President's Message

The big wheels of Big Business loom before us this month. Gift-Away requests must be turned in by the end of the May meeting of May 3. Those people interested in serving on the Gift-Away Committee should contact Walt and let their intentions be known. I know I have forms available, and Walt does too. No doubt some others of you have forms that you are passing out. There are several worthy Partnership Projects that would enjoy sponsorship. Feel free to contact me for a peek at the list.

Also of note is the scurry of preparation going on right now to make the National Conference in Austin, Texas a success. John Hugg is looking to organized briefing sessions for Country of Service groups. If your Country of Service group is planning to send a delegation to the conference, or if you personally plan to organize such a confluence of ideas, please let Mr. Hugg know your intentions. His phone number is (512) 441-3395. If your Country of service group is planning on a dinner, please contact Anne or Layne Muilman at (512) 206-0000.

Board Elections are coming up quickly for regional reps. Nominations must be sent to Tom Burwell immediately at (202) 293-7728, ext. 4.

With that bit of business aside, may I stop to muse. May the rain of April give way to blue skies, and my big yellow umbrella find its way back home. All that's left of my bumper shoot is a water spot in the corner where I'm quite sure I last left it. Flipping through the pages on our calendars and day books and assortment of planners, we may note that after the last scurry of May we'll be launched into summer. Our members will be scattered like seeds in the wind to the corners of the globe for purposes of work, school, vacation, play, and combinations thereof. Here's wishes for all of us. May we be blessed with insight and wisdom, romance and adventure, rest and rejuvenation, creativity and productivity, and most importantly, large helpings of good ice cream.
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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.
Union South, 127 N. Randall St.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Thursday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.
Union South, 127 N. Randall St

Friday, July 7, 6:00 p.m. POTLUCK!!!
Sophie Zermuchen's house, 317 Bordner Drive,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Congratulations to Gerry and Linda Ashmore on the birth of Rylo Joseph Ashmore who was born at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, 1995, weighing in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measuring in at 20 1/2 inches.

2. Boundary Waters Canoe Trip from September 3, 1995 to September 16, 1995. Considerable travel by canoe and some work for the National Forest in return for free canoes and local transport. The only expenses would be for travel to Ely, Minnesota and for your share of the food. Call John Frantz at (608) 325-3242 or write to Dr. Frantz at 812 22nd Ave., Monroe, WI 53566.

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

NEWSLETTER POLICY

Since we're always trying to get new members, we'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.
DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday, May 3. **Gift Away Deadline** Last day to turn in requests for Gift-Away funding. Forms are available from Lori Merriam or Walt Zeltner.

Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 P.M. **General Meeting**, Union South. Agenda items to Lori by Monday, if you please!

Saturday/Sunday May 7. **Diversity Conference**. Contact Barbara Chatterjee for information and details. 271-2405.

Sunday, April 30. **Last day** to get Emergency Contact form to Dave Wakeley if you plan to attend the **Habitat for Humanity Workday**.

Saturday, May 13, 7:45 A.M. **Habitat for Humanity Workday**. Meet at the corner of Fairmont and Commercial. Contact Dave Wakeley for details.

Sunday, May 21, 10:00 A.M. **Calendar Committee Meeting** at Barbara Chatterjee’s house, 5102 Coney Weston Place.

Thursday, June 1, 7:00 P.M. **General Meeting at Union South**. Agenda items to Lori by Tuesday, please!

June 9-11 **Camp out** at White Mound County Park up in Sauk County, just 12 miles north of spring green. Details forthcoming, or contact Gordon directly at 255-3261.
We met at 8:00 pm instead of 7, because Union South made us. 18 were present, including Richard and Julita. 2 Poles fresh back from PC/Poland. Lori, Grand Poobah, chaired. With our introductions, we each named a book we wish we'd already read (but have been reluctant to read).

The Minutes from the last meeting are OK.

Money: (Peter): We'd not yet received the bank statement, so the official books are the same as for last month, as in NL.

As described in the last NL, Peter wants us to transfer much of our money from a bank savings account to a conservative money market account with Calvert (who tout socially responsible investing). Money market funds pay about 1.5% more than the banks (who are being greedy). The difference will give us perhaps another $200/yr. After discussion of the MOTION, we all said AYE.

Lastly, Peter needs to find a PC to use for doing the books. so his work will be compatible with Rob's, done on a PC. (Peter is a Mac-head, but flexible.)

The Family Brunch: (Shelly): 112 attended. Erik spoke about the state of PC, and why Madison leads the nation in university recruitment. (Actually, it's all those Catholics and Lutherans! And to the weather. And the Governor.) Our guest speakers were 2 parents who had visited their son in Panama. They were very interesting and amusing, and we listened appreciatively. (And we now now to save the fish's thorax for bait. All this time, we'd been throwing the thorax away, or giving it to our cats.) The Brunch was a success, and thanks to everyone who helped, and particularly to Shelly.

The 96 Calendar:

The Photos were passed around, for another fond look.

Henry needs some help! He's retiring after this Calendar, so a new Photo Editor is needed. And we still need a Marketing Mavin to replace Don. Both these are very interesting jobs, and vital. A smaller task, also interesting, is to handle local sales through stores. (This has to be done in the daytime, of course.)

It's time to send back all the slides we received but didn't pick. Shelly volunteered to organize this, and Buck will help her. We'll do it as a party at Gordon's one Thursday soon.

And we need someone to draft the Ads we put in "WorldView" etc. Another pleasant and limited task. (Shelly snapped it up.)

Large Donations etc: (Walt): we have a pool of money that we've deferred deciding how to use, and it grows annually. Walt will convene a Large Donations Committee to discuss this, and thrash out guidelines for the Group's consideration. If we get this worked out by the autumn we're OK. [...Since April 4, this committee has met once, at Conrad's; and will do so again. So they're on task.]

Calendar Committee meetings (Barbara): will no longer be on Sunday at Barbara C's, because the numbers and money folk could seldom make it. The new meeting time will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 5:45 pm, at Peter Joyce's house (1151 E. Johnson, 251-9405 home, 256-6646 work).
The Giftaway: (Walt): it was a MOTION. and we all said AYE. that: we have $15,000 from the 95Cal to use for donations etc. This will be allocated thus: $9,000 for the Giftaway at the June meeting. when we’ll select lots of donations to give. $2,000 for donations etc throughout the rest of the year until next spring. $4,000 to put in the Long-Range/Large-Donations pot.
SUMMIT YOUR DONATION PROPOSALS! Get them in to Walt by the end of the May meeting. Use the Proposal form printed in previous NL. or get one from Walt. (873-5257 home, 262-1321 work.)

Reconnect Project: (Sharon): Our group’s project to help fresh PRCVs readjust to the States. and get settled in. A summer fun things to do will be to do an expanded survey of what they need. And draw up a Directory of our members' skills, areas of work, and offered helps. And, we should have Send-Off Parties for those about to enter PC! (This is the Disconnect Project.)

Habitat For Humanity: (Dave W): We're signed up to help build a house on Sat May 13. at 631 Fairmont, near Commercial; get there at 7:45 am. and send Dave your Release Form. (255-1339 home.)

Summer Campout: (Gordon): We’re going off to a new spot, highly recommended by Don. In Sauk Co., White Mound County Park. north of Spring Green. Rolling hills and cows (both), with a lake. Weekend of June 9-11. Cheap! See elsewhere in this or next NL for directions.

Donation: (Dave W): as described in the last NL. we said AYE to the MOTION that we give $500 to Shabaz HS. for its program of thrusting students into other cultures-in-the-US (in the South. Southwest. on Indian reservations, etc.)

Cardinal Bar Benefit donation: We raised $745. for hunger in Madison and in Africa. Rose Ann and others had info for us. and we decided AYE to give half to the Southern Wisconsin Food Bank. Deciding on the Africa portion awaits Susan's research.

Global Ed. project: Mary Grace et al have produced a beautiful poster/bulletin board display using Calendar photos and graphics and text. She's used it in her school. to raves. And in June it'll be on display at the Madison Public Library. Good for Mary Grace.

Misc.: Buck passed around a letter of support he'd written to Rep. Torrecelli. who blew the whistle on the CIA involvement with political murder in Guatemala. Those who cared to, signed.

Announcements:
Barbara C passed out brochures on the upcoming Diversity Conference she's heavily engaged in.

(Buck): Free Fishing Day in Wisconsin is the 1st Sat in June. Adults don't need a license on this day. So we can get all the thoraxes (thoraces? like xeroces? and other minor pre-Socratic philosophers?) we'll need for the year. They probably look smashing as necklaces. Should the Adventure Committee organize an outing?

Despite our 8 pm start, we still finished at 9:30. Good for the Poobah.

--Buck.
Convened at 5:45 at Peter Joyce's house. Present: Henry Nehls-Lowe, Chris Purdy, Buck Trawicky, Barbara Chatterjee, Peter Joyce, Jo Brand, Rob Rieselbach, Conrad Weiffenbach, Walt Zeltner.

The number of 1996 calendars to produce was discussed by all present. Rob's records show we've sold 12,576 1995 calendars as of April 15. Buck said we've probably sold more than that. 18,000 were produced. We noted that the number of orders we get depends on the efforts of marketing experts (like Don Sauer, retired). Buck said we have about 1000 1995 calendars left after an unusually large give-away of about 4,000, primarily to schools and Peace Corps. We forgot to mail cards soliciting orders to last-year's customers, or we could have had several hundred more orders. The marginal cost for 1000 extra calendars on a production of around 17,000 is $754. Buck produced a page giving the breakdown, in 10 customer categories, of the '94 calendar sales and projected '95 sales. Individual suggestions for the number of 1996 calendars to produce ranged from 15,000 to 18,000, with most at 16,000 or 17,000. We settled on a printing of 16,500 copies, the average of everyone's suggested numbers, by unanimous voice vote.

Rob suggested, and we decided, to put a description of the calendar marketing job, written by Peter and Barbara, in the newsletter to attract interested workers. Chris suggested we market by hitting people more often and at different times. Barbara introduced a discussion of bookmarks; it was tabled because much discussion was needed. The marketing flyer, and its color, was discussed. No motions or votes.

Henry reviewed the progress of the 1996 calendar along the timeline. He distributed a nice copy of the calendar production timeline. The next group effort is the selection of background tints, using color cards and the photographs.

The new telephone number for calendar orders, collections, marketing, and such business is 829-CORP, a.k.a. 829-2677. The long distance service will be with Schneider Co. The committee decided to meet at 5:45 on the second Wednesday of each month, at Peter Joyce's, 1151 East Johnson, until he moves, which may not be long. Everyone is welcome at these meetings.

Peter distributed a few copies of a tidy-looking 3-page statement of overall income and the balance sheet, for the year and month to March 31, for RPCV's of WI. It gives great detail for calendar and other items. Rob said we probably need a calendar price adjustment and a shipping price scale, to go in the flyer. Buck and Rob will lay out some options for this in the next committee meeting. Jo was given 50 calendars for a lottery at Lapham school. We adjourned at 7:20. Respectfully submitted, Conrad.
Report of Committee on Establishing Guidelines for Funding Special Projects

Meeting Date: 4/11/95, 7 PM
Location: Conrad Weiffenbach's, 166 Rodney Ct.
Attending: Conrad, Walt, Buck Trawicky, Dean Mahon, Gordon Malaise

This committee is charged with developing guidelines for handling and evaluating requests for donations in amounts that are larger than we typically provide through the Giftaway. This first meeting was unstructured so that the participants would feel free to bring up whatever issues concerned them. My report will also be rather free-form and is not all-inclusive.

Much of our time was spent considering a proposal from Buck that some of the Special Projects money should be set aside in a Disaster Fund. This would apparently work as a contingency or reserve fund. Buck would like to see it contain enough money to fund the printing of 8,000 to 10,000 calendars if some problem arose with the initial printing and we could not get reimbursed for the costs of that print run. However, the money would not be limited to Calendar uses. [I could see it as a reserve in case of liability suits against us for injuries suffered during the Freeze for Food.] There seemed to be strong support for the idea of a Disaster Fund. Some other comments made:

Would need to establish a set of principles for using the Reserve Fund. [More committee meetings!]

People who buy our calendars are entitled to know how the money we receive is spent. How will it look if some of the proceeds get set aside in a Disaster Fund?

Calendar proceeds should go first to regular donations, then some should be set aside in the Disaster Fund, and any remaining would go for special projects (large donations). How much money should be added to the Disaster Fund each year? Should it be a percent of the total available or a dollar amount determined each year?

How would the Fund operate? Where would the money be invested? Now that much of our money will be invested in a Calvert money market fund, what happens if Calvert collapses?

My problem with a Disaster Fund is the same one I have with banking our calendar proceeds and using the interest to fund worthwhile projects. I would rather not see us sitting on more money than we have to. I would rather get that money out where it can do good things as soon as possible.

There was also considerable discussion about requirements for funding projects. Generally agreed that we prefer projects that can "leverage" our support by providing other sources of funds and/or materials. As with Ashoka Society fellows, we would provide limited salaries for individuals who would devote large amounts of time to the project. We prefer not to pay travel costs for people. Travel money provided from other sources could match our contribution. We do not want to be the sole source of support, which could instill dependency in the recipients. As usual, we want our money to support development projects with wide impact rather than supporting individuals, unless those individuals are working full-time on a development project.

How do we distinguish small and large projects? Some small project requests are so impressive that we probably should consider funding them at higher levels, thus converting them to large projects. But what level?

We will recommend that all requests for Special Project donations be approved by secret ballot.

How large a Special Project request should we consider? Should it be some percent of the total amount available? If so, what percent?

Would be nice to consider Special Project requests only once a year, probably in Fall. [Requests for money are rarely so agreeable.]

No discussion of accountability issues and means of ensuring that the money gets used correctly. And so we broke up at 9 PM, with the next meeting scheduled for Conrad's at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 25.

Walt Zeltner
¡SUMMER CAMPOUT!

SAVE THIS DATE! The 1995 RPCVs of WI Summer Campout is to be held at White Mound County Park in beautiful Sauk County on the weekend of June 9-11. White Mound County Park is a beautiful park with hiking trails, a swimming and fishing lake, biking opportunities and a pleasant setting for your tent. The wooded hills will lift your spirits inexpensively. Adults, $3.50 per night; Kids (16 and under) Free

In addition to the pleasures of the great outdoors when you arrive, a pleasant car or bicycle ride awaits you through fertile and beautiful valleys. In June the corn will be growing rapidly and alfalfa will sweeten the air. Holstein cattle will be dotted through the lush pastures you pass.

Our camping area has running water, pit toilets and plenty of room to play frisbee or throw a ball. Hiking trails leave from the campground.

Swimming and fishing are a short walk away. There are bicycling challenges for the hardy and easier flat rambles through beautiful valleys. SAVE THIS DATE!

Consider these routes.

**Leprechaun Lollygag**
From USH 12/SH 60 Jct West of Sauk City
L on SH 60 1½ m
R on CTH O 7½ m
R on CTH C 2 m
S on Oshner Rd 2 m
**CTH C continues Right**
S on Irish Valley Rd 3 m
R on Valley View Rd 3 m
R on SH 23 ¼ m
L on CTH GG ¼ m
R on Pk Ent Rd to Pk HQ 1¼ m

**LEGEND**
L = Left; R = Right; S = Straight.
USH = US Hwy; SH = State Hwy; CTH = County Trunk Hwy. Mileage approximate.

Leland & Log Cabin Line
From USH 12/SH 60 Jct West of Sauk City
L on SH 60 1½ m
R on CTH O 7½ m
R on CTH C 5 m (to Leland)
L on Hemlock Rd 2 m
(Log Cabin on L at 1½ m)
R on CTH PF ¼ m
L on Lins Rd (1st L) 1½ m
R on Sky View Rd ½ m
L on Ohio Rd 2 m
L on Highland Rd 2 m
R on SH 23 ¼ m
L on CTH GG ¼ m
R on Pk Ent Rd to Pk HQ 1¼ m

In a Hurry
From W Beltline/USH 14 Jct West of Middleton
USH 14W to Spring Green 32 m
R on SH 23 12 m
L on CTH GG 1¼ m
R on Pk Ent Rd to Pk HQ 1¼ m

Don Sauer, Org. 244-3732
THANK YOU!!  THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

I’d like to thank the following people for their help in making this year’s Family Brunch a fun and exciting event:

1) Lori Merriam, our beloved Grand Poobah, who gave a rousing opening speech, drawing the attention of one and all away from stuffing their faces and saving some people from themselves. (you know who you are)

2) Erik Jensen, PC Campus Recruiter Extraordinaire, who let everyone present know who he is, what he does best, and where he’s located. (just in case anyone is interested in him, his activities or his whereabouts)

3) Sharon Lewandowski, (untitled-at least in this context), who recommended Sally and Cliff Borden as guest speakers. The Borden’s were wonderful guest speakers and I've sent a letter to them, on behalf of the group, to express our most sincere thanks.

4) Helene Pesche, Rose Ann Scott, Barbara Chatterjee, Ken Coffeen, and any other folks who remembered to set their clocks one hour ahead to get them to the Brunch on time. With your help, the 109 adults and 3 children who attended were checked in and seated quickly.

5) The good people at the Minneapolis Recruitment Office who collaborated with our group again this year and provided support in the way of printing up all the invitations and paying for the postage. My records indicate that their were approximately 19 applicants, 54 family members, and 39 RPCV’s in attendance.

DONATIONS OF CALENDAR PROCEEDS

One item of immediate importance:

The Calendar Operating Committee is setting aside some $35,000 for production of the 1996 International Calendar. They have released $15,000 for donations to worthy causes. In order to follow the guidelines established two years ago, we have to allocate this money into three categories: Immediate donations (Gifftaway), Medium-term donations (Donations made over the course of the next year which includes the costs of putting on fund raising events such as the Freeze for Food), and Special Projects (Donations requiring more than the $100 to $1,000 that we usually provide). To expedite this process, I submit the following motion for discussion and resolution at the next meeting.

MOTION

The $15,000 in proceeds from the 1995 International Calendar will be split as follows: $9,000 to the Gifftaway, $2,000 for Medium-term donations, and $4,000 for Special Projects.

I need to receive all requests for Gifftaway donations by the end of the May meeting. Sometime in May, I will convene a group of interested people to recommend requests to be funded and suggest funding levels. If you want to participate, call me (Walt Zellner at 873-5257 evenings). Seven people have expressed interest so far, but our chances of getting everyone together at one time are slim. If Gordon hosts the meeting, it will be on a Tuesday or Thursday evening starting at 6:30 or 7.

Walt Zellner
Newsletter Subscription Information

All RPCVW, Inc. members receive the newsletter on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we would prefer that our members pay through December of the year of joining ($1.25 per month 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 through us by paying a further $20.00. We strongly encourage all members to join the National Association, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

☐ I want to join RPCVW, Inc. and am enclosing $__________________
   ___ Individual - $15.00 for one year (or $1.25 per month to next January)
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   ___ Overseas Individual - $24.00
   ___ Overseas Joint - $29.00

☐ I am also enclosing $20.00 for membership in the National Peace Corps Association.
   ($27.50 for joint membership - two people with the same address)

☐ I do not want to join, but would like to receive the newsletter and am enclosing $7.00
   ($15.00 for overseas) to cover the costs.

☐ I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address on your records.

Name: _______________________________ Country of Service: _______________________________
Address: ___________________________________ Service Dates: _____________________________
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