OK, our Wednesday September 2nd meeting will be at the Monona Terrace. I hope to see all Madison residents there, taking advantage of our hard earned tax dollars at work. At the meeting we will have a guest speaker and very special person in my life who is an RPCV (Guatemala) who just spent over a year traveling in South Asia. She will show slides of countries that have had either had a major devaluation in the past year or exploded a nuclear bomb. Was her visit just a coincidence?? I highly recommend you come and see her talk!

In addition September is our first month of miscellaneous gift away money from the 1998 calendar. We have more than $10,000 to give away so please come and give your input. Giving away money is one of the most difficult things we have to do. Try to organize your comments before the meeting after reading the proposals in this newsletter. If possible, contact the pertinent RPCV to clear up details before the meeting. We do not have to give away all of the money at one meeting, we have scheduled another similar meeting in January 1999.

Another issue to consider is serving one year as President, Vice-President or Secretary for one year. Its not a big deal. Call Kevin Jenkins at 608-966-1262 or E-mail: kjenkins@tds.net

Pete

NEW BLOOD NEEDED FOR CALENDAR MARKETING!!!

(mmm, good) Seriously, I'd like to have one or two marketing companions. We could put our heads together and:

1) plan what to say to different types of potential sellers,
2) keep track of who we sent what to, and what they answered,
3) address some envelopes and packets,
4) figure out how to avoid some marketing pitfalls, (I've already fallen into a couple myself!)
5) see that orders we receive are sent out
6) And YOU could come to our exciting monthly calendar meetings!!

Always fast-moving, never boring, and accomplishing a heck-of-a-lot, under Rochelle's excellent guidance!

Please Contact Prudence, 1050 Jenifer St., Madison 53703, (608)-251-0852.
WORLD ROOTS

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New officers need to come forward for the next year...
You will never know how fun it is, till you try!

RPCVs OF WISCONSIN -
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 finan-
cial 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 RPCVof 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

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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
**Editors Column**

Oh, the wonderful sounds and sights of school going back into session. I am sure that some of you do not feel that way but us mothers sure do!

September will be an important month for our chapter, I hope to see many of you at our monthly meeting and other events during the next couple of weeks!

Still no takers on the webmaster position. What a wonderful opportunity to learn HTML. No, it is not difficult. Especially with all the software available. Plus, what a valuable asset for résumé's!

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

I also ask that information is sent ASAP to me by September 14.

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 for this months World Roots!!

Other RPCV organizations have permission to use any articles of interest within this newsletter
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
of Wisconsin/Madison
Minutes of the General Meeting of August 4, 1998

13 were present. We introduced ourselves, and each gave a story about a favorite economic deal in our home countries (e.g., "all you can eat for one rupee").

Treasurer's Report: see elsewhere.

Calendar Report: Members can buy 1999 Calendars at $4/each until the end of the September General Meeting (after that they cost us $5/each). Call Rose Ann (241-0845) if you want any, or come to the Sept. meeting, or the Pig Roast.

There will be a Calendar Packing Party Friday, Sept. 18, 7:00 p.m., at Alan Weiner's warehouse in Middleton. (See elsewhere for details and map.)

Freeze for Food: Peter Joyce has volunteered to be honcho, if we will change the recipient of the Freeze proceeds. He wants us to donate to a group with local representation, for two reasons. It will build greater ties within our community. The recipient organization will be a source of bodies to help run the Freeze. Moreover, Oxfam, the current recipient, is so huge (or something) that apparently it is not even very conscious that we send them money: when we've been quite late about it, they've never contacted us. We agreed in principle: (1) Yes, Peter should do it! Hooray!! (2) Yes, we'll find a local organization to team up with. We'll discuss the Recipient further at the September and October meetings. Think about this, and bring your ideas, or give them to Peter (249-8573), or to the Newsletter (Theresa; see masthead for phone and E-mail address). We want an organization that deals with hunger, which is locally based (either as a self-standing organization or as a local chapter of a larger organization), and that is active. It is not resolved whether we want all the Freeze proceeds to be spent locally, or to be allocated part-local and part-international. (See Peter’s Letter concerning this issue on next page)

Pig Roast: see last Newsletter. It'll be over by the time you read this. We voted AYE to the Motion that the group advance $85 out of general funds to help cover expenses, mainly meat. Everyone who comes will pay $5 ($3 for kids), and collections will meet all but some total expenses. Buck will order the meat, and arrange cooks for Saturday night chilli and Sunday morning breakfast.

Buck Trawicky announced that he's earned $299 for RPCV by speaking about Peace Corps to a group of High School students. The Minneapolis PC recruiting office pays us $99 when we give a talk to a promising audience, which is outside the scope of the Campus Recruiter's work. However, we must clear this in advance with the PC folks in Minneapolis. We've done this about four or five times so far this year, and can do it 10 times: that's almost $1000 per year we can earn for our group, for operating funds. If you have an opportunity, DO IT! (For details, call Peter Quell, the PC Campus Recruiter; 262-1121. (office; or call Buck for info, at 241-2392)

1999 RPCV Conference: this will be in Minneapolis, next Aug. 12-15. We should help our kith in Minnesota make this a successful Conference. (Remember that we already explicitly decided to do this, in principle, when we supported Minneapolis's bid to be the host.) There are several areas in which we can help: (1) By organizing one or more Workshops. (2) By taking responsibility for a specific part of the program. (3) By providing bodies for specific events.

Dave Marcoullet has a sister (Judy) in Minneapolis, and she's also an RPCV, active in Conference planning. He suggested we run the Beer Tent Friday night. He, and Buck Trawicky, will consult with Judy and her colleagues, and see how we can help the Minnesotans. (If you have ideas, call Dave at 262-2998(work) or Buck (241-2392).) These two will report at the September meeting.

Lee Szabados (now Linda Row) is back in Town from Cyprus! [At least for a while.] So is her daughter Katya, and Katya's sweetie Matthew. Katya is gonna enroll in UW/Madison. Yummy! Call them at 240-0666: they're eager to develop an active social life.

And Rick Lackey and Masako are back in Town! (But I don't know the phone number.)

Madison Folk Life Festival: Aug. 20-23 (overlapping the weekend of the Pig Roast). It was announced that they need volunteers to help. People wrote down the contact phone number, and we hope some volunteered.

And, we voted AYE to the Motion that we provide 125-150 1999 Calendars as a gift to each foreign guest-performer/participant. (With a brochure inserted, so their friends back home will order some.) At a formal presentation of sorts, Jo and Marc Brand will be honchos.

Nominations: Election of Officers will occur at the October General Meeting. Kevin Jenkins, as VP, is constitutionally responsible for drawing up a ballot containing at least one candidate for each office. He wants suggestions regarding whom to inveigle. (Call him! Even Volunteer! 608/966-1282.)

Registered Agent: Terry Stark will do this job.

Ashoka Society: they've sent us a report regarding the Ashoka Fellow we're supporting; see elsewhere in NL.

Donation Proposals: we vote on these at the September meeting (also in May and January): see elsewhere in NL.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Sept. 2, Monona Terrace Convention Center, 7:00 p.m.

—Buck Trawicky
LETTER TO LOCAL GROUPS (CALA, CSN, Vietnam, Arcticao, Cuba, Lithuania, (others?!))

August 6, 1998

Dear XXX

For the past seventeen years the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison (RPCVs) have sponsored a 10K runwalk fundraiser called the Freeze For Food (FFF). The FFF has traditionally been run on the 3rd or 4th Saturday in January around Lake Wingra. The donations have always been donated to Oxfam for their use.

Over the years interest within the RPCV’s for this fundraiser has been slowly diminishing, while at the same time, ironically, our contributions to Oxfam have steadily risen. This last year slightly over three thousand dollars was sent to Oxfam. At this point in our history, we have decided to look for a new co-sponsor for this fundraiser. The co-sponsor of this fundraiser would assist the RPCV’s in coordinating the fundraiser and as a benefit would receive the funds for a specific use within their organization. Ideally the co-sponsor would be-based locally here in Madison, but have an international orientation. The monies preferably would be used abroad, but this is not absolutely necessary. As RPCV’s working hard to raise money, we always appreciate communication with the group and feedback on how the funds were used.

At our August meeting we decide to look for a cosponsor of this race. We set up two preliminary criteria for deciding who the co-sponsor would be.

1. Relevancy of project to food/hunger
2. Ability to assist the RPCV’s on FFF

Therefore we are asking groups that are interested in becoming a fundraiser cosponsor to submit to us an application addressing the following questions in less than a half page:

1. How would the monies be used? Please be specific.
2. How many people in your organization would be available to work outside on a cold Saturday in January?

Applications are due by September 12th. It would be preferable if you could send your application by email to Peter Joyce at Pjrojyce@aol.com, so that we can include your organization’s response in our newsletter. This is a competitive process, so don’t be discouraged if you don’t get picked. We will try to be as fair as we can.

We will make our decision at our October 8th meeting and inform the applicants soon after.

Sincerely, Peter J. Joyce
President
RPCV’s of Wisconsin

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For Harvest Moon Celebration:

- **When:** Saturday October 3, 1998, 6:00 PM
- **Place:** Potluck!
- **Where:** Mary Grace and Dan Gto’s, 92 W 71 Hwy, 92 Brooklyn, WI 53511
- **Bring:** Musical Instruments, a dish to pass, and something to drink
- **Directions:** Hwy 14 out of Madison, Turn right on Hwy. 92, Follow Hwy. 92 three miles out of Brooklyn

This will be the biggest roundest and most beautiful moon of the year. Come prepared to view this marvel. Dress warmly. We’ll have a bonfire, make some music, and tell stories. This is a time of love, harvest, and abundance. A time to stay up late and bathe in the glow of the moon.

It is said about the FULL MOON:

If a woman is truly eager to bear a child, she should boil a bit of rhubarb in one cup of white wine. Then shall she place this mixture in a chalice of silver or glass, and partake of it under the light of the Full Moon. This shall make her womb ready to conceive.

Two handfuls of rose petals thrown into the air at the Full Moon will bring as many joys as there are petals that fall to the earth.
CALENDAR MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 12TH, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT: ALAN WEINER (AW), PRUDENCE BARBER (PB), ROSE ANN SCOTT (RAS), TROY RUUTER (TR), BUCK TRAWICKY (BT), WALT ZELTNER (WZ), ROCHELLE GOEDKEN (RG).

DISTRIBUTION: 1) AW REPORTED THAT CALENDAR DISTRIBUTION FROM HIS WAREHOUSE IS RUNNING SMOOTHLY. 2) CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF OUR GROUP FOR A DISCOUNTED RATE OF $4.00 EACH THROUGH THE NIGHT OF THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING (WED., SEPT. 2ND). PLEASE CONTACT RG FOR PURCHASING INFORMATION. ALSO, IF MEMBERS OF OUR GROUP WOULD LIKE TO SIGN OUT SOME CALENDARS TO SELL, PLEASE CONTACT RG AT 243-0298. CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PIG ROAST. 3) WE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR SELLING/DISTRIBUTING THE POSTCARDS AND BOOKMARKS THAT WERE PRODUCED THIS YEAR. EACH PHOTOGRAPHER WILL RECEIVE SOME FREE SAMPLES OF THEIR POSTCARDS AND BOOKMARKS. MEMBERS OF OUR GROUP CAN RECEIVE A LIMITED QUANTITY OF POSTCARDS AND BOOKMARKS FOR FREE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS BY ATTENDING THE ONLY CALENDAR PACKING PARTY WE ANTICIPATE HAVING THIS YEAR AT AW'S WAREHOUSE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH. OTHER POSTCARDS AND BOOKMARKS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT A DISCOUNTED RATE TO PC GROUPS TO SELL FOR FUND RAISING. IF ANYONE IN OUR GROUP WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS OTHER POSSIBLE USES FOR THE NEW POSTCARDS AND BOOKMARKS PLEASE COME TO THE NEXT CALENDAR MEETING.

MARKETING: 1) PB REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE LARGE BOOKSTORE CHAINS ORDERED 100 CALENDARS TO SELL AS A KIND OF TRIAL RUN. GOOD JOB PRUDENCE! SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE LARGE BOOKSTORE CHAIN WOULD LIKE A SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE AND A BAR CODE PRINTED ON THE CALENDARS. (WE NEED TO DISCUSS THESE POSSIBILITIES IN THE FUTURE). 2) AW USED A DATABASE HE COMPILED TO SEND 1200 BROCHURES TO SMALL/MEDIUM-SIZED UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORES AROUND THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU ALAN.

OTHER: 1) WE HAVE 21 COMPLETE SETS OF CALENDAR/POSTCARDS AND OTHER ITEMS WE HAVE PRODUCED SINCE 1998. (NOT ALL OF THEM ARE IN THE BEST OF SHAPE). WE PLAN TO SAVE THESE SETS FOR POSTERITY. THE REST OF THE OLD CALENDARS AND POSTCARDS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN AWAY TO GROUPS THAT CAN PUT THE IMAGES TO GOOD USE. WE DISCUSSED THE TEACH PEACE PROGRAM, AN EDUCATION PROGRAM RUN BY THE NPICA, AS A POSSIBLE RECIPIENT FOR SOME OF THE CALENDARS. IF ANY TEACHERS OR ANYONE ELSE IN THE GROUP KNOWS OF GOOD ORGANIZATIONS TO SEND THESE TO, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

2) DATA ENTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. CALL ROSE ANN SCOTT AT 241-0845. CURRENTLY WE ARE TRYING TO GET GROUPS ORGANIZED FOR MONDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS, BUT OTHER TIMES CAN BE CONSIDERED AS WELL.

THE NEXT CALENDAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 7:00 P.M., AT THE HOME OF PRUDENCE BARBER (1050 JENIFFER ST., MADISON).

Finger Food Challenge PARTY!!!!

Come join the fun on Friday, September 18th at Weiner's Warehouse. Starting time is 7:00 P.M. In addition to your favorite finger food, please bring a chair/lawn chair/stool to sit on, beverages (refrigerator is available on site), and dance music. Don't miss this event! We anticipate that it will be the only one of its kind all year. A limited quantity of postcards and bookmarks (as seen at Barbara Chatterjee's farewell party) will be available on a first come first served basis. Door Prizes, Food, Dancing, Friends, Fun-What could be a better way to enjoy the last Friday of the summer?

*with a little calendar packing on the side*

You Can Miss It!!! Go towards Cross Plains/Black Earth/Spring Green on Highway 14 (which is an extension of University Avenue heading out of Middleton). The road will narrow down to one lane heading each direction. Weiner's will be in the last industrial-type complex you will see on the right hand side (if you see open farm land you have gone too far). Alan plans to leave his red Escort by the side of the road with the emergency flashers on from 7-8 P.M. Turn there. Go past the road to the right and turn in the next driveway to the right. Ta-dah!!! Weiner's #831-3554.

Thanks a million for printing "One Country - Whose System and Promise and Peril", the two essays on China. I would be pleased for any feedback. More of the book is available on the Web at a site run by a former PC India Volunteer name Lloyd Jeffrey Mallin out of Haula. The address is www.artfulexpression.com

My favorite piece in on Russia and on Nicaragua through I know the Nicaragua piece might spark some controversy. When I was at Oxam, some staff members worshipped Otega and the Sandinista's, so even the slightest hint of criticism got you lambasted. But my skin is thick and the truth eventually comes to life. Thanks again,
ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR LARGE DONATION FOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN IN ARCATAO, EL SALVADOR
(see Aug. World Roots)

Answers (hopefully) to "El Presidente's", (and, possibly others') questions and concerns:——

1) CONTROL???: There are almost 30 "sister cities" between cities in the US and rural towns in El Salvador, where country people have come back to resettle after 12 years of civil war. The UN helped create the Peace Accords to end the war, and oversaw them for 3 years afterwards.

Sister City relations, programs, proposals, information, and money are closely overseen by:

   a) The National US-ES Sister Cities Council

   b) One national representative of all the sister cities in El Salvador, who has his office in CRIPDES in San Salvador. This person responds to the New York office here, and all the individual sister cities. All communications pass through him, and he answers to all the sister city structures, proposals, projects, etc., both here and there. The current person is David Armur.

   c) CRIPDES in El Salvador. CRIPDES requires formal proposals for all projects, which must be approved by them and by the US sisters. Their development is then overseen by CRIPDES and the Sister Cities Representative. Substantial input from each community in El Salvador is required for any project to even be considered. Final reports and financial statements are also required, and the next project is not considered until the last one has been satisfactorily finished and reported on.

   d) DELEGATIONS from Madison: People from here can personally see the progress of projects, as there are several delegations every year (since 1986). There have been delegations from Edgewood College, related to a course about El Salvador and Central America. The next will be to help oversee the national elections in March, 1999. There are sisterings between health-care unions there and here in Madison, between Willy Street Co-op and Edgewood students here and small towns there, and many other connections. Mayor Bauman will head a delegation to El Salvador and Arcatao the third week in September, and there are also various church sisterings and delegations, Catholic, Lutheran and others. In addition the UW School of Medicine has frequent interchange with El Salvador and Arcatao with sizeable delegations, and often with students who live there for a period and help with their clinics and health care, as well as learning a lot.

   e) DELEGATIONS TO MADISON: Contact is also helped by visits to the US by political, union and community leaders we help bring here to inform and inspire us.

2) IMPORTANCE AND JUSTIFICATION: (I think Sister Cathy, American Catholic nun who has lived and worked in Arcatao for many years, describes it best)

   E-MAIL from SR CATHY, 7/15/98——

   "I'm sure that you all know that the purchase of the comedor is important because all of the businesses in the town plaza are owned by people who are not supportive of the community (people who were not in Arcatao during the war and therefore did not really participate in the building of community...the purchase of the comedor and also the bakery (which the Women's Organization is hoping to purchase) will at least give the community two locations in the town plaza."

   Peace to you, Sr. Cathy

MARISUE HELPS SELL CALENDARS!!!
(The one person who answered my ad so far-----)

She wrote:"Dear Prudence: I saw in World Roots that anyone knowing of local stores that might carry the wonderful calendar should contact you. There are several in this area that may very well be interested. If you want to send me a marketing packet, I'll take it to the places I have in mind. I'll see that anyone interested has names and numbers to contact for placing orders. Signed: Marisue Zillig, (Panama, 65-67)" (7733 Dricken Lane, West Bend, WI 53090) THANKS! Marisue!!!

I just sent her a packet with two sample calendars, other info, and brochures. I asked her to let me know what she thinks of it, and if she needs more specific information.

TO EVERYBODY: I hope more of us can follow in Marisue's "rootsteps", and ask me for a sample calendar or two, and marketing info (very simple!). There are a lot of interesting places out there that might sell our calendar, and more people who might get easily "addicted."

So far as I know, no stores have sold our calendar in other towns outside of Madison, and not even in Middleton, Monona, etc. So, if you think you know of a store that might be a good place to offer our kind of calendar, and you have a little time to spare, it could be an interesting thing for you to try!

— Don Sauer
LARGE DONATION PROPOSALS
on the next three pages

NICA Fund


Project Description:

The Wisconsin Coordinating Committee on Nicaragua (WCCN) is a long-established organization to whom we’ve made donations before; Sharon Lewandowski is very active in it. WCCN has a Nicaraguan Credit Alternatives Fund (the NICA Fund), an alternative credit program that allows low-income Nicaraguans access to affordable credit for economic enterprises. The loans are made from a fund of invested (not donated) money, provided by North American churches, other organizations, and socially responsible investors. However, prudence requires that the NICA Fund have a reserve (an “equity”) against defaults on loans. That’s what our donation would help provide. The NICA Fund’s rule is that it must have 10% equity. Thus, if we donate $2000, we allow the NICA Fund to loan $20,000 from the funds invested with it. This is a huge leverage of our money.

Loans have gone to (1) A coffee marketing cooperative (PRODECOOP), representing 69 coffee cooperatives, which markets their coffee directly through Equal Exchange and other coffee outlets, thus eliminating the broker, who would have made most of the profit. (2) Smaller scale enterprises, a la the Gramin Bank, to persons repairing electrical appliances, bottle recyclers, and farmers growing organic produce for the local market or export.

The NICA Fund is administered from within Nicaragua and overseen by WCCN. It is very responsible and competent, and has had very few defaulted loans.

Badger History Group - Dedicated to the identification, preservation, and interpretation of the human and natural history of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant. 88440 Hemlock Rd., North Freedom, WI 53951

Title: History of Sauk Prairie Community and Badger Army Ammunition Plant. Mike Mossman, BHG Chairperson, 608-544-5501

The excessing of the 7300-acre Badger Army Ammunition Plant (Sauk County, WI) has thrust the local community into heated debate over its future, exacerbating the divisions and old wounds that resulted from this fertile prairie land being taken from the native Ho-Chunk nation 150 years ago, then from farmers in 1942. The Badger History Group comprises local people from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, working to heal these wounds by protecting and promoting the community’s rich natural and cultural heritage at this site, and allowing people to listen to one another’s stories. Funds are needed to purchase audio and video recording equipment for personal interviews and documentation of the plant, former farmsteads, etc.

Budget:

Hi-8 video camera with boom mike, lights $1500
Videotape (5 @ $7), storage containers $400
Audio tape recorders with mikes (5 @ $40) $200
Audio tapes (150 @ $2) $300
Photocopy, photographic film, processing $600

Total requested $3000

Matching funds:

Private donations (for travel, office expense) $700
Donated time (500 person-hours x$10/h) $5000
Total $5700

Technical advisor for video work is Dave Erickson of Ootek Productions (APowder on the Prairie producer). Badger Historical Group is sponsored by the Sauk County Historical Society, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization.

WID Tour for Women of Cote d’Ivoire
$500  Rose Ann Scott

WID Tour for Women of Cote d’Ivoire, Peace Corps Partnership, 1990 K Street NW, Washington DC 20526

Peace Corps Volunteers serving in the Ivory Coast are attempting to help women gain both an education and financial independence. This fall PCV’s and their Ivorian colleagues will bike across the mid-section of the country, stopping in a different village each day to talk about the importance of educating girls. Village leaders will also focus on different health and education issues. Money raised will go into funding of women’s project such as small business training workshops.
Ivory Coast women's education.

Amount: $500 Peter Joyce

This project will fund a girl's scholarship fund and women's small business training programs. It is being organized by 6 PCV's and their Ivoirian counterparts that are biking across their country to raise awareness for women's education. This project is coordinated with the Peace Corps Partnership Program. Girls make up 42.3% of the primary school classes, 34% of middle school, 30% of high school and 25% in higher education. Families need to be shown how sending your daughter to school is an investment for the entire family.

Green Gardens to Urban Open Space Foundation
Amount Requested: $600 Meredith Green

Project Description:
The garden space at Rimrock Road that has provided food for Hmong families every summer since 1982 is being offered to the Urban Open Space Foundation for purchase at half it's appraised value by Mildred Green (my mom) with the intention that it remain community garden space and wildlife habitat in perpetuity. This would be the very first permanent Community Action Coalition sponsored garden space available for low and moderate income gardeners in south Madison. Urban Open Space Foundation requires an endowment be established for all properties that it acquires. This endowment is permanently attached to the parcel of property and is available for any future expenses or legal challenges that might be brought against the land. We need to raise $4000 to meet this requirement before the land can be sold this fall. Efforts to raise the balance are underway in the neighborhood and elsewhere. Because the RPCV group helped fence the land for the gardeners several years ago, and has been supportive of this effort on the part of the Green family, we would ask that you contribute towards reaching the endowment goal so the land transaction can proceed. The area next to the garden has been intensively built up with homes during the past few years, and it is our hope that this land can be preserved for future gardeners and not be parcelled up for development. Thanks for your consideration.

WI Resources Protection Council - Forest County Chapter, Defense Fund
Amount Requested $500 Terry Stark, Contact person Tom Ward, WRPC - Forest County Chapter

Project Description:
Multi-national mining companies (e.g. Exxon/ Rio Algom) negotiated local agreements in closed meetings with the Town of Nashville, WI, allegedly in violation of the State's 'open meeting law'. When the citizens of Nashville found out they called a special Town Board meeting to protest these violations of the democratic process and demand their Board members not sell out to the multinational mining companies. When the town Board refused to hear the citizens and closed the meeting, the citizens called for new elections and replaced the Town Board.

The costly legal battle to nullify the negotiated agreements continues between small town citizens and the economic power of a large industry. This funding proposal can support the citizens of this small town in their fight against this travesty of justice and the trampling of their democratic rights.

Swarnivar

Amount requested $1000 Barbara Chatterjee, Project contact person: ASHA-MADISON c/o Murali Palanget

Project Description:
Swarnivar is an extensive community development project in West Bengi, India that provides education and health services in 5 core villages and is extending to neighboring villages as well. It has been focused on a variety of topics, primary schools in each core village. In addition, promotes sustainable agriculture, and some economic development such as establishing savings and loan programs in each core village.

One organization which supports Swarnivar is the Association for India's development (AID), and its affiliate ASHA which primarily targets education. These groups began 8-9 years ago at several American Universities, and have a chapter in Madison. Most AID members are natives of India and strongly committed to helping development projects in their homeland. They identify projects to fund, visit on site, and collect reports and statistics to document how funds are used. The Madison chapter of AID has Swarnivar as the target for its fund raising effort in 1997-8. They presented it the RPCV's of WI in 9/97 informing us of their work. Their 10/97 fundraising concert netted $2300 for Swarnivar, and are participating in a nationwide fund-raiser in 8/98. Another RPCV grant would again be matched by their other fundraising efforts.

Safe Night Program in Milwaukee

Amount Requested: $1000 Barbara Chatterjee, Program contact person: Olusegun Sijuwade, Health Educator & Safe Night Founder

Project Description:
The Safe Night Program was started in June 1994, in Milwaukee, WI to provide engaging evening activities for adolescents in their own neighborhoods. The only requirements for these events are that now weapons, alcohol/drugs, or fighting are allowed. Individuals and community organizations responded to the initial call, holding over 60 events on the first night. Many "Safe Nights" were held in the weeks and months that followed and the commitment has been maintained for over 4 years. In 1999 a national Safe Night is being scheduled, patterned on the Milwaukee experience.

The Safe Nights sponsored by individuals for their own neighborhoods depend on their generosity in opening their homes, arranging activities, and providing snacks for the youth. The program leadership, housed in the Milwaukee Health Dept., can offer virtually no resources to help out grass roots Safe Nights with their expenses. This grant would be given to non-institutional Safe Night Sponsors to defray their expenses.
Ramakrishna Mission Boy's Home (Balakashram)

Amount Requested $300 Barbara Charterjee Project Contact person: Ashim Chakravorti

Project Description:

The Ramakrishna Mission Balakashram, a boarding school near Calcutta India, for 700 boys form poor circumstances, receives some support through the Vedanta Society of Madison (VSM). The campus includes a set of schools covering all elementary and secondary grades, a college and several other facilities; the graduates perform well on their exit examinations. Since 1994, the RPCV-WI/Madison has contributed to the VSM fundraising effort for this school. They have supplied documentation both of the Madison donation and the continuing needs of the school. The VSM has appreciated and acknowledged the participation of RPVC-WI/Madison and continues to raise money for the school. RPCV-WI/Madison's continued support is valued both by the school in Calcutta and the VSM, and it serves as a bridge to one of our local ethnic communities.

CENTERFEST IS 3-4 OCTOBER.

Head for Richland Center.

Events include:

SATURDAY 3 October:

8:00AM Cider Jug Jog (5K or 10K or 2 mi fun walk)
8:15 Farmers market
10-2PM cheese and yogurt tasting
10-3PM Foundry open house
10-4PM antique car display
11-3PM chili cook-off
5-8 spaghetti dinner
7:30P bingo
All day: rummage sales, orchard open house

SUNDAY, 4 October.

Bike ride: Plan to be at the UW Richland Center campus between 7:30 - 9:30AM
0..Pancake breakfast at Rotary Club.
8, 15, 31, 46 MILE loops (the driven repeat the long loop to make a century day of it, but I've got other routes in mind...)

Cost: $18 (includes t-shirt) or $8 (no shirt). Includes: Free refreshments at orchards long the route Post-ride chili feed and use of indoor pool/jacuzzi/sauna. Full support (sag wagons)

other Sunday events: 11-4PM home tours 12-4 quilt show
All day: orchard open houses

To get an entry form write directly to:
OFBT c/o Richland Medical Center 3 Seminary St. Richland Center, WI 53581
or call the organizers at: (608) 647 6161

We invite all interested bodies to come camp at the Mc? farm. We plan to be there Saturday all day and night through Sunday evening. Campers have 240 acres to choose from. There are sites in the woods, on top of the ridges, or along the Mill Creek. We'll have firewood ready but expect primitive conditions.

No toilets; running water in the creek is suitable for bathing, cooking. Spring water is potable (but springs are hidden in the woods).

directions:
Go 8 mi. W of Richland Center on Hwy. 14. At Hwy E go right (North). (Sign says Boaz is to the South-there are 3 bars there- maybe later...) Continue 2.8 mi. on E. After jog in road, look to your left for white house, red barn set back 1/4 mi. from Hwy. Turn Left into farm. Please circulate this to other RPCVs or friends who might want to join us.
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Ashoka Fellow Update
Suwarni Angesti Rahayu (Yayuk)

Thanks to our chapter’s support, Suwarni is taking great strides in her work to decrease violence against women by harnessed the teachings of Islam. Her special approach enables the counselors in her woman’s crisis center, Rifka Annisa, to work with the victims, the offenders, and the authorities on this sensitive and difficult issue. Suwarni shows that instead of lowering the status of women, Islam can actually empower them. Through her organization, Suwarni spreads this message to change the climate and attitudes towards women in Indonesia.

Between Sept. ’97 and Feb. ’98, Suwarni ran training courses on “Gender Sensitivity and Violence Against Women” to enhance the role of women in the Islamic society. Her goals are to broaden people’s awareness and change community opinions about current gender roles through these courses. To further her message, she utilizes community participation, which is essential for long term change.

The program has focused on understanding cross-gender communication and showed the disparity in religious interpretation and the conflicts which result. The first topic addressed the unfair bias against women.

Suwarni has successfully gained the support of three key community groups to participate in the training sessions: the Women’s Leader Group, the Youth Leader Group and the Community Leaders Group.

Once they have completed the training, the participants become peer group members of Rifka Annisa. They inform others in their community about violence based on gender, refer victims to Rifka Annisa, and monitor cases while they seek a solution.

Suwarni has also instituted a monitoring system for the peer groups. This is an evaluation system that determines if the peer group is working effective after training. It seeks to help out the groups implement and develop the center’s goals, and to prepare the trainees for the next stage in becoming counselors. Overall, Suwarni determined that as a result of the peer group training sessions there is an increased sensitivity of peer groups members to the issues of gender and violence against women.

As you can see, Suwarni Angesti Rahayu is one of an ever-growing number of Ashoka Fellows whose work is dramatically affecting the way that societies confront the multiplicity of problems they face. As you know, an investment in Ashoka goes a long way, not only by helping launching the initiatives of pioneers like Suwarni, but also by supporting the conviction that social entrepreneurship is a vital engine of far-reaching social change. We are extremely grateful for your support of Suwarni, and look forward to keeping you appraised of her progress, as well as other Ashoka events.

Sincerely,

Jin Park
Announcements

+ September 2nd, Wed. - Monthly Meeting at the Monona Terrace 7PM

+ September 9th, Wed. - Next Calendar Steering Committee Meeting at the home of Prudence Barber. Call 243-0298

+ September 14th - Deadline for articles for Newsletter

+ September 17, 1998 - Thursday 8-10 PM at the Cardinal Bar 418 East Wilson, 'Mad City'!

+ September 18th, 1998 - Finger Food* Party at Weiner's Warehouse 7:00 Food, Fingers, Fun and Function!!

+ October 3rd, 1998 - HARVEST MOON! Brooklyn, WI 6 till ??

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