Freeze For Food 10 K Run & 5 K Run/Walk
Saturday, January 23, To Benefit Colombian Refugees 5K Run/Walk at Noon & 10K Run at 1:00pm
Volunteers needed starting at 11:00 am Please call me before the 23rd so we can plan in advance.

We have indoor and outdoor volunteer tasks. Remember this is your Opportunity for Community Satisfac-
tion.

The FFF has raised over $28,000 to date (small change compared to the calendar, but still more than lunch money) and the Colombian refugees are interested in whatever we can raise.

The traditional FFF chili and Potluck will be at the home of Mike McQuisten and Liliana Manfredi, 2210 Hollister Street, 238-5458. We need volunteers to help cook too!!

So three ways to help
1. Sponsor someone; donate money
2. Go ahead and run (walk), it's a great race
3. Call me up and volunteer to help (249-8573)
4. All of the above!

Thanks for your participation,
Pete
This year's FFF Coordinator

Mensage del Presidente

Your pardon, please, but I haven't a sermon topic. I've mulled for several days, and can think of nothing relevant and uplifting to say. Priests must have this problem often, but I presume they stash away sermons in advance, or buy from professionals. No such luck for presidents of this group, so I'll natter, instead.

For those worried about a personal computer crash on Jan. 1, 2000, here's my own sneaky solution: I'm gonna lie to my computer about which year it is. The last time everything was just as it will be in 1999/2000 was in 1971/1972. So, in late 1999, I intend to tell my computer it's really 1971. Nothing else will change re. day of the week vs. date in the month, and 1972, like 2000, is a leap year beginning on Saturday. I'll be OK for at least 4 years (see the World Almanac's "Perpetual Calendar."). Of course, returning to 1971 may make you shudder, or else everyone could be wrong, and it's the paper records that will go up in smoke at the millennium, not the hard drives.

Adventures: Peter Joyce suggests that our Summer Camping Trip in June this year be at Devil's Lake Park, with rock climbing for those who want! Peter has rope, carabiners, etc., and skills to teach the tyros. Yummy.

And let's canoe the Kickapoo River in July. It's a beautiful quiet river with lots of dells (cliff rock) and no casinos, and it's long enough that it'd take us 3 years to use it up.

And, should we return to actually cooking pigs (actually piglets) at the Pig Roast? A number of people said YES at this last Pig Roast, and I'm in favor, for sure. But piglets are harder to find than you'd think. They're not really handy for purchase in my neighbors' backyards, like they used to be.

I've been studying the dissolution of the English monasteries under Henry VIII and his agent, Thomas Cromwell. (Kenneth Starr reminds me of Thomas Cromwell.) In just 4 years (March 1536 to 1540), almost every single monastery was destroyed, its inhabitants were dispersed, and the libraries were trashed for scrap paper. The single largest disaster in English literary history. The result of avaricious tyranny, unopposed. I walk around furious, thinking of this. Not the most perfect preparation for Christmas! I hope you're having sweeter thoughts.

...Buck
**World Roots**

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January proposals are here. Please review the Newsletter and we will see you at the Union!

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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)

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Date of Birth: (Optional - M/D/Y) __________________________

The RPCV’s of Wisconsin are an active bunch, and there’s always a need for new blood. If you are willing to be called to help, please let us know:

- [ ] I might be interested in doing something, but would like additional information first. Call me.

Send completed form & check to:

RPCV’s of Wisconsin - Madison
P.O.Box 1012
Madison, WI 53701
Treasurer’s Column

Membership dues are due.

Treasurers Report November 1998

Calendar balance 18941.85
Sales 25725.32
Interest 185.82
UPS -500.78
USPS -32.10
Sept labor -59.33
Oct labor -45.77
Phone -41.77
UN ad prep -158.50
Chamber of Commerce -55.00
Brochure mailing -380.16
Supplies -89.65
Ending balance 43489.93

Group balance 1674.75
Dues 72.50
Rebate 67.50
World Roots -83.33
World Roots postage -233.11

Ending balance 1498.31

Remember:
Slide Selection for
Calendar 2000 deadline
is February 1st

The hammers and crow bars are still driving me crazy. Not going to have a kitchen for Christmas, maybe somewhat functional by New Years, but it doesn’t matter we are going to the in-laws for dinner. Needless to say our lives have been very hectic with all the extra classes, overtime, construction work and training for our new part time jobs. We do apologize for not seeing the group more often,

I have not forgotten the website; I am placing that on high priority after my finals. If need be, I will start from scratch; I WILL have something tangible to offer soon.

I do appreciate letters/articles from all members either near or far, let us know what you are up to.

When submitting items for our newsletter send, as much as possible, the articles, notices, announcements, etc. via E-mail. I do have Word and Word Perfect.

I also ask that information is sent ASAP to me by January 12. I do realize this is early, but timeliness is important to enable timely delivery to our members. OK, you know who you are NO MORE LATE SUMMATIONS, I might not wait 4 u.

Articles etc. should be sent to
theresaj@tds.net

Or mail a disk to:
W 8407 Davis Rd.
Browntown, WI 53522

Thank you very much for your cooperation on putting “Our” newsletter together!

And, THANK YOU ALL who contributed articles and proposals for this months World Roots!!
Minutes from the 120798 General Meeting
RPCV-Madison Chapter

I recounted 11 members, 3 guests, and 2 delightfully cooperative children. Each recounted an interesting dream they remembered. We approved the minutes of our meeting last month.

TREASURER’S REPORT: See elsewhere in this newsletter for the actual report.

ASIAN CLUB: Roger Garms spoke about a funding request of $2,478.00 for the Asian Club, a mental health prevention project serving the children of southeast Asian refugees. He said that the parents of these children have very high rates of depression and post-traumatic stress because of their past experiences. Their children also are at very high risk for mood disorders and delinquency. The Asian Club supports the children by providing supervised play in a safe environment, a meal and a ride home every Friday night throughout the school year.

The Asian Club is run by three individuals: Sarith Ou, Cambodian community leader and member of the Mental Health Center Board who also spoke at our meeting; Sathin Ou, ESL bilingual specialist at Lake View School; and Roger Garms, a psychologist and expert on post-traumatic stress. The Club is an after school play group in an Asian cultural context which gives the children a place to belong, a chance to be themselves and have a good time after the school week ends.

Questions? Please call Roger Garms at home 244-1154, or at work 241-3733.

FREEZE FOR FOOD! Our respected ex-president PETER JOYCE has 2000 promotional flyers and needs help distributing them to health clubs, sports outlets, shoe stores, etc. Out of town places need to be reached, too. We unanimously approved $720.00 of budget money for this event, as well as about 200 calendars to be given one to each participant in the Freeze as a participation prize. This has been the tradition of past years.

Help will also be needed on Saturday, January 23rd, the day of the run. This benefit is in conjunction with the Colombian Support Network. The money raised will go to supply food, maybe seeds, to a refugee camp in Apartado, Colombia, one of Madison’s sister cities. Contact Peter Joyce (608) 249-8573 with questions or to help.

FAMILY BRUNCH - Is April 11 a good date for the Family Brunch? Is the venue of Jinglies fine with everyone? Comments? Questions? Contact SHEILA PRZESMICKI, (608) 244-6454.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: SOPHIA ZEHMUEHLLEN graciously invited everyone to her home on Saturday, December 12, for the Christmas Party!

DONATION PROPOSALS - are due to WALT SELTMER by December 10th.

Buck proposed that we form a committee, which would meet once (before Christmas), to review the funding proposals and make recommendations. Sophia said it could take place at her house. A sign-up paper was passed.

ROSE ANN discussed the idea that we divide our donations automatically, with a percentage going to Peace Corps Partnership programs, a percentage to the National PC Council, a percentage for local funding proposals, etc. Is this something we want to do?

SLIDES: If you have any slides for the calendar of the year 2000, please get them in to JIM GOOD, Interworks, 116 N. Few, Madison, WI 53703. ph# (608) 251-9045, by February 1, 1999.

SCHOOL OF HOPE: LORETTA WALTON, a current Vista Volunteer, needs volunteers to work with children grades K-5 at Aldo Leopold Elementary School. She is the Volunteer Coordinator working with the Literacy Project, a pilot program in which groups like Vista and America Reads work to increase the reading skills of children. The Literacy Project was initiated by the United Way and the Madison School District. Loretta needs additional volunteers to help out. It could be a terrific way for our group to be involved in the community. Loretta will work around your schedule. You can contact her at (608) 255-3886.

A motion was unanimously passed to donate 50 calendars to Loretta to give as Christmas presents to the volunteers currently helping in the Project.

PLANS FOR THE YEAR: Do we want to have the Cardinal Bar fundraiser next year? When? In February? Should it benefit victims of Hurricane Mitch?

Should we have a camping trip to Wyalusing State Park? Or to Devil’s Lake? White Mound Park?

Anybody interested in a canoeing trip on the Kickapoo River? Or on the Wisconsin? What other thoughts and ideas are there for activities in the coming year?

With that, we adjourned for the night.

Minutes written by co-secretary TERRY STARK
Calendar Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 1st, 1998

Members present: Walt Zeltner (WZ), Prudence Barber (PB), Rochelle Goedken (RG).

The meeting was brief and raised many, as yet, unanswered questions.

Marketing: The World View magazine has not been received by local subscribers yet, so, unfortunately, the bulk of our individual orders will be delayed until the height of the Holiday postal rush. We simply will not be able to promise delivery before the 1st of the year. PB continues to do a fine job marketing locally and had good things to report about her contacts in the Madison area.

Donations: Most of the meeting was spent discussing our thoughts on calendar donations. We sent 3000 calendars to World Wise Schools (WWS) earlier this year. Pros and cons of donating through the WWS program were highlighted in a previous newsletter and the main concern remains the possibility of teachers not receiving their calendars until the end of March (received after having a PCV talk with their class on Peace Corps Day, March 2nd).

Other questions raised during this discussion included: Now that we sent 3000 calendars to WWS, what should we do about the calendar donation requests from individual teachers? Should we have a "policy" to donate our calendars only to teachers enrolled in the WWS program? 3000 calendars will supply only about half of the teachers currently enrolled in the WWS program, so should we try to work out some sort of arrangement so that all of the teachers enrolled would receive a free calendar? Would we be able to afford giving away 6000+ calendars? (and still have plenty of proceeds from sales so we can afford to print the next year's calendar)?

RG will contact Monica Fitzgerald, (WWS contact person), sometime in December to ask more specific questions regarding the way in which calendars will be distributed to the World Wise Schools (WWS) Teachers. In the meantime, we decided for this year, that if a teacher actively seeks us out to ask about a calendar donation, we will try to do our best to supply them with one. We felt that those teachers were obviously interested and very likely to use the calendar in their classrooms.

We also have received several requests for free calendars from currently serving PCV's. What should our policy/guidelines be? Do we want to spend the time and energy into enter individual calendar requests and figure out what the postage would be to each destination? Can we afford to send overseas mail? Would use of the Diplomatic Pouch be an option?

Sales: Most of the calendars have found new homes and the orders continue to flow in. The bulk mailings that we did this fall have been productive as far as new customers are concerned.

Postcards: We discussed sending a letter to RPCV groups around the country announcing the opportunity to purchase postcards in quantities of 250. The letter would need to be sent in the Spring and one of the options for receipt of the postcards would be to pick them up this next Summer at the National RPCV gathering in the Twin Cities, which would save the postage fee. We will discuss this issue in a future meeting.

Help Wanted: Please call Rose Ann Scott at 241-0845 or Rochelle Goedken at 243-0298 if you have any time to help open and sort the mail and/or enter orders. We're getting swamped and need some help keeping up. Thanks. Hope you all had happy and healthy Holidays.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 6th, 1999, 7:00 PM, at the home of PB, 1050 Jenifer St., Madison. (Call 251-0852 for directions).
WHERE DOES THE $ GO?

Normally I pride myself on being able to pronounce what I write, but I'm asking forgiveness on this one, the name of the project as well as the name of the treasurer.

Early 1998 we gave away one of our smaller donations to the Vedanta Society of Madison. The treasurer, Ashim K. Chakravorti, responded quite quickly in March, 1998, with the following letter of gratitude:

"In this letter I would like to acknowledge the receipt of your check for $300 that was sent to me in January, 1998, for our ongoing Balakashram project. On behalf of the members of the Vedanta Society of Madison, I am expressing my most sincere thanks to the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin, Inc. for this noble contribution. I would specially like to thank Ms. Barbara Chatterjee for having kept this project of ours in mind and for her recommendation to your organization for contributing this year and other years in the past.

"The Balakashram project is meant to raise donations that are forwarded to the Balakashram school in Calcutta, India, every year. The donation is used for supporting part of the school and boarding expenses for orphans and poor children who desire to go to the Balakashram school instead of choosing the street as their home. As you may have noted earlier, this is a very noble cause as the number of such kids in need of help is rather large. These generous donations and others help to provide some of the very basic necessities for at least a few needy kids. To give you an idea, a contribution of $10 covers room and board expenses for one kid for a month.

"We will be planning on sending this year's contributions to the Balakashram sometime in the next few months. As we receive confirmation of the same from the school officials, I would like to share the information with your organization. Also, perhaps sometime during one of your monthly meetings in the Fall season, we would like to present some more details about this ongoing project.

"Once again, I thank your organization for supporting the Balakashram project."

Additional: WHERE DOES THE $ GO? submitted by Prudence

A) $600 to THE MADISON-ARCATAO SISTER CITY, from the 1998 calendar gift-away

The money was designated for helping in El Salvador with communications between our rural area and the government, with NGO's there and here, and various agencies that could help them carry out their goals of rural resettlement and sustainable development.

The money was used as follows:

1) $200 went for a giant 2-page spread in the Salvadoran newspaper on March 6th, from all sorts of groups in the U.S. and Canada, requesting that the government of E.S. forgive the debt they were charging the ex-combatants and country people for the land given to them as part of the U.N. sponsored Peace Accords. We were heard, and the debt finally was forgiven.

2) $200 went directly to our sister rural organization agency, CRIPDES, to create a fund to enable women to go to meetings and develop projects in Chalatenango Province.

3) $200 went to the U.S. National Sister Cities organization, to support our worker in E.S. who travels to all our communities, carries out our part of all the organizing, and keeps us informed. Through the National we also support one of the Salvadoran workers, the projects organizer in CRIPDES.
January Proposals

Proposal from Rose Ann Scott

I make a motion that we donate 50% of our calendar money to Peace Corps partnerships, 10% to the NPCA, and pay a full stipend for an ASHOKA fellow, with the remainder to go to other projects. The purpose of this is to dispense with a bulk of money and to leave a smaller amount to dicker over, thus reducing group friction.

Rose Ann Scott

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Project Title: Asian Club
Project Contact Person: Roger Garms
Project Address: Atwood Psychological Associates. 2713 Atwood Ave. Madison WI 53704.
Project Telephone #: 608/241-3733 (office)
Project Categories: Geographic Location: WI/Madison Type: Peace; Refugees
Method of Payment: check, to address above, payable to "Asian Club."

Project Description:

We supported the Asian Club last year, and Roger Garms reported to us at our Dec. meeting. It's an activity group for Southeast Asian kids, mostly Hmong and Cambodian, aged 6-16. All of their parents are scarred psychologically to some extent from the effects of the Vietnam War and Pol Pot's "killing fields." The kids definitely need help to grow up spiritually and psychologically healthy, and the Asian Club is one aid. It meets once a week for 2 hours of cooperative play and friendship, is staffed by volunteers, takes field trips, and provides a snack (sandwiches etc.). About 80 kids attend. The requested $2400 breaks down this way: (1) 30 meetings, @ $60 for food, = $1800. (2) Transportation and the usual van repairs: $400. (3) Supplies, etc.: $200.

From Dr. Roger Grams, "We are requesting funds to continue our mental health prevention project for Southeast Asian children. Their parents are refugees exposed to such severe and lengthy violence that they have the highest rates of post traumatic stress and depression of any group in Dane County. These symptoms prevent acculturation and their children must then live in two cultures. They often have heavy family responsibilities due to parental disabilities. As a result, these children en experience high levels of stress and are at high risk for depression and delinquency."

"Our group is run by a Cambodian member of the Mental Health Center Board, an American psychologist experienced in working with these cultures and a Cambodian ESL worker. The group has around 40 attendees, boys and girls, aged 6 to 16. It meets every Friday after school. We supervise play, draw the shy children into play with others, set healthy social norms and make sure all have fun. We provide sandwiches and a safe ride home for the younger children."

"Our goal is to reward these children after a tough week as outsiders in the American culture. We provide an 'Asian' social context in which it is safe to drop defenses, be one's self and use the resulting social interaction and feedback for psychological growth. Our cash expenses are $2,478, mostly spent on food. This is matched by in kind volunteer hours from the three volunteers described above, as well as hours from a Hmong and a Laotian UW student."

"We are asking for a second year of funding from RPCV. Past supporters have included the school district (one year) and Oscar Meyer (two years). We thank you for your interest in our project."

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Project Contact Person: Susan Hundt Bergan

I am requesting that a grant of $1,000 be awarded to the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners for disaster relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch. Since 1985, through the Partners of the Americas program created as part of the Alliance for progress, Wisconsin and Nicaragua have shared a special relationship of sharing, learning and mutual support. For example, in recent years the Partners have supported: the development of sewing centers in Nicaragua providing low-income families with opportunities to acquire new skills, a source of income and self-confidence; a leadership training project focusing on developing environmental leaders in both countries. At this time, however, the greatest need in Nicaragua is to restore the infrastructure destroyed by the hurricane. To meet that need, the Partners has developed a detailed disaster relief mission plan designed to provide "material and financial assistance to those affected by Hurricane Mitch to facilitate the reintegration of the economic and social live of families..."
Amount Requested: $500, RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor: Tammy Klaproth
Telephone: (608) 233-1032
Project Title: Waisman Early Childhood Program Parent-Teacher Organization
Project Description:
Waisman Early Childhood Program (WECP) is a UW model program designed to meet the needs of a developmentally diverse group of young children. Up to one third of the children in the program have special needs due to developmental delays or disabilities.

WECP is a non-profit organization, who heavily relies on funds raised by the PTO. These funds help support various items such as playground equipment, including adaptive swings for children with disabilities ($200 per swing), large motor movement equipment and 30 x 40 mats for safety in the gym, just to name a few. The most monumental expenditure for the PTO is a movement class which aids in the development of large and fine motor skills. The contract for this instructor is $3,000 per semester, half of which is funded by the PTO. The funds received from this grant would be applied directly towards this contract cost.

Project Contact Person: Amy Thompson, Co-President, WECP PTO
Project Address: Waisman Center, 1500 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53705-2280
Project Telephone Number: Amy Daytime, 238-9101, Amy Evenings, 270-0384

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Project Application Form

Amount Requested: $500.00, RPCV-WI / Madison Sponsor: Glenn Tranowski
Project Categories: Africa, Health, Environment, Education, Agriculture
Project Title: SteP Up - "Sao Tome e Principe Union for Promotion"

SteP UP works in the African island nation of Sao Tome and Principe with grassroots-level organizations that are legally recognized by the local authorities, promoting the principles of self-help development. Working with these local organizations, SteP UP develops written proposals which include disease prevention (eg., latrines, draining stagnant water to prevent malarial mosquitoes from breeding), providing teacher-training and materials to primary schools, and training farmers to diversify production away from the cacao. When a project is funded, SteP UP holds the funds and distributes them according to a timetable established in the proposal. It monitors the progress, submitting quarterly or semi-annual reports to the funder. SteP UP is a NGO with accreditation in Washington, D.C. and Sao Tome, the capital of Sao Tome e Principe (SteP). Ned Seligman, the PCD in Sao Tome for 3 years in the 1990s, coordinates SteP UP.

Project Contact Person: Ned Seligman

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In Sao Tome

Sao Tome, Republic of Sao Tome e Principe, (via Lisbon, Portugal)
Project Telephone: (239) 12-2363 in Sao Tome

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In Washington, D.C.

c/o SteP UP, 1838 Ingleside Terrace, NW
Washington, D.C. 20010 USA

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PROJECT APPLICATION:

Project Title: Tibetan Children's Home (TCH)
Amount Requested = $350
RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor: John Elder, Telephone: 238-3915 (h) 821-3854 (w)

The Tibetan Children's Home (TCH), located in Dehra Dun, U.P., India, is a residential center and school for about 70 poor and needy Tibetan children-in-exile in India and neighboring countries. By providing the children with a stable residence, a nurturing environment, and well-educated staff, TCH gives them a proper education and a viable means to become self-supporting, while they maintain their own cultural heritage. Without TCH, educational opportunities are limited for these children, and their schooling is often interrupted when their parents travel to other parts of India to make a living as street vendors.

$350 is the amount needed for a full one-year scholarship for one child at TCH. Last year, our donation was designated for a particular student, Dorjee Tsering. We received a thank-you letter directly from Dorjee, and a copy of his Annual Examination Report, which shows good progress. Another letter from Skip Kindy, Director of the TCH Fund in Madison, indicates that if we continue this year, our funds would again be used to support Dorjee.
REQUEST FOR MONEY FOR UNITED STATES - EL SALVADOR SISTERING

Request submitted by Prudence for MASCOP. If there is any money left over.....(Since we already received $1000)

There are 25-30 sister cities between the US and ES, and this past year we started to organize a national office, headed by Michael Ring, in NY-NJ, who was formerly our worker in ES. The first year our National was funded by a special donor and many people worked very hard to start making it a reality.
We are engaged in a search for major donors to support the on-going operation of the National Office, and we expect to have these in place by 2000. Meanwhile, for 1999, all the sister committees around the country need to find means of supporting and continuing our national operation which coordinates our efforts with El Salvador.

Dear Friend,

We celebrate many steps forward together with our Salvadoran brothers and sisters:

1- Our accompaniment of the historic victory of our Sister Cities communities and sister organizations CRIPDES and FORO AGROPECUARIO in gaining debt forgiveness of MILLIONS of dollars for HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of Salvadoran peasants. This unprecedented popular victory in Latin America, won in spite of powerful World Bank and in-country bank lobbying against it, has temporarily ensured that families throughout El Salvador will not lose lands won at great sacrifice!
2- Our accompaniment of Salvadoran popular teachers in accessing their right to finish their university education, in spite of ongoing efforts by the Ministry of Education to block their path! (Popular teachers are volunteers who have taught many of El Salvador's children for many years, without buildings, books or money from the government.)
3- A strengthening of our moral accompaniment with each other through delegations, including our first mayor's delegation in year organized by the Madison-Arcatao project, and tours, including the inspirational tour of CRIPDES president Lorena Martinez to Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Binghamton, New Jersey and New York.
4- Economic support for our first projects of regional and national organizing in El Salvador, including projects for women's organizing in Chalatenango, youth organizing in San Vicente and sistering in 6 of El Salvador's 14 provinces!
5- The election at our 1998 national gathering, for the first time, of a truly national board of US-El Salvador Sister Cities, with reps from around the US!
6- Completing our first year with a full-time US national office to provide organizing support and coordination amongst Sister Cities throughout the US!

In 1999, we not only are committed to sustaining all of the above...but we also have been asked by our partners to accompany them in new ways:
1- Reconstruction after Hurricane Mitch...a HUGE effort...with new agrarian and economic policies that will minimize the economic and ecological vulnerability of El Salvador and Central America's poor.
2- Elections observation; empowerment of our communities and advocacy for voter rights to help keep democracy...in what promises to be El Salvador's most hotly contested presidential election -- in March 1999.
3- Several summer national delegations of Sister Cities members from throughout the US with our Salvadoran partners in the following areas: education, youth, women and agrarian policy.
4- We will bring several Salvadorans to the US on tour to deepen our understanding of the issues and to help us organize.
5- Watch for human rights violations.
Announcements

Slides for 2000

Here is your chance to share!

To all those wonderful unknown photos from abroad that are just wasting to illuminate the millennium calendar here is the chance, but act quick, the deadline is fast approaching. Please send slides to

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- January 4th, Tuesday, at the home of Prudence Barber, 1050 Jenifer St., Madison. 251-0852.
- January 5th, Tuesday - monthly meeting at Sophia Zermuehlen's, 317 Bordner Dr. (near old Middleton and Old Sauk Rd.) 7PM.233-7886
- January 16th, deadline for February newsletter! E-mail or 'snail'
- January 16th-18th, Camp Vista!!! to enjoy a weekend of fun, skiing, midnight sledding and great food!
- January 21, Madison Chamber Networking Meeting at the Edgewater Hotel
- January 23rd, Sat. Freeze For Food. Vilas Park Shelter. Come at 11AM
- February 1st, Mon. deadline for submitting Slides for 2000 Calendar (to Jim Good, at Interworks, 116 N. Few, Madison WI 53703. 251-9045(w.)
- February 3rd, Wed. General Meeting, 7PM Union South with 1st pass at Slide Selection for 2000 Calendar.
- February 13th, Sat. Slide Selection for 2000 Calendar at Jim & Laura Good's, 2325 Willard, 246-2818(h)
- February 27-28th Winter Retreat