Hey go out and take a look! The calendar is on amazon.com!

Look under books for 2000 International Calendar. Use Search with calendar and “2000 International”

The cover photo is even there. And if you think the calendar is great and has lots to offer, there is a format to express yourself!

Please write a readers comment.

Also go look at rpcv.com. At this site is products from several RPCV groups plus the calendar.

Remember to purchase your calendar from Rochelle 243-0298. Group members get it for $5 plus shipping.
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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 financial 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 RPCV of 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 ($13 for overseas) to cover costs.

  ___ I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address.

$___ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Name:
Address:

Telephone #s (W) (H)
E-mail
Address:

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:
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Treasurers Report November 1999

Calendar balance 45,279.04  NPCA dues -25.00
World Roots print 79.70  Checking Acct 6,614.82
World Roots postage -122.12  Market Yield 73,905.74
Sales* 27,931.20  Ending balance 572.62
Interest 259.40
Donations 6.00  Global Education 2096.20
Printing -7758.28
Shipping -1263.12  Giftaway -531.21
Postage -427.91
Credit card fee -72.56  Large Projects 10,825.35
Phone -67.90  Reforestation -600.00
Supplies -34.34  School -600.00
Ending balance 63,851.53  Ending balance 9625.35

Group balance 634.44  Annual Projects 4906.07
Dues 120.00
NPCA rebate 45.00  Account balances 80,520.56

Editor's Spot

Y2K. Well, I hoped that all fairied well and I am not righting this in vain due to some major catastrophe. Just think, an other month or so and all this Y2K talk will be history and we can go along in peace (or at least a different subject).

I was very excited and proud of our dedicated calendar volunteers to see OUR CALENDAR ON THE WEB! As the cover of this newsletter attests (for those with hard copy), I did find it and utilized the wonderful cover art for this months newsletter! We have four requests for Calendar Donations coming up. Hopefully many of us will get together for this monthly meeting.

Remember that February's meeting is on a Friday evening so we will be looking for a host. So please let Melissa know if your home is available. I would invite everyone here, but it is a slight drive.

ATTACHED FILES! I don't want them; sorry. Please copy and paste articles onto your e-mail message. Buying new hard drives is not my idea of fun. Also, Please make sure when sending something to the Editor type in the "underline_" key and NOT the "hyphen-" key with the editor's e-mail address. It will 'bounce' back to you. Please send everything concerning the RPCV's to the Editor's address thanks! and my personal E-mail is theresaj@brodnet.com

BUT please send any RPCV articles for the newsletter to the following address: 
RPCV_editor@brodnet.com
or snail mail W8407 Davis Rd., Browntown, WI 53522. Thank you. Theresa
Community Help Page

CHECK THIS OUT!

CALLING ALL WI PUBLIC EMPLOYEES!

Are you, or someone you know, a public employee participating in the Wisconsin Retirement System? Did you know that there is an assembly Bill (AB009) pending in the legislature that can affect us all directly?

AB009 relates to granting creditable service under the WI Retirement System for service in the Federal Peace Corps or VISTA Public Service Programs, or in any National service Program under the National and Community Service Act of 1990. Its sponsor is Representative Ative Schneider.

Do you want to help organize an effort to positively push this bill along? We can make an impact! Anyone interested in more information and/or helping this bill become law please call Terry Stark at 608-233-9140 or Deb Stapleton at 608-244-8609.

CORRECTION:

In the December issue Terry Stark was incorrectly thanked for hosting the Halloween Party. The correct persons to thank for opening up their house and hosting the Halloween party is KARL and LIA STARK! Thank you, it was fun!

On the subject of thank you's. a heartfelt thank you tho BUCK TRAWICKY who last month folded, stapled, labeled, and stamped our December Newsletter getting out to the members on a timely basis. Terry Stark was unable to complete this task due to a Thanksgiving holiday trip out of town. Buck graciously volunteered to take over this chore at a crucial time. Thank you Buck!

Summitted: Terry Stark
Donation Requests

Project: Postage to send medical supplies to Beninese NGO
Amount:$800.00
Elinor L. C. GBEDEY, 608-244-5844

PROJECT: My next door neighbor works at UW hospital and rescues many unused medical supplies that are being discarded. The NGO "Social Action" in Benin would put these materials to good use for the benefit of the local people. Assistance with postage costs would make it possible to send significant quantities. A check could be made to me; I will do the packaging and mailing and provide receipts to verify expenditures. Since the NGO has a government identification number, they could get the supplies through customs. Thank you for your consideration.

Project Title: Bikeshare – Community Housing and Services
Amount Requested: $990.00
Sponsor: Brad Hinkfuss 242-9573

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Bikeshare – Community Housing and Services Community Housing and Services (CHAS) is a non-profit, Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing facility offering supportive services to single adults. The organization is dedicated to providing housing that is safe, affordable, and positive for all the residents. Many of the residents come to CHAS out of homeless situations, and often face other life crisis issues as well (i.e., alcohol, divorce, etc.).

Of the 102 residents at CHAS, very few own cars (7) or other means of transportation (~20). In addition, good health and exercise represent other areas in which they are frequently lacking. A grant from the RPCV-WI/Madison group would enable CHAS to purchase 4-6 quality bikes (with helmets and locks) and make them available to residents on a daily check out basis. CHAS staff would be responsible for checking out the bikes, as well as general care and maintenance.

This project benefits the community by empowering low-income individuals with mobility and exercise. These people need this help as they work to improve job skills, meet appointments, and (re)build their lives.
Donation Requests (cont.)

PROJECT: Noo's Mushroom Farm

Sponsor: Brice Lainberger, 608-846-5833H, 608-246-7908W

Amount Requested: $575.00

This project would increase the income for a group of five poor rice-farming families in Thailand. This community has recently been reunited after drought and regional economic recession forced them to take their children out of school to relocated to the cities to work in factories. Donated funds will be used for building materials in the construction of a mushroom house. Project Contact Person: Mr. Suphachai Knunjumpong

PROJECT: Malawi Children's Village Project

Sponsor: Sherry Caves, 608-238-5006

Amount Requested $999

This project may be well-known--people from the Madison medical community in particular have volunteered in Malawi on this project, and sadly I believe one lost her life while in Africa. The project cares for 2,200 orphans in 36 villages. Most or all the children were orphaned by AIDS. The children are usually cared for by families in the villages whose food needs are supplemented by the project. The children receive medical care, help with clothing, and their schooling is encouraged and facilitated where possible. The project has a relationship with a Rotary Club in Limbe, Malawi, and with several in New York which help. Each village has a committee made up of the headman and women from the matrilineal groupings within the village. This is the structure the project works with and through, so the project is not imposed from outside.

Quoting from a recent newspaper article: "In 15 years AIDS has killed 11 million Africans, accounting for more than 80% of the world's AIDS deaths... Ninety percent of the world's AIDS orphans live in Africa, and most suffer 'alarmingly higher rates of malnutrition, stunting and illiteracy,' (statement made through) UNICEF."
The 19th Annual Freeze For Food

A big thank you to the group for approving the 19th Annual Freeze For Food. I appreciate the start up money of $720 and especially the 150 calendars. The runners all appreciate the calendar en lieu of the traditional T-shirt, and they are especially valuable this year due to the ever increasing sales. The proceeds of the race will go to help Colombian refugees, victims of the civil war. There are over 1.5 million people displaced from the war down there. As of press time the location of our post-race party has not been confirmed, so give me a call or email if you want to know.

The race will be Saturday, Jan 22nd, 5 K at noon and 10K at 1pm. As usual we need your help volunteering, what else do you expect from the RPCV's? we'll need a total of 30 brave souls and Colombia Support Network will also help out. Rumor has it that Don Sauer may travel back from Albania just so he can pick up his spot at the half-way point. As you know we never cancel the race due to bad weather. But with all this global warming, should we cancel the race if the weather is too nice? What's the point of a Freeze For food, if it's hot and sunny? Something to debate about at the post-race party!

Hasta la pasta
Pete
Calendar of Events

January 6, 7:00 PM Thursday Monthly Chapter Meeting Union South
Welcome to the new millennium! Donation Requests
will be presented. Possible some speakers too.

January 15, DEADLINE for newsletter. Please send donation
proposals, articles, stories, recipes, or interesting
antidotes to: rpcv_editor@brodnet.com

January 22, 2000 Saturday, The 19th Annual Freeze For Food (FFF)
10K/5K run/walk fundraiser for Colombian refugees.
Post Race Gathering to be announced, or just be there
and Pete will fill you in to the location!

April 9, 2000 FAMILY BRUNCH at Jingles. More info to follow

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