President's Message

Looking ahead at our calendar of events for the next few months, some good times are in store, beginning with our May meeting when we will conduct our annual Calendar Money Giveaway. The calendar brain trust has advised that we have $3,000 to spare, so this is our chance to play philanthropist and direct our calendar money to some folks who can put it to good use.

Also at our May meeting we will have a guest—Skip Kindy from the Madison Tibetan Resettlement Project, who will tell us how we can help with that project. Briefly, Congress has authorized visas for 1,000 Tibetan families to come and resettle in the USA. 100 of those families will resettle in Madison if they can find employment, sponsors and funding. Skip will tell us what we can do in those areas, but as a start I would request that we donate $100 from our calendar moneys to help build a Tibetan community here.

Onward, in June we will experience both the wonders of nature and the elegance and sophistication of high society as we begin the month camping at Devil’s Lake and end it with a pot luck at Donna Shalala’s (Iran ’63-’65).

The weekend of June 7 to 9 will find us camping at Devil’s Lake. Boating, swimming, hiking, a Saturday night pot luck—it promises to be a great time. To get there, head west on 12 toward Baraboo. About 5 miles this side of Baraboo start looking for the sign, then take a right on 159. After about a mile take another right on South Shore Road and proceed to Group Campsite 6, and if we fill up that site, head to Group Campsite 7. Remember, vehicle admission stickers are required for entry into the park—$14 annual/ $3.50 daily. The per-person cost for the campsite depends on how many come. If we get 30 adults, the cost is $2/day for adults and 75¢/day for children ages 7 to 17. Children under 7 camp free.

Then, on Friday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m., the social event of the season—our 2nd Annual Pot Luck Bash at Chancellor Donna Shalala’s residence at 130 N. Prospect Ave.

Later on, toward the end of July it will be time to ride on the Peace Train to the 30th Anniversary of Peace Corps National Conference in Washington, D.C. on August 1 to 4. Conference organizers are predicting up to 10,000 attendees and have been busy organizing everything that goes into a great gathering of the tribes. If it’s anything like last year’s conference in Eugene, a great time is guaranteed for all—enlightening and inspiring speakers and workshops, dances, parties, feasts and opportunities to meet old friends and make new friends. A registration form and travel/hotel information number are reprinted elsewhere in this issue. Registration for National Council members before June 1 is $90—a bargain for a 4-day, action-packed, natural high. Be there or be square!
At the May meeting donations will be made to worthy groups from the 1990 Calendar sales revenue. Elsewhere in this newsletter appear the donation requests, please read them over and come to the meeting May 6 ready to discuss them and vote.

Calendar distribution chair Rose Ann Scott has given me her hit list of members who still owe her money or calendars. I print them here for public vilification (and ask them to call Rose Ann at 241-0845):

Dave Atkinson
Earl Bricker
Julie Olsen
Kathleen Quinlan
Buck Trawicky

The topics for the next two "education and action" meetings of the local chapter of Results are:

April 29 - Legislative action on micro-enterprise lending for the poor at home and abroad. Real grass roots economic development.
May 20 - Getting rid of government obstacles to self-employment for the poor.

Results meets at the Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. The April meeting will be in the Council Room; for the May meeting you'll have to consult 'Today in the Union' on bulletin boards in the Union.

UMOS, Inc.—the Wisconsin Farmworkers Organization—is recruiting an Area Coordinator for Dane and surrounding counties. You need to be bilingual Spanish-English; the job involves a good deal of travel; and it pays $21,000 per year plus benefits. Contact Jim Martinez (414-671-5700 or 809 W. Greenfield Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53204) for details.

The deadline for the next newsletter is May 16. The timetable for getting the newsletter printed and mailed to be in your hands before the monthly meeting will be especially tight the next two months, so please submit your articles, minutes, etc. by the deadline. Please don't try to hand-deliver any submissions to the 106 Village Green Ln. address. I will have moved from there by the time you read this.
JOIN US IN WASHINGTON FOR THE 30TH!

It's time to start planning for the National Conference in Washington, D.C., which will be held Thursday, August 1, through Sunday, August 4.

After taking an informal poll at Deb 'n' Dave's, potluck, I looked into renting a van, since this seems to be the preference of those interested in attending the conference. Payless Rent-A-Car seems to be the best deal -- I estimate that a 15-passenger van would cost no more than $1,000, including gas. (Here's the breakdown, if you really want to know: $400 a week with 1400 free miles; 600 additional miles at $.25 each, or $150 -- this allows us 1706 miles to get there and back, and 294 to drive around and/or get lost on; six days of insurance at $12/day, or $72; and 100 gallons of gas at $1.15/gallon, or $115 -- this is based on getting 20 m.p.g.; this leaves $263 for taxes, emergencies, and any other unplanned expenses.) Roseanne mentioned that the group usually pays $200 to ship the calendars to the conference, and that this amount could be used to offset our transportation costs if we agree to 1) Take the calendars with us, and 2) Sell them. Thus, at the most, I foresee us paying $800. This translates to $80 each if we have a group of 10, or $53.33 if we have a group of 15. Either way, it's still a lot cheaper than taking the train or flying. And I'm hoping that our actual expenses will be even less than my estimates (after my experience with the Freeze T-Shirts, I've learned that it's always safer to start with a high price and then go down, rather than the opposite). I should mention that this price is based on our leaving Wednesday morning, July 31, and returning Monday evening, August 5. I will need to reserve a van relatively soon, since they are in high demand during the summer months, so I am requesting a $25 deposit from anyone who plans to attend. First to pay, first seated (although if 30 people decide to go, we can always rent two vans), and since I won't get my deposit back, I won't be able to refund yours unless you find someone to take your place.

For those who will need a place to stay, hotels are being booked differently this year. Rather than reserve a block of rooms in the group's name, we are to designate a hotel and then ask individuals to make their own reservations when they register for the conference. I'm suggesting the Carlyle Suites Hotel, which is located at 1731 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., across from the Rwandan and Zairian embassies (among others), and within a few blocks of 1) the National Council office, 2) the DuPont Circle red line subway station, and 3) the ethnically diverse Adams-Morgan neighborhood with its Ethiopian and Salvadoran restaurants, exotic boutiques, etc... The hotel was built in the 1920's and still retains its art deco flair, and I stayed there in January and liked it very much. At $65 a single/double (this means you pay $65 total for one or two occupants), it's a pretty good bargain. Especially since this is the lowest rate the National Council is offering (the range is $65 to $172), and the Carlyle's normal prices are about twice this much.

Questions?? Comments?? Contact Nancy Westbrook, 225 Jackson St., Madison, WI 53704, 241-5332 or 242-6360. P.S. I have to make the deposit by credit card, so please make your checks payable to me.

GLOBAL ED COMMITTEE REPORT
by Nancy Westbrook

There's actually a lot of news, but I think I've already taken up more than my share of newsletter space, so I'll try to keep this brief. Since the last newsletter, the committee has held two meetings; March 18 and April 1. Basically, we've decided to A) submit our "Women's Curriculum" to Wade for his consideration, and B) resurrect the original idea of developing a companion guide to the calendar. We also submitted a program proposal to DPI and hope to be selected to conduct a workshop at the Fall 1991 DPI/WASCD Conference. We've been in contact with Madeline Uraneck, International Consultant to DPI, and are planning to meet with her soon to discuss our various global ed endeavors. Finally, Lisa and I are off to Chicago this weekend (April 12-14) to attend a regional development ed conference sponsored by the National Council. We'll give a more detailed report at May's regular meeting. In the meantime, remember that anyone is welcome at our committee meetings. They are held every other Monday at 6 p.m. in the Red Oak Grill at the Union South. Our next meeting is April 15.

Other RPCV organizations have our permission to use any material of interest in this newsletter.
This was a potluck meeting at Deb and Dave’s manse on Sommers, and the place was jumping. Great food, enough beer, lots of kids, and well over 60 people. We got our business done between 8:20 and 9:30. We were hustling so we could finish in time to watch the TV exorcism at nine, but Dave taped it instead, so we could ramble on a bit.

We introduced ourselves, and there were lots of new folks, including Paraguay and Benin.

Money: we have $686: 2402 general, 5 savings, and 4350 global ed.

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Theoretically, we can afford to give away $6000, though we should be a bit prudent. We’ve sent the National Council $1500, for their help in marketing the calendars nationally. They sent us a very warm thank you letter.

The 92 Calendar is in process, and on track, report Jim Good and Henry Nehls-Lowe, Maximum Leaders. At meeting’s end we watched slides, and oohed our favorites, including some very weird islamic scenes. Did you know the sand turns green there at night?

The Final Thirteen have not been picked, but it looks as if countries included will be Guatemala, Liberia, Nepal, Kenya, and Somalia/Ethiopia. A committee will do the last winnow soon.

Buck wants any corrections or additions to the holidays. And he has lots of weird ones for the Good Taste Committee to wrangle over. (G Khan’s birthday, Fall of Atlantis Bay, Elvis Presley’s birthday...) It’s been great fun, learning all the traditional calendars, and calculating the holiday dates. The Hindu calendar is especially fascinating; and a friend gave him a program that computes Mayan dates, which is really neat.

Also, this year the Calendar will have a recommended book each month or so, like Memory of Fire by Galento; if you know of a really fine book about your country, tell Buck. And there will also be a Word for each month, a word that should be in English, but is not. (Ex. ondima (Iroquois): the benevolent impulse of your deepest nature. Or polati (Bantu): a large clawed nocturnal monster that scratches at the door, and which you hope is mythical.) Tell Buck your Word.

It’s time, next month, to do our Grand Donation. As we did last year, we’ll publish everyone’s suggestions in the Newsletter this month, so we can all think about them before voting. Deb and a committee will handle the assembly of the collection, and make a list of recommended amounts to give. (244-8858)

Kathleen and Karl led us through the final preparations for the Cardinal Bar Benefit, on Saturday the 13th. Flyer were passed around for us all to post, and we all signed up to bring food (LUTS of food). The proceeds will go to Gulf War refugees. Last year’s Cardinal Bar benefit brought in $700.

The Parents’ Brunch is on track, reports Helene. Make sure you come, and make sure you register. Sunday, April 21.

The Canoe Trip on the Wisconsin River is being planned. Henry is setting it up for the Full Moon weekend of August 10 (the weekend after the National Conference in DC). We’ll put in at Sauk City, camp on an island near Arena, and leave around Lone Rock. Yummm. And perhaps kids can come, but the parents must keep life preservers on them constantly, while on the water.

The Council that Don hosted last month was very excellent. About a dozen of us met, and listened to each other’s thoughts and concerns, mainly about the War. This was so good for us that Don will do it again, on Friday, 19 April, from 6:30 on. 2428 E. Washington, #17. 244-3732.

The Chicago group is having a Founder’s Day fest on Sunday, May 19, and they invite us to come.

And everyone come to the National Conference in DC, weekend of August 3.

At our next meeting we’ll have a guest speaker, on the Tibetan Refugee Resettlement Project, being conducted by the Tibetan community out at Deer Park. How exciting: Madison will receive 100 Tibetan families. What wealth.

Donna Shalala wants to host our summer potluck meeting, and we’re delighted to accept. (You see what happens if you behave politely? People invite you back again. Your mother was right.) Because of scheduling exigencies, the July meeting will be held on Friday, June 28th. Pencil it in on your dance card, do.

Then we adjourned, without judging, and resumed our conversations. Once the little kids were safely gone, we watched the Exorcism, and made scathing comments. Very ignorant reporting, thought we all, even those who accept the existence of the Debbil. But what can you expect from the bishop of Palm Beach, Florida?

Buck

Friends is of Cameroon is an association of individuals who have an interest in the culture and people of Cameroon, and who want to maintain contact with them. The goals of the association include publication of a newsletter and directory, funding of projects in Cameroon, and encouraging renewal of linkages among those who served in the country.

We are conducting a campaign to expand our mailing list. If you, or someone you know, are interested in receiving the Friends of Cameroon newsletter, please contact Jules Delambre, 335 Senate Drive Frankfort, KY 40601. (502-223-4435).
Dates to Note

Special Events

PB Parents' Brunch - Sunday, April 21, 11:00 a.m.
CUNA, 5710 Mineral Point Road
Brunch and program for parents of current PCV's
Bring country-of-service items for centerpieces
and tablecloths.

E Peace with Earth Tour - Sun., Apr. 21, 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple, $10 advance/$12 day of show
Benefit Concert for Madison Treaty Rights
Support Group and Rusk County Citizens Action
Group

VP Inter-Religious Voice for Peace Town Meeting -
Sunday, April 28, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Edgewood High School, 2219 Monroe St.
Peace & Justice in the Shadow of War

SC Summer Campout - June 7-9
Devil's Lake, Baraboo, WI
See Gordon's presidential message for details.

CU World Council of Credit Unions International
Conference - June 15-21
International guests need places to stay.
Awaiting further details.

PL Potluck Meeting - Friday, June 28, 6:00 p.m.
Hosted by Donna Shalala, 130 N. Prospect,
263-3288 This is our July meeting.

Regular Fare

M General Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Union South, 227 Randall Ave.
Big Calendar money give away at May
meeting. Participate!

C Council - 6:30 p.m. until we're done.
One Friday per month
Don Sauer's place, 2428 E. Washington Ave.,
Apt. 17, 244-3732 (h), 266-7133 (w)
An opportunity to share your thoughts and
concerns with your fellow members with no
pressure to make decisions.

A Global Education Committee - 6:00 p.m.
Every other Monday
Red Oak Grill, Union South, 227 Randall Ave.

N Newsletter Deadline - Submit material to:
Dean Jefferson, 249-6094 (h), 266-9565 (w)
P.O. Box 335, Madison, 53701

R Results - 7:930 p.m.
Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St.
Check 'Today in the Union' for room

* Independence Celebrations for Several Sierra Leone and Tofo. Le Boaaab - Chez Pierre
1358 Williamson St, 256-7775. $15 for dinner and dance; $5 after 9 p.m.
WORKCAMPS

Volunteer for Peace of Belmont, VT, coordinates "workcamps" in 34 countries. The cost is about $100 for a 2-3 day program, and transportation is the volunteer's responsibility. Contact: VFP POB 202 Belmont, VT 05730

CAR GROUP FORMING

Volunteers who served in the Central African Republic are forming a "Les Amis de la Republique Centrafricaine" country of service group. For information, contact Nancy Westbrook; 225 Jackson St.; Madison, WI 53704; 608-241-5332 or 608-242-6360.

FOREIGN V.I.P.

We have received a packet on the Foreign Volunteer Intercultural Program of America (Foreign V.I.P.) which is a "reverse Peace Corps," where residents of other countries volunteer in the United States. If you are interested in reviewing the packet and making a recommendation as to whether RPCVs of WI-Madison should consider hosting a foreign volunteer, contact Nancy Westbrook.

PC TRIVIA

The Winter 1991 Peace Corps Update reported that the agency received the largest one-year budget hike it's had since the mid-1960's. In fiscal year 1991, Africa will get about $56.1 million, PACEM will receive $29 million, and "Inter-America" is targeted for $30.3 million. Central Europe is slated for only $2 million, but that's still $2 million too much in my opinion, but maybe there will be a Peace Corps after Eastern Europe after all.

BRASIL COOKBOOKS

Friends of Brasil is selling a 100-page cookbook with recipes from 13 Central and South American countries. Cost is $6, plus $1 postage. Make checks payable to Friends of Brasil, and send to Joan Ramos; 7303 23rd Ave. NE; Seattle, WA 98115.

PEACE COURSE COOKBOOKS

Peace Corps/Vista Alumni of Colorado, P.O. Box 18995, Denver, CO, 80218, has reprinted for the third time their Peace Course Cookbook featuring over 100 recipes from over 35 countries. The cookbooks are $8 each and postage is $2 for orders up to $20, $3 for orders of $20-$30, and $4 for orders over $30.

CO-OP COFFEE

Don Sauer is selling the coffee we ordered from Mexico for $5.50 a bag (choice of French or Light Roast). What's so special about this coffee? It's sold by a farmers' cooperative without going through a coffee company, so the profits go directly to the farmers and their villages. Contact Don at 255-0192 to order yours.

COVERDELL TO SPEAK

Peace Corps Director Paul Coverdell will speak at the Chicago Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Founten's Day Dinner on May 17. For information, contact Kelly Brest van Kempen at 708-475-1537.

TRADITIONAL HEALING

RPCV's of Hudson Valley are doing a development education project on traditional healing. "The project will establish health as a problem in the developing world, traditional healing as one solution and focus on a specific traditional healer." If you have any information on rational healing, call 914-271-4074.

A HEMISPHERE FOR EACH EAR

Nor-Cal RPCV's are selling copper enameled earrings made by a local San Francisco artist. They are blue and green and feature the Western and Eastern hemispheres. Three dollars from each pair goes to the National Council. To order yours, send $10 to: NorCal RPCV's PO Box 2547 San Francisco, CA 94126 Nancy Westbrook has a pair if you want to see them.

TIBETAN PROJECT

During Deb 'n' Dave's potluck, someone passed out information on the Tibetan Resettlement Project—Madison, 4548 Schneider Dr., Oregon, WI 53575. I'm printing the address here in case anyone wants to contact them for more information.

Send items for the Thorn Tree to: Nancy Westbrook, 225 Jackson St., Madison, WI 53704, or call 241-5332. Remember, I need to receive submissions a few days before the regular newsletter deadline.
PEACE CORPS FRIENDS COMING?: Call six friends from your country of service to encourage them to come too!

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THINGS TO DO BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1991:
- REGISTER using the Form below before the June 1, 1991 deadline for reduced rates for the 30th Anniversary Conference!
- Save MONEY for 30th! Make TRAVEL/HOTEL RESERVATIONS with Shelley Cruz at WorldTek Travel. Call 1-800-243-1723 now!
- CONTRIBUTE to the 30th Anniversary Campaign! Your generous donation will really help the 30th & National Council programs!
- Make LIST OF PC FRIENDS (in case the memory is starting to go) & send it to us so they aren’t part of the group of “lost RPCVs”!
- Get plenty of REST before the 30th, ‘cause it will be four full days in DC! Plenaries! Country Updates! Volunteer Day! Receptions!

AUGUST 1 - 4, 1991
WASHINGTON, DC

REGISTRATION FORM

Name - (Last, First, Middle Initial) ____________ Miss __ Mrs._ Ms._ Dr._ Mr._ Jr._ III _ Esq. ____________ Name Used During Peace Corps Service

Home Address (incl. Apt. #) __________________________ City ____________ State ____________ ZIP ____________ Country

Home Phone __________________________ Work Phone __________________________ Occupation __________________________

Work Address - (Organization Name and Address, incl. Room or Suite #) __________________________ City ____________ State ____________ ZIP ____________

Volunteer or Staff: ____________ From: 19 ___ - 19 ___ Circle & State Peace Corps Job ____________ Dates Served ____________ Peace Corps Country(ies) or U.S. Office Served ____________

Early Bird Registration (Received before 6-1-91)

Non-Member of the NCRPCV $125.00 x $___ = $___
(Your registration gives you NCRPCV & membership)

Non-Member Family Rate (2 persons/1 address) $230.00 x $___ = $___
(Your registration gives you NCRPCV & membership)

Current Member of NCRPCV $90.00 x $___ = $___
SUBTOTAL = $___

Additionally:

Each Additional Affiliated Group (for single Membership) $15.00 x ___ = ___

Each Additional Affiliated Group (for Family Membership) $22.50 x ___ = ___

Mailing to Overseas Address $10.00 x ___ = ___

Congressional Reception (on Capitol Hill Thursday, August 1 at 6:00 P.M.) $30.00 x ___ = ___

Additional Int’l Festival Tickets (for family/etc.) (Sunday afternoon, Aug. 4) $10.00 x ___ = ___

Official 30th Anniversary Tee Shirt (Price: Pre-Conference Order Only) Total # Shirts $10.00 x ___ = ___

(#Extra Large Shirts: ___; #Large: ___; #Medium: ___; #Small: ___; #Child: ___)

Special Tax Deductible Donation to the 30th Anniversary Campaign $___

TOTAL = $___

Please make check payable to: NCRPCV, and mail to: NCRPCV/30th Anniversary, 2119 S Street NW, Washington, DC 20008-4011

OR charge to VISA/MC (Circle one) Card # ____________ Expiration Date: ____________

Signature: __________________________

Thank You for Your Support! Tel.: 202-462-5938
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1990 Calendar Revenue

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Kandy Children's Centre
Suggested Donation: $500
Sponsor: Gina Cowell

Last year, the RPCV Calendar grant allowed the Kandy Children's Centre to look to the future. This community supported center currently feeds, shelters and cares for 26 children of Kandy's poorest families, the street people, while parents beg for daily sustenance. After two years of RPCV support Kandy Children's Centre opened a savings account for a future housing project to benefit all the family members. I propose that RPCV Wisconsin grant $500 of continued support to Kandy Children's Centre.

(Ed: We received a very nice newsletter from the Kandy Centre which I hope to find room for next month.)

Donation Guidelines

These guidelines were developed by the ad hoc Charities Committee (Deb Stapleton, Chair) and adopted at the April 1990 meeting.

1. Applicants must be sponsored by a RPCV and not just show up when they hear free money is being given away.
2. No limit on the maximum number of donations or a maximum dollar amount were recommended.
3. The membership should be put on notice by publishing all requests for donations in the May Newsletter.
4. At the giveaway meeting a written handout and short presentation should be given on each requestor.
5. If a real large donation is proposed, a separate fundraiser should be held for that one specifically.

Border Support Group
Suggested Donation: $500
Sponsor: Sharon Lewandowski

The Border Support Group is a small, mostly volunteer, Madison-based organization that has been in existence since 1983. We provide education about, and advocacy for, Central American refugees and refugee workers at the U.S. Mexico border. Over the past eight years, we have sent long- (1-5 years) and short-term workers to the border area; coordinated seven delegations to witness refugee conditions; and raised over $36,000 in cash and material assistance for refugee defense organizations on both the Texas and Mexico sides of the border.

For the past two years, the prime focus of our work has been a "Campaign Against the Detention of Refugee Minors." This has been in response to the sometimes prolonged detention of Central American youth for deportation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Abuse and lack of due process are rampant in INS detention facilities. The Border Support Group has been able to obtain the release of five teenagers, all from rural El Salvador, and place them with carefully screened host families in southern Wisconsin. We have also taken a leadership role in practical advocacy efforts; last fall we organized a conference for refugee rights activists in the Midwest to orient them to the issues surrounding the detention of refugee minors and to strategize ways of combating this injustice. We hope to carry on our work on behalf of refugee minors, as well as for all refugees that enter our country.

I am requesting $500 for the Border Support Group. Half of this amount will be placed in our "direct aid" fund. We maintain constant contact with refugee organizations in the border area and receive many requests for assistance from them. Direct aid monies have also been used for the transportation of refugee minors from the border area to host families in the Midwest and to meet some special needs that the refugee minors had. The other half of the money will be placed in our administrative fund. This will allow a shoe-string organization to meet the mundane, yet necessary, needs that will allow us to carry on our education and advocacy work. The Border Support Group has a good reputation and excellent contacts locally, regionally, and nationally. The money will be well spent.
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Ashoka

Suggested Donation: $500
Sponsor: Don Sauer

I wish to request three hundred dollars for the Ashoka Society. Ashoka Society is an organization dedicated to identifying, encouraging and supporting Public Service Entrepreneurs in their efforts to improve the lives of the people in their own lands and the world. Ashoka has a strong presence in Latin America, Africa and Asia. I refer you to your January Newsletter for a more complete explanation of Ashoka goals and philosophy. We are selling coffee grown by a Mexican Coffee Growers Cooperative organized by an Ashoka Fellow. I hope this effort will grow and expand as time passes, in which case my request next year will be smaller. Thank you for your support.

Africa News Service

Suggested Donation: $300
Sponsor: Walt Zeltner

Africa News Service (720 Ninth St., Durham, NC 27702; 919/286-0747) publishes a newsletter and supplies news and feature material to broadcast and print media. They currently are raising money to expand their media services. Given the extreme lack of coverage of African affairs in American media, I feel that a donation to Africa News Service will help to fulfill Peace Corps' third goal of educating Americans about developing nations. I'd also recommend that anyone interested in following African events spend $30 for a subscription to "Africa News". You can call me for more details.

Ship Books to Library in Negril, Jamaica

Suggested Donation: $300
Sponsor: Walt Zeltner

Dorothy Bacon of Menomonie, WI (715/235-0438) got my name from the Minneapolis PC recruiters and called me with a request. On a recent vacation in Negril, Jamaica, she and her husband (RPCV - Nepal) noted an example of our foreign aid program in action. Negril had a school but no library or books, so the US built a beautiful library next to the school but made no provision to stock the library with books. Dorothy has commitments for book donations in the Menomonie area but does not know of a cheap way to ship books to Negril. If anyone can provide such information or put her in touch with a program that ships books to countries such as Jamaica, please contact either Dorothy or myself (Walt Zeltner: 608/835-3083 [H]; 608/262-1321 [W]).

I also request a donation to Dorothy of seed money to help cover the costs of such shipping, with the expectation that this donation will help her to set up a functional program. I do not know how to establish accountability for this donation but will accept any advice offered by the donations committee.

Allied Drive Community Center

Suggested Donation: $250
Sponsor: Meredith Green

Allied Drive Community Center is new and has few facilities. I request a donation of $250 to purchase a VCR for the center, to be used by refugee and low income families. Laura Good and I have both worked with refugee families in the Allied Drive Neighborhood.

Results

Suggested Donation: $200
Sponsor: Rose Ann Scott

Results is an international grassroots citizen's lobby creating the political will to end hunger. Results attempts to ensure that governments allocate and pay their share to UNICEF. They held the candlelight vigils in 75 countries bringing attention to the UN's World Summit for Children. The major goal now is to keep the promises of the world leaders, including Bush, made at the World Summit.

Cockscomb Wildlife Sanctuary - Belize

Suggested Donation: $200
Sponsor: Rose Ann Scott

A tropical moist forest that is home to an unusually high number of jaguars. The sanctuary was expanded from 3,500 acres to 100,000 acres, and methods of protecting the 22 endangered species that live there are needed.

Vilas Area Headstart Program

Suggested Donation: $100
Sponsor: John Glick

Vilas Area Headstart Program at 1123 Vilas Avenue has a staff of 5 who provide a preschool program for 19 four and five year-olds in the Vilas neighborhood. While $55,000 of federal funding covers basic instructional costs, Director Ron Sanders requests a donation of $100 to pay for some additional classroom equipment and a field trip to the Children's Museum. Mr. Sanders will be at the May meeting to answer any questions about the program and their needs.
Newsletter Subscription Information

All RPCVW, Inc. members receive the newsletter on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we would prefer that our members pay through December of the year of joining ($1 per month for each month through December), 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 Council of RPCV's through us by paying a further $20. We strongly encourage all members to join the National Council, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

☐ I want to join RPCVW, Inc. and am enclosing $______.
   ___ Individual - $12 for one year (or $1 per month to next January)
   ___ Joint - $17 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
   ___ Overseas Individual - $20
   ___ Overseas Joint - $25

☐ I am also enclosing $20 for National Council membership ($27.50 for joint membership [two people with the same address] in the NC).

☐ I do not want to join, but would like to receive the newsletter and am enclosing $7 ($15 for overseas) to cover the costs.

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

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QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS? Call Walt Zeltner at 608/835-3083 most evenings and weekends. Or try 608/262-2470 weekdays and ask for Walt.