



# WORLD ROOTS



Hello all!

Summertime is upon us! What a great time to enjoy the abundant opportunities to get outside. There is at least one opportunity to do just that with other RPCVs in the area in June. June 5th will be our annual RPCV of WI - Madison Campout! It is being held at Lake Kegonsa State Park just south of Madison. Contact Terry Stark if you want details, [terry.stark@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:terry.stark@dot.state.wi.us), 608-233-9140.

I hope you are well and feeling sunny.

Peace,

Steve

## Dates

### May

- 19 - General Meeting  
Red Gym, 7 p.m.
- 27 - Calendar Meeting  
1050 Jenifer 7 pm

### June

- 5 - Camping
- 19 - General Meeting
- 25 - Calendar Meeting  
1050 Jenifer 7 pm

### July

- 16 - General Meeting
- 21 - Calendar Meeting  
1050 Jenifer 7 pm

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## RPCV SUMMER CAMPOUT ON JUNE 5, 2004

**As if!** the birds are singing, spring is in the air and one's thoughts turn to... the RPCV SUMMER CAMPOUT!! We already have group campsite B reserved for **Saturday, June 5 at LAKE KEGONSA STATE PARK**. The park is located on Door Creek Road, 20 miles southeast of Madison, between McFarland and Stoughton. Take exit 147 off I-90. Turn south on Highway "N" and follow the signs.

The park is located on Lake Kegonsa, of course, and offers opportunities to swim, fish, canoe, kayak or just "bag some rays" on the beach.

Hikers can enjoy miles of trails, including a 1.2 mile self-guided White Oak Nature Trail, as well as mowed trails near wetlands and through a restored prairie.

Bring a dish to pass at our potluck dinner late Saturday afternoon. All vehicles entering state parks are required to display an admission sticker but after that your campsite cost is only \$2 per adult/\$1 per child.

Come enjoy the "esprit de (peace) corps" with friends and family. Start your summer off enjoying the beach, exploring the trails and joking around the campfire. The children will love it. Questions or comments? Call Terry Stark at (608) 233-9140 or e-mail me at [terry.stark@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:terry.stark@dot.state.wi.us).



Steve accepts PC Award

**We Hope to See You There!**

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NPCA Web site: <http://www.rpcv.org/>Peace Corps Online: <http://peacecorpsonline.org/>**Celebrate the NPCA's 25th anniversary this summer!**

Mark your calendars now for the 2004 National Conference to be held in Chicago, IL from August 5 - 8, 2004. Our local hosts will be the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association (CAPCA). The theme for the conference: "Peace Corps 2004: Celebrating a Legacy of Service".

The list of participants in the conference is growing! In the last few days confirmation has been received for **MSNBC Hardball Anchor Chris Matthews (Swaziland 69-71)** and **Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul & Mary**. They join a host of other interesting RPCVs and friends of Peace Corps who plan to participate in the conference.

Registration is now available at <http://www.burnisongroup.com/rpcv/register.html>. For regularly updated information on the conference, including country of service events, go to <http://www.rpcv2004.org>. Use the "Friend Finder" feature to see who else is registered.



# Calendar News

## The International Calendar Needs a Marketing and Sales Manager

The Calendar Committee is seeking someone to manage the current sales and actively seek new sales.

The Calendar needs:

- to find new markets
- to find new ways of marketing
- to get big orders from current bulk customers
- to manage local sales
- to encourage current bulk customers to order early
- to update information on all customers
- to ensure customer satisfaction.

The Calendar would welcome an eager and responsible volunteer but would also consider paying an eager and responsible entrepreneur. The calendar committee welcomes all ideas and candidates.

***Make us an offer!  
Contact Rose Ann Scott at 608.241.0845***

## Budget Summary - April

Calendar balance	\$ 58,136
Group balance	2,819
Senegalese Ed. Fund	927
Global Ed.	1,396
Annual Projects	17,570
NPCA	6,000
PC Partnership	44,000
Freeze for Food	126
Checking	15,879
Savings	<u>117,050</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$133,929</b>



Ken relives his triumphant return to Ecuador

## APPROVED DONATION REQUESTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SALES OF THE 2004 CALENDAR

Project Title	Location	RPCV Sponsor	Amount Requested	Approved Donation
New School Construction in La Poma (Chacocente)	Nicaragua	Brad Hinkfuss	\$1,000	
Year 2 Ag Program for Communities in Chacocente	Nicaragua	Brad Hinkfuss	\$1,000	\$2,000 <sup>1</sup>
Latrine Construction in Communities in Chacocente	Nicaragua	Brad Hinkfuss	\$1,000	
Wisconsin/Nicaragua Wheelchair Project	Nicaragua	Judy Miner	\$2,000	\$1,000
Plaisance Community Water Project	Haiti	Dolores Ullmer Liamba	\$1,085	0
Dominican Republic Youth Baseball Initiative	Dominican Rep.	Marc Brand	Up to \$1,000	\$750
Materials for Dual Immersion Spanish/English Charter School	Madison, WI	Peter Joyce	Equal Share	\$796 <sup>2</sup>
Assistance to Cashew Farmers in Casamansa	Senegal	Judith Kader Brenner	\$2,484	\$1,000
Outdoor Daycare Space at Community Center	Bulgaria	Kelley Willett	\$1,500	\$1,000
Rebuilding Manyara Ranch School	Tanzania	Tom Brodd	\$5,000	0
Chacula Clinic Pharmacy Project	Guatemala	Sheila Przesmicki	\$2,000-\$3,100	\$1,550
Friends of Sierra Leone Freetown Projects	Sierra Leone	Rose Ann Scott/Judy Figi	\$2,000	\$2,000

# Minutes

High Points from **April** General Meeting February 17, 2003  
from Alyson Carr, Secretary



## Did You Know?

**Dinner at Bandung Restaurant** was a success with 17 participants, some old friends, some new friends. We discussed where the next dinner will be: Himal Chuli? Taj? Mekong? Other suggestions are welcome. Contact Alyson Carr at [alysonmcarr@yahoo.com](mailto:alysonmcarr@yahoo.com).

**The Family Brunch** was another time to gather together. Family members of current and soon to be leaving volunteers attended along with RPCVs to chat, answer questions, and form a support network. Ken Coffeen gave an excellent and heart-warming presentation about his return to his PC site 40 years later. April Szuchyt, Program Specialist from Peace Corps Washington's Office of Private Sector Initiatives read a letter from PC Director Gaddi Vasquez and presented a plaque to RPCVs of Madison for their donations to PC Partnerships. The idea to give donate calendar proceeds to PCP began and is managed by Rose Ann Scott. Thank you, Rose Ann and everyone else who works with the calendar in some capacity.

**Nomination Party.** A send off for nominated soon-to-be volunteers took place in the Memorial Union on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from the Minneapolis office, PC headquarters in DC, and Madison RPCVs attended along with the new nominees.

**Representatives** from the *Richland Center–Santa Teresa, Nicaragua Sister City Project*, to which we have donated funds in past years, presented on the progress that has been made with the projects underway there in Rio Escalante Chacocente wildlife refuge and villages. Past projects we funded were wells, points of pride in the communities they serve; community gardens, with mixed results; and a successful ag program that decreases erosion and promotes growing corn, sorghum, legumes, and other crops. Look for their new proposal for a school and latrines this year.

**Proposals** for funds in April are due to Walt and Lee by April 1.

## Can You Help?

**NPCA Conference in Chicago** could use some more volunteers. Lee Row and Margot Kinnard are leading the group thus far, and have plans to work collaboratively with the RPCVs of Milwaukee on a reception.

## What's Happening?

**World Children's Fair** on April 25 will have booths from several countries. If you are interested in helping man the RPCV booth, contact Tom Brodd.

## MA in Intercultural Relations

The Intercultural Communication Institute (ICI) in Portland, Oregon, and the University of the Pacific (UOP) in Stockton, California, have joined together to offer a graduate program, the Master of Arts in Intercultural Relations (MAIR). The program has proven to be of special interest to many Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. Additionally, for those considering the Peace Corps, the MAIR program is a part of the Peace Corps Masters International Program.

If you want to continue making a difference, consider graduate work through the Master of Arts in Intercultural Relations, offered in cooperation between the School of International Studies at University of the Pacific, and the Intercultural Communication Institute. This limited-residency program builds on experiences like the Peace Corps for those who wish to obtain an advanced degree while maintaining employment in their own communities.

Designed for adult professionals, the program takes two-and-a-half to three years to complete, with three two-week residencies in Portland, and core coursework completed at home. RPCVs receive special consideration for admission. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis; residencies begin in July and January. The next residencies begin 02 July 2004 and 07 January 2005. Applicants will be admitted until June 1, 2004, and December 1, 2004, respectively. Phone: +1.503.297.4622. Email: [mair@intercultural.org](mailto:mair@intercultural.org). Website: [www.intercultural.org](http://www.intercultural.org).

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Dear friends,

Phan Van Do, project coordinator for the Madison Quakers projects in Viet Nam, and I have just returned to Ha Noi from our third working trip in Quang Ngai province. Our work was on hold because during the last two weeks all government officials, People's Committee, Women's Union, Security etc. are busy campaigning for the upcoming elections on April 25. This was a little frustrating but it also gave me a chance at last to reflect on what has happened in My Lai and our other projects during these last few weeks.

The ceremonies at My Lai and elsewhere were powerful to say the least. On May 15 we celebrated ten years of working with the Women's Union of Quang Ngai province. The highlights of that mornings events were speeches by ranking members of the Women's Union as well as women from some of the villages we are funding who have done exceptionally well with their loans. Many of the women were used to speaking in public but some of the women from rural villages had never done this before. You could hear the quaver in their voices as they read their prepared statements. But they did it. And once again I was moved by the strength of these women and honored that I could work with them.

The speech by Mrs. Oai, Vice-Chair of Quang Ngai province, had two powerful statements in it. First, she talked about the sensitivity of foreign organizations working with ethnic people in the province and said that the Madison Quakers are the only organization officially sanctioned to work with ethnic minorities in Quang Ngai province. She also said that the Madison Quakers are the only organization that "reaches the heart of the people of Quang Ngai province". I had been told these things before but this is the first time a high ranking provincial official said this in front of the television and print media.

After various awards were handed out to members of different village Women's Union, I was asked to make a speech. After expressing my admiration for the hard work and success of the Women's Union activities I finished with a message I have been giving in my talks in the U.S. I said that we, Madison Quakers and the Quang Ngai Women's Union, working together have made great strides in alleviating poverty in the province.

But we have also shown the world what is possible if people of good will from two different countries sit down together with respect and a willingness to listen and learn from each other. We have changed the landscape of that horrible killing ground, My Lai. And if hope can rise from the ashes of My Lai hope can rise anywhere in the world.

The next day, March 16, our delegation headed for the My Lai memorial to begin the first of the days ceremonies. Our delegation was made up of American veterans, Yukti and Kusra Mukdawijitra from Thailand and professor Hiroshi Fujimoto and his students from Japan.

This years ceremony was small but still powerful. After a speech from members of the memorial staff wreaths of flowers were brought up to the central set of statues. These wreaths were offered on behalf of Vietnamese veterans, the 504 villagers killed in My Lai, the Madison Quakers and the delegation from Japan. To finish up the ceremony I was asked to play on my violin the music from "The Sound of the Violin in My Lai". And this year, as I have in previous years, I vowed to practice hard so I could give a respectful offering of music to the spirits of the dead. And this year like previous years I was so emotionally overwhelmed that my hands shook as I played giving me the vibrato I've never had before.

After the ceremony at the My Lai memorial we immediately went to the new primary school the Madison Quakers had funded for My Lai. This was the second eight room primary school we have funded in four years. Again more speeches by various officials and children. The joy the villagers feel because of these new schools is strong.

Finally, we went to the My Lai Peace Park to plant trees. One special tree was planted for Rachel Corrie. For those of you who don't know who she is, Rachel Corrie, a 23-year-old student from Olympia, Washington, was murdered while attempting to prevent an Israeli army bulldozer from demolishing a Palestinian home near the southern Gaza city of Rafah. Despite being dressed in a bright colored orange vest, with reflective stripes, and carrying a bullhorn in broad daylight, Israel claimed the soldier driving a 52 ton D-9 bulldozer could not see her.

Early in March I received an e-mail from her family asking for organizations to commemorate her death so that she would not be forgotten. With her family's permission we planted a tree for her in the My Lai Peace Park. This tree planting was an international effort with people from Viet Nam, Japan, Thailand and the U.S. participating. We all felt that planting a green, living monument to peace was an appropriate memorial to Rachel who gave her life to bring peace to the world.

That's all for now.

Mike Boehm, Chair, My Lai Peace Park Project

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of WISCONSIN-MADISON

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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 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 \$35. We 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)

I am also enclosing \$35 for NPCA membership

(\$45 for joint membership - two people with the same address)

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

I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address.

**Please note that these overseas rates**

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Overseas Individual - \$24

Overseas Joint - \$29

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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