Greetings!

The Nomination Party that Peace Corps held at UW Smith Hall on February 24 was a wonderful success. It is always fascinating to me to see the people who come to the wide range of events that are available, whether through Peace Corps or through our RPCV group. There are a few die-hards that cross over to both types of events, but of course everyone has their own schedule, their own set of interests, and their differing abilities to attend specific events. There were easily 50-60 people there, of whom it seemed half were RPCVs. I recognized some, met many, and am glad that there are many outlets for RPCVs to come together.

This was Carrie Teiken's first intergroup event with us. Carrie, of course, is the new Chicago Peace Corps Recruiter. She and I overlapped in Ghana during our tours of service, and worked for the same NGO, ADRA (Adventist Development Relief Agency). It is fun for me to be working with someone from “my” country again! In the photo on this page, Carrie is the one sitting on the right (sorry about the thumbnail-quality of the photo). She will be in town working with John Sheffy on a regular basis, and listserv calendar reminders are set to go out and invite your participation. The next major inter-group event is the annual Family Brunch at the Coliseum Bar/Restaurant. Mark your calendars for Sunday midday, April 19. And many thanks to Clare Vogel Friedrich for organizing this event once again (and note her new married name!).

Speaking of outlets for RPCVs, we would like to “make known” the many opportunities for people to get involved in this group. We are, of course, a volunteer group, and there are many demands on time. But if you find yourself with an interest in certain areas, we will be posting opportunities in the newsletter regularly until filled. As we collect them, these opportunities will have some kind of brief description of duties/responsibilities, along with a rough estimate of time commitment. Some of the obvious ones coming up are officers: nominations for new officers will be needed prior to the fall general membership meeting and elections. In addition, we are looking for help on the calendar committee, the poster committee, a Chairperson for 50th Anniversary, a website coordinator and online presence monitor, and a person or group of persons to form a social committee to continue the casual interactions of the group on a regular (monthly?) basis. Some of these are defined inside; some will be defined by the next newsletter.

And this is a perfect opportunity for me to thank and introduce Judy Figi (Sierra Leone, 64-67), who has offered to be the MorePeaceCorps Advocacy Chair. She will be keeping us informed about ways to support the Peace Corps lobbying effort to expand services (or at least, maintain them, based on recent news about cuts!), and possibly organizing an occasional local lobbying effort (e.g., letter-writing, etc.). Please stay tuned for further details; you may contact her at salonesix@aol.com if you have questions or ideas to assist.
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**FIND ARCHIVED GROUP INFORMATION**

Are you looking for old meeting minutes, copies of newsletters, group photos, copies of the Constitution and Bylaws? Newsletters are posted on our website, but most of these other items are posted only on our Yahoo! Group pages.

Meeting minutes are added to this area, for ready access by anyone. If you want to know how to access these files, or how to use the listserv to its fullest advantage, contact Kate Schachter, 608.234.1795 or kateschachter@yahoo.com for a mini-training at a local coffee shop with Wi-Fi access.
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2009

Attendance
Members Sandra Belozercovsky, Tom Brodd, Kenneth Coffeen, Steve Elmore, Margot Kennard, Meghan Meeker, Stephanie Motz, Lee Row, Kate Schachter, Judy Stadler, Char Thompson, Jo Thomson, Allen Weiner, Ana Zambie, and Walt Zeltner

Call to Order
President Kate Schachter called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM in the Red Gym on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.

Approval of Meeting Agenda
Kate invited changes to the meeting agenda. Lee requested adding information about the NPCA Mentor program, and Tom requested adding a report from the Calendar Committee. Ana Zambie motioned to approve the revised meeting agenda, Char Thompson seconded, and all approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes
We reviewed the minutes from our 1/21/09 meeting. Char motioned to approve, Ana seconded, and all approved.

Announcements
NPCA Group Membership
Kate reported that we renewed our membership with the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA). She encourages members to join Peace Corps Connect, a social networking website created by the NPCA. We can establish profiles at www.peacecorpsconnect.org, or simply browse the site’s extensive collection of resources, action opportunities, and news announcements.

Name Change with State of WI
Kate is preparing to register our group’s new name, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison, Inc., with the State of Wisconsin. The name change was approved in the recent amendment to our group’s constitution.

Archiving Project
Char Thompson and Judy Stadler reported that Amy O’Shea has made no new progress in archiving our group’s records.

RPCV Mentor Program
Lee received a mentor request from a recently returned volunteer who served in Costa Rica. As this RPCV lives in Franklin, it was suggested that Lee connect her with the Milwaukee group.

Financial Report
Cash Flow Statement
Treasurer Ana Zambie summarized the cash flow statement for January 2008. She reported a calendar balance of $119,105 and group balance of $2,710. These high balances are attributable to 1) payments to Peace Corps Partnerships and NPCA have not yet been made, and 2) Ana has collaborated with Heather Hempel Gomez to implement an efficient new system to deposit dues payments rapidly.

Memorial Fund
Jo Thompson raised concern about the Memorial Fund being funded with calendar revenue, arguing that this contradicts the guidelines for allocating calendar proceeds. Kate explained how the Memorial Fund had been established by vote in the Nov. meeting. A low group balance prompted members, including Calendar Committee members, to allocate calendar funds instead. Ken Coffeen clarified that memorial donations made to foundations or social agencies are an appropriate use of calendar funds, but the purchase of flowers or other memorial gifts must come from the group funds.

Local Projects Fund
Lee asked whether we would make the customary donations to WI Public Radio and WORT Community Radio. Walt Zeltner responded that this proposal will be presented for group consideration at the Annual Giftaway on April 15.

Cumulative Calendar Donations
Lee is reviewing past records to calculate the total amount of calendar proceeds donated by our group since the calendar’s inception. Lee is missing figures from one year, but she expects them to surface once the Archiving Project commences. If not, Lee can use other sources to estimate the donation amount from that year. Ken suggested including the value of calendars donated to Peace Corps’ Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools program.

Calendar Committee Report
Tom reported a low turn out at Calendar Photo Selection event at the Memorial Union on January 25th which contrasted with the high quality of photos submitted. There may be enough photos to fill two separate calendars, which could accelerate production of the 2011 calendar. Countries featured in the 2010 calendar are: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Mongolia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Thailand, and Yemen.

International Poster Project
Char, Kate, Margot Kennard, and Stephanie Motz summarized the International Poster Project’s (IPP) business plan, responded to questions from the group, and accepted constructive advice from...
Calendar Committee members. After reviewing the Bylaws, we established that all paid members—regardless of having served as Peace Corps Volunteers—are eligible to vote on regular meeting motions. Meghan Meeker tallied the ballots, which included those submitted via email. The IPP won approval with 20 Yes, 11 No, and 1 Abstain. As a result, the IPP will receive a $5,000 loan, repayable no later than April 2011, from the funds unclaimed by NPCA in the previous fiscal year.

2009 Events Calendar
Kate circulated a copy of the 2009 Events Calendar, which appeared recently in the World Roots newsletter (Vol. 30, Issue 1), and asked members to notify her of any other activities. Char added the IPP Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

Volunteer Needs
Kate announced a number of volunteer opportunities within the group, including TGIF Coordinator, Website Coordinator, Calendar Committee, 50th Anniversary Chair, MorePeaceCorps Coordinator, and Calendar Committee support roles. Kate requested that outgoing volunteers create a description of the responsibilities and time commitment of their positions to assist the recruitment effort.

Calendar News
Calendar Committee Minutes for January 2009
We met January 24, 2009 in the Memorial Union, before the photo selection. Ten were present.

Sales and Production
We have around 400 calendars left and most of those are due to a return of calendars from SERRV. They returned calendars from their original order. As this was their first bulk order from us, we gave them the right to return unsold calendars.

Because we have a number of good photos this year, we discussed starting the 2012 calendar in September 2009. Currently we have only three months to produce a calendar. By starting the process in September, we will have nine months to work on and refine it. There will be no change of photo selection date - it will continue to be in January.

Photo Selection for 2010 Calendar
The date for photo selection is Sunday January 25. Because the Red Gym does not have portable divider walls for displaying photos, the venue was changed to the Memorial Union.

There were approximately 450 photos in the photo selection. Turnout this year was smaller than in the past. Only 22 people came out to vote, about half the number than in years past. The time to get changing the e-mail address to which grant inquiries and applications are sent. He will keep us informed.

MorePeaceCorps Day of Action
Kate encouraged us to contact our legislators on March 3rd and request that they support the Peace Corps Expansion Act (House Bill 1066) before Congress. This act calls for $450 million in Fiscal Year 2010 to support and expand the Peace Corps.

Third Goal Opportunities
We reviewed upcoming Third Goal Opportunities: 1) Ana will participate at an MATC event on March 2 and 2) all members are invited to attend the Peace Corps Send Off & Potluck on February 24th.

Adjournment
Ana motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM, Judy seconded, and all approved.
the photos ready for the contest is 20+ hours. Broken down, this works out to about one hour per voter.

The art committee is working on fine tuning the chosen photos. On closer inspection, some of the selected photos were not of the quality needed for our high production values. Examples of this are grainy photos and photos that have been photo shopped.

Day Block
Jo, Pat Theresa, Tom, and Troy volunteered to choose items for the day blocks.

Production Schedule
The 2010 production schedule was reviewed and discussed and no changes were made to the existing schedule developed by Jo.

Packing Party
We need a new Packing Party Coordinator. Volunteers are asked to contact Tom or Rose Ann if interested in this crucial position.

Group Matters
We discussed criteria for fund allocation, how membership in the group is defined, the decline of involvement by current members, and lack of new members. It was suggested that we have more social functions, including the monthly potluck, to have more fun and attract more volunteers.

Thank You to the Memorial Union
We are grateful to the Memorial Union staff for their help in providing an excellent room for photo selection. (A thank you note has been sent.)

Production
The current calendar production tasks are on schedule. The Suttle-Straus bid on printing of the 2010 calendar was discussed and the cost for printing appears to be in line with last year’s cost. A decision on how many to print will be made after last year’s larger buyers are contacted as to how many 2010 calendars they are planning to order.

To meet Sue Kummer’s concern on the short timeline for calendar production, the calendar group should strive to begin production of the 2011 calendar in September. The group has already been setting pictures aside for this purpose and wants to begin work at the June and July meetings.

Theme
A number of themes were discussed, but the group decided that further thought was needed.

March Meeting
The committee decided that the March meeting should be a potluck at Tom’s, 1527 Jefferson St, Saturday, March 21 starting at 5pm.

Announcements

28th Annual FFF Final Report
Well, a huge thank you again to the hardy souls who volunteered for the Freeze. There is no way this race could happen without volunteer help. I appreciate both the experienced and new volunteers. We finally have printed the check to Colombia Support Network. Jack Laun (Panama, 67-69) will hand deliver the cash next week. We raised $2408 for the people of San Jose de Apartado, Colombia. The people of Colombia continue to suffer dramatically. You can get more information from Cecilia at CSN or on the CSN website www.colombiasupport.net/.

Most of the money raised was from our entrance fee, but we had a number of generous contributors. Most notable is Rich Christopherson, who has donated generously and run for 28 years.

There were a couple of glitches in the run this time. Our lead runners got lost on the 10K and went all the way to Midvale before realizing they were off track. We also had a few runners go down the parking lot in the Arboretum instead of keeping along the road. We also had some blank tags that runners did not fill out that have caused some problems. Those were my mistakes and I will make sure they do not happen next year. Next year I will bring my laptop in an effort to do a quick sort of the runners so that we can categorize them faster. Maybe we will print out the race finishers instead of stapling tags to a board. Some-thing to think about for 2010...

We had 117 participants for an average of $25.12 per runner/walker. Not a bad take considering it was 5° F. at race time. footing
was not easy, and runners had to be careful.

We had a total of 21 volunteers, and with each volunteer putting in an average of 4 hours (Rick and I put in an extra 10 hours) for a total of 104 hours. $2408/104 is about $23.15 per volunteer hour, which is OK in my books. If we get below about $15/volunteer hour, it will be time to call it quits. The expenses were higher this year at $820.26, mostly due to the additional $250 for insurance. This year we had online registration for the first time. Next year we will have it set up much earlier and get more online publicity. We got very good press coverage from the WSJ. This year we also charged $20 for runners doing both the 5 and 10K. This is a growing phenomenon, as there were 16 runners who did both races. Most of the double runners are with the Madison Area Runners Series.

As always we can use more organization and promotion. Any suggestions for a celebrity starter? The 29th FFF will be Jan 23rd, 2010. Anyone interested in getting in on the ground floor of a great event, let me know via email or phone.   -Peter J. Joyce

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**Book Club**

The Book Club meets on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2 PM. Contact Mary Ann (mafeutz@uwalumni.com) if you would like to be included in the Book Club e-mails. Feel free to join any or all of the book discussions!

**March**

Malaria Dreams: An African Adventure, Stuart Stevens

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**Jim Oakley, Candidate**

Yesterday the voters of the Ashland School District gave me the second highest vote total in the primary election. I am honored, and looking forward to continuing the campaign until April 7.

**Muchísimas gracias** to all of you who voted, reminded others to vote, wrote letters, distributed flyers, encouraged me, and sent out all the good vibrations.

Among those who did not make the cut yesterday are at least two who I hope will try again. Maybe some day we could all serve on the board together!

In honor of the election, I celebrated by getting a haircut and revising the website. Please check it out:

[jimoakley.net](http://jimoakley.net)

I added a document at the end which includes the letters of support written in the past few weeks. All the documents at the end of the site are posted in two different formats. Let me know if you cannot open either one.

Thanks, everyone. Stay tuned.

--Jim

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**Tim Turner Update**

Well, I’ve been happily retired for a couple years now, free to pursue my passion for cycling both at home and abroad. I’m off to Italy (God willing) on May 15th to ride with/alongside the Giro D’Italia for a couple of weeks.

Another great enthusiasm I continue to pursue is digital photography: sports photography (when my eldest daughter ran cross country running, cross country skiing, and lacrosse), professional cycling (snaps of the pros climbing L’Alp d’Huez), etc., as well as scenes from nature, and the occasional artsy-fartsy shot.

Our eldest daughter Laura is a happy sophomore at Colorado College, my alma mater. My youngest daughter Ellen is a typical high school junior - ahem - full of sweetness and bite.

My dear wife Janet continues to teach a psychiatric nursing practical for nursing students at Linfield College.

We tend to two rescued retired Greyhounds, and help out with the local nonprofit finding new homes for others.

We don't have mortgage payments on our cozy house (it’s open to any visitor, we’ve two extra bedrooms and private bath), and are in good health and cheer overall.

Give my best to everyone in Mad Town. We may be passing through town at the end of June, in which case I’d love to reconnect face to face.

Hope all’s well with you and yours!

Sincerely, Tim

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**Each month we dine together at a Madison Restaurant with a particular ethnic focus. Tom Brodd coordinates dinners and sends out notices on our listserv. If you are not online, call Tom @ 251.6193 to get alternative notices.**

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**Fellowship Opportunity**

The International Women’s Media Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2009-10 Eliza-
Thank You

pregnancy in adolescence, family reproductive health, sex and gender, the group, topics included: reproductive health, sex and gender, pregnancy in adolescence, family planning, sexually transmitted infections, drugs and alcohol, and HIV/AIDS. The youth worked hard to prepare their topic beforehand and were very engaged in the other communities’ presentations, which is at times a difficult challenge for teenagers. Throughout-out the forum there was also time for small group discussion and team building or leadership exercises. The small group discussions or "family time" were especially useful in exploring the topics in a more in-depth manner; the youth communicated clearly and were very open with each other.

One of our goals was also to raise awareness and diminish stigma surrounding topics such as HIV/AIDS, family planning, and sexually transmitted infections. To help complete this goal we invited a representative from ASONVIHSIDA, an organization of people living with HIV who are willing to give their testimony. The presence of Martha Berrios, especially her testimony and enthusiasm, greatly impacted the participants. Previous to the forum many of the participants had never met a person living with HIV. From day one, she was very vocal and eager to participate in every activity.

Having the opportunity to engage with youth from outside their own community also positively impacted the self-esteem of the youth and enhanced their leadership and social abilities. They were very respectful of the other presenters and made many positive comments about the abilities of the other youth. In addition, the overall open and welcoming environment allowed the youth to speak freely about the problems encountered in their daily life, and the support and understanding shown by the other participants, including the Peace Corps volunteers, was very inspiring. It is our hope that many lasting friendships were formed.

The three-day event was held in Los Guatuzos, an ecological reserve close to the border of Costa Rica. As you can see from the attached photos, the youth were able to not only enjoy the planned activities, but they were able to enjoy the nature reserve and even cross the border! I could not have asked for a better experience. On behalf of all the Peace Corps volunteers working in Rio San Juan, I would like to thank you once again for your support.

Saludos!

Jorien Gemma Breur

Dear RPCVs of Madison,

We want to thank you again for the generous 2008 contributions you made to our two projects in Liberia. We want to report that both gifts have been enthusiastically received and are being used. The first gift of $950 went to buy a manual mimeograph machine for the Tubman school in Gbonkonimah, Liberia. We received photos of the teachers using the mimeograph and a very nice letter from the principal of the school.

The school we are building in Cow Field was just begun in January of this year. They have already put your $750 to work to buy cement to make bricks. We have sent an additional $3,250 and will be sending another $4,000-$5,000 in May. The final stage of the school will be done in 2010. The tentative
name of the school is the Barack Obama Elementary School.

We want you to know that your support was the first we received and it inspired us to seek additional funding and, in fact, to form a non-profit called the Liberian Assistance Program (LAP). We have contacted friends to make contributions and are beginning to approach groups with whom we might partner on projects. In addition to building the school in Cow Field and providing assistance to the school in Gbonkonimah, we are providing the tuition for five elementary school students in Monrovia and have agreed to support one Liberian college student, either in Madison (at MATC) or at the University of Ghana. So, thanks again for giving us our start in working to help in Liberia.

Sincerely,
Judy Reed and Jane Scharer

Our Annual Giftaway will be held at our April 15th meeting. Donation request forms and instructions are available on our website, www.rpcvmadison.org. The Giftaway dates from the earliest days of the International Calendar, back in the 80s. Each year $15,000 is allocated for projects sponsored by members, for worthy projects at home and abroad. Check out the instructions for more details!

NPCA News

The news from NPCA is that the website has moved to Peace Corps connect and Connected Peace Corps. The NPCA site that was formerly accessed from www.rpcv.org has moved to www.peacecorpsconnect.org and it’s gotten much more interesting! Please take the time to check out the related sites, Peace Corps Connect and Connected Peace Corps found at www.community.peacecorpsconnect.org.

Find country of service groups, create your own interest group, learn about projects and businesses RPCVs have created. Upload photos from your Peace Corps service or look at photos others have posted. Start a blog, comment on someone else’s blog. Share ideas and stories or give advice to Peace Corps invitees. There’s a lot of information and lots to do and RPCVs are adding to it every day. Take a few moments and have a look. You may find someone or something from your past - or future!

MorePeaceCorps News

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Washington, as well as good reasons for doing so and model text you can use for your letter or phone call.

The MorePeaceCorps issue brief includes background info, facts, talking points, and selected quotes you can use in letters to the editor and to your representatives. There are state-by-state lists to tell you who in your state has already signed on to support more robust Peace Corps budgets and legislation. There are links to e-mail addresses, snail mail addresses and telephone numbers. They couldn’t have made it easier for us to make a difference by letting Washington know how we feel about Peace Corps. Check it out!
My name is Sarah and I work at The Salvation Army as a case manager with homeless families. The Salvation Army in Madison coordinates the county's homeless shelter system and also has a single women's shelter. Every once and a while we have a few folks come through with some language barriers. Most recently it was someone who spoke no English, only a dialect of Chinese. We had a hard time finding a translator to help us out.

Being an RPCV myself (Bulgaria 00-02), I racked my brain for resources and thought of the Madison RPCV community. I'm not quite sure how this would work, but I was wondering if we might be able to set something up with the RPCVs from Madison to help with translation...maybe a list of people that we could call should we have someone that speaks a specific language?

I just thought I would run it by you, see what you thought. I'd love to talk to you more about it. I can be reached during the day at the phone number listed below.

Thanks in advance!
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Help Wanted

Please begin thinking about stepping up and taking responsibility in our group. There are a number of things to be done. Some take a lot of time, others a little, but it does feel great to have a real part in the success of our group, regardless of the size of the contribution.

We will elect officers at the September meeting, but it’s not too early to consider whether you might like to take on responsibility as an officer or board member. If you are interested, talk to current officers about their jobs. We will be posting the descriptions for each position in the coming months, but you can get an idea of what the job really takes by talking to the person who does it now.

The Calendar Committee and the International Poster Project Committee always welcome new participants and both of these groups always have large and small tasks that need doing. The most urgent need at the moment is for a 50th anniversary coordinator. Could it be you?

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Resources

WWW.Encoreservicecorps.org

Encore Service Corps International recognizes that since 1961, more than 200,000 men and women have served as Peace Corps Volunteers or staff members. Later they became doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers, accountants, entrepreneurs, engineers, architects, software designers, social workers and experts in dozens of other fields.

Encore! taps into this extraordinary resource by sending former Peace Corps Volunteers and staff members back into the field on short-term assignments (typically three weeks to three months) that match their professional expertise with specific social needs.

WWW.PeaceCorpsJornals.com

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Find blogs from your country of service under the “Country” button.

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We are not going to deal with the violence in our communities, our homes, and our nation, until we learn to deal with the basic ethic of how we resolve our disputes and to place an emphasis on peace in the way we relate to one another.

- Marian Wright Edelman
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 September of the year joining, then pay for a full year membership in September. Members who join between September and December should pay $15; members who join between January and April should pay $10; members who join between May and August should pay $5. 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 $35. We encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues. **New RPCVs receive a complimentary year’s membership.**

Please note that overseas rates do not include NPCA membership. See above for calculations

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I am also enclosing $35 for each NPCA membership

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.

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