January 1998

1998 Events

January 24, 1998
Freeze For Food Run/Walk
at Vilas Park 10 am

READ THIS NOW!

Dear potential member of a small but elite group of photographers, Send me up to 5 slides that you think should be in the next RPCV International Calendar. If I receive them before January 31, 1998, they will be “in the running” for selection for the 1999 calendar - no kidding. Slides should be individually marked on their jackets with the country represented, your name and phone number. You will get them back, unless something horrible happens. Send them to:

The Photo Coordinator Guy
c/o InterWorks
116 North Few Street
Madison, WI 53703
USA
Thanks and good luck. - Jim Good, PCG

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Data entry and packing parties for January
M 1/05 W 1/07
M 1/12 W 1/14
M 1/19 W 1/21
M 1/26 W 1/28

Packing parties start at 7:00 PM and end before 9:00 PM. For data entry call Rose Ann 241-0845 or show up at 2714 Oakridge between 6 & 8 PM. For Packing call Alan 831-3554 or show up at 1447 Spaight at 7 PM.

And don’t forget your date at the Cardinal Bar! Oh yes! Be there!

Third Thursday of the month 8 to 10 p.m.
418 East Wilson - Welcome new RPCV’s
Especially welcome are those who served in the 90’s.

1998 General Meeting Dates

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Passport Brunch at the Ivy Inn, 2355 University Ave, Sunday January 11 at 11:00. Call the Ivy Inn and make a reservation for 11:00 with the Peace Corps group. Cost is $9.95 with children under 12 1/2 price.
PCVs of Wisconsin -- Membership Information

All RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison receive a monthly newsletter, World Roots, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer that members pay through December of the year of 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 $20. We strongly encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

(check all the following that apply)

I want to join RPCVW, Inc. and am enclosing $____.

- Individual - $20 for one year
- Joint - $25 (two people receiving one newsletter)
- Overseas Individual - $29
- Overseas Joint - $34

I am also enclosing $20 for NPCA membership.
($32.50 for joint membership - two people with the same address)

I do not want to join, but I would like to receive World Roots and am enclosing $12 ($20 for overseas) to cover the costs.

I'm moving! Please change my mailing address on your records.

Name: __________________________________________

Country of Service: _______________________________  

Address: _________________________________________

________________________________________________

Service Dates: ____________________________

PC Job: _________________________________________

Telephone(s): ___________________ (H) ___________________ (W)

Email address: ____________________________________

Birthdate: (optional -- month & day) ________________

The RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison are an active bunch, and there's always a need for new blood. If you're willing to be called to help out, make your mark:

___ I might be interested in doing something, but I'd like to get more information. Call me.

Send completed form & check to: RPCVs of Wisconsin - Madison, P.O. Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701
From the Editor

The Newsletter

Due to personal reasons, I will not be able to continue editing and producing this newsletter, I will continue to do the work for one or two months, until the group finds an individual (or group of individuals) who are able to take on the responsibilities. I will leave it up to the group's executive body to come up with my replacement.

For anyone who is interested in continuing the work, please feel free to contact me at home and I'll be happy to transfer the information.

Website

The history

The Website was created in May of 1996; it was Dean's idea to have a site for the group. Dean and I worked on the layout, creation and maintenance plan for the site. I agreed to share the expense with Dean. It is not a big expense, roughly we have been donating to the RPCV-Madison some $10 per month in dues and some 10 hours per month of labor to maintain the site.

The benefits

To date the site has been visited by some two thousand+ people. We have calendar orders come through the site and it is good visibility for the group. Now that the group has a computer, we are proposing that it is time for the group to decide whether to keep the site or end its existence.

Dean and I paid to keep the site until the end of January 1998, after that it is up to the group to decide on the fate of the Website. The newsletter and the website are wonderful and fun things to have and work on; many in the group benefit from them. Unfortunately they also require a lot of our spare time, which right now, we don't have.

Since we're always trying to get new members, we'll send three copies of our Newsletter to anyone we think will be interested. After that, they have to join (or subscribe) to stay on the mailing list.

One exception to that rule is that contacts in other RPCV organizations can continue to receive our newsletter, as long as they send us a copy of theirs.

Please submit your notices, minutes, etc. by the deadline January 15, 1998. My Email address is imolina@imxpress.net or PO Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701

Thank You! - Thank You!

Mark your calendars and Make A Commitment to Help with the 17th Annual Freeze For Food 10K Run & 5K Run/Walk Saturday January 24, 1998 - Vilas Park To Benefit Oxfam America
5K Run/Walk at 12:00 noon & 10K Run at 1:00pm

EVERYONE AVAILABLE IS NEEDED AT THE FREEZE We Need A Lot Of People To Stand On The Route And Direct Runners, Van Drivers To Drop Off Volunteers, People To Help At The Finish Line, And Some Indoor Tasks Too

The FREEZE FOR FOOD 10K Run & 5K Run/Walk is one of the longest standing fundraisers of the RPCV group. It is a great way to mingle and enjoy ourselves while raising lots of money for Oxfam, an agency that mirrors the Peace Corps. Oxfam shares our values of development through teaching self-sufficiency and working for change through long-term solutions at the village level.

Please call us today to say you will be there on January 24 to help out. Knowing in advance who is coming helps us to plan on who will do what, and it helps us avoid the anxiety of a last minute scramble! Help us make the Freeze run smoothly by giving us a call. The Freeze is fun and fulfilling and everyone has a good time.

As we noted in the December newsletter, the Freeze has raised $22,120 to date $8,100 in the past three years. It is a viable project that we all hope will continue for many years to come. This is the last year
that we will be directing this project, long live the Freeze!

The traditional after the Freeze Chili Feed and Potluck will be at the home of Mike McQuestion and Liliana Manfredi, 2210 Hollister Street, 238-5458. Typically 2-3 people volunteer to cook up a pot of vegetarian chili and a pot of the other kind. No one yet has offered to do this, how about you! There is money in the budget to reimburse for the cost of ingredients.

Perhaps the best way to support the Freeze is to participate as a runner and raise lots of pledges for Oxfam. While you're at it, get all your friends and family to run as well, and encourage them in raising pledges.

So, give us a call, Dave and Deb Hamilton, at 608/873/5437. You can also reach Dave during work hours at 251-6137. And thanks in advance for your response!

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**Treasurer's Report (November 1997)**

_by Troy Rutter_

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_Mensaje del Presidente_

_by Peter Joyce_

Many thanks to VP Kevin Jenkins for filling in for me at the December meeting. At our November meeting we decided to have scheduled gift giving, rather than our ad hoc system. This January will be our first scheduled Giftaway under this system. The next scheduled meeting for large Giftaway projects will be at our June meeting. I'd like to keep the group in accordance with our decision on timing, so I hope that projects that wish to be under consideration for the January meeting have their ducks all in a row.

The meeting will be a potluck at Liz Pommier's house 6:00 pm, 1028 Fielder Lane, on the South Side off Badger between Fish Hatchery and Park St. There is some parking available, mostly off-street parking.

I think that all able-bodied RPCV's should either be running or volunteering for our 17th Annual Freeze for Food run/walk. Sign up to run or help in the Freeze For Food on Jan 24th in Vilas Park. Either call Dave and/or Deb at 873-5437 to help or start your cold weather training now. Remember outdoors running can help us commune with the less fortunate, through our sincere sweat.

**1998 Retreat at Camp Lucerne**

_February 21, 22, 23 (Fri., Sat. and Sun.)_

For more information and reservations contact Rose Ann at scoitr@gencas.com or at (608) 241-0845. This is a fun time to relax, eat, mingle, eat, relax and mingle some more.

Beautiful lake Lucerne is an excellent place to skate, so if you're into ice skating, bring your skates and have some fun! There are several trails around the lake for cross-country skiing (if we have snow) and/or walking. The hill by the lake is a wonderful place to slide! last year we had a lot of fun sliding down the hill. ...Be there! (Map in last page)
Employment tips

The following are some sites to visit during your job search. If you don’t have a computer, visit the Dane County Job Center /Sherman Avenue, they have computers available for your job search.
City of Madison Employment Opportunities
http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/ or visit them at 210
Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, room 501 in Madison.
UW-Madison Employment Opportunities
http://www.wisc.edu/hr/employ.html in this site
you will find current university listings, student
employment listings and the state openings.
General information on Dane County employment,
agencies and organizations http://danenet.wicip.org/.
For those of you interested only in openings with the
Department of Natural Resources, their job line is
(608) 266-2274.
To find specific information on state agencies check
out http://badger.state.wi.us/departments.html

WHERE DOES THE $ GO?
By: Sheila P.

Madison, as many people probably know, is Sister
City to several cities around the world, one of them
being Arcatao, El Salvador. In her 1996 proposal to
support this sister city project, Prudence Barber
wrote:

"For the past ten years, the Madison Arcatao
Sister City Project has supported Arcatao, El
Salvador, through political accompaniment,
material and financial assistance, and an ongoing
commitment to relationship through annual
dellegations, letters and monthly calls.

"During the civil war in El Salvador, several
people who are now in Arcatao took care of the sick
and injured. These people became health care
promoters for Arcatao, and Madison assisted them
in setting up the Martin Luther King Clinic in their
town. We have been very successful in supporting
the clinic with donations of medical supplies and
pharmaceuticals, and have also provided training to
the health care promoters based on their requests..."

In April of 1996, the RPCV's of WI-
Madison donated $400.00 at Prudence's request, to
"assist a health care project...rehabilitation program
for former war combatants who have amputations,
paralysis and neurological disorders." The program
would use the money for "items such as crutches,
prosthesis, slings, cushions, and ace bandages."

In June of that year, we received the
following note from Dan Graff of the Madison
Arcatao Sister City Project (MASCP):

"On behalf of the Madison Arcatao Sister
City Project, I would like to thank the Returned
Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin for your
generous donation of $400 to help fund the
rehabilitation program for former war combatants in
Arcatao...We are excited that we will be able to
support this important project in Madison's sister
city.

"We are sending a summer delegation to El
Salvador in July, and we will use this opportunity to
make your contribution to the directiva (city
council) of Arcatao. When the delegation returns,
we will provide a full report of the donation's
impact and we will update you periodically
thereafter." (To date, I do not know of any further
updates on this project)
"Once again, on behalf of the Madison Arcatao Sister City Project, I thank you for contributing to the postwar construction of peace in El Salvador.

Peace Corps has so many new openings for business programs around the world, they want to expand their recruiting efforts to the business arena. The Minneapolis Recruiting Office is looking for former business volunteers to attend local Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours events, the Chamber's Business Expo in May of 1998 and possibly other business venues not yet thought of! We need people to network and hand out Peace Corps information regarding the current need for business program volunteers. This is an exciting opportunity to bring Peace Corps to local business people who may never have considered this possibility.

Linda Eiler, in cooperation with Peter Quella, will head up the committee to organize these events. If you would like to participate and share your business Peace Corps experience with others, please call Linda at (608) 437-6331 (Mt. Horeb).

Request for Funding Proposals

Request #1
Amount Requested: $1,000
RPCV-WI Sponsor: Dean W. Jefferson
Project Title: Share Your Holidays Food Drive by Second Harvest Food Bank
Telephone: (608) 846-1736

Project Description:
Second Harvest Food Bank was established in 1986 by a group of volunteers who saw the need for helping the needy and hungry people in our area. The mission of the "Share your Holidays Food Drive" is to collect the maximum amount of good food and contributions toward the purchase of food from donors and make it available to 501-C3 charities, providing food to the ill, needy, infants and elderly.

The request was made by Marie Llanos-Flickinger, Executive Director of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin and Mike McKinney, News Anchor, NBC 15 via letter dated 10/31/97.

Request #2
Amount Requested: $1000
RPCV Sponsor: Barbara Chatterjee
Telephone: 271-2405
Project Title: Swarnivar

Project Description:
Swarnivar is an extensive community development project in West Bengal, India that provides education and health services in 5 core villages and is extending to neighboring villages as well. It has been operating for several years establishing home visit health care programs focused on a variety of topics, primary schools in each core village. In addition promotes sustainable agriculture, and some economic development such as establishing savings and loan programs in each core village.

One organization, which supports Swarnivar, is the Association for India's Development (AID), and its affiliate ASHA that primarily targets education. These groups began 7-8 years ago on several American University campuses, and have a chapter in Madison. Most AID members are natives of India and strongly committed to helping development projects in their homeland. They help identify projects to fund, visit on site, and collect reports and statistics to document how funds are used. The Madison chapter of AID has selected Swarnivar as the target for its fund raising effort in 1997-1998. They presented to the RPCVs of WI in 9/97 to inform us of their work and answer questions. In 10/97 they held a fund raising concert for Swarnivar which netted $2300. An RPCV grant would match their other fund raising efforts.

Project Contact: ASHA-MADISON
C/o Murali Palangat

Project Address: 3304 Hedden Road, Apt 4
Middleton, WI 53562

Project number: (608) 238-4105
Application Date: December 7, 1997
Request #3
Amount Requested: $1000
RPCV Sponsor: Barbara Chatterjee
Telephone: 271-2405
Project Title: Safe Night Program in Milwaukee

Project Description:
The Safe Night Program was started in June 1994, in Milwaukee, WI to provide engaging evening activities for adolescents in their own neighborhoods. The only requirements for these events are that no weapons, alcohol/drugs, or fighting are allowed. Individuals and community organizations responded to the initial call, holding over 60 events on that first night. Many "Safe Nights were held in the weeks and months that followed and the commitment has been maintained for over 3 years. The Safe Nights is sponsored by individuals for their own neighborhoods depend on their generosity in opening their homes, arranging activities, and providing snacks for the youth. The program leadership, housed in the Milwaukee City Health Department, can offer virtually no resources to help grass roots Safe Nights with their expenses. This grant would be given to non-institutional Safe Night sponsors to defray their expenses.
Project Contact Person: Olusegun Sijuwade
Project Address: City of Milwaukee Health Dept.
841 N. Broadway, Room 102
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3653

Request #4
Amount Requested: $300
RPCV Sponsor: Barbara Chatterjee
Telephone: 271-2405
Project Title: RAMAKRISHNA MISSION BOYS' HOME (BALAKASHRAM)

Project Description:
The Ramakrishna Mission Balakashram, a boarding school near Calcutta, India, for 700 boys from poor circumstances, receives some support through the Vedanta Society of Madison (VSM). The campus includes a set of schools covering all elementary and secondary grades, a college and several other facilities; the graduates perform well on their exit examinations. Since 1994, the RPCV-WI/Madison has contributed to the VSM fundraising effort for this school. They have supplied documentation both of the receipt of the Madison donation and the continuing needs of the school. The VSM has appreciated and acknowledged the participation of RPCV-WI/Madison and continues to raise money for the school. RPCV-WI/Madison's continued support is valued both by the school in Calcutta and the VSM, and it serves as bridge to one of our local ethnic communities.
Project Contact Person: Ashim Chakravorti
Project Address: 3406 Bauer Court
Middleton, WI 53562
Project number: 608) 831-7034
Application Date: December 7, 1997

Request #5
Amount Requested: $350 and $150
RPCV Sponsor: Buck Trawicky
Phone: 241-2392
Project Title: Book Aid Projects in Eritrea and Malawi
Project Contact Person: Ralph Otte, 10971 Lucky Oak St., Cupertino CA 95014. 405/736-1477
Project Address: Greg Rachu, PCV. PO Box 263. Mendefera, ERITREA.

Project Description:
Greg Rachu is in PC/Eritrea, teaching secondary school. The school has no library at all, and he wants to start one. He wrote us asking for any help we could give. I contacted Ralph Otte, whose group (Friends of the Peace Corps), is very adept at collecting useful books for free, and shipping them to schools overseas. I suggested that if we paid for shipping, and his group collected the books, we'd have an ideal partnership. His group approved this project at their last board meeting. I hope we do, too. A school library's worth of books will cost $350 to ship.
Ralph also asks that we fund the cost of shipping books to another PCV's school, in Malawi. Fewer books are needed, and $150 will pay for the shipping.
Application Date: Dec 12 1997

Request #6
Amount Requested: $10,200 or $5,100
RPCV Sponsor: Jim Good, Peter Joyce, Sharon Lewandowski, Buck Trawicky.
Phone: 241-2392 (Sharon & Buck); 246-2818 (Jim); 249-8573 (Peter)
Project Title: Son My Primary School
Project Contact Person: Mike Boehm. 608/244-9505
2312 E. Johnson St. Madison WI 53704.
Project Address: Son My village, Vietnam.

Project Description:
Son My village has many many children, and the high school students are using all but 3 rooms of what should be the primary school. The village desperately needs a 20-room primary school. This will cost approximately $102,000. Mike Boehm and the Madison Friends (Quakers) are raising money to build the school in stages, 4 or 5 rooms at a time. A room costs $5,100. We are asked to pay for 1 or 2 rooms. Mike Boehm has collected much data from the school officials and other people in Son My, and will be on hand at the January meeting to present details.
Application Date: 12 Dec. 1997

3) Use the identifying titles for the viewing, to set the tone. In the final selection of pictures include 2-3 extras, to allow the calendar committee some leeway as to --distribution by continent or topic -quality of photographs for reproduction -satisfactory completion of accompanying stories
4) Make sure the cover is "classy", to be aimed at all buyers, including large retail stores.

Minutes of the December 4, 1997
By: Buck Tranicky

Thirteen were present. Kevin Jenkins, VP, presided. A visitor spoke about the Honduran Health Exchange, and sold raffle tickets. And we were invited to the Fair Trade Fair on Dec. 6.
Pay Your Dues! it's that time of year again.
In his role as campus PC recruiter, Peter Quella had requested that someone attend the Out There Fair at UW/Beloit. Sheila Przesnicki volunteered to go. (And PC/Minn. will pay us $99 for it!)
We elected 2 Board Members: Alicia Leinberger and Rochelle Goedken.

The calendars continue to sell briskly, with lots of individual small and medium orders, now that WorldView is finally out. We approved the Treasurer's Report. The Freeze For Food is on Jan. 24, (Sat). Dave Atkinson passed around a sign-up sheet for jobs on the day of the Freeze. The after Freeze party will be at the McQueston's house (2210 Hollister, 238-5458).

This is Dave's last year as Freeze honcho, so we need a replacement. And it's not a big job: Dave has refined and simplified the tasks. Call him (see masthead).

At the January meeting we'll be considering Donation Proposals. We voted AYE to the MOTION that we affiliate again this year with the National Council (and pay $1 per member, about $231).
The funding proposal made by Dean Jefferson for Second Harvest Food Bank was tabled until January's meeting.

Suggestions for selecting calendar pictures
By: Prudence Barber

1) Show people with dignity and respectfulness.
   Avoid extreme or exaggerated examples (maybe "the big load of hay"?)
2) Try for topics people can hopefully relate to.
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Calendar Steering Committee Minutes of 12/8, 1997
By: Rochelle Goedken

Present: Rose Ann Scott (RAS), Alan Weiner (AW), Walt Zeltner (WZ), Prudence Barber (PB), Rochelle Goedken (RG), Buck Trawicky (BT).

The minutes from November's meeting were approved as published.

Advertising/Marketing: Barbara Chatterjee printed 800 more paper brochures. One is included with each order sent out. It includes the history of the calendar project and how other groups and individuals can get involved.

We voted not to run an ad in the January issue of Worldview. We will run ads in the spring, summer and fall issues, with the fall issue plan for a two-page spread advertising calendars for sale and a call for photographers to submit their slides for consideration.

PB reported that the local marketing is going well and that she plans to have packets of information ready to send to the large bookstore chains in February. She would like to include something like a contact sheet to show the images selected for the 1999 calendar.

BT will prepare a list of past calendar owners who have not yet purchased a calendar this year and they will be mailed glossy brochures to encourage them to buy the new 1998 model. Next year we will send brochures or postcards earlier in the fall.

Distribution: RG will continue to contact members to help with data entry and calendar packing parties. We plan to have parties the first and second full weeks of January. Thank you to all the regulars and new volunteers who helped get the December rush of orders out the door. The new volunteers include: Glenn Tranowski, Bill Klase, Joe Chern, Tammy Klaproth, Mike McCabe and Marilyn Feil.

Production: Jim Good made approximately 500 postcards to send out to photographers asking for their slides for consideration as the 1999 calendar cycle begins. If anyone in our group has slides they would like to submit for consideration, please do this ASAP. The slides will be shown for the first time at the February meeting.

Sales: As of this writing, approximately 8000 calendars have yet to be distributed.

Donations: 200 Calendars were sent to the Gifts in Kind program. This program supports current volunteer projects around the world with material (i.e. books) not available in their country of service. We continue to send calendars to teachers who request them.

Next meeting: Monday, January 12, 1998

January's General Meeting is scheduled for
Friday the 9th, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Liz Pommier, 1028 Fiedler Lane (off Badger Road). This is a potluck meeting, so please bring a dish to share. Liz is a new member, so please be on your best behavior! and call Liz to confirm your attendance. (608) 287-0367 or (608) 233-9751.
Happy Holidays!

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
Of Wisconsin-Madison
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