President’s Message

Greetings to my fellow RPCVs, both near and far.

Having been out of town for the unveiling party and other recent group events, I find that I have no perspective to offer on our group for the past few months. I assume that everyone unveiled to his or her personal contentment, and that other social gatherings have been casual & fun.

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Evidently the new campus recruiter as well. In addition, we have another small set of grant proposals to review. Business will be kept to a minimum, I promise, so we can all digress into our typical good-humored conversation as quickly as possible.

Lastly, take special note of the small political section included in this month’s newsletter. I extended an invitation to all of our current gubernatorial candidates to submit a statement as it related to Peace Corps goals (in 200 words or less). Alas, only one responded: Kathleen Falk. She has offered a fine piece – take a look at it, and let the others’ silence speak for them...

Peace and wise voting –
Brad
Of Politics and Peace Corps

As only a few of you may have known, the staff of one of the Wisconsin gubernatorial candidates contacted me a while ago asking if our group wanted to meet with the candidate, or if we were interested in helping with the campaign at all. After discussing it at one of our group meetings, we decided to abstain from devoting any group time to such events. There is an irremovable political cast to Peace Corps, though, and so we decided to invite comments from all of the gubernatorial candidates. I asked them for a statement of 200 words or less regarding how they felt the position of Governor of Wisconsin related to the prerogatives of international peace and cooperation embodied by Peace Corps and how, if elected, they would work towards those ideals.

I sent an equal invitation to all but alas, only one replied: Kathleen Falk. This doesn’t set the stage for comparison and contrast that I’d hoped for, but perhaps it does say something about the one who responded and those who did not.

- Brad Hinkfuss

Kathleen Falk’s Statement:

Bobby Kennedy once said that each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, that person sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance. As governor, my first priority is getting Wisconsin’s fiscal house back in order, because when the state has a stable base, there is no limit to what we can do. We can provide every kid in every corner of Wisconsin with a great education, quality health care, clean air and water and the chance to succeed. These are things that the Peace Corps brings to communities all across the world. I have the plans to make the ripples, and I hope you will read my proposals on my website, www.falkforgovernor.com, or call my campaign office at 608-442-1819 to find out more.

-Kathleen Falk
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 to 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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Address: __________________________

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

E-mail: ____________________________

Country of Service:____________________________
Service Dates:____________________________
PC Job: ________________________________
Birth date: (Optional - M/D/Y) ________________

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
# RPCV of Wisconsin Officers and Contacts

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| Newsletter Editor        | John Kaltenbach | 249-3545 |

| Peace Corps Recruiter    |               |               |
| Pre-connect/Re-connect    | Sharon Lewandowski | 241-2392 |
| Registered Agent         | Terry Stark    | 233-9140      |
HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE REBUILDING OF AFGHANISTAN (HRRA) DATABASE AND WEBSITE

PROJECT TITLE
Human Resources for the Rebuilding of Afghanistan (HRRA) Database

PROJECT DEVELOPER
National Peace Corps Association (in collaboration with Joseph Goss, John Barbee and Ivan Weir – Afghanistan RPCVs)

PROJECT CONTACT
Joseph Goss
333 Chestertown St.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-947-4297 (H)
301-585-0100 (W)
jiegoss@erols.com

AMOUNT REQUESTED OF NPCA OF WI
$2,000

RPCVs OF WI SPONSORS
John and Mary Frantz

PROJECT GOAL
Develop an Internet-based relational database to match highly motivated Americans and expatriate Afghans having work and language experience in Afghanistan with the needs of development agencies to assist in the effective rebuilding of Afghanistan.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION
• Capitalizes on world attention to the critical need to rebuild Afghanistan and the abundant pool of Americans and Afghan émigrés who have worked in Afghanistan.
• Fills a niche that's not now being filled, that is, providing a clearinghouse for development agencies to identify Americans (and Afghans) with Afghan experience and language ability and for such individuals to seek assignments in reconstruction of Afghanistan. No other web-based database serves this population.
• Contacts and consent already established with World Bank and Afghans4Tomorrow to link the HRRA to these organizations' databases, which serve expatriate Afghans exclusively.
• Support of NPCA already secured, which will help ensure success.

WORK PLAN
• Secure $2,000 in outside funding – 1 month.
• Design the web-based HRRA database using NPCA's consultant programmer and locate a link to it on NPCA's Emergency Response Network (ERN) site – 2 months.
• Review, test, debug and deploy the database – 1 month.
• Market the HRRA to Afghanist-RPCVs, expatriate Afghans and others using the collaborating RPCVs' contacts, RPCV groups and NPCA databases – 3 months.
• Develop cross-links between the HRRA web site and the World Bank, Afghans4Tomorrow, and Friends of Afghanistan web sites – 1 month.
• Market the HRRA with no-cost access to development agencies beginning with the ERN's own NGO users – 2 months.
• Market the HRRA to individuals and NGOs as opportunities present; NPCA to continue database maintenance for the foreseeable future – ongoing.
• Evaluate results of HRRA at least annually; implement needed changes – ongoing.

CONVEYANCE OF FUNDS
Any funds committed to the HRRA Project would be conveyed by check payable to “National Peace Corps Association/HRRA” at the above address.

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Help the Afghan Children

Application Date: August 15, 2002
RPCV-WI-Madison Sponsor: John and Mary Frantz
Walt Zeltner
Project Title: Help the Afghan Children
Amount Requested: $500
Telephone: 608-325-3242
608-873-5257

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (About 100 words)
From the April 2002 HTAC newsletter, The Voice of Innocence (as listed in the June 2002 issue of Afghan Connections, the newsletter of the Friends of Afghanistan):
With the rapid political and social changes, we have refined our priorities in working with the new government in Afghanistan by focusing on basic education. Project 2002 will establish an elementary (levels 1 to 6) model school district ... by building schools, staffing and training teachers, and providing 'incentives for education' for both the students and educators. After a preliminary assessment, the delegation chose Paghman District in Kabul Province as the model district. Survey results show that all schools and the education infrastructure in the district, like the rest of the county, have been completely destroyed during the past 23 years of war. A note of optimism for us was that in all our focus groups and conversations with parents, educators, and village elders, everyone was eager to send their children to school.

Contact Person: Help the Afghan Children
Project Address: 8603 Westwood Center Drive, Suite 230
Vienna, VA 22182
Project phone: 1-888-403-0407

A check made out to Help the Afghan Children and sent to the above address.

Project Categories (Check all that apply)
Geographic location: X Asia/Pacific  X International Education

Chacocente Chickens

Application Date: July 2002
RPCV-WI-Madison Sponsor: Brad Hinkfuss
Project Title: Chicken-Raising Pilot Project in the Villages of Chacocente Wildlife Refuge, Santa Teresa, Nicaragua
Amount Requested: $600
Telephone: 608-242-9573

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
This project will involve a team of people in each of the Chacocente villages of La Palma, El Papalon and Escalante. This will be a pilot income-producing project for the villagers, who are subsistence farmers and have little access to cash income except for sea turtle egg trafficking. Each team will start with 10 hens and one rooster. Good stock will be bought locally in the Chacocente villages. There are already woven wire and tin shelters to be used for the chickens. The villagers want to be able to sell eggs, chicks and meat birds for the Christmas market. They will learn to keep good financial records. Our representative in Nicaragua, Peter Smith will supervise this project, and work with the local people on the problems. We are asking you for $600 for the chicken project: $50 for breeding stock, $150 to improve the housing and nests, and $400 for feed and supplements. This is a one-year pilot project. As eggs and chickens are sold, money will be raised to sustain the cost of feed.

Contact Person: Jane Fuchgott
Richland Center / Santa Teresa Sister-City Project
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, always for too long, for funding for their project. If you can’t figure out which project go on-line and look in depth at the projects. The projects vary daily and you can see them on-line at www.peacecorps.gov/contribute/index.cfm The projects listed below are from July 28th.

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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.
Women Surviving Violence - Nicaragua

Throughout time, Nicaragua has endured a tremendous amount of both natural and human disasters. These include hurricanes, earthquakes, war and domestic violence. Over and over again, women in particular have been ignored and alone in their struggles to overcome the different forms of trauma associated with these tragedies. When Hurricane Mitch struck Nicaragua in 1998, it became clear that the women of the country were in need of a systematic approach or framework to help them deal with the emotional recovery caused by trauma.

Shortly after Hurricane Mitch, women's groups throughout Nicaragua began working with their communities on healing and recovery. They were assisted by the Psychosocial Commission (a commission that was formed by the Network of Women Against Violence, an umbrella organization of 150 groups working to eliminate all forms of gender violence in Nicaragua) which offered workshops with a particular focus on training local leaders who would apply what they learned in their community work. The workshops focused on emotional recovery after trauma, using various techniques. All workshops integrated a focus on gender and human rights, and included the topic of family violence as a daily disaster.

During this time, WCCN and the Network of Women Against Violence came together to share experiences, ideas, strategies and techniques on emotional recovery caused by trauma. Together, we organized two conferences that focused on healing and recovery from trauma. Participants expressed that they had benefited greatly from the workshops and conferences. Therefore, an effort was undertaken to "systematize" the project by documenting this rich experience in order to learn from it and share it with other organizations.

The $750 will provide the resources necessary for the Network of Women Against Violence to complete this project. The final product will be a document containing the methodologies and techniques for emotional healing and recovery from trauma that can be used by women practitioners in Nicaragua and the rest of Central America.

WCCN staff travel to Nicaragua at least two times every year. They can hand-deliver the check to the Network of Women Against Violence.

RPCV-WI-Madison Sponsor
Sharon Lewandowski
Telephone 241-2392

Call for Encyclopedias

Thank you all again for granting me postage money to send books to Morocco. At present I am looking for two sets of encyclopedias for two teachers in Morocco. In the past, I have been able three times already to send such precious items - usually quite old, sometimes with some issues missing - to teacher friends of mine, and they have been enthusiastically received. If you have a set around that no one is looking at any more, and you want to clear the space for the new books you are buying, please let me know. I'll be very happy to relieve you, and you are making someone else far away very happy.

Thanks, Sophie Zermuehlen, 233-7886
skzermue@students.wisc.edu
Rediscovering Cultural Identity 3

Application Date: June 12, 2002 (for use in 2003)  Amount Requested: $1000

RPCV-WI-Madison Sponsor: Steve Elmore  [Phone: (608)-257-2712]

Project Title: Rediscovering Cultural Identity 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

There is little doubt that the Roma are the most discriminated against and disadvantaged minority group in Bulgaria. Special programs and initiatives are needed to help integrate the Roma into society. However, the current economic crisis and governmental transition have made resources for these types of programs virtually non-existent. Recognizing this need, the NGO “INTERETHNOS” was created to address these issues and to work towards minority rights and social/political harmony. The NGO is based in the city of Shoumen, which lies in Northeastern Bulgaria. The members of INTERETHNOS include university professors and other professionals who represent many of Bulgaria’s ethnic groups.

The purpose of our proposed project, “Rediscovering Cultural Identity”, is to hold educational seminars for high school aged Roma youth. The following information describes the seminar that was planned for and conducted in August 2002. The requested funds will help to support a similar seminar in the summer of 2003.

2002: The 6-day seminar will take place on the Shoumen Plateau, beginning August 18th and ending August 25th. “Rediscovering Cultural Identity” is a leadership/motivational seminar that will give Roma youth the tools to understand their place in society and how to deal effectively with the challenges they will face.

Through sessions on topics such as Roma history, culture, music, and language, the participants will learn about their own identities. Understanding oneself is a critical requirement to self-esteem and self-image development. Other topics, such as community activism, identity and belonging, and dealing with discrimination, will help the participants become motivated, active citizens, and representatives of their communities.

There will be 25 participants from different areas in Bulgaria, who must be attending high school to apply. Since so few Roma youth attend high school, we feel that those that have shown an interest in their future by continuing their education should be helped to realize their full potential. The staff will include 4 Roma students from Shoumen University to act as team leaders, as well as 4 U.S. Peace Corps volunteers, a nurse, and the camp coordinator who is a representative of INTERETHNOS, the applying NGO. Educational material will be presented by a variety of experts and professionals. All have experience working with minority issues, and are respected experts in their fields of study.

This will be the second such seminar. Last summer, the first “Rediscovering Cultural Identity” seminar was held at the same location. This seminar is both a continuation and improvement of the previous seminar. Most of the staff and lecturers participated in this seminar last year and have experience working in this field.

The project was created through collaboration between the NGO INTERETHNOS, the Municipality of Shoumen, and United States Peace Corps Volunteers. The total cost associated with the execution of the seminar is 7,366,70 Bulgarian Leva (3,426 USD). As a partner in the project, Shoumen Municipality pledged to cover 10% of the costs for the seminar. Also, the municipalities from where the participants will come will cover travel expenses for each participant. The total amount requested for the seminar is 6,645.33 Bulgarian Leva, or 3,090 USD.

** Please note that we have found $1,800 of the requested amount for the project (through a private donation) and the Municipality of Shoumen has agreed to donate $350 as well. That leaves us with $1,276 that we need. Currently, we are asking for in-kind donations from PCV's for pens and other office supplies. That will also cut down on the cost. That is why we need about $1,000. If you can at all help, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your time and effort.

Project Contact Person: Laura Middaugh
Project Address: P.O. Box 259
Sofia 1000 Bulgaria
Project phone: 0337/48-58

A money order to Laura Middaugh or use Western union to send it would be the best way of conveying the money. I recommend sending it to me at the above address. It would be easiest. [Note that the cost of the money order will be deducted from whatever amount we award. – Walt]
Madison Street Festival Update

Saturday August 3rd was a beautiful day for the Atoywood Summerfest. Great weather, good food, beverages, music and entertainment, plenty of people watching. Shame on all you east-side residents for missing your neighborhood festival. Only Lori Merriam and Kevin and Deb Nies (all the way from Waunakee) stopped by to visit. Thanks to Ron and Beth Chance, David Marshall, Margot Kennard, Prudence Barber, and Tom Brodd for volunteering to help out at our table. Special thanks to Rochelle Goedken for her supreme guidance, Rose Ann Scott for material support, Peter and Kathleen Joyce for logistical support, and Prudence and Tom for helping set up and clean up. Here is your chance to redeem yourselves. On Sunday September 15th, we will once again have a table at the Williamson Street Fair and I am looking for volunteers to staff our table. The fun starts at 11:00 am and goes to 7 pm. There will be food, drink, 2 or 3 stages for music and entertainment, and a parade at 11 am or 12 noon. Our table should be on the shady side (geographically speaking) of the 900 block of Williamson so come and volunteer for an hour or two. Call Troy at 245-9964 home or 821-3848 work for more information.
Submitted by Troy Rutter