President's Message

After sixteen days of plus-nine-ty degrees and no rain, I'll take the liberty of reducing the president's message into a short, cool breeze.

The campout at White Mound County Park defied the last dismal weather forecast of cold fronts and thunderstorms. A bright sun blazed upon us as we hiked, biked, and swam in the country. Crowds of friends, old and new, came and went over the stretch of three days, keeping conversation lively and bright. Campfire stories and tall tales stretched into the night. Hank saw to it that no one needing a tadpole left camp without one.

Those of you who skipped the last meeting missed Don's stories of travels and travails in Pakistan. Catch some of the highlights at the Potluck Meeting at Sophies on July 7th. And check out the dates-to-note for summer activities. Don offered his services as Partymeister and has organized details for a variety of events.

Our part of this scheme, now, is simply to reach out to friends, co-workers, other RPCV groups, and community members and invite them to come frolic with us. As your Pooh-bah, a member of the Reconnect Project, and a generally social animal, I suggest it is our responsibility to reach out to others and welcome into the fun part of bringing the world back home. Fun as your responsibility? You bet! Get on the phone and invite a shy person to the biking and bonfire, the pig roast, the canoe weekend, or even a meeting.

The jocks in the group have a softball game up their sleeves, on Sunday, July 23 at that park over by Oscar Meyers. Call the Partymeister for details. For those feeling linguistically cerebral, a joke: What is the difference between a cat and a comma? A cat has claws at the end of its paws, while a comma is a pause at the end of a clause. Ha ha.

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NEXT MEETING:

Friday, July 7, 6:00 p.m. POTLUCK!!!
Sophie Zermuehlen's house, 317 Bordner Drive, 233-7886. Directions

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Monday, August 7, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 p.m.

Other RPCV organizations have our permission to use any material of interest in this newsletter.

Newsletter Policy
Since we're always trying to get new members, we'll send three copies of our newsletter to anyone we think will be interested. After that, you have to pay to stay on our mailing list. Details can be found on the back page. ONE EXCEPTION: Contacts in other RPCV organizations can continue to receive our newsletter if they will send us theirs.
DATES TO NOTE

Friday, July 7, 6:00 P.M. Potluck Meeting at Sophie Zermuehlen's house. That's 317 Bordner Drive, 233-7886.

Wednesday, July 12, 5:45 Calendar Committee Meeting at Peter Joyce's house, 1151 East Johnson St. All are welcome and invited to attend. Call Peter at 251-9405 with any questions.

Saturday, July 22, 12:00 P.M. Come to the home of Mary Grace and Dan Ott on Highway 92, southwest of Brooklyn, for an afternoon of biking (meet about noon) and an evening of potluck (about 6:30) and bonfire (at dusk). Don Sauer will provide suggested routes for bicycle rides of about 20 and 40 miles through the beautiful southern Wisconsin countryside. Or you can be a slug and sit in the shade of those trees we planted, drinking beer and soda. (He's lying about the shade trees, but there IS a wonderful porch). Free! Bring your own drinks and a dish to pass. Don Sauer, 1995 Partymeister, 244-3732, Mary Grace/Dan hosts, 455-1426

Monday, August 7, 7:00 P.M. General Meeting, hopefully set at MEMORIAL UNION...to adjourn to the terrace, we fancy. As we are sorting through a bit of a snafu in making reservations, please confirm the venue in your next newsletter.

Wednesday, August 9, 5:45 P.M. Calendar Committee Meeting at Peter Joyce's house, 1151 East Johnson St.

August 18-20 The 15th Annual Pig Roast will again be held at the home of Mike and Marcy Read on Harvey Road east of Arlington. Don't worry, food to meet the needs of all culinary and religious persuasions will be present. Hardy souls who just can't wait to get started are welcome after 5:00 P.M. on Friday. On Saturday there will be Volleyball, the chance to check out the growth of the trees we planted all those years ago, croquet, hoops, bird watching, the renewal of old acquatintances and the making of new ones, lots of talk, refreshments, and a potluck Saturday evening with a big bonfire to follow. Plenty of space for tents, Frisbee, and your well-mannered dog and kids to roam. Mackenzie Environmental Education Center is about 8 miles away and Goose Pond Sanctuary about 5 miles away. Bike Ride? Portapotty will be provided. There will be breakfast on Sunday morning with the NY Times, hot coffee and tea and more games. The big feast will happen about 1 P.M. RPCVs and their friends are welcome. $5 Fee for a big appetite; bring a dish to pass for Saturday evening and the Sunday feast. RPCV to Don Sauer, 1995 Partymeister, 244-3732. Mike and Marcy, hosts, 635-2161.

September 2-3 Canoe Trip. Pencil this in and watch for details to come!

Volunteers who were in Belize during the late 60's and early 70's will be meeting from July 1-4 at the home of Keith and Sue Mitchell, 830 Port Road, Port Edwards, WI 54469. For more information, call 715/887-2013.
SIERRA LEONE PROJECT “COALITION TO SAVE LAKE SONFON”:
This funding request, sponsored by Rose Ann Scott and included on the list of recommendations of the Calendar Donations Committee, is pending while Rose Ann obtains more information. Mechanisms have yet to be set up that reasonably satisfy Rose Ann that the money will be reach the "Coalition to Save Lake Sonfon," and not be siphoned off along the way.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST; Vietnam Peace Park: Peter Joyce talked briefly about a project he is sponsoring entitled, Vietnam Peace Park. Mike Boehm is the contact person of this joint project between veterans of Vietnam and the US to form a park based on Wisconsin's Highground Veteran's Memorial Park located near Nilesville. The park is a contribution towards healing and reconciliation among individuals, veterans and our two societies. (minute-taker's comment: And an all around excellent idea that will remain as a permanent place for all to go.) We approved it.

THE CARDINAL BAR BENEFIT: Remember feasting on the vast array of African food dishes at the very successful Cardinal Bar Benefit organized by Susan Mendrysa? Last month we voted AYE to give half of the $745 in proceeds to the Southern Wisconsin Food Bank. Previously, we had agreed that the other half should go to a project in Africa.

Susan presented the idea of donating the funds to the orphanage MAKUMBI'S CHILDREN'S HOME (MCH), within the Catholic Mission, 42 kilometers from Harare, Zimbabwe. (See details in June's newsletter.) The request was brought to her by a co-worker, who is a friend of a Zimbabwean woman studying at UW-Madison, whose aunt is involved in the management of MCH.

Wait asked if any mechanisms were in place to reasonably guarantee the money gets to the orphanage. Without oversight, the possibility exists of it disappearing as it changes hands en route.

Susan will talk to her co-worker's friend from Zimbabwe to try and obtain some certainty in this matter. It was suggested that perhaps the money could be sent directly to the Catholic Mission to give to MCH. We tentatively approved the proposal provided details could be worked out to reasonably guarantee the funds would get to the orphanage.

OTHER MATTERS: The Donta Society of Madison is interested in developing a closer relationship with our group. Barbara Chatteree described the Donta Society of Madison as an Indian community linked together by the religious worship of Hinduism. They carry out their own charitable activities such as staffing a soup kitchen for a day on a regular basis, helping at a school, etc. Barbara presented the idea that we include the group on our mailing list, invite group members to a meeting, should we invite them to the pig roast? What do you think?
OTHER MATTERS: Do we want to develop an Emergency Reserve Fund? We have about $7000 in the category of "Long-Term Donations," thanks mainly to calendar proceeds. We have deferred deciding on policy for this money. Should we use a certain portion as "seed" money for a Reserve Fund, and add to it yearly, in case of emergency?

In the March newsletter, Buck put forth the idea.

Wait describes the idea thoroughly on page four of the May newsletter, and describes three reasons opposing the idea in the June newsletter. There's some interest in the idea on the Committee on Establishing Guidelines for Funding Special Projects.

Look for additional discussions of the pros and cons in current newsletters, think about it, and reach your own consensus by fall.

Do we want to develop an Emergency Reserve Fund?

EVENTS: The Summer Campout at White Mound County Park will be history by the time you read this, but we talked about it. I hope I saw you there.

THE CANOE TRIP: Please note the confirmed date is Sept. 2-3!

THE PIG ROAST: We need to arrange for provision of the main course, ie. get the porker. Three cheers for Don Sauer who volunteered! Could he use some help? Call him!

OF SPECIAL NOTE: Going to Austin? If you are going to the National RPCV Conference August 3-6 in Austin, Texas, please get in touch with Walt Zelner, 873-5257. He’s in charge of the operating our booth at the Conference and will be selling calendars. Help him staff our booth!

OF SPECIAL NOTE: FRIDAY, JULY 7 POTLUCK MEETING AT SOPHIE ZERMUEHLEN'S HOUSE!! 317 Bordner Drive, on Madison's west side. You can sample mine if I can sample yours.

And that was the end of the formal group meeting, and the start of the informal social meeting...

The Minute-taker: TERRY D. STARK

We Sang Her Praises To The World
by Andy Gingold
(long time resident of Costa Rica)

We sang her praises to the world
A paradise we'd found
And now the forests of our boasts
Hardly make a sound

We spoke of deserted beaches
White sand and black and gold
And now we have so much regret
And wish we hadn't told

The quiet of the forest
The animals at rest
Now too many eyes are watching
We've lost what we loved best

Costa Rica was our haven
Where we hid from worldly plights
A place that no one knew of
Now the skies are full of flights

And everyone who comes here
Wants to stay and tell a friend
And some of us are wondering
How will this finally end

The crowds, they bring destruction
It's their numbers, not their thought
The forests fall to profit crops
The beaches are all bought

And those of us who've loved her long
No longer sing her praise
We count the blessings given us
And count her final days

(from The Tico Times, San Jose, Costa Rica/April 7, 1993)
VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN PEACE PARK

In a previous issue of the Return Peace Corps Volunteer newsletter, the Vietnamese-American Peace Park Committee wrote about plans to build a peace park in Vietnam. Since then, the generosity of many people and organizations combined with the enthusiasm of Vietnamese and Americans for the Park have resulted in firm plans and a commitment to build the Peace Park in 1995. To make the Park a reality we are asking for your continued financial support.

The idea of a Peace Park in Vietnam began to take form in November 1990 when Nguyen Ngoc Hung, a North Vietnamese combat soldier from 1969 to 1975 visited the Highground Vietnam Veterans Memorial near Neillsville, WI while on a "tour of reconciliation" to meet and talk with U.S. Vietnam veterans. Hung was so moved by the idea of the Highground Peace Park and the peaceful setting on the top of the Dove Mound, that he lit an incense stick and said a prayer for his brother -- listed for over 20 years as Missing in Action.

Mike Boehm who with Hung has been leading the effort to make the Peace Park a reality, was in Vietnam for five weeks in April and May 1995. While there Mike signed the agreement between the Vietnamese Office of Division 308, the Vietnam Park sponsor and the American Chapter of the Vietnamese-American Peace Park. The 25 acre Park will be situated near Bac Giang, Ha Bac Province, approximately 50 km. north of Hanoi. It will be a place for spiritual reflection with an effigy dove mound as the symbol of peace in a prominent location. Fruit trees, native flower gardens and fish ponds will contribute to an improved standard of living for local farmers.

During the groundbreaking ceremony, General Pham Hong Son, former Division 308 Commander, said the Peace Park was unique because elsewhere in the world people just remind younger generations of the horror or war by building war monuments. Now, "the Peace Park will change the tradition of building war memorials to building peace parks."

Making the Peace Park a reality will require about $50,000. The success of previous appeals for donations has enabled us to send a substantial downpayment to complete site plans and prepare for construction. Your generous contribution will help make the Park a reality this year.

Send you tax deductible contribution to Madison Friends Meeting, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI 53711-2029. Specify that your check is for the Peace Park.

For more information about the Park, call Mike Boehm at (608) 437-3402.

HOUSING SOUGHT

RPCV Woman from Senegal, (67-89) who is an incoming Graduate Student in the Institute for Environmental Studies, seeks housing with older, mature student or professional. Prefer near east side or other quiet, pretty neighborhood. Call Kammy kern-Korot at (703) 931-6199 or (202) 962-3360. Starting mid to late August.
1995 NPCA National Conference in Austin

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WELCOME RECEPTION

☐ I/we will attend the Thursday evening welcoming reception.

VOLUNTEER DAY

I/we plan to participate in the following Saturday activity:

☐ Environment ☐ Habitat for Humanity construction

☐ World Map ☐ Food Bank

☐ Construction ☐ Advocacy

☐ Immunization ☐ Wherever I/we are needed

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have any physical and/or medical conditions requiring special attention, call Kayla Sipes at 512 926 2242.

Indicate other needs below:

☐ I'm a vegetarian.

☐ Send me information for family activities and housing.

☐ Send me information on child care.

HOUSING

RPCV rates available at the Radisson Hotel one block from the convention center (call 800 333 3333) or at UT's Jester Dormitory, about 20 blocks away.

☐ Send me UT dormitory information.

TRANSPORTATION

WorldTek Travel will handle your airline reservations at a group rate with guaranteed lowest fares. Call 800 243 1723 and mention the NPCA conference. The NPCA will send you additional information on housing, transportation and other events with your registration confirmation.

NOTES

Wear conference name tags as entry card to events.

Discounted rates considered for economic hardship cases.

Refund (minus $20 handling fee) made after August if requested before July 15.

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Please calculate your total and choose payment method.

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If you have questions, call the NPCA and leave a message at 202 293 RPCV (7728) ext. 2
Save Good Aid

Senate Appropriations are Last Chance for '96
Aid for Africa, child survival, education, environment at risk

A ction on appropriations for Peace Corps and sustainable development has moved to Senate. The Senate Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee will consider and make changes to the appropriations bill for international operations (the 150 account). The bill will then go to the full committee (which usually accepts the subcommittee version without changes), and then to the floor for a vote.

This could be a slow process, but it could also move like lightning. The bill may be sent to the floor by July 4. Therefore, quick action is needed.

The bill is expected to reduce the Peace Corps budget and make crippling cuts in development assistance. But it will leave untouched some kinds of security and foreign military assistance. See information at right for details on action you can take.

Write or call your Senator NOW!
(Get the message to them by June 26)
We don't know how fast the process will move, so don't take chances - call now.
The message is the same as last month for the House side:

■ Vote for a foreign aid appropriations bill that provides
  a continuing level of funding for the Peace Corps ($232 million).
  a continuing level of funding for programs aimed at equitable, sustainable development, like the Development Fund for Africa, child survival, basic education, health, and microenterprise development.

■ Vote against a bill that imposes disproportionate cuts on development assistance and leaves untouched military and security assistance.

Comparison of Congressional Action on Foreign Aid Accounts

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* Does not include rescissions
1 HR 1561, the Overseas Interest Act passed on 6/8/95
2 The appropriations bill passed the full committee on 6/15/95
3 The Helms Bill (Foreign Aid Reduction Act) passed the Senate Foreign Relations Comm. 6/7/95
4 Includes appropriation and transfer from State Department of $12 million

Adapted from a table prepared by InterAction

Updates
The House Appropriations bill may go to the floor by June 21 or soon after. If you haven't yet called your Representative, there's still time! Just tell the person who answers the phone that you urge your Representative to vote no on the appropriations bill for the 150 account, because it cuts development assistance.

DUMB: The Gilman Bill is (House foreign aid authorization bill) dumb, but it passed. The smart vote was against the bill.
DUMBER: The Helms Bill (Senate foreign aid authorization bill) is worse. It may go to the floor the week of June 21 (or maybe later). Tell your Senators to oppose the Helms Bill (The Foreign Aid Reduction Act). Call now!
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Preliminary agenda

Sat Sept. 16  Basic advocacy, How to turn out a newsletter that will galvanize your group, Working with the media, Electronic networking
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Yes, I want to be an advocate for my country of service! Please send me more information.

Name ___________________ Phone ___________________
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Send to: COS & Issue Group Conference  NPCA, 1900 L St. NW, Suite 205, Washington, DC 20036
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marked Attention Membership!

QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS? Call Susan Mendrysa at 608/259-1125 most evenings and weekends.
Or try 608/263-9596 weekdays and ask for Susan.

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