World Roots

Presidential Words

Happy New Year! Well, the world didn't come to an end. I was hoping for a glitch in the credit card or the bank where they deposited thousands of dollars into my account, but that didn't happen either. However, John and I did get married without any problems. It was a beautiful wedding in an old adobe chapel. Tucson was wonderfully warm which our families, friends, and ourselves enjoyed.

The next monthly meeting will be on SATURDAY, February 5th. See page four for the details, time and location. The winter retreat at Camp Lacerne is set for February 26-27, (details on page 7) so please call Rose Ann if you are interested. I hope to see you at these events.

I would like to remind everyone of Peace Corps Day 2000 on MARCH 7th. Please contact Lisa Ward if you are interested in participating by giving presentations in our local schools about your experiences. There are material kits available if you are interested in receiving them. You can contact Lisa at (600) 424-8580 (press 2 then ext. 1422) or e-mail eward@peacecorps.gov. John and I have presented in classrooms for the last couple of years and we have found it very rewarding.

Hasta Pronto, 

Melissa Kaltenbach  
RPCV Madison President

The February General Meeting will be a Potluck, on Saturday

As an experiment, our February general meeting, which would normally be a Friday potluck meeting, will instead be on a Saturday, Feb. 5, at Lee and Rick Row's house, 5217 Pepin Pl., Madison, WI 53705, 347-1012.

Our main item of business will be voting on slides for the 2001 International Calendar.

The schedule: Come from 2 p.m. onwards. Play and guff, from mid-afternoon; brief meeting, c.4:00 p.m.; potluck food, c.5:30 p.m.; slide selection for 2001 Calendar, c.7:00 p.m. This will be the second slide viewing, so all votes will be tallied that evening; if you stick around, you can admire the winning slides (or be dismayed at everyone else's poor taste).
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All RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison receive a monthly Newsletter, World Roots, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer members pay through December of the year joining, then pay for a full year membership at that time. Reduced rates are available for those in extreme financial circumstances. You can also join the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) through us by paying an additional $25. We strongly encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

(Please check all that apply)
[ ] I want to join RPCV of WI, Inc.
[ ] Individual - $15 for one year
[ ] Joint - $20 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
[ ] Overseas Individual - $24
[ ] Overseas Joint - $29
[ ] I am also enclosing $25 for NPCA membership
($32.50 for joint membership -
two people with the same address)
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[ ] I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address.

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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
Treasurers Report December 1999

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And: Thanks to Alan Weiner and his team for sending out the orders, and to Walt Z, Buck T, Rick Row, and Maj Fischer for their valuable contributions at recent committee meetings. And thank you Troy!

Editor's Spot

Oh the snow is frightful, but hopefully everyone out there enjoys sledding or other white powder sports that warm the soul if not the body!

I do want to wish Congratulations to our President on her marriage!

My internship is quickly coming to a close (not fast enough) and I am in the job hunting market again. Anyone know of any Med. Tech jobs available? Excited about working in a field that I started college courses on 8 years ago. And paying off the loans!

Did not receive any this month but I am going to include this message again: ATTACHED FILES! I don’t want them; sorry. Please copy and paste articles onto your e-mail message. Buying new hard drives is not my idea of fun. Also, Please make sure when sending something to the Editor type in the "underline:" key and NOT the "hyphen:" key with the editor's e-mail address. It will ‘bounce’ back to you. Please send everything concerning the RPCV's to the Editor's address thanks! and my personal E-mail is theresa@brodnet.com

BUT please send any RPCV articles for the newsletter to the following address: RPCV_editor@brodnet.com or snail mail W8407 Davis Rd., Browntown, WI 53522. Thank you. Theresa
CALENDAR SLIDE SHOWS

Come to one or both and vote on your favorite slides. The winners will be in the Year 2001 International Calendar
1) Sunday, January 30, 2000 Starting at 3:00 P.M. At Jim & Laura Good's near the Barrymore Theater 2325 Willard Avenue, Madison 246 2818
2) Saturday, February 5, 2000 As part of the monthly meeting/potluck/slide show Meeting starts at 4:00 P.M. Potluck after the meeting, bring a dish to pass Slide show starts at 6:00 P.M. Come for all events or just for fun!

Directions to Lee & Rick Row's house 5217 Pepin Place, near Hilldale: University to Segoe. Go through 2 lights (the 2nd is Regent St.), then take the 3rd right after Regent, just after the school & is South Hill Drive. Then, take the 4th right, onto Pepin Place - & we're toward the other end, on the left - the house with the peeling green paint! (we'll worry about that next spring)

There are, of course, a lot of other ways to get here - but that's pretty easy to do & direct as any other way. Feel free to phone (232-9065) if you have trouble. Or look it up online at Map:http://www.mapquest.com/cgi-bin/share?scfar9etkreuusu

Peace Corps Volunteers in Major HIV/AIDS Initiative in Malawi:

Stacia Nordin, 31, and Kristof Nordin, 30, of Holmen, Wisconsin, who are currently serving in Malawi, recently participated in a major initiative to fight HIV/AIDS. The new HIV/AIDS effort is designed to increase awareness with regard to traditional cultural practices that contribute to the spread of the disease. The initiative is sponsored by the Malawi Ministry of Health and gained political support of Malawian President Muluzi following a presentation made by Dr. Elizabeth Marru of the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. Ambassador Ellen Shippy. Stacia and Kristof represented the Peace Corps at the official launching of the initiative, along with 26 other organizations working to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. The Nordins designed one of the most popular exhibits at the event and were subsequently interviewed by Radio Malawi. The importance the Malawi government gave to this event will have a significant impact on preventing the further spread of this disease.

Letter of gratitude to our FFF volunteers.

Letter to the editor Wisconsin State Journal March 2, 1999
I ran in the recent Valentine's Day Run of five kilometers and on Jan 24 in the Freeze for Food, 10 kilometers. I has a dubious distinction in these races: I finished in last place.

As a last-place finisher, I depend heavily on volunteers along the course to ensure I am not forgotten, or worse, get lost along the way. I am so far behind the pack that I often run alone. My husband and two children (in a baby jogger) are way ahead of me.

I have been in races where the volunteers have left their places long before I arrived. Or, I have been asked: 'Are you the last one?' or 'Did you get a late start?' (No, I'm just slow). I have also arrived at the finish lines that have already been taken down.

None of these things happened at these two races. The volunteers were out in force. They kept me on route and would say: 'Good job,' 'Congratulations,' or 'thank your for running our race.' I was followed by a car or a bicycle, whose job it was to follow the last runner. Knowing they were there gave me moral support.

If I finished last, you may wonder why I enter races. I'll never be fast, but I want a personal best. My 12-13 minutes a mile pace has actually gone down to 11-12 minutes. I, like many racers, hear an invisible crowd cheering me on as I imagine coming in first at an Olympic race. I also enjoy the competition. I'm almost 44 years old, with two children, and I'm still able to run in a road race that is three to six miles. And that's not bad....not bad at all.

Marsha Cohen, Madison
General Meeting of Thurs., Jan. 6, 2000

We met in Union South, under the constraint of finishing by 8 p.m., so the Union workers could get home early to watch TV. 22 of us were present; our introduction story was about our favorite New Year’s Eve story from our country. Many couldn’t remember any notable New Year’s Eve abroad, either because nothing memorable happened, or because it was entirely too eventful, and their memory synapses failed (they sure remember the next morning, though). Worshipful President Melissa Schumacher chaired, and announced that she’ll marry soon, and her new surname will be Kaltenbach. And that her home phone number is actually 249-3545.
Worshipful Past-President Chris Purdy is back in town, to stay! She is at 3918 Fern CT.; Madison, WI 53711; 238-2766.

Our main item was discussion of Donation Proposals: (see Jan. Newsletter for specific proposals):

First, Sherry Caves, as well as Craig Gjerde (and Crystal), spoke about the proposal that we support the Malawi Children’s Villages, and handed around literature. This is a project begun by RPCVs, to help children orphaned by AIDS. Apart from the Villages themselves, which offer medical and educational help, the project endeavors to return the children to their home villages, to live with neighbors’ families. Sherry informed us that since she submitted her proposal, she’s learned that the Children’s Villages have received notice of several very large donations by various aid organizations, totaling about $65,000. This is either evidence of this project’s high reputation, or a sign that they don’t need our money. (The large donations would mostly be used to initiate the next stage of the project, land clearing and cultivation, for agriculture by the Villages). We discussed all this, and decided that we approved of the project, could trust the directors to see that our donation was well-used, and voted AYE to donate $999 to the Malawi Children’s Villages.

Next, Mike Boehm spoke regarding a proposal (sponsored by Jim Good), that we continue our support of the My Lai Primary School, in Viet Nam, by donating enough for the construction of another classroom, of durable (“grade 3”) construction; this will cost $5000. In the past, we have already donated money for the construction of 3 classrooms. The plan is for 20 classrooms, eventually. Mike, and the people of My Lai, have given us very ample and heartening reports over the years. We warmly support this project, and treasure our group’s connection with My Lai, and voted AYE to donate $5000.

Additionally, we voted AYE for these projects: Medical Supplies to Benin, $800. Bike Share, Madison, $990. Noo’s Mushroom Farm, Thailand, $575.

Next, Peter Joyce reported on the Freeze For Food and got us all signed up to help run it, on Saturday, Jan. 22; the after-run potluck will be at Peter’s house.

Melissa announced that she has 2 videos for global education speakers: Front page.

Mike Boehm said that PBS will be broadcasting a video called “The Sound of the Violin in My Lai” on Feb. 8, Tuesday, at 10:30 p.m.

The annual Winter Retreat at Camp Lucerne will be on Sat.-Sun., Feb. 26-27. Come, with your children and your sleds and skis (if global warming grants us snow). We’ll also get to see all the slides submitted for the 2001 Calendar, and the Winners. If you want to eat meals, call Rose Ann Scott at 241-0845 ASCP, so she can make reservations.

And that was it: we finished shortly after 8. And then, wouldn’t ya know, no Union South people showed up to hustle us out; we probably could have stayed until the next morning.
—Buck Trawicky
Where Does the $ Go
by Sheila Przesmicki

Happy New Year, Everyone! And for those who, like me, believe this is the start of the new Millennium, Happy New Millennium! (And for those who believe it is not, your wrong! I can say that, this is my space.)

Although we have finally gone past the 1990s, I will continue to report on our donations from the past, which means that at this point I am still in 1998. Once our donation folder for 1999 has been fully closed, I will get it passed on to me by the great and organized Walt. Until that time, even the donations of the past are those of the present, as to many of them we just keep on giving. So, this really is not old news. Make sense?

Occasionally we give to benefit not just humans, but animals and Nature, as well. Since we need Nature to survive and flourish, we are actually giving to ourselves. Such was the case with the Goose Pond in Madison. Sponsor Rose Ann Scott wrote in her request: The Madison Audubon Society has for several years been buying land around Goose Pond and restoring it to prairie. It would be a good environmental use of our money to secure some land that will be a short distance north of Madison (near Mike Reed) for all the creatures of the earth.

We all concurred, and thus $200.00 was donated, which was much appreciated by Sue and Mark Martin, the managers of Goose Pond. Since we had given before, they wrote: Thanks once again for your generous donation to Goose Pond. We have just purchased some more land which we will restore to wet mesic prairie. Our goal to provide habitat for plants and animals can only be made possible because of important gifts from folks like yourselves. Nature is alive and well here at Goose Pond thanks to you!

FAMILY BRUNCH UPDATE!!!

Don't forget the upcoming annual Family Brunch, to be held Sunday, April 9!!

Once again, the annual brunch will be held at Jingles by the Coliseum. Invitations will be going out to all updated members of the Madison RPCV's, as well as family of current PCV's from around the Madison area and nearby towns.

Please note: This is the last year I will be coordinating the Family Brunch. As is customary, and because of other volunteer commitments, after three years of coordinating it, I will be passing the baton. The job is easy, and generally only takes a few hours, for ONE MONTH, out of each year, and much of the work is (thankfully) assisted by PC Minneapolis. If anyone is interested in seeing first hand what needs to be done, feel free to call me at 608-244-6454. This is a great way to get your feet wet - actually only a little damp - in some volunteer work! Thanks!

The best of the best to everyone in the new year! And, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Jingles on April 9th!

Sheila Przesmicki
The Camp Lacerne Winter Retreat

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 25, 26, and 27, 2000

Come to lunch at noon on Saturday, so we can see who all is there and get a good start on the weekend. You may come up Friday night and stay in Elm Lodge.

We have 2 cabins Pine and Elm and the Ridgewood Lodge. There are 2 single beds per room, with sheets, pillows, and towels and a mint on the pillow! After the first 24 are claimed, mattresses will be put on the floor, and you provide your own sleeping bag, etc. If you sleep there you must pay a bed rate!

DINNER

On Saturday night February 26th we have a pot luck in the lodge.

Bring something delicious that we all can share!

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Lunch Sat at noon, BREAKFAST Sun at 8:00 am

If you want the breakfast and lunch prepared by the camp, RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 18 by calling 241-0845. If you reserve the meal you pay for it whether you eat it or not. PLAN AHEAD

Lunch...Breakfast...1st night...2nd night...floor

 Adults.....$ 4.80.....$3.80......$18.80......$16.50.....$10.00
3-12.......$ 2.30......$2.05......$12.00......$11.10.....$10.00
under.3.....free.....free.......free........free........free

Bring sleds, x-country skis, games, photos, slides, projector, ice skates, ice fishing equipment, senses of humor, stories, a good book, an extra pair of warm clothing, socks, mittens and boots.

Camp Lucerne is 4 miles south of Wautoma on County Road YY just east off State Route 73. Watch for the Camp Lucerne sign on 73.

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La verdad, el bilingüismo, y los Republicanos:

In one of the presidential candidate debates this past week between Alan Keyes and George W. Bush, Keyes mentioned a border community in Texas that had voted to conduct its official business in Spanish, and said that Bush had done nothing. Bush responded, "No es la verdad!" Keyes countered, "Si, es la verdad!"

Imagine, two Republicans arguing about truth—in Spanish!
Calendar of Events

Jan 30 Sun. Slide Selection for 2001 Calendar, at Jim & Laura Good's, 2325 Willard, Madison WI 53704, 246-2818, 3:00 p.m. Willard is parallel to Atwood Ave., 4 blocks towards Lake Monona. Turn off Atwood on Ohio St.

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Feb .. Calendar Steering Committee (contact Prudence Barber, 251-0852)

Feb. 12, Sat. Deadline for Newsletter

Feb 26-27 Winter Retreat, Camp Lucerne, Sat.-Sun. See page 7

Mar 6, Mon General Meeting, Union South, 7:00.

Mar 7, Tues Peace Corps Day

Apr 14 Deadline for Donation Requests and Newsletter Items

Apr 9, Sun Family Brunch, at Jingles by the Coliseum.

Jul .. Sat Canoe Trip

Aug .. Sun Pig Roast

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