President’s Message

Hello everyone -

One of the first rights of summer each year for us RPCVs in Madison comes with a night outside on the terrace of the Memorial Union. By the time you receive this we will have already gathered there once, as the first date is set for May 16th, following our new tradition of meeting on the third Thursday of each month. This is not a rescheduling of our regular meeting, but an addition to it. It is a meeting purely for small talk, laughter and friendship - not for the typical business that many of my fellow members so dread.

For those of you who missed our last meeting - whether out of dread, inability or forgetfulness - you missed a good one. Following our newly streamlined grant process, we discussed the applicant projects and made some well-considered decisions. We don’t set aside the money to fund many of these ‘open’ projects any more, but we do have some $ left and so will consider a few more later in the fall.

In the mean time, we each have up to $1,000 to spend. Recall that our new grant process sets Peace Corps Partnership projects as a priority, and we have $44,000 to spend in support of those projects. Rather than dither away countless hours discussing the projects in meetings, we each can now select a favored Peace Corps Partnership project and cast our vote in favor of it. Of course, for those of you who do the simple math, this equation means that 44 may be the maximum number of members who are able to vote. If that’s the case, the first year is a success; we’ve never before had 44 people involved in the granting process. View Peace Corps Partnership projects online at the PC website, and contact Rose Ann Scott to cast your vote. Feel free to call me (242-9573) or Rose Ann (241-0845) with any questions.

Peace, Brad

Upcoming events:
• June 5, 7:00, General Meeting at Memorial Union.
• June 20, 5:30, Social meeting at the Laurel Tavern, 2505 Monroe St.
• The July General meeting would fall on the 4th—stay tuned for an alternate...
Editor's Note

Just a few quick thinks about this months newsletter. I am very happy to take the editorial duties from Theresa, and I thank her for her service and wish her the best of luck in South Korea.

I hope to provide our group with the most up to date, accurate information possible. I also have some ideas for columns and format, including producing a newsletter that is easily reproduced on our Web site. If you have any comments on this months edition, or suggestions or columns for future editions, please send them to John Kaltenbach, 1102 Southridge Dr., Madison, WI 53704 johnkalten@yahoo.com

THANKS

In April 50 calendars were donated to THE CENTERS FOR PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION, in Madison. They have a program called "BUILDING BRIDGES," which is a race relations program in local elementary, middle and high schools. They sent us this note: "We did the calendars. Thank you so much. All of our kids have seen them and they know they will be getting them when they complete the program (for most of them, that is in the next week or two), so we're very excited to be showing the calendars with them. We've been including a lesson on the Peace Corps while showing them the calendars, and I think we are peaking some of their interest!"

- Sarah Corris

Peace Corps Press Release

World's Newest Country is Newest Peace Corps Program

On behalf of the Peace Corps, U.S. Charge d'Affaires to East Timor, Shari Villarosa signed a bilateral country agreement with Dr. Jose Ramos Horta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of East Timor, opening the Peace Corps program in East Timor.

East Timor declared its independence and became the world's newest nation on May 20, 2002, after centuries of colonization by Portugal, 24 years of occupation by Indonesia and almost three years of United Nations administration. The Peace Corps agreement was among the first bilateral country agreements to be signed.

The Peace Corps anticipates initial projects in community health and local govern- ance. The first twenty volunteers are currently serving in the Peace Corps and were selected to transfer to East Timor in mid-June. The volunteers were chosen from 12 other countries to provide immediate support to the nascent program in East Timor. The second group of volunteers to East Timor will begin their training in 2003.

Peace Corps staff visited East Timor in October 2001 and began planning for an entry. Peace Corps staff are currently in Dili, East Timor, preparing for the arrival of the first group of volunteers in June.
COME TO THE 2002 RPCV SUMMER CAMPOUT AT THE KETTLE MORaine STATE FOREST - SOUTHERN UNIT (LOCATED BETWEEN MADISON AND MILWAUKEE)

You are invited to the RPCV-Madison chapter 2002 Summer Campout on Saturday, June 29, 2002 on the very southern tip of the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit. We have campsites #2 and #3 already reserved (reservation numbers 1-331967 and 1-318807 respectively) in the Hickory Woods group campground. In addition, I have contacted the RPCV-Milwaukee group and warmly invited them to participate in this summer campground activity with us since the Kettle Moraine is so close to Madison AND Milwaukee. Let's enjoy this social activity with our counterparts from the Milwaukee RPCV group. You will find this campground located on the southern part of this State Forest very close to Whitewater Lake. Bring your swimsuit and head to the beach. Or Lake the kids on one of the many hiking trails and view the glacial heritage of this region filled with eskers, kettles, kames and moraines. Perhaps you will discover one of the weather-beaten, decaying homestead log cabins. Or why not do both? Hike the trails, work up a sweat and head to the beach.

Does that sound inviting or what?
Bring a dish to pass at the potluck dinner late Saturday afternoon. Everyone pays the park entrance fee but after that your campsite cost is only $2 per adult/$1 per child. Don't miss this chance to enjoy the camaraderie of friends and family, kick off the warm summer season and enjoy the great outdoors. The children (and adults) will love it.
Questions or comments? Call Terry Stark at (608) 233-9140 or e-mail me at terrystark@dot.state.wi.us. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

RPCV SUMMER CAMP DIRECTIONS

FROM MADISON, TAKE HWY 12 SOUTHEAST. GO THROUGH FT. ATKINSON AND WHITEWATER. SHORTLY AFTER WHITEWATER, TURN SOUTH ON COUNTY TRUNK "P", COUNTY TRUNK "P" LEADS YOU DIRECTLY INTO THE STATE FOREST. TURN RIGHT ON HI-LO ROAD AND DRIVE TO THE HICKORY WOODS GROUP CAMPSITES #2 AND #3. YOU HAVE ARRIVED! QUESTIONS? CONTACT TERRY STARK AT terrystark@dot.state.wi.us OR CALL ME AT (608) 233-9140.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Alan Weiner, whose father died recently. Our thoughts are with him as he deals with his loss.
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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison
General Meeting of Tuesday, May 7, 2002

We met at the Red Gym, downtown on the UW campus. The Red Gym is scrum-
pulously beautiful and architecturally fascinating
17 were present at the height.
Our Newsletter Editor, Theresa
Jenkins, is resigning, because she and Kevin are off to South
Korea, to teach. With our sus-
tained applause, we gave
high applause to Theresa Jen-
kins, for her years of lovingly
diligent work.
Starting now, the new NL Edi-
tor will be John Kaltenbach.
His e-mail contact address is <johnnekalten@yahoo.com>.
Social Gatherings: Guffy folk
will gather at various places,
once a month, and converse:
come!—it'll be a hoot. It's al-
ways on the 3rd Thursday of
the month, May 16, on the
Terrace of the Memorial Un-
ion; June 20, at the Laurel Tav-
ern on Monroe St.; July 18,
perhaps on the Terrace. (Our
President knows all: Brad Hink-
fuss, 242-9573.)

Donations decisions:
(See the last NL, and the Spe-
cial Mailing.)
At our April General Meeting,
our group decided to fore-
swear making specific dona-
tions, apart from $10,000 (w/
c.$1000 set aside for expenses
for the Freeze For Food, etc).
Hereafter, the bulk of our Cal-
endar profits are to be do-
nated to Peace Corps Part-
nerships.
So, we first dickered about PC
Partnerships; and then about
where to send the discretion-
ary $9K.
Re. Peace Corps Partnerships:
In your mailings, you've re-
ceived a list of PC Partnership
candidates. Out of our '02 Cal-
endar profits ($60,000), we've
decided to donate $50,000 to
PC Partnerships.
There're lots of clamoring PC
Partnerships, and we have to
have a method to allocate our
wishes. SO; here is the
METHOD: Each member gets
one vote, which equals $1000,
unless the voter breaks it into
parts (e.g., $500 and $500).
Those present could put their
names alongside the listed
candidates. All other members
can vote from a distance—they
must contact Rose Ann Scott
(241-0845; e-mail:
<roseannscott@yahoo.com>)
to register their wishes. Be
Swift!—if all our members ex-
pressed a vote (probably a
vain hope/fear), and you were
late, you'd speak up later than
the exhaustion of our potential
donations.

Re. Specific Discretionary Do-
nations: There were a bunch of
candidates (14), as you saw in
your "Special Mailing." Walt
Zeilner had convened a
bunch of thinkers to consider
each proposal, and make sug-
gestions. Herewith our General
Meeting's conclusions:
First, present were 2 persons
(Linda and Al Knox), local ad-
voeates, who had come to
speak in favor of the "Round
Houses for durable and easily-
movable wooden temporary
housing in Afghanistan": this
was to be a pilot project of 1-
2 dozen Round Houses, and
whereby the architect would
travel to Afghanistan and set
up local sources of other
Round Houses. The Knoxes
spoke tersely and amply. The
Frantzes, respected mem-
bers, RPCVs/Afghanistan,
had written in opposition, ar-
guing that these "Round
Houses" are a misuse of aid
money, and arguing instead
for building traditional mud-
brick structures. There was
much thoughtful questioning,
with full info given by the
very informed advocates.
Who, courteously, thereafter
departed when their presen-
tation was done, so we
could consider this matter in
privacy. Which the group to-
tally rejected. SO: no money
to Round Houses. (By the
way, there's a sample Round
House on view at the St.
Benedict Center, on the
north side of Lake Mendota.
Let's all go and enter it!!)
NEXT: 5 items; all approved
without dissent: (*) Mine
Removal in Mozambique
(though we voted to donate
$1000, up from the proposed
Equal Share); Books to Mo-
rocco; Nicaragua Well Im-
provement; (*) Bulgarian
Boys' Camp; (*) Assistance to
Afghan Refugees.

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THEN:
(*) Books to PCVs and Kazakhstan Environmental Camp were rejected, because neither project had a local sponsoring group member. Nicaragua Iguana Raising and Honey Production was withdrawn.
(*) The Ukrainian Orphanage: REJECTED, as redundant. It's already on our PC Partnerships list. The sponsors should each vote for this; their 2 votes, apart from other members' votes, would cause more money to be given than the amount asked for in their proposal.
(*) Colombia Microenterprise Projects: REJECTED: The committee, and the group as a whole, thought the general idea was dandy (helping displaced Colombians), but disliked the specific projects proposed for funding.

(*) The Mildred Green Gardens Memorial (Madison, WI): AYE, if the proposed amount is still needed for plumping up the endowment; otherwise, less, to the amount needed.
(*) Smithdale Community Garden Project (Madison, WI): The original proposal asked for money for gardening tools, and for food treats at gardeners' gatherings. Despite (probably misfounded) tears that the tools would walk away, we voted thus: AYE, but for $300 only, specifically for tools. And only IF there is an existing accountable structure to receive our donation.
(*) Homeless Women's Self-Sufficiency, in MD: REJECTED, because this should be able to draw on many local sources of support.

Remember our Camping Trip on Sat.-Sun., June 29-30, at Kettle Marine State Park, Southern Unit (see elsewhere for directions). Summer meetings: Margot will make the reservations, probably for the Red Gym. (Ed. Note, it has been moved to the Travel Center, Memorial Union. Calendar unveiling party: we'll do it as part of our August Potluck General Meeting (Aug. 2; at a home to be announced). Next Calendar Steering Committee meeting: on either June 3 (Mon.) or June 4 (Tues.) At Prudence Barber's house. I believe June 4 - Walt. We adjourned at 9:00 p.m. –Buck Trawicky