EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Q: How do you get a Ph.D. off of your front porch?

A: Pay her for the pizza!

If you missed the campout, you missed this and other jokes, scintillating conversations about such subjects as spontaneous combustion and embalming fluid, swimming in the lake, biking on the byways and the unveiling of the 1997 calendar. It's a beauty. Once again the production people have outdone themselves.

Now its up the marketing and distribution people to get these beautiful calendars out of my garage and onto people's walls. Two of our stalwarts, Kevin and Chris, are moving on to bigger and better things, but Jim and Prudence have agreed to take on marketing and Alan has agreed to take on distribution. In any event, when Alan puts out the call for calendar packers, please volunteer. Its a big job that gets really huge around November and December and it can lead to burnout if left in the hands of a few.

Speaking of burnout, that problem and other issues confronting our group will be discussed at a Retreat currently being organized for later this summer. Such a Retreat, to ask and answer the serious questions facing our group, is much needed at this point in our history. For a thoughtful discussion of those questions, as seen by one of our members, I refer you to Don's piece elsewhere in this issue. I recommend that we all read Don's musings carefully and use them as a starting point for articulating our own issues and that we all come to the Retreat prepared to do some serious work. The continued vitality of the group depends on it.
Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 2, 7:00 p.m.
Union South, 127 N. Randall St.
Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St.

Future Meeting Dates:

7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, August 7, 2002 P.M.
Memorial Union South, 127 N. Randall St.
800 Langdon
DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday, July 2, General Meeting, Union South, 127 N. Randall St., 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 15, Calendar Committee Meeting, Rose Ann's, 2714 Oakridge, 241-0845

Wednesday, August 7, General Meeting, Union South, 127 N. Randall St., 7:00 p.m.

August ??, Canoe Trip, River and weekend to be discussed at the July meeting and published in next newsletter.

Friday to Sunday, August 16 to 18, National Peace Corps Association Annual General Meeting, Shawnee, PA, see details elsewhere in this issue. Anyone interested in attending?

Saturday and Sunday, August 24 and 25, Pig Roast, Mike and Marcy Read's farm. Directions and other details in next newsletter.

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

1996 Giftaway
Ramakrishna Mission Boys Home India ....... 300
Madison Arcatao Sister City Project El Sal 400
Hunger Prevention Council Dane County .... 400
Atwood Community Center Senior Program .... 400
SCLC Chiapas Communities Mexico ........ 400
Chautara Women's Handicraft Collective .... 400
Northwoods Family Resource Center .......... 400
Post Adoptive Resource Project ............ 400
Chicago Area PCA -Global Awareness Program 400
Habitat For Humanity South Madison ........ 400
WORT Back Porch Radio ..................... 150
Wisconsin Public Radio ..................... 150
WilMar Neighborhood Center Food Pantry .... 400
Healing The Children Wisconsin ............ 400
Friend of Sierra Leone Emergency Relief .... 400
Parc National des Volcans Rawanda ......... 400
Trickle Up ................................ 400
Madison Community Health Center .......... 400
Kandy Children's Center Sri Lanka .......... 400
Mundo Da Crianca School Brazil .......... 600

$7,600

Committed not donated as of yet
Mashal .......................... 400
Multicultural Education ... 350
21 were present, including 1 new guy, Melanie. We introduced ourselves with a story of our worst insect experience. The winner was Deb's: she was bitten in a disco by a drunken sailor (who counted as a bug). Sharon broke a board with her elbow at a self-defense workshop, and she showed us her bruise.

The previous month's minutes were all OK.

Global Ed. Committee: re. Global Ed. materials: we're still getting queries about them, but these are rare (1-2/yr): should we make more copies of the video and of the pamphlet. Decision: NO. And don't advertise them anymore.

Calendar Committee: the 97Cal is at the printer and will look great: delivery will be on Monday 24 June 96! Calendar Committee meetings will be during the week; see elsewhere for dates (2nd Monday of the month). And we've got a real Marketing Team now: Prudence Barber and Jim Schelly for PC and RPCV markets. Alan is exploring new advertising venues and Phyllis Noble will handle local merchants. Buck walked us through the Calendar Budget printed in the last NL and filled in details. The Budget was approved. AYE.

[The first samples of the 97 Calendar were on hand for the Campout. June 22-23 (see below). And they are beautiful: we've really outdone ourselves: it's never looked so fine. The selection process worked great--our top 13 vote-getters are outstanding photos, even better on the page than on the screen. The layout and increased use of color are excellent. And the cover is amazing--it'll be picked up by everyone at a store's calendar rack. As always, we now say: 'We've reached the summit--we'll never top this.' The printers must be gazing with wonder at what they did.]

ReConnect Project (Sharon and Buck): our Film Night was great fun, we were there in force, and we should do it again. However, only 2 newly-back RPCVs and a spouse showed up! This is similar to turnout at other ReConnect events. Quite possibly, this proves that ReConnect is a project without a need. A discussion topic for the Retreat.

Shakespeare: we're going to 'Measure For Measure' at American Players Theater: Sharon is organizing it. (241-2392)

Camping Trip (Don): it's already happened. June 22-23. It was a fine success. Some came on Fri night, most on Sat. afternoon. No rain until Sunday morning, almost 40 were there. White Mound County Park is a lovely place.

Canoe Trip: we'll pick a date and river at our July meeting.

New Members (Barl, Walt, Susan): these 3 handed out a paper they'd written on membership matters. They had met, and recommended these actions: (1) Gather information about membership trends. (Why do people join us, which ones become active and why, why do some drop out?) (2) Promote the Pig Roast as a gathering of current, former, and prospective members. (3) Organize a Retreat, to examine our group's "Mission." (See above.)

Discussion and Sense of the Meeting: Yes, figure out how to survey non-members. Yes, make the Pig Roast a Gala (see below). Retreat: dedicated to discussing our group's Future Directions and Soul and other interesting matters (it's been a long time since last we did this). At the Pig Roast? NO! (Those who thought this should happen at the Pig Roast were oinked to shame, to think that such serious work could happen in the presence of dead.
animals.) It should be on a day, perhaps a Saturday, in a pleasant thought-inducing location, convenient to Madison (for those who are bike/bus-bound). With a Facilitator. We could even pay a modest amount for all this, if needed. In sum: this is important, and of high priority. The ad-hoc committee should bring logistics plans to the July meeting; we'll pick a Retreat date at that time.

Donations Philosophy (Sharon): We also need to further discuss our Donation Destinations and Values. Sharon (241-2392) will organize an evening or two of discussion by those interested.

4 Donations Proposals: all 4 proposals published in the last NL were unanimously approved, after discussion. We will give $1000 to the Wisconsin Coordinating Committee on Nicaragua, for the Women's Empowerment Project in Managua. We will give $1000 to the My Lai (Vietnam) Women's Loan Fund. We will give $400 to the Kandy Children's Centre. And we will sponsor an Ahsoka Fellow in India for 2 years, while he works on gene-banks of indigenous rice strains; donation is $3360/yr.

Buck was told to call Mike Read and get the date he'll host the Pig Roast. It's the weekend of Aug 24-25.

Chris is leaving in August (grad school in Michigan), so Deb will move from VP to Pres. for the last months of Chris's term.

Lastly, the Research Department has found the Pope's home page: http://www.vatican.com Now you can send him a stinging missive now and then.

--Buck.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE MINUTES

- The calendar committee meet Monday June 10. Present were Prudence Barber, Jim Schelly, Jim Good, Alan Weiner, Walt Zeltner, Dean Jefferson, Barbara Chatterjee and Rose Ann Scott.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 15 at 7 PM at Rose Ann's house 2714 Oakridge. Any group member who comes is a member of the committee. The meetings for the rest of the year will be the 2nd Monday of the month at 2714 Oakridge.
- The 97 Calendar is scheduled to be ready for delivery 6/21/96. Gordon will be ready to receive it after 6/24/96.
- The outstanding accounts were discussed. Accounts receivable of $5,207 is too high. Someone is needed to keep accounts receivable up to date for the '97 calendar. We will ask purchasers to send in the money before the calendars are sent.
- After a long discussion on shipping charges it was decided that Barb would talk to Chris, Kevin and Alan and they would make an informed decision we would abide by.
- Dean impressed us all with his WEB SITE demo on our group's home page. Our address is http://www.execpc.com/~wirpcv. There are 3 icons on our group's page, 97 calendar, 96 donations, and group activities. It is wonderful to have a person in our group with the ability and persistence to enter the markup code to get the job done.
- Jim Schelly and Prudence are in charge of Marketing. Several suggestions were made for Marketing the '97 calendar; World View, Web Site, direct sales to stores, smoozing other 3rd world groups, fellow PCA groups, the national council and Peace Corps. Jim is going to check the costs of placing ads in travel and AARP magazines.
- Someone is needed for direct sales to stores in Madison.
- The 4 color sales brochure was discussed and rejected.
- The fiscal year ends 8/31/1996.
The following are some questions that I believe should be considered if we retreat to refocus our efforts and revitalize the individuals who make up the RPCVs of Wisconsin/Madison. These are certainly not the only questions which deserve consideration but these seem particularly important to me. These are offered as a stimulant to thinking about the issues that face us.

QUESTIONS FOR THE MADISON RPCVS TO CONSIDER ABOUT THE GROUP AS A WHOLE

1. What is the primary purpose of the RPCVs of Madison? How should the group operate? Ad Hoc, Seat of the Pants, Soft Structure, Hierarchical Structure?

2. How much time should be spent on the organization of "benefit" activities?

3. Does this group serve as a primary social group for people or as an auxiliary to other social groupings to which we belong?

4. What kind of relationship do we wish to have with other local, country of service, and issue oriented RPCV groups?

5. What guiding principles can be established for consideration of assistance requests from inside the group and outside the group?

6. What is the best way to attract new members?

7. What is the best way to retain current members?

8. What is the best way to reactivate past members?

9. What is a good format for monthly meetings? What part should educational activities have in monthly meetings? How much and what kind of detailed business should take place at monthly meetings? What kind of social activities are appropriate in this setting?

10. What is the best way for the group to act as stewards of the large sums of money which have come to us via the International Calendar Project?

24 June 1996
Don Sauer
Often it is said that the International Calendar Project (ICP) soaks up too much time and energy from the meetings. So much time is spent on things like budgets and contracts and questions of who can be recruited to work on various aspects of the ICP. The ICP is supposed to be subordinate to the group as a whole and the people who participate in the Calendar are aware of this. At the same time, the level of understanding and appreciation of the complexities of the ICP is inadequate within the group as a whole. The ICP has become the 800 pound gorilla of this group for the simple reason that it absorbs so much of the talent and energy of the group as a whole and because it produces by far the greatest portion of the funds available to the group treasury. Again, the following is not meant as a comprehensive set of questions but rather as a stimulus for thought and discussion of these issues.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR PROJECT

1. What are the Production, Marketing and Distribution Cycles as they relate to the ICP?

2. What resources, personpower, equipment and financial, are needed to complete each cycle successfully?

3. What is the definition of "success" for the ICP as it relates to the larger goals of the group?

4. What is the best way to reach the level of "success" we have defined consistent with the larger purposes and goals of the group?

5. What resources do we command within the group that will lead toward our own definition of "success."

6. What resources must we access from outside the group in order to reach "success."

7. Is it legitimate to use ICP funds in order to improve our chances for ICP "success" as we have defined it?

8. Is it legitimate to use ICP funds to enhance the overall operation of the group?

9. What does the Calendar mean to the NPCA and to the RPCV movement at large?

10. Are we willing as a group to collaborate with other entities (NPCA and/or a consortium of other RPCV groups) in order to relieve the burden on this group and to expand the overall sales of the Calendar?

11. If we are willing to collaborate, do we have individuals in our group who can and will be able to act effectively as a liaison with other entities involved in Calendar work?

24 June 1996
Don Sauer
Gather on a summer weekend for the Presidents Forum, Annual General Meeting and Board of Directors meeting. We'll meet in the 70,000-acre Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in northeastern Pennsylvania to do a little RPCV networkbuilding and have lots of fun. Wrap a family vacation around these NPCA events in Shawnee, Pennsylvania. It's off Interstate 80 just 86 miles from Philadelphia, 75 miles from New York and 203 miles from Washington, D.C.

WELCOME!
Friday evening 6:30 reception for RPCVs. Limited reservations also available for the 8:30 curtain of a New York production of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the nearby Shawnee Playhouse.

NETWORK
Saturday workshops for editors, treasurers and other leaders to define strategies for membership and advocacy among NPCA groups. Represent your group during the Presidents Forum, participate in the Annual General Meetings' grassroots debate of policy recommendations to the board of directors. A children's play and other family opportunities are planned, plus an evening of live music.

RAFT & BARBECUE
On Sunday, float gently down the sparkling waters of the Delaware River past meadows of purple loosestrife and black-eyed susans in the nesting and hunting grounds of ospreys and eagles. Gather ashore in the afternoon for a barbecue on the grounds of the historic Shawnee Inn Resort.

COST & REGISTRATION
Three fun events, all the workshops and meetings for only $35. Watch for registration forms in the June mail.

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Friends of Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Rd., will hold their annual book sale on Wednesday. Donations of books, CDs and cassettes are being accepted. Call 1361.

Mandy Jackson, a Madison woman who will leave for Ghana with the Peace Corps on Saturday, has been selected by the corps to introduce President Clinton on Wednesday at the White House ceremony honoring the Peace Corps’ 35th anniversary.

“I don’t know why they chose me out of 40 other volunteers,” she says. “They asked me if I’d feel comfortable speaking, and I said sure.”

A graduate of East High School in 1991 and of Emory University in Atlanta, Jackson said she had experience in public speaking in college.

“Sure, I can get tongue-tied,” she said. “But I don’t worry about it. I have no problem poking fun at myself.” The ceremony will be in the Rose Garden.

Jackson will follow in the footsteps of the first Peace Corps volunteers who met with President John Kennedy in the Rose Garden in 1961 before leaving for Ghana, in West Africa, to serve as English teachers. She will be joined by those volunteers from the first Ghana mission, as well as members of Congress, members of the White House Cabinet and notable returned Peace Corps volunteers.

She has two minutes to do the introduction. “They want me to give a background of my service, why I went into the Peace Corps, and then something about the president.”

Jackson said she voted for Clinton, but doesn’t know much about him except what she reads in the papers. “The corps will give me a script and allow me to edit it so it’s in my own words,” she said.

For the rest of her four-day stay in Washington, she’ll be undergoing training and getting shots. “They try to scare us a little by telling us what we can expect when we get to Ghana,” she said. “They give us an overview of the lifestyle there. Some of the volunteers probably won’t go after that.”

After her Peace Corps tour, Jackson plans to attend medical school at Morehouse College in Atlanta. “They produce physicians who go back into underprivileged communities,” she said. “And their goal is to produce more African-American physicians.”

She expects that her experiences in Ghana will help her at Morehouse. “Their mission is to serve the under-served — just like the Peace Corps. My experiences in Ghana will give me a broad perspective that I can carry over into my medical practice. Any time I can get culture from another culture is good for me.”
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