difference between a paying member and a social member. A new group list serve will be organized in the coming months and it looks like both groups of people will be invited: the social and the paying members. Laura has volunteered to manage the list. We could add something to the website that decides the difference between dues paying and social members. There was much discussion on how things used to be and what direction we want the group to go. If you are interested in contributing to this conversation about membership please contact sarahga@rocketmail.com.

There was a brief discussion of how people should contact Burt to get things up on the website.

Walt has updated the How to Request Donation from Calendar Money which is updated annually as new issues come up. This link answers questions for people filling out the proposal.

NPCA: Anyone want to be a point person for NPCA? We need a liaison between the group and NPCA. Rick needs help with all of the correspondence from them.

Brad explains the new Grant Application for NPCA to RPCV Madison. Instead of in years past the RPCVS of WI giving 10% of funds from calendar to the NPCA without any restrictions and not knowing where it was going, Brad suggests they fill out a proposal. The proposal passed by a unanimous vote with one abstention. The proposal is explained below, following the minutes.

Newsletter is coming out and one will come out right after it.

Calendar money should pay for the liability insurance for the treasurer. This was approved.
No Cardinal Bar benefit this year. Thursday March 3rd send off for new volunteers at the union from 7-9 PM. Contact Colleen O'Dell at codell@peacecorps.gov for more info.

Columbia Support Network is hosting a weekend event March 10-12. If you can offer your Spanish translating skills, please contact Max Ashwill at greatestspirit@hotmail.com.

2 of the Tsunami proposals are from the Friends of Thailand. They will be in next newsletter. An advocate came to speak on behalf of those proposals. Please read: one computer lab and one school scholarships. A question came up about the education fund. It seems in the past this fund was specifically kept separate because the money had come from NPCA and should have been used for the 3rd goal of education back in the states. For many years it was not used, but then the past three years it was used and has no more money. There was a proposal that money continue to be put aside for education here. Please check Feb. newsletter for more information. Possibly $1000 a year could be used.

March 17, 2005 Meeting Minutes

We viewed slides presented by Jane Furchgott, from the Richland Center Santa Teresa, Nicaragua Sister City Project. We funded this project as one of our giftaways last year from the calendar proceeds. Melissa Kaltenbach requested, and it was unanimously approved, to maintain the fund for Global Education Projects. Current funding level is set at $1,200/year. People can approach the fund two times/year for funding requests. We also discussed the possibility of creating an annual fund for the program discussed in the next paragraph, similar to the way we support the "Freeze for Food" project.

Further, we approved funding Madison's Around the World Children's Fair, to be held on 4/30/05, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Warner Park Recreation/Community Center. Katie Kincaid, Assoc. Director of WUD, was present at the meeting to outline the project and request for funds.

Robert Cowell (RPCV Philippines, '68-71), and a previous RPCV WI-Madison president, came to present more information about the proposal he has submitted for the Tsunami Relief Proposal. He and his family lived and worked in Sri Lanka. During that time, they became acquainted with and helped found the Kandy Children's Center (KCC) in Sri Lanka. He explains that orphans/street kids who do not have a permanent address are denied access to public services. KCC provides them with a permanent address. A women's development center, part of the KCC, has absorbed the Children's Center into their program. Since the tsunami, there has been a high influx of women/kids, resulting in a need for additional funding. Robert will provide a more complete report at the April meeting, but is requesting $1,000, to supplement a contribution his own family is making to the center. The monies would be used for maintenance and on-going expenses at the center. The center is also funded by the Presbyterian church.

Brad, Sara, Laura and Tom met after the February meeting to discuss the listserver. They decided on an open listserve, which Laura will begin to create with the current member e-mail addresses and she volunteers to manage. A link could be put on our RPCV website, for people to join the listserve. Dues-paying members would have the right to: 1) a printed newsletter, 2) a calendar price discount, 3) Grant proposal sponsorship and 4) voter rights. They are also proposing the idea of creating a quarterly newsletter, instead of our current monthly issue. Between the quarterly newsletter, members would receive a monthly postcard, bulleting important issues that will be on the agenda at the monthly business meeting.

Discussion regarding dues payments, needs to be changed so that all members pay at the same time of year, to revolve around the same month and the fiscal year (Sept.). Dues would be paid on a pro-rated basis for those joining in the middle of the year.
RPCV Group-Building Grant Application (for NPCA Grants)

2005 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 proposals 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 proposal 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 and guidelines:

1. As an organization founded by RPCV's, 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, unless such funds are directed to a specific project the RPCV-Madison group deems appropriate.
5. Grants are not usually made to support operating expenses, general administrative expenses, or travel expenses.
6. Grant proposals will be accepted once a year.
7. The deadline for grant proposals is March 1st of the year in which that proposal is submitted, except for the year 2005, in which the deadline will be September 1.
8. The amount of grant funds available in a given year will depend on the sales volume of the International Calendar from that year. Based on history, grant proposals should not exceed a total in a given year of $5,000-$10,000.
9. An evaluation report on the previous year's grant (if awarded) must be submitted before any new grant proposal will be considered.
10. 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 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, please include a detailed financial statement from the previous operating year.
24th Annual FREEZE FOR FOOD Final Report
First, a big huge thank you to all of the volunteers that helped out again with the FFF. This year was far from perfect, but hey, nobody got hurt. Mike Read continues his run of 24 consecutive years of volunteering at the FFF, and Rich Christopherson, to the best of my knowledge, ran again for the 24th year in a row. A big thanks again to Rick and Masako for hosting the post-race party.
This year was not as lucrative as previous years in terms of fundraising. The weather was a bit intimidating, with 6-10 inches of fresh blowing snow on the ground and temperatures in the teens. It was hard to get out of the house, never mind run 5 or 10K. I don't know how Mike Read made it from his house out in the country. However, this is the Freeze for Food, and we had over 70 runner/walkers brave the conditions and raise monies for Colombian refugees. This is a low number of runners, and actually is our second year in a row with low numbers of participants. I attribute most of that to environmental conditions.
This year we raised $1364 for the people of San Jose de Apartado. It was a typical run in terms of average contribution per runner at $19/runner. The previous high was $33/runner in 2004.
This year I figure Rick and I put in probably 25 hours of work, and had an average of 4 hours help from about 25 volunteers. That is a total of 125 volunteer hours. We had revenues of $1364, but had expenses of $688.63, which was covered by calendar funds. So overall we had income of $1364 on 125 hours of time, which is about $10.91 per hour. In previous years, our time has been worth over $15/hour.
We could use a bit more organization and publicity going into the Jan 21, 2006 Freeze For Food. We will have a brief meeting for interested parties in June 2005. This will be the 25th Anniversary of the FFF run, so let's do good work! Anyone interested in getting in on the ground floor of a great event, let me know via email or phone.
Peter J. Joyce at 245-0626 or peterjoyce@sbcglobal.net

From the Desk of Melissa Kaltenbach
I would like to make a motion, and for it to be voted on at the next meeting, if possible, to maintain $1,200 into the Global Education fund annually. I believe this fund has done a great job in supporting the Peace Corps third goal/mission of helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of all Americans. We have funded, for example, the Around the World Children's Fair, mentioned below, for the past 3 years. A few additional educational groups have been able to use these funds and I would like to see that the funding continue to be there for future events.

World Children's Fair
Hello! My name is Katie Kincaid, and I am currently coordinating the 3rd annual Around the World Children's Fair. This year, the fair will be held at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center on Saturday, April 30th from 1-5 p.m. The WUD Global Connections Committee has appreciated your participation in the past, and we would like to invite you to be a co-sponsor again for this year's fair!
The Fair is a carnival for children ages 4-12 with representatives from UW and Madison-area cultural groups who will be set up at the tables. Organizations in the past have used games, arts and crafts, music, performances, dance, storytelling and athletics to teach children about their culture. Some specific examples include Tae Kwon Do, Bolivian dancing, a soccer clinic and African storytelling.

When: 4/30/05, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Where: Warner Park Recreation Center

Buses will be running between the Memorial Union and Warner Park every hour to pick up volunteers and participants of the fair.
Once again, the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers information will be on all of our publicity, and you will have a table at the fair. Every year, your activity has been a huge hit!
RPCV Get-Together Dinners
Do you enjoy ethnic foods and getting together with RPCVs in the Madison area for a night out? Please join us, then, as we gather on approximately a monthly basis at one of our local restaurants. This winter, we have met at Sai Bai Thong, Taj Indian Restaurant and are scheduled to meet 3/22/05 at Laredo's-East, 7:00 p.m. I realize that this newsletter will be released after this get-together, but in case you're interested in the next one, you can contact Anne Bentley at akbentley@wisc.edu. Join us for some good food and plenty of chat!!

Kudos to One of Our Own...!!
Dean Mahon, one of our RPCV group members(Cameroon), was recently named Senior Director of International Operations at Trickle Up, an international nonprofit organization which helps support the start-up or expansion of more than 129,000 microenterprises and assists over a half million of the world's lowest income entrepreneurs in a total of 120 countries. Trickle Up currently works in 14 countries in Africa, Asia, the Americas and the U.S. Dean Mahon, who is fluent in basic Spanish and French, is an expert in the field of applied economics and holds a Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin in Development Policy and Public Administration.

RPCV Summer Campout - June 4
Daylight lingers longer, the sun seems stronger and the campout is getting closer. Mark Saturday, June 4, on your calendar and enjoy one of the best vacation spots Wisconsin has to offer.

We already have group campsite 206 reserved at Yellowstone Lake State Park (reservation# 1-710304). This park is located 40 miles south of Madison in the driftless area of southwestern Wisconsin. The park ranger told me to take Hwy. 151 towards Mt. Horeb. By Mt. Horeb, take 78 south to Blanchardville. Continue on 78 through downtown Blanchardville to Cnty F. Turn right on County F. Be careful as there are 2 county roads F. Look for the entrance to the park on the left.

This 968 acre state park offers a lot! You can enjoy miles of hiking trails and an additional 455 acre lake for swimming, fishing, canoeing and beach lounging. Don't forget to enjoy a "real" cone at the Dairy Restaurant overlooking the east end of the lake.

Bring a dish to pass at our potluck dinner late Saturday afternoon. All vehicles entering state parks are required to display a WI state park sticker. Other than that, your campsite cost is only $2.00 per adult/$1 per child. Start your summer off by enjoying this outdoor activity with friends and family. Children will especially love it! Questions or comments...call Terry Stark at (608) 233-9140 or e-mail me at terry.stark@dot.state.wi.us. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

How to Request a Donation from Calendar Proceeds

As sales of our International Calendar wind down in mid- to late-February, the committee that oversees calendar production and marketing determines how much of the money made from sales of the calendar will be available for donations to worthy projects. That committee sets aside enough funds to cover estimated printing and marketing costs for the upcoming calendar and makes the rest of the proceeds available for donations. In each of the past two years, $70,000 has been set aside for donations from sales of the calendar.

Our present approach for making donations is: 1) 10% of the amount available for donations is set aside for possible use by the National Peace Corps Association for specific projects that we approve; 2) $10,000 is set aside to cover the up-front costs of running the Freeze for Food benefit race (about $700) and to fund worthy projects suggested by our members; and 3) the remaining funds are used to support Peace Corps Partnership (PCP) projects, with each member having the opportunity to award $1,000 total to a project (or split among projects) specified by that member until all the remaining funds are dispersed. PCP donations (third category above) are coordinated by Rose Ann Scott who tries to update the projects available for funding in our newsletters and at meetings. Detailed information about these donations is usually available in the newsletter.

This discussion focuses on the process for submitting a request for a donation to a specific project under the second category above. We are interested in funding educational and self-help development projects, both domestic
(although some of our members will not vote for domestic projects) and out of country, that are consistent with our Peace Corps outlook. Please keep the following considerations in mind if you want to request a donation.

- The request must be sponsored by a dues-paying member of our group.
- Fill out the donation request form available on our Web site (www.rpcvmadison.org). Use only that form! If you have questions about filling out the form, ask me. Be sure to indicate specifically how to get funds to the project (i.e., check, money order, hand carried, etc.). For checks, tell us how to make out the check and the address to which to send the check. We will not send checks overseas. If you need us to send a money order or bank draft, include money to pay for these in your request.
- Donation requests will be considered at our April meeting. If funds remain after this meeting, additional requests for the remaining funds will be considered at our September meeting. If funds still remain after September, a third set of requests will be considered at the January meeting. (But, check the newsletters to see if we have to change the specific month for some reason).
- Donation requests will only be considered if they have been published in our newsletter before the meeting, preferably the issue before the meeting so that people have a chance to consider the request before voting on it. You should send copies of the request to me (either hard copy or e-mail so I can have it for our records; include any additional supporting information you think would be helpful in reaching a decision) and to the newsletter editor (e-mail only and only the first page of the form, please, since this is what will be published).
- If at all possible, plan to attend the meeting at which we consider your request so that you can answer any questions that may arise. Failure to attend the meeting may result in having your request tabled until you can provide further information.
- How much should you request? This is up to you, but realize that we only have about $8,000 available this year and we expect to receive several requests. If you request a donation in April, I would limit the request to $2,000 at most and expect that smaller requests will be more likely to be funded in full. We also look favorably on projects that include matching funds from other sources, including in-kind resources (e.g., labor, supplies, travel, etc.) provided by the project participants.
- Deadline: Requests for funding for consideration at the April 2005 meeting MUST be submitted to the newsletter editor by March 31, 2005. I am no longer in a position to insert requests received after that date into the newsletter.

Also keep in mind:
- We do not fund travel overseas, even for projects that are otherwise approved.
- We generally do not fund relief projects through calendar donations unless there is a large development component to the project. If you feel strongly about submitting money to a relief project, consider organizing a Cardinal Bar Benefit for the project. We love to stage such benefits if we have a good purpose and a willing organizer. Or how about organizing an educational fund-raising event for the entire community? Some of us who have been around for a while can provide some ideas.
- We generally do not fund scholarships in the US or support living expenses for foreigners working in the US.
- A couple of years ago, several people indicated a preference for providing start-up funding to help projects get established, rather than funding projects on an on-going basis. If you request funds, it would be best to consider the funding to be for two years at most.

Feel free to contact me for additional information:

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Funding Requests from Calendar Proceeds

Because of the recent problems associated with preparing and sending the newsletter, we are including both the instructions for submitting proposals for funding from calendar proceeds and eight proposals that have been received to date (most from people who have experience with the funding process). In the interest of fairness, I suggest that the proposals received to date be considered at the April meeting but with a maximum of only $5,000 to be awarded. The remaining funds (up to a total of $8,100 if no awards are made in April) can then be distributed at the September meeting. Please keep this in mind as you consider the following donation requests.

Walt Zeltner – Donations Chair

Project Application – SEWING MACHINE PROGRAM FOR EL PAPALON AND LA POMA

Application Date: March 1, 2005  
Amount Requested: $500  
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Brad Hinkfuss  
Telephone: (608) 242-9573  
Project Location: Chacocente Wildlife Refuge Villages, Santa Teresa, Nicaragua  
Project Sponsor: Jane Furchgott of the Richland Center – Santa Teresa SCP

Project Description:

We ask for $500 to fund a cooperative machine sewing program for the villages of El Papalon and La Poma. A SCP-funded pilot program in two other villages was a great success in 2004. Treadle sewing machines were bought for each community, and a teacher hired for three months to spend one day per week in each village teaching any interested women to use the machines and make clothes. Now some of the former students are very adept and have volunteered to teach, without pay, women in El Papalon and La Poma.

Two new treadle sewing machines will be bought for each of these villages, to be collectively owned for the use of the students. The cost of the program will also include two chairs, machine oil, scissors, measuring tapes, needles, thread, pattern papers, chalk, notebooks, and markers. The students will buy their own cloth. This program represents a step towards independence for the village women. They are able to make clothes more cheaply than buying them at stores, and they can sell clothes in their own communities. Twelve women from Escalante have started a small business selling homemade children’s clothes. Some women bring back cloth from the faraway market town and sell it to other seamstresses.

Project Application – A CONCRETE FLOOR FOR THE NEW LA POMA SCHOOL

Application Date: March 1, 2005  
Amount Requested: $500  
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Brad Hinkfuss  
Telephone: (608) 242-9573  
Project Location: Chacocente Wildlife Refuge Villages, Santa Teresa, Nicaragua  
Project Sponsor: Jane Furchgott of the Richland Center – Santa Teresa SCP

Project Description:

The new 2-room school in La Poma is being finished now and will probably be ready when the Nicaraguan school year begins in February. The community members are building this school. The funds came from the SCP with the help of the RPCV/Madison. Somehow, the careful budget proposal made by the villagers omitted the floor, so for the time being it will just be dirt. We would like the La Poma children to have a real floor in their new school this year. Our budget plan for this year’s programs, with projects chosen by a Commission made up of representatives from all four villages, doesn’t include funds for the floor of the La Poma School. We’re asking for $500 for materials for a concrete floor in the new La Poma School. The construction work will be donated by the community.
Project Application -- COMMUNAL GARDENS WITH FRUIT AND FOREST TREE NURSERIES

Application Date: March 1, 2005
Amount Requested: $725
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Brad Hinkfuss
Telephone: (608) 242-9573
Project Location: Chacocente Wildlife Refuge Villages, Santa Teresa, Nicaragua
Project Sponsor: Jane Furchgott of the Richland Center – Santa Teresa SCP

Project Description:
In the past year, the communal gardens in El Papalon and La Poma have been revived, and the participants have been getting good results using micro-irrigation through gravity flow from large tanks installed above the wells. The water is hand-pumped into these tanks. In 2003, the people opted for individual family gardens, but had trouble with lack of irrigation and domestic animals destroying their unfenced plants. We are asking for $725, which the Sister City Project (SCP) will match, to improve the communal garden program in El Papalon, La Poma, and Escalante. The money will be used for seeds, hoses, wire, tools, pails, seedling sacks, and technical help from agronomist Carlos Martinez. Such things as grafting, composting, and methods of pest and disease control will be taught. Nurseries of fruit trees and native dry forest trees will be started for a reforestation program.
Another purpose of these gardens will be to provide vegetables for the communities’ schoolchildren. This year the Nicaraguan Education Ministry begins a program to provide one meal per day for schoolchildren. The basic grains will be provided, and the village parents will cook the meal. The gardeners will cooperate with this effort by supplying vegetables to improve the children’s nutrition.

Project Application – HEALTH POST CONSTRUCTION FOR ESCALANTE HEALTH PROMOTERS

Application Date: March 1, 2005
Amount Requested: $500
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Brad Hinkfuss
Telephone: (608) 242-9573
Project Location: Chacocente Wildlife Refuge Villages, Santa Teresa, Nicaragua
Project Sponsor: Jane Furchgott of the Richland Center – Santa Teresa SCP

Project Description:
We are asking for $500 for the materials to build a small health post (clinic) for the Escalante community health promoters. These four women are part of a SCP program to train several women in each village in natural medicine. They studied at a school in Esteli, and have been receiving training from a local herbalist and doctor for about three years. Using plants from the Chacocente dry forest and home-grown herbs, as well as purchased herbs and bases, they make medicines, salves, medicated shampoos, and soaps, which they sell locally at low prices. The clinics are open two days per week for consultations. They also visit the sick, collect health data, and provide education on health issues in their communities. Although the promoters in the other three villages already have small clinics funded by the SCP, these energetic and well-organized Escalante promoters still work out of a plastic-lined enclosure in someone’s storage barn. Their new building was planned for 2004, but health budget overruns kept it from being built. The new one-room health post will have a concrete floor and foundation, with wood walls and a corrugated metal roof. The construction will be done by the Escalante community members.
Project Application – BUILDING AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CENTER

Application Date: January 1, 2005
Amount Requested: $750
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Steve Elmore
Telephone: No number listed
Project Location: Selenge Aimag, Mongolia
Project Sponsor: Clare Vogel – Mongolia PCV at 10 Year School,

Project Description:

To compliment Zuur Buren’s new school renovation, the English faculty and “English Club” are beginning to collect resources for a new language center inside the English classroom. However, the classroom first needs much equipment to accommodate the books and magazines. With this grant money, the school would purchase audio equipment and learning tapes/CDs, new shelves, tables and chairs, and a new chalkboard. The center will benefit roughly 125 current English students, members of the English Club, faculty, and community members. It will be maintained by English Club officers, future PCVs and the staff.

Project Application – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – UW STUDENT SERVICE TRIP

Application Date: March 9, 2005
Amount Requested: $900
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Damian Wampler
Telephone: (608) 262-1121
Project Location: Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
Project Sponsor: Brandon Braithwaite (Masters International Candidate at UW)

Project Description:

A group of 14 students from the UW-Madison student chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be traveling to Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic from May 18 – June 3, 2005. We will help other volunteers in this area build homes that are extremely necessary. As a group, we are trying to give of ourselves, apply knowledge outside the classroom, and gain a broader understanding of humanity and the world we live in.

Three of the trip members, including the trip leader, are currently in the process to become Peace Corps Volunteers. The three of us are asking for assistance to cover the $300 per person material fee. This is a total of $900 that will go directly towards building materials on-site.
Project Application – **YEGOO: A BI-LINGUAL MAGAZINE OF DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND INTER-CULTURAL LEARNING**

Application Date: February 1, 2005  
Amount Requested: $2,000  
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Margot Kennard  
Telephone: 608-255-7539  
Project Location: U.S./Senegal  
Project Sponsor: Leita Kaldi/Erik Vickstrom, Africa Consultants International

**Project Description:**

Africa Consultants International (ACI) in Dakar, Senegal respectfully requests $2,000 to distribute Yegoo, its review of development, health and inter-cultural learning, to 1,000+ PCVs in Senegal, RPCVs in the United States, local non-governmental organizations, tourists and American university foreign exchange students of ACI's language and cultural programs. (Please see www.acibaobab.org.) Yegoo was first published quarterly in 1996 under the name Orange Light. It is produced by unpaid interns, writers, photographers, artists and ACI support staff. Because current revenues cover less than half the costs of production and distribution, Yegoo is now published twice a year. While ACI seeks advertising and other means of support, RPCVs of Madison are requested to provide funds for mailing two issues of Yegoo in 2005 to its subscribers who count on the magazine to deepen their experience and understanding of American and Senegalese cultures.

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Project Application – **KICKAPOO/GUATEMALA ACCOMPANIMENT PROJECT – HEALTH CLINIC SUPPORT**

Application Date: March 24, 2005  
Amount Requested: $2,000  
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Sheila Przesmicki  
Telephone: No number given  
Project Location: Nueva Esperanza, Chacula, Guatemala  
Project Sponsor: Connie Vanderhyden, K/GAP

**Project Description:**

K/GAP has had a human rights presence in the returned refugee village of Nueva Esperanza, Chacula, Guatemala, since 1994. In addition, we have created a scholarship fund for high school students to continue their education outside of the community, since there is no high school in the village. We visit the community yearly and over the last 5 years several local doctors have traveled with our delegations and have worked in the health clinic during their visits to Chacula.

As a result of these connections, we have initiated a fund to support the health clinic staff, in order to enable the clinic to be open 5 days a week. The clinic in Chacula serves many outlying communities as well and is seen as an important healthcare center in the region. For two years, the RPCV-Madison has helped us with a grant for this purpose and we are asking for another grant to assist us in continuing to support Chacula in this important effort. In our recent visit to the community in January, it was very clear that the community is very grateful for the support.(See enclosed newsletter article.) The health clinic is a vital part of the community and community members know they can now receive care regularly. We have appreciated collaborating with the RPCV-Madison and hope to continue to count on your support. K/GAP will try to match a grant of $1,500-$2,000, to enable the clinic in Chacula to remain open and available throughout the year of 2006.
Tsunami Relief Proposals

Project Application – SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE ORPHANS OF BAN BANG SAK SCHOOL

Application Date: February 3, 2005
Amount Requested: $1,000
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Larry Nahlik
Telephone: (608) 274-6870
Project Title: SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE ORPHANS OF BAN BANG SAK SCHOOL
Project Sponsor: Carolyn Nickels-Cox of the Friends of Thailand

Project Description:
Friends of Thailand (FoT), the alumni group for RPCVs-Thailand, is sponsoring the re-building of two schools in Phang Nga Province, Southern Thailand. Ban Bang Sak School was leveled by the tsunami December 26, 2004. 148 children were left homeless and lost one or both parents. FoT has established Project Restore, which includes a scholarship fund for the orphans, and a plan to re-build the computer lab at Ban Bang Sak School. More details on these and other project activities are available at http://friendsofthailand.org/friendsofthailand/FoTNews/crisis/schoolproject/main.html.

Our goal for assisting Ban Bang Sak School is to raise at least $50,000 to guarantee that 20 orphans will be able to attend school for the next ten years. A scholarship fund for each student will be established, which will provide $250 per year to cover the cost of school fees, uniforms, and books.

Project Application – RE-BUILD COMPUTER LAB AT BAN BANG SAK SCHOOL

Application Date: February 3, 2005
Amount Requested: $1,000
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Larry Nahlik
Telephone: (608) 274-6870
Project Title: RE-BUILD COMPUTER LAB AT BAN BANG SAK SCHOOL
Project Sponsor: Carolyn Nickels-Cox of the Friends of Thailand

Project Description:
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This request is specifically for $1,000 to go into the $17,000 budget to re-build the computer lab.
Project Application – TSUNAMI RELIEF IN INDONESIA

Application Date: February 1, 2005
Amount Requested: Equal Share
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Maximillian Ashwill
Telephone: (608) 222-3006
Project Title: TSUNAMI RELIEF IN INDONESIA
Project Sponsor: Cesar Morata in Taman Pelajar Aceh Jogyakarta

Project Description:

The project is immediate relief for Java, a small island in southwestern Indonesia, that was nearly swallowed whole by the waves from the tsunami. Right now, hunger is the most pressing issue in Java, due to destruction of crops, a poor and inconsistent transportation infrastructure, and the underlying lack of hard currency. Major NGOs and other relief agencies are thinly spread throughout Asia and have not reached many remote areas like the island of Java. RPCV funds would be directed to a local committee consisting of descendants of the island, that have come back to aid their families as best they can. They have the desire, but lack the resources to be as effective as they would like. A few international volunteers are helping on the island. One of which is a personal friend of mine (and how I found out about Java) and he promised to make sure that any donation will be used effectively and efficiently. This is a good opportunity to immediately help the people most in need by avoiding the bureaucratic channels of large NGOs.

Project Application – TSUNAMI RELIEF FOR THE KANDY WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Application Date: March 6, 2005
Amount Requested: $1,000
RPCV-Madison Sponsor: Dr. Robert Cowell
Telephone: (608) 231-1694
Project Title: TSUNAMI RELIEF FOR THE KANDY WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
Project Sponsor: Mrs. Pearl Stephen, 127 D.S. Senanayake Veediya, Kandy, Sri Lanka

Project Description:

The RPCV-Madison group has previously given a grant to the Kandy Children’s Centre for the support of orphaned street kids who cannot get governmental assistance and education without an official sponsor and a permanent address. Partly due to this support, the KCC has since been expanded into the Women’s Development Centre, the purpose of which is to improve the training and income generating potential of women in Sri Lankan society, crisis intervention for women and child victims of violence, health care awareness, rehabilitation of disabled children, and facilitating the sponsorship of orphaned and street children (along with health care and education).

Since the tsunami, the Centre has been caring for the children of the poorest of the poor and low income families who lost everything in the catastrophe. The international community has provided much needed aid to immediately address the disaster; however, the on-going needs of the Centre to help disaster victims will go on long after the media have grown tired of reporting it, the pledges from nations fail to materialize, and the public loses interest.
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