President's Message

Hello everyone: How many of you have witnessed the convertible Cadillac bubble machine in the grand procession of the Willy Street Fair? If you haven’t ever seen the bubble machine and its operator, let it serve as incentive for even more volunteers to staff the RPCV-Madison booth next year. Even better, some of us have talked of putting together a RPCV troupe – sporting our respective countries’ proper attire – to march in the Fair next year. We would steal the show.

Never assume that you need to travel to faraway lands to witness strange and unusual things – all too often they’re lurking in your own back yard.

We met on Sept. 9th @ 7:00, but the August newsletter had listed Sept. 2. The date was changed due to the overlap with Labor Day, but missed the fact that that date had been printed in an earlier newsletter. I understand that some people showed up for the meeting that wasn’t. Please forgive your errant officers.

Looking to forgo such occurrences in the future, there’s talk of changing our meeting schedule again. The favored date is the second Tuesday of each month and, following suit, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8th, at 7:00 in the Red Gym. I’ll devote a little more time to this topic in a separate piece inside, and people can trot out their arguments for and against at the next meeting.

Until then, I hope to see you on the 8th –

Peace, Brad Hinkfuss
When's the next meeting? - Brad Hinkfuss

When does the Madison RPCV group meet? The answer for the past year or two has never been the same from month to month. Instead, the timing of our meetings has always changed, from the first Monday of the month, to the first Tuesday of the month, and so on. The natural advantage in this approach is that if anyone consistently has conflicts on any one day of the week, they'd always be able to make the next month's meeting because it would fall on the next day (for example, if someone always had a Monday evening commitment they'd be able to make the next month's meeting because it would fall on a Tuesday).

The downfall of this approach is that it is inherently confusing. What is more, adopting a rotating schedule hasn't resulted in bigger meeting attendance. A recent brainstorm among some of us resurrected the idea of a consistent night of the week, during the second week of each month. Scheduling our meeting closer to the middle of the month avoids a host of potential conflicts, such as holidays that consistently fall either at the beginning or the end of the month (e.g., 4th of July, December 25th, etc.).

We need not lose the potlucks in this arrangement. Potlucks currently happen whenever a meeting falls on a Friday. Perhaps it would be better to schedule potlucks at those times of the year that feel most natural to everyone: one in the summer, one in the fall, and one in the winter (?).

This brings us to October 8th, the second Tuesday of the month, and the time of our next meeting. If people have strong misgivings about this change in schedule, please bring your ideas to the next meeting or give me a call. Otherwise, I hope to see you on the 8th.

Willy Street Fair News

Thanks to everyone who helped at our table at the Williamson Street Fair on Sunday, September 15th. Special thanks to Prudence Barber for helping set up and take down our display. Also thanks to Brad Hinkfuss, Lisa Wandke, Kristy Torres, Tom Brodd, Heidi Fassnacht, Margot Kennard, Lee and Rick Row, and Alyson Carr. We sold about 35 calendars, but more importantly, 25 people signed up to talk to Lisa Wandke, our new campus recruiter, and another 19 people signed up to get information about the RPCVs of Madison and receive our newsletter.

Mark your calendars. Our next events will be at the International Holiday Festival at the Madison Civic Center in November and Alternative Holiday Fair at the Pres House in December.

-Troy Rutter
The anatomy of a mailing label

Please take the time to read this, even if the title doesn’t sound compelling.

If you receive a newsletter, it’s addressed with a mailing label that contains a little more information than your name and address. Also included is the date that your membership expires, placed immediately to the right of your name and in parentheses.

Sargent Shriver (10-1-02)
1990 K Street
Washington, D.C. 40036

please pay your dues!

If you’re at or just past your expiration date, I also place a small note at the bottom of your label that says, please pay your dues!

Here’s the tricky and confusing part: Even if you’ve paid your dues, they don’t come to me (the membership coordinator) and I have no way of updating your membership record until I receive notice from someone else that you have, indeed, paid your dues. It is for this reason that I never drop anyone the moment his or her yearly membership expires. Instead, I send at least the next three newsletters to them with the sub-note: please pay your dues! It is only after not receiving notice of someone renewing their membership for at least three months that they get transferred to the dark corner of “Former Members” and are dropped from the mailing list.

For example, if your membership expires in July, and you pay your annual dues at the bargain rate of $15, I won’t receive notice that you’ve paid your dues until August or September. That means it’s inevitable that you’ll receive a newsletter or two reminding you to pay your dues. The only way to avoid it is to pay your dues at least a month before they actually come due.

Why do I write all of this? I receive a number of phone calls each month from members who are confused, irritated or grumpy because they know that they’ve paid their dues but the mailing label doesn’t reflect it. I hope this article clears the air a bit, and that everyone will continue to be patient with our process. It is, after all, run by a bunch of volunteers.

Submitted by Brad Hinkfuss (membership coordinator, amongst other things)
http://www.?

There’s been talk of the desire for a new and more dedicated, dynamic web sit for our Madison RPCV group for at least the past few years. As things stand now, most of you know that our group does currently have a website [http://www.geocities.com/wirpcv/index.html] thanks to the ongoing efforts of member Dean Jefferson. As I understand it (correct me if I’m wrong, Dean) this website is done through the Yahoo! Geocities feature that allows a group or an individual to publish their own web page for free. There are limitations, however, as there always are when something is free.

The exciting news is that I recently received an offer from Kurt Sippel, the owner/chief operator of Applied Tech Solutions, to provide free web hosting for our group’s own website. Kurt’s generous offer has a number of advantages:

- A locally hosted website—with an owner we can actually call—means that we have greater control and flexibility with the website.
- We would have File Transfer Protocol (FTP) access to our website, which means we have the ability to make as many direct changes as we want, when we want.
- We would determine and own our own domain name, without the geocities prefix.
- Greater functionality could be built into the website.
- No unwanted advertisements or other distractions like those that show up on every free or commercial website I’ve ever seen (including our current one).

What do we need to take advantage of this offer? More than anything, we need a new volunteer to be the website designer and webmaster. This involves creating the initial design for the website, and then updating the site (at least monthly) as information changes and notices need to be posted. If necessary, the group may be able to purchase the software needed for this work.

Interested? I hope this notice catches someone’s eye. If so, give me a call (242-9573) or email me (iambrad@chorus.net) and we can chat about it.

Brad Hinkfuss
RPCV of Wisconsin Officers and Contacts

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| Event Chairs             |          |          |
| Cardinal Bar Benefits    | Kathleen Quinlan | 249-6437 |          |
| Family Brunch            | (need a volunteer) |          |          |
| Freeze for Food          | Rick Lackey | 218-8878 or 345-7878 | meisa@teeracim.net |

| Other Contacts           |          |          |
| Calendar Customer Service| Julita Zolnik | 221-2238 | jurysie@terracom.net |
| Calendar Project Coordinator | Rochelle Goedken | 243-0298 |          |
| Finance Committee Chair  | Rose Ann Scott | 241-0845 |          |
| Global Education         | Marc Brand | 255-1339 | juliadon@interalb.net |
| Members at Large         | Don Sauer |          | iambrad@chorus.net |
| Membership Contact       | Brad Hinkfuss | 217 Cory St. Madison, WI 53704, 242-9573 |          |
| Newsletter Editor        | John Kaltenbach | 249-3545 | worldrootsnews@yahoo.com |
| Peace Corps Recruiter    |          |          |
| Pre-connect/Re-connect    | Sharon Lewandowski | 241-2392 |          |
| Registered Agent         | Terry Stark | 233-9140 |          |
Minutes of the September General Meeting

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison

General Meeting of September 9 (Monday), 2002

(We met on the Monday of the 2nd week because
Monday of the 1st week was Labor Day. And there
was no room reserved for us in the Gym, so we
begged a room, but it would be empty only until
8:00, so we had to hustle through our meeting.
Which we did.)

14 were present.

Volunteers were recruited to sit at our group’s table at
the Willy St. Fair on Sept. 15.

Donations to discretionary (non-PC Partnership) pro-
jects:

We have c. $5000 remaining to donate, from this
year’s original $1000; plus c. $1700 carried over
from last year.

5 donation proposals had been submitted (see last
month’s Newsletter).

"Human Resources Rebuilding in Afghanistan": after
discussion, we decided not to fund this, because we thought it
would duplicate databases already available in the
PCV community. NAY (w/ 1 abstention).

"Help the Afghan Children":
all AYE w/ 1 abstention.
"Chacocente Chickens": all
AYE w/ 1 abstention.
"Women Surviving Violence-
Nicaragua": all AYE w/ 1
abstention.
"Rediscovering Cultural
Identity": in general, we ap-
proved of the idea, but we had questions.
TABLED until the Oct. Gen-
eral Meeting.

Judy Kader of our group,
who represents the Senegalese Education Fund,
which does fundraising under our 501.c.3 umbrella,
had asked Brad Hinktuss if we could provide
c. $600 soon. Because one
of their in-country
directors will be in the States
soon, and can carry back
money without
the expense of an interna-
tional money transfer. We
said “Sure, of
course: it’s your money, and
there’s at least that much in
your column in our
books.”

Elections: Lee Row, as VP, is
on the job of corralling will-
ing candidates, for our Oc-
tober Elections.

And we hope you won’t
have forgotten the Calen-
dar Packing Party this
Friday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m., at
Andy Weiner’s warehouse.

We were done by 7:45, just
before we would have been booted out.

--Buck Trawicky
You Can Donate $1,000 to a Peace Corps Partnership

If you are a member of the RPCV of Madison WI you may apply $1,000 of the 2002 calendar money toward a Peace Corps Partnership. Just pick a partnership and let Rose Ann Scott know via phone 608.241.0845, e-mail roseann-scott@yahoo.com, or in person. Remember the PCV are waiting.

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There are also now 4 special funds you can donate to. The Global Fund distributes your donation evenly across the 6 Peace Corps regions. The Loret Miller Ruppe for the Advancement of Women, The HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education Fund and Information and Technology Fund.
Peace Corps Director Announces Joint Committee with National Peace Corps Association
Talent, Motivation of Thousands of Returned Volunteers, Former Staff Could Further

Washington, D.C., August 22, 2002—Peace Corps Director Gaddi H. Vasquez announced the creation of a joint liaison committee with the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) to identify the best ways to harness the talent and motivation of thousands of returned Peace Corps volunteers and former agency staffers. The committee will explore the roles these individuals and groups can play in furthering the Peace Corps mission and supporting its recruitment activities.

"After 41 years of exemplary service to the world, the pool of talent is large and the potential for help is enormous," says Director Vasquez, "There are 20,000 former Peace Corps staff and 165,000 returned Peace Corps volunteers (RPCVs), many of whom are still active. If we can avail ourselves of their continued desire to make the world a better place, the Peace Corps can significantly advance towards its goals of doubling the number of Volunteers by the year 2007, diversifying its ranks and also continuing its mission of fostering mutual understanding between Americans and the peoples of the world," he added.

Initially, the liaison committee will seek ways to engage RPCVs and former staff in recruitment efforts for new volunteers and staff, with a particular emphasis on people of ethnic and age diversity. Identifying ways of engaging local NPCA and "Friends of The Peace Corps" chapters in agency activities is also seen as a priority. The committee will look at ways of increasing the involvement of more recently returned volunteers. Finally, it will explore how to expand the Crisis Corps. Crisis Corps volunteers provide short-term disaster relief and humanitarian response assistance.

Since 1996, more than 460 Crisis Corps volunteers have served in 30 countries on programs involving HIV/AIDS, disaster relief, humanitarian response, and post-conflict country assistance.

Peace Corps Deputy Director Jody Olsen will be the senior agency representative on the committee and will chair the Peace Corps delegation. That contingent will include Director of Crisis Corps, Dan Sullivan; Associate Director of Volunteer Recruitment and Selection, Chuck Brooks; Director of Communication, Ellen Field; Director of Private Sector, Nanci Brannan; Regional Office Director for the New York area, Edwin Jorge and Director of Domestic Programs Allene Zanger. Dane Smith, NPCA Executive Director, will chair the NPCA delegation.

Since 1961, more than 165,000 Volunteers have served in the Peace Corps, working in such diverse fields as agriculture, small business and community development, education, environmental conservation, health and information technology. Peace Corps volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age (there is no upper age limit). Most programs require a college degree and all majors are welcome. Non-degree applicants must have three to five years of experience in business, farming, ranching or a skilled trade. Peace Corps service is a two-year commitment. Its benefits include language and cultural training, medical and dental coverage, housing, as well as a monthly stipend and 24 vacation days a year. Volunteers may defer repayment of various student loans while serving.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

**SUBMITTED BY KARL STARK**

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 $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 ($15 for overseas) to cover costs.
- [ ] I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address.

$_________ TOTAL ENCLOSED

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**Telephone#’s (H)**

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**Service Dates:**

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**PC Job:**

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**Birth date : (Optional - M/D/Y)**

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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
Kaselehia Maingko!
My name is Lisa Wandke and I am the ‘new’ Peace Corps representative at UW-Madison. I wanted to take a few lines out of this month’s newsletter to introduce myself. I served in Micronesia, on the island of Pohnpei, from 1993-1995. My project assignment was teaching English as a Second Language. My secondary project was coaching the ‘island swim team’ and eventually traveling to Guam for the Micronesian Olympics. (Yes, I can now say that I was an Olympic Swim Coach...12 gold, 5 silver, 4 bronze—that is what is so great about the Peace Corps, you get to do what you otherwise might never have been able to.) Post-Peace Corps I taught German in Mpls. and worked as a Peace Corps Recruiter in Denver, CO. I have decided to return to Madison to pursue an MA in German and Education. The Peace Corps campus rep. office continues to be in 240 Ag. Hall. My phone number is 262.1121 and email is: peacecorps@cals.wisc.edu. Office hours are Tuesday 12-4, Thurs. 9-1 and by appointment. I look forward to meeting many of you during my time here as campus representative and anyone who wants to volunteer to help out at slide shows or any other events, please let me know!