Rummage Sale..... NOT!

Due to a decided lack of interest, both in terms of coordination and donations, rejuvenation of the RPCV Trash & Treasure Sale has has been tabled indefinitely.

So if you were part of the silent majority, setting aside your unneeded household wares, clothing, and so on, you’re on your own now.

Thank You.....

Dear Returned Peace Corps Volunteers,

United Refugee Services (URS) wishes to thank you for your time, efforts and caring in making the Cardinal Bar Benefit a success. The money that was raised from this event will go directly to funding the Asian youth program. As you know, many agencies are experiencing cutbacks and facing budget shortfalls. Unfortunately, URS has not been spared, but your contribution of $630 is a step in the right direction.

The staff of URS has been impressed by the dedication of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers to aiding non-profits in maintaining a high level of service and professionalism. We wish to continue this positive relationship with your organization and encourage any of your members to contact us if they would be interested in becoming involved with any of our programs.

Thanks again for your generous support.

Sincerely,
Mark Wehrly, Executive Director

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Treasurer's Report

03/01/97 to 03/31/97

Calendar

Calendar Sales 69,716.25
Interest 1,934.00
Newsletter Postage 333.89
UPS + 251.30
Phone - 82.39
Supplies + 12.78
Postal - 179.89
Postage - 71,425.32

Group

Group Balance 1,339.04

Global Education 2,096.20
Large Education 7,414.00
Giftaway 0.00

Annual Projects

Cardinal Bar Benefit 1,354.00
United Refugee Services + 628.00
Expenses - 628.00
Annual Projects Balance 1,339.00

Freeze for Food 3,000.50

Projects Total 86,389.79

Account Balances

Checking 2,589.27
Market @4.72% 83,800.52
Accounts Balance 86,389.79

Job Opening: Administrative Assistant
Centro Hispano, Inc.
1321 E. Mifflin St, Madison 53703
(608) 255-3018

Skills Required:
Bilingual (Spanish/English); Excellent
customer service skills; multi-line phone
system; ability to handle multiple tasks;
organized; able to communicate and prioritize;
work under pressure; computer proficiency.
Closing Date: May 2, 1997

Hankerin' to get involved? Have questions or comments on specific issues? Any great ideas for events or projects? Check out the Officers & Contacts List (above and to your left) and call any of them directly -- this is your organization, and it's what you make it!
Become the change you would like to see in the world. -- Mahatma Gandhi

On April 5th, President Clinton kicked off a recent summit on volunteerism in America, and those “Thousand Points of Light,” with a speech that highlighted the unpaid work of heroes around the country. Several times he specifically mentioned the example set by RPCVs (like us) who continue their work in community development back home even after completing their overseas contract. (Editor’s note: see next page for excerpts of Clinton’s comments.) In preparation for this summit, I was contacted by some officers of Peace Corps for details of our extensive work in the community. They’d heard from NPCA that the RPCVs of Wisconsin—Madison are an active bunch, and liked the idea that we hail from the heartland, so wanted info on our favorite projects for the sake of the speech — and handbook-writers. I detailed our projects for the three folks who called: they wanted more info on the calendar, the Freeze For Food, and the Cardinal Bar Benefit. I was thanked for the info, and asked to then tell about our “hands-on” community projects, those which have a primary function other than fund-raising. Hmmm... Well...

Frankly, I was surprised that so much of our group energy goes to fund-raising, and comparatively little to direct-service projects. Now of course I’m not saying there’s anything less than heroic about the amount of human energy that goes into our work, and it shows and pays off. I’m also aware that many of us put in plenty o’ time as individuals in community volunteer work — we do have lives outside of the RPCVs, and fill those lives with more than just hedonism & debauchery. But I came to realize that I like you people, and would like to see more of us in action together. I wonder if others in this group, perhaps those who aren’t as involved with current ongoing projects, would be interested in getting their hands dirty on the front lines of community work. Well if so... opportunities to do so are presenting themselves to us! At the April meeting Sarith Ou, of the Cambodian community, and Roger Garms, Ph.D., spoke about the challenges facing South-Asian refugee families living in Madison. They suggested that a group of RPCVs could be valuable in facilitating a weekly after-school program for Southeast Asian kids to help bridge the cultural gap and give the kids a safe, healthy place to meet, play and mingle. They currently facilitate a similar group at Blackhawk middle school and invite us to join in that one, but also encourage us to begin another, perhaps in the Allied Drive neighborhood. I for one am interested; if you are too, and would like more info, call me (244-8609) or Dave Wakeley (244-0405), who has volunteered to help get things rolling.

Another opportunity for doin’ good is via a renewed relationship with Habitat For Humanity. Mr. Wakeley again is coordinating a project with them and will let us know when to get the work gloves out. Many thanks to Dave — FYI, his energy in getting these two projects off the ground will likely be his swan song for the group as he will be leaving for the orient (Rhode Island) in a few months, and we will miss him!

So what do you think? Have we got enough on our plates to keep us busy (yes), and are any others interested in exploring more community service activities as a group (yes again?). Let’s chat.

Happiness, Deb Stapleton

Where Do We Come From?

A quick (and non-scientific) analysis of the Membership Directory sent out last month yields some very interesting information. To my knowledge, looking at the membership in terms of where they live hasn’t happened to date. What it means is up to others, but here it is, for the sake of discussion.

Some broad definitions of the zip code categories:

530, 531 & 534: Southeastern part of the state (Racine, etc.)
532: Milwaukee county, basically
535, 538 & 539: In & around Dane County; South central WI
537: Madison/Monona/Fitchburg
541, 542 & 543: Northeastern WI (Green Bay, etc.)
544 & 546: North central WI (Stevens Point, Tomah, etc.)
547 & 548: Northwestern WI (Eau Claire, etc.)
549: Lake Winnebago / Fox River Valley (Appleton, etc.)

Out-of-state & International: self-explanatory

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I want to talk with you today about how we can make this glorious spring a season of service all across America. As I have said many times, the era of big government may be over, but the era of big challenges for our nation is surely not. Citizen service is the main way we recognize that we are responsible for one another. It is the very American idea that we meet our challenges not through heavy-handed government or as isolated individuals, but as members of a true community, with all of us working together.

On April 27 through 29, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, we will be convening an historic Presidents’ Summit on Service. I will be joined by President Bush, General Colin Powell, by every living former president or his representative, by other prominent Americans. Every person, business or organization represented at this summit will have already committed to take specific steps to serve our children and to rebuild our communities. Our mission is nothing less than to spark a renewed national sense of obligation, a new sense of duty, a new season of service.

I hope that many activities in the weeks leading up to this wonderful event will make all Americans think about the duty all of us owe to one another. Citizen service can take many shapes – it can mean volunteering nights or on weekends in a religious group or neighborhood association, or devoting full years of your life to service like those in the Peace Corps or the Jesuit Volunteer Corps members do.

I’ve asked the thousands of AmeriCorps alumni and returned Peace Corps Volunteers to participate, as well, reaching out to youth in their communities, speaking in schools, recruiting volunteers and teaching a new generation about the power of service.

I hope they will teach that citizen service cannot be a pursuit for just a week or a month, that the ethic of service must extend through a lifetime. No one is too young to serve, as a recent study by Brandeis University shows -- when you begin to serve at a young age, schoolwork improves and there is a good chance you will continue to serve in the years to come. It’s a good habit that’s hard to break. And no one is too old to serve, either. But we must find even more ways to encourage our young people to begin to serve.

Today I challenge schools and communities in every state to make service a part of the curriculum in high school and even in middle school. There are many creative ways to do this -- giving students credit, putting service on a student’s transcript or even requiring it, as Maryland does.

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Special Events

Sheng Zhen Wuji Yuan Gong: A Return to Wholeness with Master Li Jun Feng

May 13, 14 & 15, from 5:30 to 9:30 each evening
James Reeb Unitarian Church
2146 E. Johnson Street, Madison
(behind East High School)

Fee: $50 per session if paid by May 9; if you attend two sessions, the third is free. Registration at the door is $60 per session. 30% student discount is available. No previous experience with Qi Gong is required. Light refreshments will be provided. Please come in loose and comfortable clothing, and bring a cushion for sitting meditation. For a registration form or for more information, call Gina Cowell at 231-1694, evenings, or e-mail <cowell@execpc.com>.

To embark on a practice of Sheng Zhen Wuji Yuan Gong is to begin a journey of rediscovery of one’s true self, to a state of consciousness where one experiences a sense of total well-being.

Motion

The Calendar Steering Committee submits the following motion for consideration at the May 6 meeting: As the RPCVs of WI-Madison have traditionally given the National Peace Corps Association money in the form of royalties, we move to give the NPCA $3,500, coming from the Calendar Account.
Well, it appears that a reasoned plea for help isn’t the proper course of action. I’m not above begging, but I don’t have any money so I can’t pay you, and I doubt the promise of sexual favors would motivate any of you (if so, keep it to yourself). I haven’t gotten even a nibble of interest, nor has Deb Stapleton, to my knowledge. The fact remains that next month’s issue will be my last at the helm (Full speed ahead to Milwaukee!), and I remain convinced that it’s a good idea to do one issue together. That is, of course, if the next Editor is interested or able to continue on a path of utilizing some basic layout/design. If not, so be it.

On that note, I’d like to use this ‘podium’ to express my disagreement with a statement that was made, and seemingly seconded through silence, at the April membership meeting to the effect that a consistent style and attempt to offer some attractive design elements here and there isn’t ‘the Peace Corps way.’ I’m not sure what that ‘way’ is, but virtually all of the other RPCV newsletters we receive monthly appear to be laid out using some sort of desktop publishing. It remains the prerogative of the person volunteering to do the job to decide how that job is done, and no one will fault a return to the cut & paste school of newsletter design, if that’s what can be accommodated in an already busy life. But I have to say I’m annoyed when efforts to provide something interesting and pleasing to read are considered an aberration. Thanks for listening.....

There’s a need for another important volunteer cog in this RPCV wheel. Susan Mendrysa must relinquish her membership / labels database due to the demands of a Ph.D. program in Molecular Biology (piece o’cake). In addition, the desired transfer of the membership files to the PC purchased by the Calendar Steering Committee puts her at a disadvantage since she uses Macs. So you say you don’t want to be an Editor? Well, what’s your excuse not to be a Database Supervisor?

Call Susan at 255-7053 if you want more information about the demands, in her experience. Or call Deb Stapleton at 244-8609. Poor Deb.....

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**RPCVs of Wisconsin -- Membership Information**

All RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison receive a monthly newsletter, *World Roots*, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer that members pay through December of the year of joining ($1.25 for each month through December), 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 $20. We strongly encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

*(check all the following that apply)*

- I want to join RPCVW, Inc. and am enclosing $___.
- Individual - $15 for one year *(or $1.25 per month to next January)*
- Joint - $20 *(two people receiving one newsletter)*
- Overseas Individual - $24
- Overseas Joint - $29
- I am also enclosing $20 for NPCA membership. *(($27.50 for joint membership - two people with the same address)*
- I do not want to join, but I would like to receive *World Roots* and am enclosing $7 *(($15 for overseas) to cover the costs.*
- I’m moving! Please change my mailing address on your records.

Name: ____________________________
Country of Service: _____________
Address: ____________________________


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The RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison are an active bunch, and there’s always a need for new blood. If you’re willing to be called to help out, make your mark:

- I might be interested in doing something, but I’d like to get more information. Call me.

Send completed form & check to: RPCVs of Wisconsin - Madison, P.O. Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701
# Giftaway Committee Recommendations

Walt Zeltner convened a meeting open to all but attended by only Gordon Malaise and Lori Merriam on Thursday, April 17. Below you’ll find a grid that lists the requests, sponsors, the amounts requested and recommended by this ad hoc group. Information about requests 1-18 were recently sent to you in a special mailing; information about number 19 (Heifer Project) arrived too late for the mailing and is included at the bottom of this page. These recommendations will be discussed, approved and/or amended at the next membership meeting on May 6, and any questions you have can be answered then. The total amount authorized for donations was $10,000, and the total recommended by the Committee is $7,500.

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**Application Date**: April 8, 1997  
**RPCV-WI/MAD. Sponsor**: Kenneth Coffeen  
**RPCV Project Title**: Heifer Project

**Project Description:** Since 1944, the Heifer Project has provided farm animals to poor families around the world. Animals provided include chickens, heifers, water buffalo and goats. The Heifer Project has received presidential awards and high praise from U.S. presidents of both parties. Bill Clinton says - “Your work has saved countless individuals from starvation and has brought new life to troubled lands.” ($500.00 will fund 1 heifer.)
Your Money Works for So Many.....

by Cindy Clark-Ericksen,
Rusk County Family Living Agent

Approximately 10 months ago your organization donated $400 to the Family Connections home visitor program. At that time we had just begun. Since then we have had many successes and encountered numerous stumbling blocks.

All four of the home visitors we trained a year ago are still doing home visits. They have all turned out to be excellent visitors. In the last year they have made visits to 12 families. Some of these visits have been one-time visits. Others have been long-term relationships that will last to the baby's first birthday.

Families and home visitors have reported many positive developments as a result of this program, including:

- Family members spending more quality time playing and interacting with the baby.
- Family members encouraging normal development of the baby by offering developmentally appropriate activities.
- Family members learning about community resources, such as WIC, Northwoods Family Resource Center, & Pregnancy Resource Center.
- Adults who smoke choosing to smoke away from the baby.
- Families attending Northwoods Family Resource Center with the home visitor and later alone.

I would like to highlight a few of these results:

1. Playing with the baby may seem insignificant at first glance. However, recent brain research has shown that what infants learn through play during the first few months of life has a great impact on success later in life.

2. Access to community resources can have a profound effect on the lives of families and children. We know that WIC helps mothers better meet the nutritional needs of their children, but only the home visitor saw the tears well up in the mothers' eyes when they made a trip to the Pregnancy Resource Center where they received beautiful baby blankets and baby clothes, items they were unable to purchase on limited incomes.

3. Research has shown many negative impacts of cigarette smoke on infants. Most significant of these is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and an increase of upper respiratory problems. Ear infections and fluid in the ears can cause temporary hearing loss. If infants have chronic ear infections, they can spend a great deal of time not hearing properly. Babies who can’t hear well have difficulty learning to talk -- which leads to many other problems.

With the money you donated we were able to pay the mileage and child care costs of the volunteer home visitors. Because some of the home visitors did not request reimbursement for mileage and child care, we had enough left to pay the $35 registration fee to attend a statewide conference on home visiting in February. This was an excellent opportunity for the visitors to attend an outstanding training and get ideas from others.

Mother Theresa said, “We can do no great things - only small things with great love.” Doing small things with great love is what Family Connection is all about. Thank you for helping us do those small things. We hope you will continue to support us in this important work.

NPCA Hospitality Network

Recently the NPCA Board of Directors adopted a resolution authorizing the establishment of a National RPCV Hospitality Network; this network is reminiscent of our experiences as PCVs as we traveled about on our limited budgets and is modeled on an approach already established in the NPCA El Camino Region (NM, CO, Utah, AZ) where there are about 40 listings.

One goal is a directory of national listings, to assist RPCVs in maintaining their ‘connection’ with the Peace Corps. It would be especially useful to recently returned PCVs as they move around during their initial readjustment period, and it would also serve as an inclusive program for RPCVs living off the beaten path. The bases for participation are mutual trust, respect and goodwill.

The next page is a form provided by the NPCA -- fill it out, if you want, and return it as directed.
We all remember travelling to different towns, villages, and cities when we were PCV's; in each place we most often stayed with other volunteers; that sharing helped instill the 'connection' to which we repeatedly refer. Maybe that sharing can continue!

NPCA is producing a small directory of RPCV's who are willing to offer a place-to-stay to other travelling RPCV's .... It allows RPCV's in the boon-docks to 'connect', .... helps recently returned RPCV's readjust, .... is easy, .... has clearly defined criteria, .... allows freedom of choice on how often and when, .... is no big deal, and financially equitable to all involved!

Over and over I hear RPCV's express their delight and enthusiasm when they meet and again 'connect' with their own Peace Corps Experience through their interaction with another RPCV; it is a mutual support mechanism because it validates again and again a part of our lives that few others understand. When the enthusiastic response is "I like these people" you know that something good is happening, and it is in this spirit that the idea of a Hospitality Network is proposed. PARTICIPATE - FILL OUT the FORM - CONTINUE 'CONNECTING'

DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM (circle your preferences / print)

Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Address: ______________________ City ______ State/Zip: ________________

fax: __________________________ e-mail: __________________________ PC Country: ________________

Accommodations: mat on floor single double, futon/couch
single double bed other (specify)__________________________

Space for: 1 2 3 4 adults Space for: 0 1 2 3 4 children Total Space________

Maximum number of nights per stay: 1 2 3 4

Breakfast: none simple (Cheerios) moderate (waffles / eggs) extravagant!

Wheelchair Access? yes no Pets? yes no (specify)________Smoking? no yes

Best times to arrive: ______________ PM Best times to depart: ____________ AM

Reimbursement to cover: hot water, laundry, cleaning, breakfast etc. (per day / person)

$2 $5 $10 $15 $20 other ____________

Number of stays that might work for me/us:
1 per week 1 per month 3 per 2 months 1 per year other________________________

How it works: RPCV's call individuals listed in the directory and all arrangements are made between the two parties ... simple! It's OK to say no! ... as in "space not available"
Directory is a guide only, all information and arrangements must be directly verified!

Fill out Form and Mail to any of the addresses below by MAY 31,1997

GREAT LAKES REGION
KELLY BREIT VAN KEMPEL
2624 PARK PLACE
EVANSTON IL 60201

Alan Burrus
National HosNet Coordinator
PO Box 1971
Santa Fe, NM 87504
Of A Like Mind.....

The Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition (MACSAC) is a coalition of individuals and farmers working together to build sustainable relationships among farms, local communities and the land. Our actions are guided by the desire to promote a healthy local food supply, to support small-scale farms, and to protect the environment. (from a MACSAC brochure) In other words, MACSAC provides links between urban dwellers and area farmers, to create food systems that work.

How does it work? Consumers purchase shares, or subscriptions, of the year’s harvest. One share is generally enough to feed a household of four or more, and partial shares are often available. Usually the shares are paid for in advance, providing the farmers with capital to purchase seeds and equipment for the season, and to pay for needed labor. By making a commitment to each other for the full length of a growing season, growers and their community can share decision-making and the abundance and challenges of the season.

What does it cost to participate? The price of a share is simply the annual crop production budget divided among the shareholders, so the costs of subscriptions will vary from farm to farm. Share sizes suitable for households of 2 and 4 people are usually available. The food received is generally comparable in cost to fresh, local produce. Some farms may welcome trading food for on-farm work. Monthly payment plans and some subsidized subscriptions may be available for low-income consumers.

What do I receive? Most farmers use a “market basket” approach, whereby the farmer distributes equally to all the shareholders the food that is ready for harvest each week. Food is distributed through centrally located drop-off points or through farm pick-up.

Is there more? Farms provide the focal point for education and community-building. Field days, harvest festivals and celebrations provide the opportunity for urban families to share and learn together in a rural setting.

How do I find out more? Farmers in the area are gearing up for the next growing season. For more information on how you can meet producers and learn more about specific farm arrangements, contact the Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition (MACSAC) by calling Karen Foley Strauss at (608) 437-5971, or write: MACSAC c/o Wisconsin Rural Development Center, 125 Brookwood Drive, Mount Horeb, WI 53572.

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Nothing needs to come from this, but it does seem complementary to last summer’s survey. It struck me that there are more current members in the Fox Valley area than there are in Milwaukee county, but what does that mean? This might be a nice little project for someone more interested in (and able to conduct) a more thorough analysis and subsequent recommendations of what to do with it. Or not..... maybe it’s just a nice little grid.

Submitted by Earl Bricker, but it’s all yours now.

Interested in getting your Spanish back to where it used to be -- or maybe even better than that? You’re not alone, and if you want to be part of an informal group to work on Spanish skills, mark Monday, May 5, on your calendar. The initial gathering will be at Deb Stapleton’s, 2406 Sommers Avenue, at 7 p.m. Call her for more information: 244-8609.
This week, the National Association of Secondary School principals agreed to introduce service learning to more than 2 million students, and I hope they'll work to find even more creative ways to involve service. States and schools, of course, should be free to decide this for themselves. But every young American should be taught the joy and the duty of serving, and should learn it at the moment when it will have the most enduring impact on the rest of their lives.

I hope all of you will join in the spirit of the President's Summit on Service. Service is in our deepest national tradition. Millions of young Americans in my generation were inspired by the call to service, issued so often from this very office, by President Kennedy. Now it is up to all of us to take up President Kennedy's challenges -- remembering, as he said, that every person can make a difference, and every person must try.

(The preceding remarks, made during President Clinton's weekly radio address, were edited to use in this publication.)

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June means camping, at least for some of us. Terry Stark is coordinating this annual event and has already reserved the prime spot at White Mounds Park in Sauk County for June 13-15. Call him at 233-9140 to sign up or for more information.