Message from the Editor

It's planting time in West Africa. The rains are tentative, but they have begun. If you've been following the news, you know there's been a controversy brewing over the use of crops for fuel.

Here's a recent report from the BBC World Service:

“The replacement of traditional fuels with biofuels has dragged more than 30 million people worldwide into poverty, an aid agency report says.

“Oxfam says so-called green policies in developed countries are contributing to the world's soaring food prices, which hit the poor hardest.

“The group also says biofuels will do nothing to combat climate change. Its report urges the EU to scrap a target of making 10% of all transport run on renewable resources by 2020.

“Oxfam estimates the EU's target could multiply carbon emissions 70-fold by 2020 by changing the use of land.

“The report's author, Oxfam's biofuel policy adviser Rob Bailey, criticized rich countries for using subsidies and tax breaks to encourage the use of food crops for alternative sources of energy like ethanol.

“If the fuel value for a crop exceeds its food value, then it will be used for fuel instead,” he said.

“Rich countries... are making climate change worse, not better, they are stealing crops and land away from food production, and they are destroying millions of livelihoods in the process.”

“Opportunity - or crime?

“Biofuels are a divisive issue with strong arguments on both sides.

“Leaders such as Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva have suggested the biofuel boom provides developing nations with a great opportunity. He says it creates a profitable export for energy crop producers in Africa, Central America and the Caribbean that could enable them to claw their way out of poverty.

“But several aid agencies and analysts have warned of the possible downside of biofuel crop cultivation.

“One UN adviser went as far as describing biofuels as a "crime against humanity"."
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### Websites

- **RPCVs of WI – Madison**: [http://www.rpcvmadison.org](http://www.rpcvmadison.org)
- **International Calendar**: [http://www.rpcvcalendar.org](http://www.rpcvcalendar.org)
- **NPCA**: [http://www.rpcv.org](http://www.rpcv.org)
- **Peace Corps Online**: [http://www.peacecorpsonline.org](http://www.peacecorpsonline.org)
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**Meet the New Calendar!**

**Saturday, June 28, 2008, 5 PM**

**1527 Jefferson St.**

Bring the dish you’re famous for, a few dollars to buy some Calendars for $4 each (if you are a member, of course) and your witty conversation. Tom promises eye candy.

**251.6193**
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 21
The meeting began at 7:00 pm in the Red Gym and moved, after twenty minutes, to the Union Terrace. Present were Rich Carr, Walt Zeltner, Bill Schutten, Meghan Meeker, Ken Coffeen, Judy Stadler, Tom Brod, Helene Pesche, Char Thompson, Mary Ann Feutz, Lee Row, and Kate Schachter.

Before the meeting focus moved to the agenda items, Mary Ann made a series of short announcements: Family Brunch, Freeze for Food, and T-shirt money has been deposited. The money has been dispersed to the projects (See April 16 minutes).

Archiving
The graduate student in the Information Studies Department who expressed interest in March in taking on RPCV archiving is not prepared to do our kind of archiving yet. She will take a course in Fall 2008 that should provide that preparation and may be prepared for our project in January. In the meantime we would like to get all of our information in one place—files, data, etc. Tom Brod offered his house for storage since it is not clear whether the Peace Corps Campus Recruiting Office will remain in its current location next year.

Membership Update
Kate requested membership sheets from those who had agreed to contact onetime members who no longer participate in the organization. They can be mailed to 5241 Irish Lane/Fitchburg, WI 53711.

Funding Project
We set aside $1000 at the April meeting for possible funding of Mike and Marcy Read’s project. They had requested $2000 for a start-up program in Ghana to “ensure that children who have been negatively impacted by the loss of parents as a result of HIV/AIDS receive a safe and stable environment.” Since he has not received a completed plan from his contact person, Donna Lee Soderquist, his presentation was quite general. Kate explained that we need a specific proposal with funding aspects defined. Walt called the question stating that contingent on receiving a viable operation plan by the end of the summer, we would approve funding Read’s project; all agreed.

Website Update
Kim is finishing the project and would prefer not to receive feedback until everything is posted; some links do not work yet. She had originally hoped to be done by May 31 but will not make that deadline.

Book Club Update
The first gathering on Sunday, April 27, went well. Mary Ann will host the next meeting on Sunday, June 1, at 2:00 pm.

Constitution By-Laws
These will be presented for a vote at the September meeting (likely date: September 14). A two-thirds majority approval is needed; that is roughly sixty-six people. We will print this draft out before the September meeting and mail it to all members with a postcard, which they can mail back with their vote if they do not plan to attend the meeting.

Educational Posters
Char Thompson reported on the conference for social studies teachers she attended with Stephanie Motz and Rochelle Goedken and the educational posters Steph and Char have been working on. They received good feedback. Everyone loved the posters, and they used the venue to ask the teachers present how much they would pay for posters, the formats most useful to them, and for additional suggestions to make them more useful.

Filing for Restraining Order?
Albert Wellstein continues to be a problem. Though he has been banned from UW and group events and meetings, he has sent harassing e-mails to RPCV women. It was suggested that Gordon Malaise, our legal counsel, be contacted for advice here.

Elections 2008
Kate, as Vice President/President elect will assume the role of President; Ana will continue as Treasurer. We will certainly need a Vice-President and a Secretary.

Brad is willing to give up his data base duties, which are “not huge but substantial.”

NPCA Grant Request
NPCA has requested a no-cost extension “to complete the activities and reporting funded by” the grant received from the RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison. This was agreed, but the NPCA will not receive grant money from us this year, as they have missed the March 1 deadline for proposals. We will need to decide what to do with money set aside for this. Suggestions were for an additional fall giftaway or funding for educational projects (posters?).

Atwood Community Center
Rose Ann Scott’s proposal to donate money to the ACC ($5000 or $10,000 over five years) in order to have a room in the Center named in honor of PCVs or RPCVs was not funded at the April meeting. She would still like to pursue the project but does not have the energy or time to take on the task herself. Char suggested that RPCVs consider another sort of fundraiser, to be discussed at a future meeting.

China
Jill, a current PCV who attended the February send-off party, has written from China since the earthquake. She is looking for a small RPCV grant to fund supplies. Walt suggested that this request could be a “Cardinal Bar sort of fundraiser.” Ken stated that individuals who want to donate could give money to Mary Ann. Char suggested that Jill’s request be put on the listserve.

More Peace Corps Events
There is a current campaign to double the Peace Corps budget and the number of PCVs serving worldwide. An event related to this campaign will occur in Madison on June 24 or 25 at the Great Dane or the Union Terrace. The coordinator will already have visited Chicago and Milwaukee before coming to Madison.

Announcements
• The summer camp-out is coming soon–June 7. Participants will pay a nominal charge: $3 for adults, $1 for children. An arnload of firewood costs $3.
•Laura Buchs will chair the local 50th Anniversary events.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 18, in the Red Gym.

Calendar News
The Calendar website is up! It’s not yet fully functional, as the web designer had to take a break after working on our stuff and is on vacation for the month of June, but check it out at www.rpcvcalendar.org.

And the Calendar is printed! The unveiling party is at Tom Brodd’s home, 1527 Jefferson St, (251.6193) Saturday, June 28th. Come see the 2009 Calendar and celebrate another job well done! Bring a dish to pass and money to buy calendars for $4 each. This price will be good until the annual picnic in September. After the picnic, calendars will be $5 each for members.

Now that the 2009 calendar is reality, Melissa’s moving to Denver to reunite the family. Tom, our unveiling host and monthly dinnermeister, has agreed to be the Calendar Chief as well. Much gratitude to Melissa for her fine and cheerful service and congratulations to Tom in his new role. Rose Ann has shipped 20,500 Calendars as of the beginning of June. She reports we are way ahead of last year in terms of getting rid of Calendars. And we sold out early last year. Not to count our chickens before they hatch, but it’s shaping up to be a great year for calendar sales!

The Calendar Committee would like to remind the RPCVs of WI-Madison that anyone can be on the committee. Meetings are normally the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next one is July 22nd at 2714 Oakridge Ave., 7 p.m. There are also a number of essential jobs each month which take a couple of hours to complete. Pick a month and volunteer to help out.

Thank Yous
Dear Peace Corps Volunteers,
Thank you for your very generous gift of $1,000 to the Kenya School Project on April 26, 2008. Your contribution will be well-used and is much appreciated. It could not have come at a better time. There are so many needs.

I am going to Kenya on May 17th and will be thrilled to tell the women’s groups and orphans of your generosity. The women in the sewing and tailoring classes will make the school uniforms. Officially there are about 2,000 orphans around Naro Moru, but we think it is really well over 5,000. The women will get to work immediately.

We would also like to give $200 to Mama Judy to buy a few more bicycles for the women’s bread making business. (They have only one bike.) They can hardly keep up with demand but need a way to collect flour and deliver bread. I’ll take photos and report back to you.

As always all donations to the Kenya School Project go to work in Kenya. No donations are used for operating expenses, overhead or travel.

Thank you for providing opportunity and hope.
Sincerely,
Mary Stusek
Director
RPCVs of WI-Madison,
On behalf of the people whose lives will be positively affected by your gift, the board of the Richland Center-Santa Teresa Sister City Project would like to thank you for your recent donation of $1000. Your gift will assist with many ongoing projects in the Chaco-centric communities of Santa Teresa. We work with the people to improve their opportunities while preserving their unique environment. Areas of activity in recent years have included well and latrine construction, ecological agriculture, natural medicine, new schools, and sea turtle conservation. The Sister City Project is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code Sec. 501-c3 and all your donations are tax deductible.

Please refer to our biannual newsletter for updates on these and other projects. Our Spring issue was mailed out recently. You can also read the newsletter online and get news of upcoming events on our new web site at http://www.santa-teresa.wconica.org. If you are in the Richland Center area, we invite you to sit in on our monthly meetings and participate in our benefit events.

Thanks again for your contribution.
Sincerely,
Stein Goering, Treasurer
Richland Center-Santa Teresa Sister City Project

Dear Walt,
Would you kindly pass along to the other Madison RPCVs our appreciation and thanks for the generous donation of $1,000 to the Sterna Welfare Society Program in India? We are making arrangements to get the check to Aparna, the director of the program.

She recently sent an email with pictures attached of the children on some new playground equipment at their site.

She will surely put this donation to good use as well.

We enjoy giving the calendars as gifts of education and beauty. It’s wonderful to know that the proceeds are distributed to so many grassroots projects across the world.

Sincerely,
Dick and Karen Rundell
Other News

Camping Report
In spite of tornado warnings and monsoon rains, a hardy group of RPCVs appeared at the summer campout this past weekend at White Mound County Park (Sauk County). Ken and Sharon, Rose Ann and Don, Karl and lan, Ryszard, Julita, Veronica and Adam, my daughter Gabriela and I all made our appearance. What diehards!

We may be brave, adventurous campers but we're not crazy. After the delicious potluck dinner under the protective overhang of the concrete shower structure because of a tornado warning, we decided to take down the tents and abandon plans to camp. As I said, we're not crazy.

In spite of it all, my five-year-old daughter had fun. She seemed oblivious to the dreary weather. We dodged raindrops to splash in the lake, walked back to the campsite in the rain (thank you Sharon for loaning us your umbrella) and she thought nothing of walking through the growing mud puddle near our tent. But chances were excellent that sooner or later she would slip and fall down in that muddy puddle. Mud, rain and tornado warnings do not make for enjoyable camping. On the way home, I wholeheartedly agreed with her suggestion that we "pretend" camp in the house since we had anticipated this special event for some time. What a great idea!

The park could not refund our reservation fee but kindly agreed to provide a credit of $62. Anyone who says they are with Terry Stark's RPCV group can camp for free this year until the credit is used up. Please feel free to go and use it up, ya'll. Thank you.

Terry Stark

Our New Recruiter
John Sheffy, our new UW Madison PC recruiter will arrive in Madison mid-August. Greg Pepping, our former recruiter, contacted him and asked him to tell us a bit about himself. Here's his e-mail from Nairobi:

Hi Greg and Lee,
I've just arrived in Kenya and am sitting on a Nairobi balcony tapping into an unsecured wireless network below, resourcefulness learned in Peace Corps one could say! It's the cool season here between the short and long rainy seasons, but the breeze feels warm and welcoming to me. The familiar tropical aromas of diesel fumes, body odor, cooking oil and decomposition fill the air.

In two days I'll start me summer work with a rural village (Nyumbani.org) that re-socializes HIV/AIDS orphans by building family units with other orphans and engaging them in sustainable livelihoods like organic farming. I'm here with a group of five students from UW Stevens Point and several Kenyan students on internships.

Our summer projects include getting started on a 50 acre agroforestry mix of local hardwoods for timber, legumes for fuelwood, and castor and jatropha for making biodiesel. The biodiesel will power a village tractor, electric generator, and pump water to irrigate fruit and vegetable gardens. It's quite a diverse project; we also get to use eco-toilets to recycle our humanure! I mainly help planning participatory agroforestry projects that are initiated by the students and community groups.

This is part of a grant funded program I manage through the Global Environmental Management Education Center (GEM) at UWSP. It includes similar village projects in Oaxaca, Mexico and the exotic Central Sands of Wisconsin (www.uwsp.edu/cnr/gem/sustainableforestry.htm). My dissertation project at UW Madison will be an evaluation of the program. Most of this builds on my Peace Corps experience working with coffee and cocoa agroforestry farmers in Togo, 2002-2004, which was also the topic of my PC Masters International thesis from the University of Montana...in a nut-shell anyway.

Like Greg said, I'm jazzed to meet the RPCV group and recruiting students. I hope to organize or participate in an RPCV social early in the fall. I'll be coming to UW campus after PC recruiter training in Minneapolis August 21-22.

Cheers,
John

Book Club
The RPCV Book Club met on Sunday, June 1st to discuss Monique and the Mango Rains by Kris Holloway. The book, written by a RPCV, focuses on the life of Monique, a midwife in Mali. The author worked closely with Monique during her Peace Corps service. A lively discussion was held and many book club members were able to connect the book to their own Peace Corps service.

The next book club meeting will discuss two books by Albert Wendt, Leaves of the Banyan Tree and Poulili. (Members are encouraged to read whichever book they can find a copy of.) We will meet on Sunday, June 29th at Tom Brod's (twbrodd@aol.com) house at 2 PM.

The July book is Catfish and Mandala: A Two-Wheeled Voyage Through the Landscape and Memory of Vietnam by Andrew X. Pham. The July meeting will be hosted by Margot Kennard (mkennard@education.wisc.edu) and will take place on Sunday, July 27th.

Members interested in joining the book club should e-mail Mary Ann Feutz at mafeutz@uwalumni.com.

Reminder
Please send an e-mail to worldrootsemail@yahoo.com to let us know if you prefer to receive your newsletter by e-mail, rather than from your mailman.

This is the last issue that will be e-mailed to the entire list, so if you haven't told us either in person or by e-mailing the above address, and you want to receive the e-mail version, please go to the nearest computer now and do the deed.
NPAA News

Last year the National Peace Corps Association (NPAA) applied for and received the grant we offered them from Calendar proceeds. Under the terms of the grant, the NPAA must submit a report on the use of their current grant before we consider another. In May we received an interim report and a request to delay the final report until the fall when the grant activities will be completed.

We have stipulated that the grant be used for group-building activities and the reports of the workshops can be found at www.rpav.org/pages/sitepage.cfm? id=1852.

The next time NPAA will be able to request this grant is March 1, 2009. The following is the report submitted by the NPAA.

National Peace Corps Association
2007-08 Group Capacity Building Grant
Interim Report to RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison

Summary
The RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison grant to NPAA is for a series of conferences for group leaders to build capacity. NPAA is maximizing the impact of the grant funds and involvement by group leaders by coordinating these conferences to coincide with regional events that were scheduled following the original grant submission. While this decision required a timeline extension from our original proposal it also allowed us to expand conference opportunities from three to four:

- two conferences corresponding with joint NPAA-Peace Corps-local group Expos in Atlanta (March 29) and Seattle (May 3),
- a conference in conjunction with our fall Annual General Meeting in San Francisco (October 4), and
- a "virtual" conference prior to the AGM (date to be determined).

We are confident these programs will meet or surpass the stated goal of involving a minimum of sixty participants in activities that will connect leaders of affiliate groups to one another, inform them of exciting opportunities through which to organize membership and engage them in skill-building activities to address group capacity building.

Outreach/Planning
Each of the conferences involves a planning committee, the core of which is NPAA staff (Anne Baker, VP), the Group Leaders Forum Coordinator (Trina Janes), the NPAA Board regional representative (Bruce Anderson, Southern Tier, and Bob Findlay, West) and local group contacts (Peggy Murrah, Atlanta, and Joana Ramos and Jennifer Samnick, Seattle; others TBD). A survey announced on the GroupLeaders listserv on Feb. 28 to help hone the agenda and identify participants garnered 43 responses.

A dedicated page on our website (www.rpav.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=1852) provides details about upcoming conference agendas and logistics and notes from the first meeting.

Results to date
The ten group leaders who attended the meeting in Atlanta (staffed by Kevin Quigley, President, and Anne Baker, Vice President) reported that the meeting was very positive and helpful. Attendees are currently working with NPAA staff to finalize notes and follow-up to be shared with all groups.

As a further extension of the scope of the grant, NPAA staff and leadership (including board members) continue to initiate opportunities to meet and connect with affiliate groups in other parts of the nation (see addendum, back of this page).

Given the timing of future activities, the NPAA respectfully requests a no-cost extension to complete the activities and reporting funded by the grant to November 15, 2008.

Addendum: NPCA Affiliate Group Outreach Beyond Wisconsin-Madison Grant

Beyond the specifics of NPCA’s Group Capacity Building Conference grant, we continue our commitment to connect, inform and engage affiliate groups. These efforts include:

Board of Director’s Initiative
Members of our Board of Directors have committed to meet with 15 groups to update them on NPCA activities and solicit feedback.

More Peace Corps Campaign
The More Peace Corps Campaign (MPCC) (www.rpav.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=1814) is an exciting, emerging opportunity in which groups can build capacity through a goal of engaging in an upcoming national campaign for a bigger, better Peace Corps. In the past six weeks, Campaign Coordinator Rajeev Goyal and volunteers have spoken with more than 130 group leaders to inform them and solicit feedback about the campaign. The response so far has been overwhelmingly positive. The first of what are expected to be many gatherings with affiliate groups will take place April 11th when Rajeev meets with the Minnesota RPCVs. Other group meetings are planned in Vermont, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and New York, among other sites.

NPAA Staff Meetings with RPCV Groups
Current plans include President Kevin Quigley’s participation in an April 12th “Third Goal Conference” (http://rpav-nj.org) planned by New Jersey RPCVs and Advocacy Coordinator Jonathan Pearson’s plans to meet with RPCV leaders in central and northern Florida (dates TBD). Vice President Anne Baker is awaiting response from groups in Northern Ohio and in Delaware regarding scheduling of events/meetings.

Reaffiliation
As of March 31, 72 groups have completed reaffiliation (and another 38 are in progress), providing opportunities for capacity building and support through posting of group information on NPCA’s website, program listings on NPCA’s event calendar and electronic listservs, financial support through membership dues, etc.

www.rpav.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=1852
Resources

The Colombia Support Network August Delegation
Our Freeze for Food Partners, the Colombia Support Network, is planning a delegation to San Jose, Colombia from August 19-27, 2008. The cost of $2,200 includes everything from international and inside Colombia flights, hotels and transportation (including Bogotá and Medellin). It is a moving experience to see this long and bloody conflict first hand, and to give support to the Peace Community in San Jose. The settlement is an expression of non-violent resistance, and has managed to survive paramilitaries, the Colombian Army, the mercenaries and the guerrillas all trying to wipe out this unique experiment. Please contact Cecilia at 257.8753 or csn@igc.org for more information and if you are interested in traveling with them. Online at www.colombiasupport.net.

Fulbright Scholar Program: Deadline Approaching
The August 1 deadline for Fulbright Scholar Program grants in the traditional program is approaching. You can find information on the 2009-2010 grants available, eligibility requirements, and complete application materials at their Web site, www.cies.org. Their new online application is now available or you can request written materials by emailing apprequest@cies.iie.org.

Rotary Foundation Call for Applications
The Rotary Foundation has announced a call for applications for the 2009 - 11 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (RWPF) and January and June 2009 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program sessions. The deadline for completed applications to the Rotary Foundation for these sessions is July 1, 2008 (this is flexible). Programs are open to anyone, regardless of citizenship or country of residence. Complete info at www.rotary.org.
Announcements

Invitation to Mentor a New RPCV

The NPCA has initiated an RPCV mentoring program that links new RPCVs with RPCV Mentors. I’ve registered to be the RPCVs of WI-Madison group administrator and I invite you to register to be a mentor at: www.rpcvmentoring.org/mentor.php. Scroll down the page to see how to sign up.

Here’s how the process works:

• Mentors and mentees register at the website.

• NPCA staff review the recently COSe registered applicants and assign them to NPCA member groups like ours according to geographic location and/or country of service.

• I log on to view the list of unassigned mentors and mentees and do my best to match mentors and mentees.

• Once I’ve found a match, I e-mail you and your mentee to let you know you have been matched and provide basic contact information.

• You take it from there, depending on the needs and situation of your mentee and the amount of time you have to spend.

There are more resources at the website. Please take a moment to check it out - and perhaps sign up to help out a new RPCV.

Background

The RPCV Mentoring program was started in 2007 to connect recently returned Peace Corps volunteers with RPCV mentors. Via phone, e-mail and face-to-face meetings, these mentors help ease the difficult transition, provide a connection to the RPCV community at large, and say some of the most comforting words in the English language, namely, “I know what you’re going through. I’ve been there.”

In the 2007 pilot program (Miami, Chicago and Portland, OR), the groups hosted an orientation, communicated regularly with the mentors and mentees and involved them in their activities and programs. We can do that as well, if people are interested. There are resource materials on the website to assist and the NPCA will be in touch if we need help.

Please call me if the website leaves you with questions or you are having trouble with it.

Peace,
Lee Row
leerow@sbcglobal.net
232.9065

Job Opening

Phyllis Noble sends word of a job opportunity she heard about:

Dear Teachers,
Are you looking for a new job? I plan to retire mid-August. Here is a link to a position vacancy listing for Assistant Director, African Studies Program:
www.oahr.wisc.edu/pvlt/pv_059402.html

It’s been a terrific job that I looked forward to each and every day. Feel free to send the announcement to folks you know who may be interested in the position.

Eileen McNamara

Son Mudanza

The cultural activist group Son Mudanza performed for us at the June 23rd gathering for MorePeaceCorps at the Agora in Fitchburg. The group uses poetry, dance and music to empower and to inspire resistance to cultural imperialism. The poetry they sing expresses current realities in the form of love, liberation, social change, identity and resistance on both sides of the border, as well as globally.

Their art form is a genre of music that has been practiced for 200 years, originally from the state and region of Veracruz, on the gulf coast of Mexico. A good time was had by all.

House for Sale

1102 Southridge Dr

$237,000

• 2,058 sq ft
• 3 bedroom (Master suite w/ full bath & walk-in closet)
• 2 full/2 half bath
• Attached 2 car garage with built in shelves and storage attic
• Green Built/Energy Star
• Full finished basement (office/home theater/playroom/1/2 bath/extra storage room)
• Chemical-free Yard with Small Fenced-in Garden (rabbit/deer proof)
• Fenced yard/Deck with Veranda/Lot with Mature trees and View of Madison skyline
• Across the street from Glacier Hill Park (with soccer fields, playground equipment, basketball court, and soon tennis courts and softball), and near Dog park
• ***Great location if you travel (10 min to airport) and only 10 min from UW Campus!

The nearly $40,000 in upgrades and new updates turn this house into a home you’ll fall in love with. We love our house and Madison, but an out-of-state career opportunity has us selling our dream home and saying goodbye to the RPCV Madison group.

Imagine summer and relaxing on your custom deck watching the sun set over Madison skyline, while enjoying the fenced backyard or entertaining your friends and family in the newly finished basement with your entertainment center or just enjoying the morning paper in your sunny kitchen...this home has it all...and don’t forget the master bedroom has its own walk-in closet and private master bath. Call today for a showing! 249-3545

Photos available at: www.1102southridge.com
Rajeev Goyal, MorePeaceCorps Coordinator, brought this “one-pager” with him to help explain the campaign to increase the size and budget of Peace Corps by its 50th anniversary in 2011. For more information and to join the campaign, go to http://morepeacecorps.org/.

**What is MorePeaceCorps?**
- A campaign launched in 2008 by the National Peace Corps Association (peacecorpsconnect.org), a nonprofit community of serving and returned volunteers and staff whose lives have been influenced by the Peace Corps experience.
- A national outreach and legislative campaign to build public support for a reinvigorated Peace Corps – doubled in size and budget by 2011, the 50th anniversary of Peace Corps.
- A campaign to move the Peace Corps one step closer to President Kennedy’s original vision of 100,000 volunteers working alongside host country nationals to affect desired change, create goodwill, and enrich the U.S. by returning to it a large body of men and women familiar with foreign cultures and dedicated to service.
- A campaign to develop a framework for lowering barriers to participation, provide more program offerings through strategic alliances, make more nimble use of technology, and respond to demands from countries requesting Peace Corps and individuals who want to serve.

**Why MorePeaceCorps?**
- The image of the Peace Corps, relatively untainted by the anti-Americanism that now pervades many regions of the world, uniquely positions it to help restore America’s global standing.
- Demand for volunteers exceeds supply; more than 20 additional countries have requested volunteers and existing programs need greater numbers.
- The number of presently serving volunteers, 8,000, is half the total of four decades ago.
- The astounding success of the Peace Corps, managed on a shoestring budget of $331 million, less than the cost of one day in Iraq, deserves recognition and increase.

**How do we achieve MorePeaceCorps?**
- Volunteer for the campaign, which is being coordinated by Rajeev Goyal (Nepal 01-03) and advised by M+R Strategic Services (www.mrss.com), a campaign firm that has recruited hundreds of thousands of supporters for the Save Darfur Coalition, Oxfam America, and Habitat for Humanity International.
- Work with Rajeev to build a state task force of at least 10-20 individuals to power the campaign locally. These task forces will grow into coalitions of tens of thousands by the middle of 2009.
- Contact Rajeev to receive a toolkit for making phone calls to build support nationally.

**What has the Peace Corps accomplished to justify doubling its size?**
- The contributions of more than 190,000 volunteers who have served in 139 countries since 1961 have changed the lives of millions around the world in immeasurable ways. Volunteers are college graduates and retirees who leave an indelible impression of courage, endeavor and goodwill by working alongside host nationals for 27 months. Volunteers train teachers, farmers, environmentalists, and entrepreneurs around the world under challenging conditions.

**How does MorePeaceCorps benefit the United States?**
- In its first four decades, Peace Corps has produced a multitude of influential teachers, elected officials, ambassadors, authors, international aid workers, scientists, nonprofit activists, and business leaders who collectively speak hundreds of languages, understand other cultures and know intimately millions of people in the far corners of the globe.
- Volunteers return home to share the multicultural experiences they had abroad, enriching their networks, and continue to serve as volunteer leaders in our communities, founding thousands of public interest organizations.

**Get involved in MorePeaceCorps!**
Contact Rajeev by email at rgoyal@mrss.com or by phone at 917.438.4626 to get involved immediately. Any and all support is welcome!
SAVE THE DATE!  

**SEPT 14**

**ANNUAL PICNIC AND GENERAL MEETING**

(Good times and important votes)

All RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison members receive a monthly Newsletter, World Roots, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer members pay through September of the year joining, then pay for a full year membership in September. Members who join between September and December should pay $15; members who join between January and April should pay $10; members who join between May and August should pay $5. Reduced rates are available for those in extreme financial circumstances. You can also join the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) through us by paying an additional $35. We encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

**New RPCVs receive a complimentary year's membership.**

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

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