President's Message
We're going camping—you'll come! Very soon, on the weekend of June 4-6, at Devil's Lake State Park. And we can climb rocks, under Peter Joyce's tutelage and using his ropes etc. See Terry's information, inside.

And Sharon and I will set up a group Canoe Trip in July, down the Kickapoo River. We went last year, and found it ever so lovely, all those cliffs and dells and dinges.

It would be a treat to have a 4th of July Party; it's on a Sunday this year. Does anyone have a suggestion of a good site where we could picnic, with a decent view of fireworks, but from which one can escape at the end? (Sharon and I and Hannah went to Rhythm and Booms 2 years ago, and it was a very slow crawl getting home.) A member's house near a lake, or else a good park, would be ideal. Call me if you have ideas.

If you're interested in attending the National RPCV Conference in St. Paul this August 12-15, you'll save $40 if you make your reservation by June 1. See inside.

For June, July, and August our General Meetings will be in the Memorial Union. (Union South closes at 8, 'cause the engineers go to bed early in the summer.) You'll LOVE the cover for our Millennial Calendar. The photo is of a Mauritanian storm, just before it engulfs the viewer.

At our June meeting we'll be voting on some dandy Large Donation proposals. See inside, and come talk.

There's an interesting job seeking a volunteer: we receive other RPCV groups' newsletters, and it would be good if someone volunteered to read them, and select excerpts for inclusion in our own Newsletter. Phone me!

Lastly, here's something interesting to think about:

Time Zones:

In our International Calendar, on the Map page, there's a list of Time Zones for Peace Corps Countries, both Active and Former. Time zones are listed relative to Central Standard Time. I've been tuning up this list, and am bemused by various surprising anomalies. Why do some countries choose to have an official time out of step with the standard time zone? And why do certain countries which could go either way choose one time zone over another? To see all of the anomalies, purchase the Y2K Calendar! The world owes its time zones to Charles Dowd, an American; in the US, railroads and many cities adopted them on Nov. 18, 1883.

--Buck (241-2392)
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Members, always appreciate a lending hand, if any are available please call!

RPCVs of Wisconsin Membership Information

All RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison 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

Name:

Address:

Telephone #’s ____________(W) ____________(H)

E-mail Address:

Country of Service:

Service Dates:

PC Job:

Birthdate: (Optional - M/D/Y)

The RPCV’s of Wisconsin are an active bunch, and there’s always a need for VOLUNTEERS. If you are willing to be called to help, please let us know:

___ I might be interested in doing something, but would like additional information first. Call me.

Send completed form & check to:
RPCVs of Wisconsin - Madison
P.O.Box 1012
Madison, WI 53701
## Treasurers Report
### April 1999

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**Editors Column**

To all of those who create computer viruses, may they all choke on their computer mouses!

Yes, I have had a nasty case of bugs down here, so I do ask/request that all correspondence sent to me DO NOT contain file attachments. I will send them back and ask you to please open them yourselves, copy and then paste onto your E-mail message and resend. Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause you but after two trips to the computer doctor, a large bill, and three lost programs I hope you understand why I ask this of you.

I also ask that information is sent ASAP to me by **JUNE 12**.

Otherwise, all is well in Browntown, and we miss you all!

Articles etc. should be sent to

*theresaj@tds.net*

Or mail a disk to:

**W8407 Davis Rd.**  
**Browntown, WI 53522**

Thank you very much for your cooperation on putting “Our” newsletter together!

And, **THANK YOU ALL** who contributed articles, minutes, and reports for this months World Roots!!

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**Other PPCTV organizations have permission to use any articles of interest within this newsletter**

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**Thanks to Buck, Sheila P, Prudence Barber, Kevin Nies, and Helene Pesche**

**Thanks to Sheila P and everyone who helped with the Family Brunch**
Nine members were present, and two guests. Each person recounted some luxurious experiences which, of course, is all relative, since the fresh taste of water after an unexpectedly long trek in the foothills or tiding on bales of cotton in the back of a truck can seem luxurious considering other alternatives.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See page 3 for a complete summary.

FAMILY BRUNCH REPORT: In short, it was a great success. Nearly 130 people attended. See last month's newsletter for more information. A hearty thank you to SHEILA Przesmicki for organizing this activity!

CALENDAR REPORT: 30,000 calendars are to be printed by the end of May. The thought is to give one calendar to each of the 5000-6000 teachers in the World Wise Schools. The calendar will be read for the National RPCV Conference at the end of August.

New marketing initiatives: PRUDE is investigating the possibility of selling through large chain stores like Borders. Also, the recruiter in MN plans to set up his own website to sell RPCV items, starting with our Calendar! He has apparently committed to buying 1000. Additionally, we will start taking credit card orders this year.

SUMMER CAMPOUT: Will take place June 4&5, Devil's Lake, sites 3024303 in the Ice Age Campground. Cost $5/adults and $2.50/child, rest of costs paid from your general fund. Cost is the same for both or just one night. Please RSVP to Terry Stark, 608-233-9140.

PIG ROAST: The consensus seemed to be that we will grill burgers, chicken and corn, and not roast a little, tender, cute baby pig. Date to be announced later...

GIFT AWAY: Since little discussion was presented, a motion was made to approve the whole slate of donation proposals as recommended by the 1999 Calendar Donations Committee (see last month's Newsletter). The motion passed with unanimous approval, reflecting the belief that all the donation proposals seem sound and appropriate.

NATIONAL RPCV CONFERENCE: August 12-15, in Minneapolis, MN. A noteworthy thank you to our esteemed President BUCK TRAWICKY who has been working on our representation at this event. Please let him know if you plan to go.

Adjourned. With that, most of us hurried off to attend to our busy schedules.

Letter of Thanks

Thank you for the beautiful plant. I really appreciate every-one's kind thoughts during this difficult time for me and my family.

Sincerely,

Rochelle Goedken
Minutes of the meeting of Mon., Apr. 26, 1999

We met at Prudence Barber's house, from 7 to shortly after 9 PM. Present were Rochelle Goedken, Prudence Barber, Troy Rutter, Rose Ann Scott, Buck Trawicky, Alan Weiner, and Walt Zeltner.

The Next Meeting: May 24, Pentecost Monday, 7:00 pm, Prudence Barber's house, 1050 Jennifer St, 2nd floor, 251-0852.

The 1999 Calendar: There are 229 calendars left, out of 25,415(!). We'll save some to give to Buck's information helpers, to sell for $2 at the RPCV Conference in August, and for the archives. Some can be given to Helene Pesche and Dave Hamilton to distribute for worthy walls.

The Year 2000 Calendar: it's in process. It'll go to the printer in late May or early June, with delivery at the end of June or early July.

A Printer Liaison is needed, to check, on short notice, that the final colors are printed exactly. There are a bunch of artistic people in our group with good color vision, who can do this: Rochelle will ask for the potential help of Jim Good, Sue Kummer, Julie Olsen, Jo Thompson/Brand, Lori Merriam...

The color Brochure is also in process. This year, we'll list not only our own address (prominently), but also those of some other RPCV groups that sell calendars and are willing to take mail orders. This will have the effect of expanding the marketing network, putting money in our sister groups' treasuries (and in ours), and somewhat reducing the work we have to do.

Print Run: The 99 Cal's print run was 25,415. How many to print this year? Sales to established markets increase each year, and donations of Gift-Calendars will increase by about 1000. Additionally, Randy Meredith, until recently of the PC/Minneapolis office, is starting an Internet sales business, and wants to begin by selling our Calendar (what a compliment!)—he'll commit himself to an upfront order of 1000. Moreover, Prudence is gradually persuading large bookstore chains to order the Calendar. All things considered, 30,000 seems a reasonable print-run; perhaps a bit more. If we overestimate by 1000, we'll not be out of pocket by much (economies of scale), and we can donate them to schools and be assured they'll be well-used. Whereas, if we underestimate demand, we perhaps terminally disappoint potential life-long customers.

As Prudence said, "When you're under, you really never know how far under you are."

Should we do more Postcards printed as part of the Cover print-run? (This is the way we do the Brochure; it's dead cheap this way.) Rochelle will confer with Sue. The 3 Girls, Singing in the Rain, on the Cover of the 99 Cal, are VERY popular, and many have wished we'd made this photo into a postcard. Also, as an OFFER TO THE WORLD: other RPCV groups or allied organizations could have postcards printed cheaply, by piggy-backing on our Cover printrun. If this intrigues any readers contact Rochelle (608/243-0298).

Ads in "WorldView" magazine: since each issue is predictably late, we'll put what would be our big Autumn 2-page ad in the Summer issue, so people will see it in early autumn.

At the last general meeting, our group approved the motion to send $3000 as a donation to the National Peace Corps Association. And also approved the motion that the Cal. Steering Comm. can annually send a check for approximately this amount, any time after February. Troy will send the NPCA a check for $3000. However, Rose Ann pointed out that this is not really the business of the Committee, and should more properly be treated as an annual donation, along with the other proposals. We saw the force of her argument, and one of us will submit such a proposal each year, perhaps in January.

--Buck Trawicky
Devil's Lake 1999 Summer Campout  
June 4th & 5th

Wait a minute! June 4th & 5th are almost here already! Yes, that's true. I apologize for the very short notice folks, and put the blame squarely on the Dept. of Natural Resources. In my opinion, it's apparent disregard for the interests of the camping public in lieu of its own Departmental interests caused caused this apparent one time debacle.

"Hey, didn't the DNR start a new phone reservation line recently," stated one RPCV, "is that why we don't know about the campout yet? Are we going to have a campout?"

The answer is YES! After literally weeks of calling the new camping reservation line (888-947-2757) and not getting through (thank goodness for auto-redial), I made reservations.

There is good news and bad. The bad is that there were no more group sites at Devils Lake State Park. The good news is that I did make reservations for two individual sites side by side. They have no vegetation separating the two. I was told that one needed to book a minimum of two nights, why I don't know and the best option was to reserve sites 302-303 in the Ice Age campground June 4 & 5.

But what is needed. If you plan to go, please call me - Terry Stark at 608-233-9140 to let me know. Theoretically, each campsite is limited to 6 persons. However, given the circumstances caused by the new camping Reservation System, it hopefully the park Authorities will 'ease the restrictions'. If needed, I'll ask them and let them know that I called literally hundreds of times for over two weeks and could not get through!

So don't delay! The 1999 Summer Campout at Devil's Lake, sites 302-303 in the Ice Age campground. Cost: $5.00/adult, $2.50/child. The cost is the same for one night or both. But if possible, please call me, Terry Stark, to let me know which nite or if both you've decided to camp. Remember the potluck on Saturday afternoon. And get ready for some great camping, hiking, climbing, eating, playing, discussing, bikeriding, discovering,...etc.!

NPCA National Conference: University of St. Thomas, St. Paul MN:

Note: If you register by June 1, you save $40. And NPCA members pay less than non-members. (I presume that non-members become members when they register.)

Events:

Thursday, Aug. 12:
- Global TeachNet workshop for local teachers
- Registration, from 12 noon
- NPCA Board Meeting
- NPCA Presidents' Forum, 3 p.m.
- Opening Ceremony, early evening.
- Welcome Reception, hosted by RPCVs of WI

Friday, Aug. 13:
- Breakfast, 7-9 a.m.
- Keynote Speaker, opening session, 9 a.m.
- Career Fair and International Bazaar, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
- "State of the Peace Corps," 11 a.m.
- Film Festival, 12 noon -- 6 p.m.
- Lunch, 12 noon
- World Events Briefings, by region, 2 p.m.
- Country of Service meetings, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 14:
- Breakfast, 7-9 a.m.
- Volunteer Service Day, 8 a.m. -- 1 p.m.
- Career Fair & International Bazaar, 8 a.m. -- 6 p.m.
- Film Festival, 12 noon -- 6 p.m.
- Workshops, 2-4:45 p.m.
- Banquet, Awards, Keynote Speaker. (At Hilton). 7-11

Sunday, Aug. 15:
- 5 km Walk/Run for Peace, 7 a.m.
- Peace Site Dedication, 8:30 a.m.
- Workshops, 9-10 a.m.
- NPCA Annual Meeting, 10 a.m.
- Picnic lunch, formal Conference closing, 12 noon.
- Post-Conference Canoe/Paddleboat Trip on the St. Croix River
CELEBRATING PEACE: THE NPCA CONFERENCE
University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota    August 12-15, 1999

REGISTRATION FORM  Detail of activities will be provided to registrants.

REGISTRANT INFO  Please submit a separate form for each registrant.

NAME
CITY
TELEPHONE
E-MAIL
ADDRESS
STATE
ZIP

PEACE CORPS SERVICE
COUNTRY[S] OF SERVICE & YEARS
PC VOLUNTEER/PC STAFF □ OTHER □

REGISTRATION FEES  Your registration fee admits you to all NPCA meetings, workshops, welcome reception Thursday night, the Saturday night awards banquet, and Sunday picnic lunch. Registration fees are not refundable after July 1.

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MEALS  Registration fee does not include Friday county-of-service dinner or meals listed below. You may dine in the on-campus cafeteria only if you pre-pay with plans below. Off-campus restaurants are at least a mile from the conference site.

- Breakfast Package on Friday, Saturday & Sunday $15
- Lunch on Friday $8
- Lunch on Saturday $8
- Special diet □ Specify: ____________________________

OTHER
- □ 1 will participate in Saturday Volunteer Day activities (lunch provided)
- □ 1 do not plan to attend the Saturday evening awards banquet.
- □ Please send me information on child care.
- □ I plan to participate in the Walk/Run for Peace [T-shirt provided]
  T-shirt size: □ MED □ LARGE □ X-LARGE □
- □ Special needs

TOTAL

PAYMENT INFORMATION  □ Here's my check payable to the NPCA, or □ charge my VISA or MasterCard [circle one].

Card Number __________________________ Expiration Date __________________________

Cardholder Name __________________________ Cardholder Signature __________________________

HOUSING  Please send info about □ homestays □ camping.
- □ Please send me information about University of St. Thomas dormitories [$35 single, $28 double; $20 triple; $17 quad]. Or, □ I will make my own reservations at a hotel three miles from the conference site [special NPCA rate thru 7/13/99: $82 per night for single or double, $92 for triple];
Sheraton Midway Hotel
400 N. Hamline Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104
[PHONE] 651 603 5603, or 800 535 2339

SEND FORM WITH FULL PAYMENT TO
National Peace Corps Association
1900 L Street, NW, Suite 205
Washington, DC 20036
[FAX] 202 293 7554

Look for more details in the next issue of your quarterly newsletter: 3/1/61. or www.rpcv.org
The Ashoka Society is similar to Peace Corps, but much better in some ways.

Donation Proposal:
The Ashoka Society: support for an Ashoka Society.

1) The Ashoka Society, 1700 N. Moore St., Arlington VA 22209. 703/527-8300; fax 703/527-8383.
Contact person: Derek Brown, 703/527-8300 x.246. home: 202/518-2437(h
2) Sponsored by: Walt Zeltner, Sharon Lewandowski, Buck Trawicky.
3) Project Description: The Ashoka Society is wonderful, and we have donated to if for years. It seeks out "public service entrepreneurs" who are doing novel and important work in their own countries; work that, if successful, will be influential and widely copied. Its "Fellows" are supported with a stipend for a short time, usually 3 years, until they can develop a network of bureaucratic support that will allow them to continue for years. Each country's Ashoka Society is governed by people who have already successfully done this kind of work; they pick the candidate Fellows, and give them advice and other support during their Fellowship. The Ashoka Society is similar to Peace Corps, but much better in some ways.

If we choose to support a Fellow, it should be a 3-year commitment (though Ashoka is of course happy to accept one-time donations, in any amount). Living expenses are relatively cheap in India ($3120/yr) and relatively expensive in places like Brazil (c.$15000). We suggest the group choose between these 2 possibilities:

A) Eva Borbely Nagy, Hungary. Eva is working to transform Hungarian schools, by moving them from the rigid, authoritarian model (inherited from the Austro-Hungarian Empire), to an open, flexible, democratic, tolerant and peaceful model. She's focusing especially on multi-ethnic schools, which are the most primitive and underfunded. As the nightly news makes obvious, this work is very important for enduring peace in Southeastern Europe. A full annual stipend is $10,320 for 3 years. We propose that, if we choose to support Eva, we give $7,000 annually for 3 years.

B) Jacqueline Dembele, Mali. Jacqueline has founded the first association dedicated to defending the rights and improving the working conditions of young women employed as domestics in Mali; and making domestic work a transition rather than a destination, a means to achieve education, financial stability, and the gateway to a wider life. A full annual stipend is $7000 for 3 years.

4) Monetary matters: Ashoka raises money from very many individual and organizational sources. It does not accept money from governments. All of our donation will go directly to the Fellow and her project. The annual stipend is intended to cover basic living expenses for the Fellow and her family, without the necessity to take a second job. Our check should be made payable to the Ashoka Society, with direction that it be applied to the support of the particular Fellow.

Donation Proposal:
Adult Literacy and Continuing Education in Far-West Nepal

1) The Nepal Social Service Fund, Inc.; attn: Dr. Earl Thompson; P.O. Box 266, Clarks Grove MN 56016; 507/256-7257; e-mail, c/o daughter, tjherwig@aol.com
2) Sponsored by: Buck Trawicky (241-2392)
3) Project Description: The Nepal Social Service Fund is the official name for a group of Americans in Minnesota, led by a veterinarian, who have quietly been doing a remarkable lot of work in far western Nepal, in the Baitadi district. Dr. Thompson and other Americans go there annually, and, working with a network of Nepalis (9 are salaried), have established 2 health clinics, evening literacy classes in 20 villages, small libraries in 50 villages, a seed-saving project for women's income, and a goat-raising project; and NSSF plans to open 10 new village schools. All with no fanfare, and drawing mainly on Minnesota donors. Very impressive. I propose we give them money for the literacy programs for adults (mainly women), and for the establishment of village libraries (each consists of c.300 books and pamphlets, in Nepali).

4) Monetary matters: (A) I propose we give NSSF a donation of $1000. However, they are grateful for donations of any amount. (B) All of our money will go directly to the project. (C) No Americans are on salary or otherwise reimbursed. (D) Payment would be by check to NSSF. Specify that it's for Literacy and Continuing Education programs, and for Village Libraries. (E) NSSF will immediately acknowledge receipt of our donation, and will be happy to report in ample detail, even with photographs of our money at work!
The NPCA is worthy of and needs our support.

I move that the National Peace Corps Association be given 10% of the money that the calendar committee allocates for donations, that this be done automatically every year hence.

$35,000 was allocated this year, which would give $3,500 to the NPCA this year. The amount donated would go up or down with the allocation. This would eliminate the yearly discussions of when, and how much to give. It would also stop the discussion of whether the calendar committee or group should donate the money. The $3,500 is in line with past donations, which were determined by the number of calendar sales.

The NPCA is worthy of and needs our support. It is also the umbrella group of RPCVs and the calendar customer base. We have interest in success of the NPCA. Rose Ann Scott

FUNDING REQUEST

Project Title: Support for Widow and Children of Madison RPCV David Olson

RPCV-WI Sponsor: Peter Quella (for Rick Peterson, to whom questions may be addressed at 243-8193 (H) or 265-0521 (W)

Amount Requested: $1,500 - $2,000

Project Description: On January 6th, 1999, RPCV David Olson [PC Togo, Congo (Zaire) early 70s] tragically died of a massive heart attack at age 55 leaving behind his widow, Congolese Agnes Kawaya, 3 children ages 7, 8, and 10, and one step son of college age. Agnes is currently without income since, if she makes more than $70 per month, she will lose her health benefits accrued through David’s Social Security. She is continuing her schooling in computer programming at MATC (through financial aid) and hopes to graduate soon (although she has had to attend part-time only) and find work adequate to support her family. But this plan is still some way off in terms of being realized. In the meantime, the family struggles with few resources, little time to care for house and kids given everyone’s studies, and the peril of Agnes falling ill since she is also not in good health due to a car accident she sustained last year (chronic back and spinal pain make it hard for her to do any heavy lifting or cleaning around the house). Agnes’ primary need (as expressed by her) is for her sister to come and help the family during this time of transition and adjustment to David’s absence.

We are in the process of seeking a visa for Agnes’ sister to come to the US from Kinshasa to help manage and care for the household. Specifically, we are asking for the Madison RPCV chapter to take on the project of meeting the transportation costs to bring Agnes’ sister to Madison so that the families’ lives can be improved.

Funding Method: Check made out to Agnes Kawaya and sent to her address in Madison.
Announcements

APARTMENT FOR RENT:
Fashionable east side, available Sept or October, depending on when our excellent recruiter Peter Quella & spouse Jon Bowser head out for Louisiana.
2-bedroom, 2nd floor, laundry, great deck and fantastic garden, lots of storage available. $510.00 plus heat/lights. Senior monthly noke party downstairs.
Bob Stapleton, 244-0809.
Tell your trusted friends!
PG see job listing pg.

Ω May 24, Mon. 0852. Calendar Steering Committee. 1050 Jennifer St., 251-
Ω June 1, Tues. General Meeting, Memorial Union. 7 P.M.
Ω June 2, Wed. Sharon Lewandowski's Birthday.
Ω June 4-6 wkd Camping Trip with climbing, Devil's Lake State Park
Ω June 9, Wed. Poker and other Cards: Deb Stapleton's, 2406 Som-
mers. 7 pm
Ω June 12 Deadline for Newsletter * please read column
Ω July 4, Sun. 4th of July Party?
Ω July 7, Wed. General Meeting, Memorial Union, 7 pm.
Ω July ... Canoe Trip, Kickapoo River.
Ω Aug. 5, Thurs. General Meeting, Memorial Union, 7 pm.
Ω Aug. 12-15 RPCV National Conference, St. Paul MN.
Ω Aug. ... Pig Roast.
Ω Dec. 30, Thurs. The Rapture. Do not drive on this day.
Ω Dec. 31, Fri. The End of the World. Buy your Calendar Now!