Hello all!

Snow has arrived! The annual Freeze for Food turned out about 70 healthy runners for the 5 and 10 K races. A good showing considering the sub-freezing weather and the snow the day before. We had an amazing amount of baked goodies for runners and shelter minglers to munch on. Thank you to Peter Joyce, Rick Lackey, and all the volunteers who helped put on the show. The people of San Jose de Apartado, Colombia appreciate our support.

A couple of meetings back we detailed concerns we had with the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA). Since then I have been in contact with the leadership of NPCA to discuss these issues as well as others. I want you to rest assured that they are addressing our concerns and aim to create a better NPCA. I hope you are enjoying your NPCA membership and trust that you will contact me with any specific concerns you may have.

At the last meeting, I introduced the idea of creating RPCV "International Dinner Groups". It will work like this: Contact me if you are interested. We will set up groups of 6-8 Madison area RPCVs (partners/children are welcome). Groups will decide on country themes, meet, eat potluck, and socialize with the same group for 6 months. The goal is to get to know each other better and show off some of international cooking talents. If you are interested in being in a group, contact me (Steve - 608-257-2712, sbelmore@usa.net).

Hope you are staying warm and peaceful.
Take care,

Steve

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Don't miss the deadline for the Early Bird discount! Sign up for the (August 5-8) NPCA Conference in Chicago by March 31st.
Go to www.rpcv2004.org

Next newsletter deadline is April 1st, 2004
E-mail news or anything else to:
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# RPCVs of WI - Madison Officers & Contacts

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## Chicago

August 5 - 8, 2004

The NPCA Conference will be held in our back yard. Plan to meet, greet, party, & sell calendars! Mark the date on your new 2004 calendar when you buy it for $5 at the next general meeting or from one of the calendar sellers on the front page.
Calendar News

Calendar Meeting

This month, as Prudence Barber was out of town, we met at the home of Margot Kennard, 1515 Rutledge St., #4.

Sales/Marketing:
Thank you very much to Troy Rutter and all who helped sell calendars at the International Festival, held at the Madison Civic Center on 2/22/04. We sold 36 calendars, but at the same time continued to "get the word out" regarding our calendar project and WI RPCV's.

We currently have over $101,000 in the calendar account. Total 2004 calendar sales to date are $139,763. $10,000 is allocated for the Spring Gift-Away, minus $700 for Freeze for Food expenses, leaving $9,300 for actual gift monies.

Rose Ann Scott noted that we have kept the same amount of calendars printed over the past few years and our sales this have actually gone down a little. She attributes the downturn to a lack of follow through on bulk orders to the larger bookstores, such as Borders, campus bookstores, etc. It is a time-consuming activity and some of the previous volunteers on the calendar committee have stepped down from this responsibility. We discussed the need to find develop an Advertising/Sales position, with someone designated to coordinate current bulk order sales/shipments, find new customers, markets, etc. We debated the pros/cons of this being a paid vs. volunteer position. It could be paid on commission, i.e., ten percent per calendar, for example. In the end, Lee Row agreed to write something up in the calendar newsletter, first proposing it as a volunteer position to see if someone from within our group would be interested or knows of someone who would like to take on the challenge for some practice in sales/marketing. Also, Alan Weiner agreed to ask Wells Printing about marketing contacts they may have.

Customer Service:
Big Thanks to Ken Coffeen for all the hard work he has been doing in keeping up with orders, shipping, returning e-mails and phone calls from customers, etc. It takes a great load off the other group members who volunteer their time.

We need to/would like to secure our website to take Internet credit card orders and update the address on our homepage for orders. It currently is P.O. Box 1012 and should be 2714 Oakridge Ave.

Production:
Jo Thompson and Sandra Belozercovsky had the top photo winners at the meeting from our final vote on 2/1/04.

Now that the 2005 calendar photos have been selected, it is time to get busy with the numerous tasks or "prep work" involved in production. If you would like to help with any of the activities to get the calendar ready, please call Rochelle Goedken at 243-0298 or Margot Kennard at 255-7539.

The 2005 calendar will have a "new look", so stay tuned!! It will be bigger, on a different paper stock, with the month's picture extended to the edges, repositioning of the border and a map of the highlighted country directly on the photo page.

Troy Rutter is in charge of day block info on the calendar.

Lee Row will handle photo text editing and work with Sue Kummer on a new design for the sales brochure. We decided to drop the names of the RPCV groups listed on the brochure.

Alan Weiner will work with Strauss on a written confirmation for the calendar production bid.

Ron and Beth Chance will work on country profiles, U.S. and world stats and a country-specific greeting for each month.

Next meeting: Tues., March 23rd 7:00 p.m. back at the home of Prudence Barber, 1050 Jenifer St.

The International Calendar Needs a Marketing and Sales Manager

The Calendar Committee is seeking someone to manage the current sales and actively seek new sales.

The Calendar needs:
- to find new markets
- to find new ways of marketing
- to get big orders from current bulk customers
- to manage local sales
- to encourage current bulk customers to order early
- to update information on all customers
- to ensure customer satisfaction.

The Calendar would welcome an eager and responsible volunteer but would also consider paying an eager and responsible entrepreneur. The calendar committee welcomes all ideas and candi-

Make us an offer!
Contact Rose Ann Scott at 608.241.0845

Hello, RPCVs of Madison, Wisconsin. Do you happen to have a member by the name of (Miss) Jackie Bettinger? We were PCVs together in Afghanistan 1972-1974.

Susan Estelle Ramsay *Stella* Hudson, New Hampshire phone (603) 598-8699 email StellaRamsay@wmconnect.com
December 2003

RPCVs of Wisconsin – Madison
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Dear RPCVs:

It is our great pleasure to once again thank you for your support of the Peace Corps' Partnership Program. Your continued generosity in 2003 exemplifies the very best of the RPCV community.

Your generous contribution this year helped directly fund 40 Partnership Projects and provided much needed support for the Global and Loret Miller Ruppe Funds.

Since 1964, the Partnership Program has been successful in fostering human potential and helping Volunteers and their communities attain self-sufficiency. We have collaborated with many partners throughout the years, but your commitment and generosity is unsurpassed.

Once again, thank you for your support of the Partnership Program. On behalf of all of us at the Peace Corps, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Office of Private Sector Initiatives

[Handwritten note: Thanks for all you do!]

[Handwritten note: Thanks so very much for making so many wonderful things happen!]

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Letters
January 8, 2004

Dear RPCV's,

A calendar has always been one of those things that I never really missed, or paid much attention to. To put it succinctly, your calendar has changed that forever. I just arrived home from a trip and found that my calendar had expired, and it made me realize how valuable a calendar - namely yours - really is to me. Most calendars try to wow you with scenery - whether it is bikinis or foreign lands they show in their pages - most of the time they miss the point. Your calendar contains dates for occasions that I had no idea even existed. It was great to have my eyes opened to this, and I will be a loyal customer as long as the calendar is in production.

I've never been a member of the Peace Corps, but my aunt was, and she gave us the calendar last year for Christmas. What a great gift it turned out to be. I don't know if any of you in Madison served with her - but her name is Margaret Riley, and she now resides in North Carolina. I've rambled now - but long story short - you've got a great calendar and for a great cause.

With Kindest Regards,

Rusty Riley

18 Jan 04

To the Editor:

I just received my December 03 World Roots Newsletter a couple of days ago. Bulk Mail is slow when it gets down to individual pieces. I don't imagine that the Madison RPCVs have many on their mailing list from New Mexico. I will be renewing my membership directly and will include extra money so that you can put First Class Postage on my Newsletter next year. I have only received about half of the Newsletters this past year. But that is not really why I'm writing.

First of all I want to congratulate all the people involved in the production of another wonderful Calendar. As one who spent several years heavily involved in this effort I understand very well how much work and dedication it requires. You all continue to outdo yourselves year after year. I never tire of this Calendar and it makes me proud to share it with family and friends each year.

I also want to congratulate you on the work which is done to disburse the money to worthy efforts at home and around the world. It is a real compliment to everyone that you are able to donate in the neighborhood of $70,000 each year. It is an even greater compliment to the group that you have been able to do this while maintaining the cohesion of the group. I know from personal experience that this has not always been easy.

This brings me to the second reason for writing. In Alyson Carr's excellent report of the November meeting it indicates that many in the group are having second thoughts about continuing affiliation of the Madison RPCVs with the NPCA. I was particularly struck by the fact that you donated $6000 to the NPCA which was greeted with an empty silence. This, my friends, is an unforgivable oversight on the part of an organization which is chronically short of funds. That coupled with the fact that they simply lost a $228 check for membership dues shows a complete lack of basic competence regarding money, the lifeblood of any organization.

I thought the benefits and room for improvement sections were concise and accurate. These are the same kinds of issues with which the NPCA has been dealing for the 25 years of its existence. And they are still not solved.

The comment that the NPCA exists as a political lobbyist for PC (as in increased funding for the PC without much thought about the content and direction of PC activities) to the detriment of RPCV members is another long term complaint. I have long thought that the NPCA is primarily made up of people who like to see themselves as powerful in DC and not much else. It seems to me that there is a real "inside the Beltway" syndrome going on with those who are heavily involved in the NPCA at the top levels.
And one of the reasons that the NPCA has such a high staff turnover is that many, if not most, of the people who work there see it as a stopgap job until they can get a "real" job with a Congressman or a Federal Agency. It's little wonder that nobody has a clue about the Calendar year after year. They're focused on power games in DC, not grass roots activism at home and abroad.

The RPCVs of Madison have long been strong supporters of the NPCA and a national RPCV "movement." However, at some point groups such as ours have to ask seriously whether or not continued loyalty to such a national organization is worthwhile when so little comes back in return. And it seems especially futile when the RPCVs of Madison produce a work which could be used effectively for marketing and fund raising by the national organization if only they could focus their efforts on this instead of tagging along behind politicians all the time.

Well, enough of my rant. Congratulations on another wonderful Calendar and the continuing strength and activity of the Madison RPCVs. I hope to be able to rejoin you in body as well as spirit in the not too distant future.

Don Sauer
Los Alamos NM

January 8th

Hi all,

I just noticed in the November issues of World roots that mention was made of my recovery. This gave me some incentive to write and send my appreciation for all of your support and prayers while I was "out".

I have always cherished my close friendships developed through the RPCV/Madison group, but still was overwhelmed by your notes and emails. I know that some of you didn't get around to making that "official", but I did feel your support. By the same token, I have been able to get in touch with some of you, but not all -yet. Please understand that I'm am only just getting back in the "zone".

My head seems to be functioning fine, but I still have some physical rehab to get through. I'm hoping to be back on the horse by May or June. Whenever it is, I am now much more certain of what is very important in life - and I will be forever grateful for the fact that you have reminded me.

All the best,

Dean Mahon

Notices

The Minneapolis Peace Corps office has asked if RPCVs of WI-Madison members would be willing to help update the RPCV contact database. The nationwide database is out-of-date because people often move but forget to change their contact information. Updating information is easy on the Peace Corps website by going to http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=resources.former.staycon.update&rec

Peace Corps uses the database to send mailings and invitations for special events such as family brunches, awards ceremonies, and send-off parties. If people are willing to sign a waiver, they give soon-to-be-departing volunteers the phone numbers of RPCVs who served in the same country. These new volunteers really appreciate being able to ask questions of someone who has "been there." This is optional for RPCVs who update their information. If you don't want your phone number given out, simply do not request the privacy act release form.
What’s Happening?
Calendar Slide Shows Monday, January 26 at 7:00pm and Sunday, February 1 at 1:00pm in the Red Gym. Come and help pick out the photos for next year’s calendar. Colleen O’Dell of the Minneapolis office is co-organizing the Family Brunch event with Lee Row and Anne Bentley. Colleen hopes to have the PC President Gaddi Vasquez or another PC representative come to the event to thank us for our donations to PC Partnerships. Sunday, March 28 from 10:00-1:00 at the Coliseum Bar banquet hall. We discussed offering reduced prices for RPCVs, having a father of a PCV in Berin speak about visiting his child in country, whether to give calendars to families, inviting the governor and his wife, and the final price for the brunch. Colleen will send out invitations to PCV’s families within two hour’s drive of Madison.

Can You Help?
International Festival on Sunday, Feb 22 from 11-4 at the Civic Center. Contact Troy if you can man the RPCV booth for an hour.
Designate $1000 of calendar proceeds to the Peace Corps Partnerships project of your choice! Contact Rose Ann Scott for more info and to donate your $1000.
Family Brunch is in need of RPCVs to come and mingle with families of RPCVs.

Did You Know?
Walt and others have written up a new and improved donation process to be used beginning in May when we give out calendar proceeds to projects.
Omar’s Touch proposed sharing our booth at the Chicago NPCA conference in August; however, we unfortunately do not have extra space to give and have people waiting in long lines for calendars as it is. We suggest Omar’s Touch can set up their own spot at the Welcome reception that we are organizing.
The Chicago RPCVs have invited Governor Doyle of Wisconsin to be the keynote speaker at the NPCA conference. He has tentatively accepted.
We passed a motion to buy a dolly for transporting big boxes of calendars among events for up to $60.00. Lee agreed to fill out the re-affiliation with the NPCA form that our group must fill out each year. Thanks, Lee.
Steve has spoken with a representative of the NPCA about our concerns with being affiliated with the NPCA and hopes to get some resolved or at least addressed.
We discussed getting insurance or bonding, and forming an audit committee to regularly check the treasurer’s work to make our bank accounts more secure.

What’s Happening?
Kickoff PC Week. Meet at the Great Dane Wednesday March 3rd. Contact Sarah Galater at 442-7657. Sarah is also organizing community volunteer opportunities, such as helping in the food pantry at the Community Action Coalition.
Family Brunch. March 28 from 10:00-1:00 at the Coliseum Bar next to the Alliant Energy Center. Colleen O’Dell of the Minneapolis, Lee Row, and Anne Bentley are organizing the brunch for families of current volunteers. It is a chance for families to meet, support each other, share stories, and speak with returned volunteers. Mark your calendars! It’ll be a great opportunity to answer families’ questions and (we hope) alleviate fears they may have. Price will be $11/person.

Can You Help?
Designate $1000 of calendar proceeds to the Peace Corps Partnerships project of your choice! Contact Rose Ann Scott for more info and to donate your $1000.
The UW International Studies Department contacted Steve about connections with RPCVs to develop ideas to bring international experiences to UW students, encouraging them to study or work abroad or exposing them to international experiences on campus. Perhaps RPCVs could speak to students about their experiences, etc. They’re looking for a liaison from our group to coordinate events with them, preferably a UW alumnus. If you are interested, contact Steve.

Did You Know?
Mrs. Williams, mother of PCV Stephanie Williams, came to our meeting to thank us for donating to PC Partnerships for Stephanie’s gender youth development conference. She also told us about Stephanie’s accomplishments in Ghana, and about her trip to visit her daughter there last year.
The Donation Process was explained in the January newsletter. Money will be given out at the April meeting (April 21), so send in your proposals by April 7 by email to Walt and cc Lee.
The NPCA conference in Chicago: Lee spoke with Al Liu of the RPCVs of Milwaukee about perhaps working together on a joint Wisconsin-sponsored reception.
Judy Wilcox, a member of the County Board, would like to recognize our group on March 4th for donating so much money to PC Partnerships and other projects. We can give each member a calendar at the meeting.
Activities

23rd Annual Freeze For Food Final Report

First, a big huge thank you to all of the volunteers that helped out again with the FFF. This year was not perfect, but I'm just thankful that there were no injuries on the course. Colombia Support Network was especially helpful this year by doing the bulk mailing and copying the brochures for us. Mike Read continues his run of 23 consecutive years of volunteering at the FFF. A big thanks again to Rick and Masako for hosting the post-race party.

The rerouting of the 5K as an "out and back" course has been a big help for volunteer assignments. In contrast to the previous routing for the 5K, we need only 6 volunteers on the course instead of 12. More importantly, those 6 volunteers get to remain in position for the 10K, instead of rushing back to the shelter for reassignment. The need for volunteers is lower, and the transition between the 5 and 10K is much smoother.

This year was a big success again in terms of fundraising, especially considering the race conditions. The temperature was fine at about 20 F, but the footing was very difficult. Much of the course was covered in loose snow and there were patches of ice underneath. We had 33 runners in the 5K and 36 in the 10K. There were six runners that ran, but were not timed. Two of those six actually ran home without telling us, but Ken Coffeen was able to call and confirm that they were home and not lying in a snow bank in the Arboretum. There were 10 paid no shows. So totally we had 75 runners/walkers. This is the lowest number of runners we've had in ten year. I will attribute most of the low turnout to the race conditions.

However, we raised over $2574 for the people of San Jose de Apartado. It was the most efficient race in FFF history in terms of dollars raised per runner, which was over $33. The previous high was only $24/runners. We had three very large donations of $500, $400 and $173. We also had other $100 donations.

The monies will be delivered by hand (why pay Western Union if you don't have to) in June, when the next CSN delegation goes down to Colombia. There are now 3 million internal refugees in Colombia, up from 1.5 million only 3 years ago.

This year I figure Rick and I put in probably 25 hours of work, and had an average of 4 hours help from about 30 volunteers. That is a total of 145 volunteer hours. We had revenues of $2574, but had expenses of $668.19, which was covered by calendar funds. So overall we had income of $1906 on 145 hours of time, which is about $13 per hour. So each volunteer's time was worth over $13/hour. For me, that's a reasonable return for charitable time, but probably nowhere near what we get from calendar volunteer returns.

We could've done a better job on publicity this year. We'll have to make better use of the internet and website's like Movin Shoes.

If you have any questions about the FFF or would like to be more active next year, please let me know. My job is always open to interested folks. So if anyone is interested, please let me know.

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RPCV SUMMER CAMPOUT!

I would like to thank Alan and Sandra, Rose Ann and Don, Phyllis, Karl, Lia and Ian, Judy, Dave, Troy and everybody else who participated in the group campout last summer. (Please pardon me for not remembering the names of everybody.) If you were there, then you know that we discovered an absolute gem at Lake Farm County Park last year. And once again, thank you all for the wonderful potluck FEAST! ("Dinner" is way too mild a term to describe all that scrumptious food.) Nobody, but nobody puts on a potluck meal like this group!

It was easy to imagine that we were camping in a remote area far, far away from any urban center. Our group campsite was located in the middle of the park. We had Lake Waubesa to our backs, the park together with the Nine Springs E-Way and the vast expanse of marsh south of the beltline separating us
from (it seemed) the rest of the world. It was hard to believe that we were camping just minutes from Madison! It was so convenient that Troy biked there! Right on, Troy.

I was delighted to make a surprise bonus discovery that night, too. With the minor exception of but one small light off in the distance, we were isolated from all light pollution and the stars shone brilliantly! It provided an outstanding opportunity to view the extraordinarily bright stars, identify individual constellations and indulge in some light-hearted pondering of the universe late into the night.

SO WHERE ARE WE GOING THIS YEAR? Well, mark your (RPCV) calendars for Saturday, June 5, 2004 and come enjoy the 2004 SUMMER CAMPOUT. We have group campsite B already reserved at Lake Kegonsa State Park!

Watch for more information in a future newsletter. Or if you can’t wait for details, call Terry Stark at (608) 233-9140 or e-mail me at terry.stark@dot.state.wi.us. Hope to see you there!

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Wisconsin Middle School Teachers!

Are you interested in environmental challenges faced by people in Wisconsin? Are you interested in similar environmental challenges faced by people abroad? Would you like to engage your students to critically analyze U.S. reporting of these environmental challenges?

The Global Studies Program at the UW-Madison has begun an innovative new project on environmental media literacy, titled ‘Forward: Reporting on Wisconsin and the World’. Participating middle school students will learn how to interpret international news stories by linking local environmental concerns with similar concerns internationally.

Forward project goals are to teach students to engage local, national, and international news sources more effectively and more regularly than they do now; draw on students’ enthusiasm for computers and technology to facilitate production of their own balanced and informed international news stories; and foster understanding of students’ citizenship in local and global communities. We aim to bring together a community of teachers with interests in local and international environmental challenges to implement the Forward project with us.

We anticipate completing the planning and preparation phase by Summer 2004 in order to carry out the Forward project in middle schools during the 2004-2005 academic year. For more information about this exciting new initiative, please contact Kristen Patterson, Outreach Project Assistant, at globaloutreach@inti-institute.wisc.edu or (608) 262-5666.

Kristen was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Niger, West Africa from 1996 to 1998. She is earning her master’s degree in Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development at the UW-Madison, where she has also completed a certificate in African Studies. Kristen is excited about the educational opportunities the Forward project offers and looks forward to working with interested teachers! Check out the Forward Project on the web at http://www.wisc.edu/globalstudies/outreach/
The first two of our projects for this year. We want to vote on these and others at the APRIL meeting

Project Application Form

Application Date 12/18/03 Amount Requested $ Up to $1,000

RPCV-WI-Madison Sponsor Marc Brand Telephone 255-1339

Project Title Dominican Republic Youth Baseball Initiative

Project Description: (About 100 words)

The village of Rio Limpio, Republica Dominicana, is my current assignment with my husband in the United States Peace Corps. Our village is in the mountains on the border with Haiti. Our youth have no recreational opportunities to take up their free time and consequently leave the village without finishing their educations and go to work in factories and plantations. They also turn to unhealthy escapes, such as drugs, alcohol and sex. Unfortunately, this fuels the current AIDS crisis. Our hope is that if we can begin a Little League program with them and other villages, we can keep the young people home to finish their educations and give them a healthy lifestyle alternative. They have a passion for baseball, but have no equipment. My middle school in my hometown of Brookfield, WI, has collected scores of used baseball gear to donate to us. This project will also provide a peaceful, cross-cultural connection between the youth of the DR and the US. We now face the task of shipping the gear to the Dominican Republic. We are hereby requesting funds for our shipping costs, which will include boxing, palleting, and payments to the shipping agent. The students of Wisconsin Hills Middle School (Brookfield, WI) have begun fundraisers for this purpose as well.

Project initiated by PCVs Colleen Birner and Evan Fitzgerald. We received the funding request from Dorothy Birner, Colleen’s mother, who will serve as the contact person for this project.

Project Contact Person Dot Birner
Project Address 1990 Cotton Tail Lane
Brookfield, WI 53045

Project phone, if any 262-784-3874

If the project is funded, how will the money be conveyed? For all projects state:

1) How to make out check or money order, and
2) Address to which to send check.

For overseas projects we will not mail checks overseas. Money orders or bank drafts are preferred, hand carried checks possible in some situations.

Applications will not be considered if this information is not provided.
 Checks made payable to Dorothy Birner at the above address.

Project Categories (Check all that apply)

Geographic location: ___ Africa ___ Asia/Pacific ___ X Latin America ___ U.S.A. (except WI) ___ Wisconsin/Madison

Type: ___ X Cross-cultural ___ Econ. Development
       ___ Environment ___ X Health
       ___ X International Education ___ X Peace
       ___ Other (Specify) ___
Project Application Form

Application Date: February 24, 2004
Amount Requested: $1,085

RPCV-WI-Madison Sponsor: Dolores Ullmer Liamba
Telephone: (765) 287-8876

Project Title: Plaisance Community Water Project

Project Description: (About 100 words)
There has been a real need for the people in Plaisance, Haiti to have clean drinking water. We have started to work with local community leaders and Gift of Water (GWI), a NGO working in communities in Haiti, to bring home-based water purifiers to families at affordable costs. GWI has developed a program that combines low-cost technology with intensive education, monitoring and follow-up to improve water quality in a community. GWI is partnering with our group to begin this program in Plaisance. We have an initial agreement to work with GWI and the community for five years to provide basic clean and available drinking water.

The project will work on the preventive and educational aspect of the health of families by: (1) training community-based health care workers, (2) providing good drinking water with GWI purifiers and community-based water availability projects, and (3) by doing the follow-up necessary with each family to ensure good health via the health care worker making regular home visits. Cost for the first year of the project is about $10,000. GWI will contribute $5000 which includes GWI working with community organizers $534, six community audits $508, and part of the cost of purchasing 400 purifiers $3977. We will match the rest. Our contribution includes: paying for training of community health care workers $1085, first year wages for two health care workers and a community educator $1844, start-up costs for chlorine $110, and the remaining cost of purchasing 400 purifiers $2386.

We are requesting that RPCV of Madison consider a grant to cover the cost for the training of the community health care workers $1085.
(See attached page for more information on Newman Foundation Program and Gift of Water.)

Project Contact Person: Dolores Ullmer Liamba
Project Address:
1206 W. Beechwood Ave
Muncie, IN 57303
(765) 287-8876

Project phone, if any: Pam Brown: (765) 759-7991

If the project is funded, how will the money be conveyed? For all projects state:
3) How to make out check or money order, and
4) Address to which to send check.
For overseas projects we will not mail checks overseas. Money orders or bank drafts are preferred, hand carried checks possible in some situations.
Applications will not be considered if this information is not provided.
A check should be made out to Newman Foundation Medical Mission. It can be sent to: Newman Foundation Medical Mission, Attn. Pam Brown, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 1200 W. Riverside Avenue, Muncie, IN 47303

Project Categories (Check all that apply)
Geographic location: _______ Africa _______ Asia/Pacific _______ X Latin America
______ U.S.A. (except WI) _______ Wisconsin/Madison

Type: _______ Cross-cultural _______ Econ. Development
______ Environment _______ X Health
______ International Education _______ Peace
______ Other (Specify) _______
This is a project that proposes to use Global Education funds

Project Application Form

Application Date March 9, 2004  Amount Requested $600.00
RPCV-WI-Madison Sponsor Tom Brodd & Melissa Kaltenbach
Telephone 280-8945
Project Title Global Connections Around the World Children’s Fair

Project Description:

The Global Connections Around the World Children’s Fair is an effort to reach out to the Madison Community through a fun and education display of the wealth of cultural knowledge in the Madison community. We will be bringing together Madison Community Organizations and International and Cultural Student groups to teach children about other cultural and heritage and about the possibilities for travel and higher education through the use of interactive activities and displays. The Fair will be held on Sunday April 25 from noon till 4pm at Warner Park.

The funds we request for this project are from the RPCV Madison Global Education Fund and not from the Calendar funds.

Project Contact Person Aquene Freechild
Project Address WI Union Directorate Global Connections Committee
507 Memorial Union

Project phone, if any 265-5236

If the project is funded, how will the money be conveyed? Hand deliver the check

Project Categories (Check all that apply)
Geographic location: ___ Africa _____ Asia/Pacific ___ Latin America
X ___ U.S.A. (except WI) ___ Wisconsin/Madison
X ___ Cross-cultural ___ Econ. Development
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Chicago plays host to the 2004 NPCA National Conference
The Chicago Area Peace Corps Association (CAPCA) in conjunction with the NPCA will hold the four-day conference from August 5 to 8, 2004. The conference theme is “Peace Corps 2004: Celebrating a Legacy of Service”.

The event will be held at the historic Palmer House Hilton Hotel conveniently located in the heart of downtown Chicago. Some events will be held in Chicago’s great outdoor parks along Lake Michigan - Grant Park and the new Millennium Park

Register online before March 31 to take advantage of early bird registration discounts. Additional discounts offered to seniors and recently returned volunteers

Go to www.rpcv2004.org to learn more & to register.
A message from our PC Recruiter

Dear fellow RPCVers,
Soon you will be receiving an invite for the nomination party in the mail from Colleen in the Mpls. Regional Peace Corps office. What exactly is a nomination party you may ask? It is a Volunteer Send-Off celebration and reception being hosted by the Minneapolis Regional Peace Corps Office. The reception is a great opportunity for you to speak with people in the process of becoming Volunteers, family of current Volunteers, and other RPCVs living in the Madison area. If you are interested in attending this special night, please rsvp to Colleen O'Dell by Monday, March 22 at 800-424-8580, option 1 (twice), ext. 228, or 612-348-1480 and if you could please indicate the number of people attending, names, country and years served, and a phone number, that would be great!

Now to my request... (please keep reading!)

The event takes place from 7-9pm. We (meaning me and the Mpls. PC office) would like to invite you to join us early at 6:30 for a pre-event social to give future Volunteers the opportunity to meet you and ask questions about your experience in order to help them better prepare for their own.

We invite you to bring photos and artifacts to display on three "regional area" tables (Africa, Europe/ Mediterranean/ Asia, and Latin America/ Caribbean/ Pacific), and to wear national dress from your host-country.

If you are interested, please contact John Gaska (RPCV-Tonga, 89-90) by March 22nd as well. His email address is: jmgaska@wisc.edu and his phone number is 220.2693. The more the merrier!!! (Volunteering to do this only requires that show up around 6:15 so that you can get your items set up and don your attire!)

Lastly, even though this information will be in the invite, I thought I would include it as well for the Nomination party:

Time and Location:
Saturday, March 27th, 2004
7:00 9:00pm
Tripp Commons, in Memorial Union on the UW-Madison campus
800 Langdon Street, Madison
Campus directions and information (608) 263-2400

Lisa Wandke
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240 Agriculture Hall
608/252.1121
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www.peacecorps.gov

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Exercise your democracy - take it to a town meeting at the Orpheum
Saturdays. Hear speakers on current topics, speak up for yourself and your interests. Free entry, snacks, and discourse. Go to www.realitypolitiks.com to see topics and speakers.
All RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison members receive a monthly Newsletter, World Roots, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer members pay through December of the year joining, then pay for a full year membership at that time. Reduced rates are available for those in extreme financial circumstances. You can also join the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) through us by paying an additional $35. We encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

(Please check all that apply)

___ I want to Join RPCV of WI, Inc.
___ Individual - $15 for one year
___ Joint - $20 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
___ I am also enclosing $35 for NPCA membership
___ ($45 for joint membership - two people with the same address)
___ I do not want to join, but would like to receive World Roots and am enclosing $7 ($15 for overseas) to cover costs.
___ I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address.

$________________ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Name:____________________________________________________

Address:_________________________________________________

Phone #s (H)____________________ (W)____________________ E-mail:____________________________________________

Country of Service:____________________________________ Service Dates:____________________________________

PC Job:____________________________________ Birth date: (Optional - M/D/Y)____________

The RPCV's of Wisconsin are an active group, and there's always a need for helpful hands. If you are willing to lend a hand, please let us know:

___ I am interested in doing something: call me.

Send completed form & check to: RPCV's of Wisconsin - Madison, P.O.Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701