ABSENTEE BALLOT - 1990

for

RPCV's of Wisconsin - Madison Chapter

Vote for ONE in each category:

(NOTE - Write-in votes are permissible, but you
should realize that a write-in candidate
might not be able or willing to serve. The
people who are listed on the ballot below
have agreed to serve.)

PRESIDENT
[ ] Gordon Malaise

VICE-PRESIDENT
[ ] Nancy Westbrook
[ ] Mark Visocky (He may
not be available
after Dec. 90)
[ ] Bob Cowell

TREASURER
[ ] Kevin Nies

SECRETARY
[ ] Buck Trawicky
[ ] John Click (He may only
be available for half-
meetings)

Absentee ballots must reach us by the next meeting
which is Thursday, Oct. 4 when the election will be held.
Please put your ballot inside a small envelope, seal it,
mark it ABSENTEE BALLOT, and then send it in a larger
envelope addressed:

RPCV's of Wisconsin
Nominations Committee
P.O. Box 1012
Madison, WI 53701.
EDITOR'S CORNER:

1. ELECTIONS - It's that time of year again, folks! Ken Coffeen is trying to make it through one more month without burning out, so that he can pass on the torch to the next President and take a well-deserved break.

If I give you the impression that our presidents work hard for us, that's because they do. One of the great strengths of our group is that EVERY ONE of our presidents has worked above and beyond the call of duty for our organization. Another great strength is that each president has known that he or she would only be asked to make that commitment for one year and then could pass it on to someone else. Without this willingness of our members to share our various group tasks, several of our key people would have burned out long ago and the RPCVs of Wisconsin - Madison would not be as viable an organization as it is today.

It is with this background in mind that I thank Gordon for agreeing to serve as President for the coming year. I'm sure he'll measure up well to the demands of the position. The rest of us should make a commitment to do all we can to help him out. I would also like to thank those members who are running for the other positions. Although some of you will not win your elections, we all appreciate your willingness to participate directly in running our organization. And Buck - Thanks for continuing to provide your unique commentary on the state of our group via the monthly minutes of our meetings.

We do have contests for VP and Treasurer. Any out-of-town members who won't be at the October meeting are urged to vote by following the directions for submitting absentee ballots as given on the front page.

2. NEWSLETTER - When I mailed last month's newsletter, the post office clerk weighed the first newsletter and found it was over the weight limit. Fortunately, when he weighed another one, it was just under the limit, as was the first one when he reweighed it. That saved us an extra $36 in postage, which I'm sure we can put to better use. We decided that the problem was due to the high humidity, which caused enough water to be absorbed in the paper to give a high weight.

Since I'd rather not pay this extra postage, I've decided to cut one page from the newsletter whenever the humidity is high. Even though our summer weather appears to have finally broken, I'm cutting one page in this issue. Hopefully, I'll remember to do the same thing when next summer comes rolling in.

3. The deadline for submission of material for the next newsletter is Saturday, Oct. 13.

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Next month's meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 4 in Union South on the UW campus at 7 PM. Check the "Today in the Union" sheet on various bulletin boards in Union South for the room.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

Friday, Nov. 2  (Potluck at Barbara & Henry Nehls-Lowe in Oregon, WI. Directions in next newsletter.)

Monday, Dec. 3

Tuesday, Jan. 8  (Is this an acceptable date?)
FROM THE PRESIDENT

My year as president is coming to a close. I feared it in the beginning. Enjoyed it in the middle. And am glad to look forward to being a "has been" when its over. I have much to be thankful for. First, the just pride I feel in being a part of such a fine organization. The many active and dedicated members who work together to make everything we do, go so well. There are just more people to thank for their contributions then there is space. So in my sometimes silly way, I will give you a do it yourself thank you. VERY SPECIAL THANKS to ____________(fill in your name) who made important contributions to further the various programs of the organization throughout the year. I would like to recognize various groupings among the membership, the tireless officers, the voluntary chairman of the various events, the peerless calendar groups and the former presidents. I believe I sought and obtained the advice of every available former president at some time during the year. Finally, only a God who truly loves us all could have sent us Walt Zeltner our correct, proper and beloved newsletter editor. Walt's only fault is that he is never wrong. That is something that certainly can't be said about me!!

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS!!

Those of you who have never met our illustrious secretary, Buck Trawicky, have no idea of just how unusual this photo really is. We who work with him never expected to see him dressed formally. The original color photos do him much more justice and do get passed around at various get-togethers. Should we send one to Esquire or GQ?

No Minutes Contributed This Month!
RPCVs of WISCONSIN MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

NEW MEMBERS:

DAIN, Len
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Home: 255-0154 Work: Guatemala 1987-89
(exp. date: 1/91)

OSTERCAMP, Daniel
1236 Drake St. #1, Madison, WI 53715.
(exp. date: 9/91)

ADDRESS CHANGES

ASHBAUGH, John
P.O. Box 607, Madison, WI 53701.
Home: Work: India 1969-70

BROWN-OTT, Mary Grace & Dan Ott
Hwy. 92, N9172, Brooklyn WI 53521.

JORDAN, Jack & Rachel
RR 5, Box 155, Sparta, WI 54656.

WHITE, Cynthia
824 Jenifer St., Madison, WI 53703.
Home: 258-9655 Work: Burkina Faso 1984-86

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Fig. 13 The literacy challenge
The chart shows the percentage and absolute numbers of adults who are illiterate and projects what will happen
in the future if a) the present downturn in school
enrollment continues and b) if the target of universal
primary school enrollment is reached by the year 2000.

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AROUND THE GLOBE
Expansion of the Peace Corps continues throughout the world. For the first
time in 15 years, Peace Corps volunteers are back in Malta with a veterinarian and animal husbandry
specialist assigned there. An agreement has just been signed to start a Peace Corps program in 1991 in
landlocked Mongolia, one of the most remote nations in the world, where volunteers will act as English
instructors and provide computer services. Discussions are underway about re-entering Chile, going to
Uruguay and possibly returning to Nicaragua. Assessments of Bulgaria and Yugoslavia are under
consideration. As the Fort Lauderdale News and Sun-Sentinel recently put it: "Rejuvenated and growing,
the Peace Corps is enjoying a new burst of popularity around the world."
DATES TO NOTE

16 Sun  BRUNCH 10am-12noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union
23 Sun  DEV-ED BRUNCH 10am-12noon - Lakefront Cafe, Mem. Union
23 Sun  Vigil for World's Children - Madison - Capitol @ State St
        5 pm - Info Fair - 6:30 pm Candle Lighting Ceremony
28 Fri  U.N. Summit for Children - United Nations, New York

OCT.
4 Thr   GENERAL MEETING - 7:00 pm - Union South - 227 N. Randall

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - See ballot this issue
(Non-voters will not be permitted to complain)

7 Sun  Brunch 10am-12noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union
10 Wed  Milwaukee Meeting - 7 pm - 1756 N. Prospect - 271-9950
14 Sun  Brunch 10am-12noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union
15 Mon  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
21 Sun  Brunch 10am-12noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union
28 Sun  Brunch 10am-12noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union
29 Mon  RESULTS - 7 pm - Memorial Union

NOV.
2 Fri   POTLUCK MEETING - 6 PM - Barbara & Henry Nehls-Lowe Home
        1888 Brairwood Lane, Oregon, Wi
4 Sun   Brunch 10am-12noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union
11 Sun  Brunch 10am-12noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union
15 Thr  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

BRUNCH on Sunday is where the discussion of our group business occurs
between meetings, plus spirited chatter. Nice days (+50) on terrace.

from the Friends of Cameroon newsletter

EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS...
...to the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of
Wisconsin-Madison for their $200 contribution to Co.
Valentine's Young Farmers Club. Additional contributions
routed to the worthy group came in from Karen Bowen and
Bill Softky.

NEWSLETTER POLICY:
Since we're always trying to
get new members, I'll send
three copies of our newsletter
to anyone we think will be
interested. After that, you
have to pay to stay on our
mailing list. Details can be
found on the back page. ONE
EXCEPTION: contacts in other
RPCV organizations can
continue to receive our
newsletter if they will send
us theirs.

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

The year 1991 will mark the 10th anniversary of the founding of Ashoka. In 1981 Bill Drayton started Ashoka with one Fellow in India.

During the last ten years, Ashoka has selected 62 Fellows in India, 73 Fellows in Brazil, 34 Fellows in Indonesia, 27 Fellows in Mexico and Fellows in Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand and Southern Africa. Worldwide, Ashoka now has over 200 Fellows.


But enough of statistics. They are impressive but what is more important is what it means to have over 200 Ashoka Fellows in nine different countries. It means that in nine different areas of the world, there are over 200 individuals who are providing innovative answers to some of the world's most critical social problems. The list of Ashoka Fellows' accomplishments is extensive. Already 25% of our first group of Fellows are causing national level change in their fields, and most of the rest have made themselves felt at least at the state level.

The impact of Ashoka's Fellowship is already vividly apparent. To cite but a few examples: India's Prime Minister mandated that the curriculum developed by Ashoka Fellow Gloria de Souza be adapted in all central government schools in India. Brazil's government ordered that 8 million acres of Amazon rainforest be set aside for extractive reserves (the concept of Ashoka Fellow Mary Allegretti.) The President of Indonesia officially banned the use of 57 pesticides in response to the pressure brought about by Ashoka Fellow Wiedjanariko. In over twenty different fields of concern Ashoka Fellows are working to bring about innovative, path-breaking change.

Nineteen-ninety has already been a year of new development for the organization of Ashoka itself. In 1990, Ashoka staff made two trips to Africa: the first was exploratory, and the second trip actually brought about the selection of Ashoka's first two African Fellows in Zimbabwe. Ashoka staff also travelled to various points in South Africa: Capetown, Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Pretoria and Johannesburg. Ashoka sees a large potential for Ashoka Fellows in South Africa but at the same time recognizes the need to proceed with caution in a country still wrecked with internal political problems. Initially, in South Africa, Ashoka will work with some well-known networks in identifying candidates. We will begin in small areas and/or in specific subject areas, such as "conflict resolution." Ashoka is still exploring whether it will start operations in some of the other southern African countries. Ashoka is in the process of starting in West Africa in Nigeria and is also exploring some Francophone countries such as Senegal and Cameroon.

Recently, much of Ashoka's organizational time has been spent in trying to increase the number of Ashoka Fellows within countries in order to enable the start of the Fellowship. In 1989, Ashoka had its first regional meeting in a given field, with Ashoka's South Asia and South East Asian Fellows coming together for a regional meeting on education. In May 1990, with the help of the Kellogg Foundation, Ashoka sponsored its first country-wide Fellowship meeting of Mexican Fellows. In 1991 a similar country-wide meeting is being planned for Brazil.

Ashoka is growing. But it still needs to expand if it is to truly achieve its goals as an international Fellowship. For this reason, Ashoka is concentrating for the first time on bringing together a small but senior staff in the United States to coordinate its international program. It has hired Tresa Smith, with primary responsibility for developing Ashoka's fundraising programs. It is currently negotiating final arrangements with an International Director for Africa, and has imminent plans to hire a Director for Asia and an overall Executive Director for Ashoka.
Africans fighting own wars

Colonies gone but battles remain

By John Edlin
Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia —

With decolonization complete, African leaders are turning to conflicts within their own countries that have killed millions of people, claimed countless more and created 5 million refugees.

Those internal wars, some decades old, have been largely ignored by the Organization of African Unity, which devoted itself to supporting guerrilla movements in South Africa and colonies ruled by Europeans.

Civil wars were considered beyond the bounds of the OAU, whose charter forbade meddling in the internal affairs of member states.

Last month, a change began. For the first time since its birth in 1963, the organization declared that ballots should determine the future of the continent's 550 million people, not force of arms. It did not change the charter, but clearly shifted emphasis.

In African eyes, the continent became free of colonies when Namibia gained independence from South Africa in March. Africans viewed Namibia, which South Africa governed under a UN mandate withdrawn in 1966, as a colony of a white-rulled country.

The OAU and United Nations have long recognized South Africa as an independent nation, but have tried to end the apartheid racial policy that maintains supremacy for 5 million whites over 28 million blacks.

In previous years, the OAU has committed itself to financing guerrilla armies in areas ranging from Cape Verde, when it was a Portuguese colony, to the British territory of Rhodesia, now black-rulled Zimbabwe.

It ended the June summit with the usual condemnation of apartheid, but for the first time omitted mention of continuing to support guerrilla-backed movements like the African National Congress or Pan-Africanist Congress.

Instead, Africa's leaders committed themselves to increasing democracy within their own countries and finding peaceful solutions to civil wars in progress from the Western Sahara in the far northwest to Mozambique in the southeast.

Here is a look at the long-running wars:

- Angola — Portugal, the colonial power, pulled out of this agrarian region of housing and small-scale civil wars marked by political and military incursions by its northern neighbor, Libya. President Hissen Habre's army scored a major victory over the Libyans in 1987, but skirmishing continues.

- Chad — This landlocked desert nation in north central Africa, independent from France since 1960, has been torn by rebellions and three anti-colonial guerrilla armies to fight for the spoils. The Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola won. Since then, the Marxist government has battled Jonas Savimbi's National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, which has U.S. support. Zaire is mediating peace talks.

- Ethiopia — For 29 years, Africa's longest civil war has raged in northernmost Eritrea Province, where rebels of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front control virtually all the countryside and the port of Massawa, one of Ethiopia's two Red Sea harbors. The Eritreans, loosely allied with the Tigre People's Liberation Front in neighboring Tigre province, want independence for Eritrea, once an Italian colony that was federated with Ethiopia in 1952. The Tigreans seek the overthrow of the central government.

- Mozambique — After Portugal granted independence in 1975, a rebel army called the Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo) was raised within Mozambique by neighboring Rhodesia in an attempt to stifle guerrillas bent on toppling Rhodesia's white minority regime. After Rhodesia transformed to black-governed Zimbabwe in 1980, white-rulled South Africa took over the reigns of Renamo, although it now claims no support. Hundreds of thousands have died and others hundreds of thousands have fled into exile. Preliminary peace talks began last year, with no real progress.

- Sudan — For seven years, southern rebels who are mainly Christian or animist have been fighting for autonomy from the Moslem-dominated central government in Khartoum. The fighting has led to periodic famine and the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives.

- Western Sahara — Morocco and the Polisario Front, a Marxist guerrilla group that has been at war since 1975 over the desolate Western Sahara. Spain as the colonial power, granted the region to Morocco and Mauritania in 1975, but Mauritania later abandoned its claim. The Morocco-Polisario conflict has been largely at stalemate in recent years.
THE PEACE CORPS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CELEBRATES 26TH ANNIVERSARY

Washington, D.C. -- Paul Coverdell, Director of the United States Peace Corps, in announcing the 26th anniversary of the Peace Corps Partnership Program, said, "I expect this year to be one of the most successful years ever for the Partnership Program. Americans throughout the United States are realizing the importance of understanding peoples and cultures abroad while helping others to help themselves."

For 26 years, the Peace Corps Partnership Program has encouraged and facilitated American Partners in school groups, corporations, foundations, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer groups, churches and service organizations and as individual citizens to "link up" with overseas Partner communities in countries where Peace Corps Volunteers live and work. While U.S. Partners lend their financial support to projects that are initiated and implemented by the overseas Partner communities, it is the enlightenment that comes through cross-cultural exchanges of letters, photos, music, handicrafts and cultural items that really makes the Partnership Program so valuable and interesting for participants.

The excitement of the Partnership Program comes as the partnership grows. As Martha Holleman, Manager of the Program, says, "I've watched children all over this country begin to value what helping others is all about. Their Overseas Partners become friends—they care about them. I don't know who is more excited when a project is completed and ready for use—the overseas community or the U.S. Partners." The reason these friendships grow is because the Program is much more than financial support; the Program is a sharing, an opening for new ideas and ways of seeing things, and a communication opportunity as vast as the world.

Teacher Linda Restaino-Merola, a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who served in the Philippines, states, "I wanted a project that would involve students in looking beyond their own area; Partnership is perfect for this goal—it has enough structure to make it easy to implement, yet it allows for great flexibility at the same time. The students now have an awareness of educational conditions in other countries as compared to our own. They have the beginnings of an understanding that personal involvement can bring positive change."

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