



WORLD ROOTS

Dates

December

6 - Christmas Party - Sophie Zermuehlen's - 317 Bordner Drive

17 - General Meeting

31 - Photo deadline

January

21 - General Meeting

24 - Freeze for Food, Chili party more?

25 - Slide Viewing - Red Gym

February

1 - Slide viewing/pot luck - Red Gym

18 - General Meeting

TBA - Calendar Meeting

President's Message

Hello All!

Happy Holiday wishes to you and yours! The holiday bash at Sophie Zermuehlen's house on December 6th was great. Lots of superb food and intriguing gifts were shared. It was great to see lots of old and new faces exchanging stories and good times. A big thanks to Sophie for hosting this year's get-together!

The Freeze For Food will be held on January 24th, 2004. As always, we are hoping for cold weather and a good turnout. We will be needing volunteers to run the show, so contact me (Steve Elmore, sbelmore@usa.net) or Peter Joyce (peterjoyce@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested. We will need people to give directions to runners, sign people up, give out donated food to runners, etc. We will get details out to you as soon as possible.

A big pat on the back to the calendar folks who are right in the middle of the calendar-selling season. We know this is a lot of work and we all really appreciate what you do. Keep up the good work!

Take care,

Steve

Our Web Site: www.rcvmadison.org

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Next newsletter deadline is
December 31, 2003.
E-mail news or anything else
to:
worldrootsnews@yahoo.com

★★★Office★★★Home★★★Family★★★Friends★★★Teachers★

★ Sophia Zermuehlen 233-7886

★ Lee and Rick Row 232-9065

★ Prudence Barber 251-0852

★ Rose Ann Scott 241-0845

★ Rochelle Goedken 243-0298

★ Margot Kennard 255-7539

★ Tom Brodd 280-8945

**Calendars
for Sale
\$5 (to members)**

2004 Calendar Sellers ★

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RPCVs of WI - Madison Officers & Contacts

Elected Officers

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Our Web Site: www.rpcvmadison.org

CHICAGO

☞ August 5 - 8, 2004 ☞

The NPCA Conference will be held in our back yard. Plan to meet, greet, party, & sell calendars! Mark the date on your new 2004 calendar when you buy it for \$5 at the next general meeting or from one of the calendar sellers on the front page.

Calendar News

November 25, 2003

Members Present: Rochelle Goedken, Margot Kennard, Jo Thomson, Alan Weiner, Sondra Belozercovsky, Pat Halpin, Rose Ann Scott, Troy Rutter, Ken Coffeen, Tom Brodd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Call for slides or photographs. We are starting the cycle for production of the year 2005 calendar. Photographs or slides must be *postmarked* by December 31st for consideration. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the date, time and location of the 2 slide shows that will determine the winners.

Rose Ann Scott has worked with the calendar since Jim Good first hatched the idea in 1987 (producing the first calendar in 1988). Since that time she has done numerous and immeasurable tasks to keep the calendar project going. Since everyone else has a title we needed to give her one too and she is now officially the **Business Manager**. This title is broad enough to encompass the many things Rose Ann does throughout the year.

What exactly does Rose Ann do? She communicates with UPS and U.S. Postal Service to keep current with the best way to deliver calendars to various areas of the country/world. She signs checks as needed (she is 2nd in charge after the treasurer). She opens the heaps of mail that arrive at her doorstep (one way or another) and sorts the mail into piles for Ken Coffeen (data entry-calendar orders), items that need to go to the president of the group (who is the new president?), things that Walt Zeltner needs to see (for money donations), things that have to go to Tom Brodd (treasurer). She is the go-to person for the inevitable snafus that seem to crop up every

year, like who sent calendars to Hawaii? Ken got a check for payment from someone in Hawaii but he doesn't know who sent them or how they got there.

Rose Ann also sets up the computer program to keep our list of customers current and she organizes the annual sending of our brochures to the people on our mailing list. She gets the payroll hours together. Okay, this list goes on and on but you all get the idea -- Rose Ann has been doing and continues to do a tremendous amount of work to help raise the \$70,000.00 or so dollars that is given away every year. The calendar probably would have died long ago without her continued effort. **THANK YOU ROSE ANN for ALL you do!!!**

Tom Brodd (AKA pretty boy) has been "*positively appraised*" by the United Nations. For those of you who do not know, Tom has wanted to serve as a volunteer with the United Nations and the process for getting in is even more arduous than getting into the Peace Corps, believe it or not. Anyway, this bit of news made the agenda because he is the new treasurer for the group. Although we all hope he gets to go off with the UN, we also hope that he can continue to work as our new treasurer.

Ken Coffeen, Data Guy extraordinaire, has asked that anyone selling calendars send in a monthly report (or bring the report to the monthly calendar meetings) to account for the calendars they have sold. Please include any checks or cash you may have collected. This will help Ken keep an accurate balance of calendars sold and get checks deposited in a more timely fashion. This will also help Ken piece together information that doesn't get sent as a complete package. For example, he sometimes receives checks from customers that do not always indicate that they have already received the calendars. So, if he

gets a check for \$28.00 -- is this a member of the group that bought 7 calendars at \$4.00 each or is this a customer who bought 4 calendars at \$7.00 each? If it isn't clearly indicated, Ken can sometimes match up who delivered the calendars with the money coming in and figure it out that way. This is but one of numerous examples where reporting monthly would be very helpful. Thanks to those folks who are already doing this.

Rochelle

**HELP CHOOSE
PHOTOS
For the
2005
INTERNATIONAL
CALENDAR**

First Viewing
Sunday, January 25, 2004
UW Red Gym 7 - 9 p.m.
Bring a flashlight!

Final Viewing
Sunday, February 1, 2004
UW Red Gym 7 - 9 p.m.
Bring a flashlight & a dish for
a pot luck!

Dear RPCV's of Wisconsin, Madison

Holiday Greetings from Niger! On behalf of the villagers of Kobi, I would like to thank you for your extremely generous donation to the millet grinder project. The villagers have begun constructing the building to house the machine and are very excited about its arrival. I will send photos when everything is up and running. Thank you a million times over for your support. iri saabe (We are grateful)!

Love,
Emily MaGuire PCV

Calendar Inventory

It's important to keep track of calendars

1. because nobody can remember everything. Sometimes it's a long time between when you sell a calendar and when you need to report what happened to it. Write it down!
2. to maximize our investment of time and energy. Calendars represent lots of work and dollars we can invest in useful projects.
3. to build a database of purchasers so we can sell to them again. Write it down clearly!
4. to bill customers who owe us money.
5. to protect the group from possible scrutiny. If investigated by the IRS we need to be able to account for calendars and cash.
6. to keep Rochelle off your back. Have you heard the story of the woman who wouldn't pay? You don't want to know!

Calendar prices are as printed in the brochure except for the following:

Members of RPCVs of WI-Madison	\$4 up to the Sept meeting, after \$5
RPCV groups	\$4 each + shipping, minimum order 25
Peace Corps Recruiting Offices	\$4 which includes shipping (they order more than 1,000 and pay by credit card, so to make up for the credit card loss it is \$4 instead of \$3.75)
Bookstores, etc.	\$5.50
Special case not covered here	Call Rose Ann 241.0845

Filling in the Inventory Form

Date	The date that you sell calendars or get calendars from inventory or give calendars to another member
Number of Calendars	Number of calendars you sell, get, or give. Use plus and minus signs to indicate additions from inventory or passing a supply to another member. Use a minus sign to indicate subtraction from your supply when you sell.
Calendars on Hand	Number of calendars in your possession
Price each	Amount you charged for the calendars. Use a separate line for each price. Enter nothing if no money was involved.
Total	Total amount for a money transaction. Should equal the amount owed by customer. Enter nothing if money was not involved
Check, cash, invoice	How will/did the customer pay? Please total cash and convert to a personal check for security when passing money along.
Sold to	Please be clear and accurate. Also use this column to indicate who gave you calendars or who you supplied with calendars.
Address	Please be clear and accurate. We need a complete street address for shipping and billing. If shipping and billing addresses are different, indicate this.
Phone/e-mail	Please be clear and accurate. We may need to contact a customer.
Comments	Anything unusual or that we should remember about the customer or the transaction

Be sure to enter your name at the top of the form. If you use multiple forms, keep track at the bottom right.

High Points from November General Meeting

from Alyson Carr, Secretary

November 19, 2003, UW Red Gym

Did You Know?

- **New officers were elected** They are Sarah Tucker, Vice President; Tom Brodd, Treasurer; Alyson Carr, Secretary. We still need a president! If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact Steve Elmore at sbelmore@usa.net.
- **Where did our money go?** We donated \$6,000 to the NPCA last year, and the donation was never acknowledged as received. Steve spoke with an NPCA representative, and they eventually found out the check had been cashed by the NPCA. So we know it arrived safely; however, a thank you or other form of recognition would have also been welcome. Another time, the \$228 we sent them for membership dues was never received.
- **Newsletter suggestion.** It was suggested we publish reports from recipients of PC Partnership funds designated by members of our group in our newsletter. We often receive reports, thank you notes, and photos that other members may enjoy seeing, and these reports may inspire more members to designate their \$1000.00 to a project.
- **We discussed our affiliation with the NPCA.** Perhaps it is time to weigh the pros and the cons of being a member group of the NPCA. Some concerns over the benefits (or lack thereof) of membership of the NPCA have been voiced, so we discussed the benefits and what we'd like to see improved:

Benefits:

- We put an ad in *Worldview* magazine for our calendars - but couldn't we do this without NPCA membership?
- Participation in national conferences
- Discounts for members to hotels, insurance deals, etc., which are available for members regardless of whether the Madison group is affiliated with the NPCA.

Room for Improvement:

- **Organization:** When contacting the NPCA about how many calendars they'd like each year, no one seems to know what we are talking about (this may be because of the high turn over rate in the NPCA), so a little more organization would be appreciated; We'd like the Member Group Renewal form to become more organized and less confusing to fill out; NPCA members who take responsibility for an issue, and do so politely, would be appreciated.
- **Focus on Members:** We'd like to see literature that outlines the discounts and other member benefits, since not many people know about them; The NPCA would benefit from having a customer service branch of point people who can field member questions and issues, since now when we call with a specific question, it is difficult to find anyone who knows the answer; The NPCA could work to increase its membership base to raise additional funds instead of raising dues.
- **Recognition & Support:** We, the RPCVs of Madison, could donate postcards to be used as Thank You/Acknowledgement of Receipt notes to donors; Acknowledgement of groups in the newsletter each month could help spotlight and bring groups together as recognized parts of a bigger organization; The NPCA could offer support and guidance to new RPCV groups who want to start up.

In summary, it often feels that the NPCA exists as a political lobbyist for the PC instead of a group that exists for its RPCV members. We'd like to see it change to the latter.

Can You Help?

- **Fair Trade Holiday Festival.** Saturday December 6 from 10-4 your help is needed staffing the RPCVs table. The address is The Pres House, 731 State Street, Madison. This is the seventh annual holiday festival sponsored by the CALA (Coalition Action on Latin America). There will be 20 vendors, along with food, music, and a visit from Santa's Sweatshop. If you have a spare half hour or more contact Troy Rutter at tdrutter@usgs.gov or 245-9964.
- **Freeze for Food Planning.** Yes, it's that time again. If you are interested in helping out, contact Steve Elmore at sbelmore@usa.net.

What's Happening?

- **Holiday/Christmas Party.** Sophie Zermuehlen is again hosting the annual Holiday party. Please bring a dish to pass and a wrapped white elephant present to pass on. Presents for children should be labeled as such. See you there December 6th at 317 Bordner Drive.

Brief Treasurer's Report

Calendar balance	\$ 32,121.59
Group balance	1,336.59
Sen. Ed. Fund balance	1,286.75
Global Ed. balance	1,396.20
Annual Project balance	7,569.84
Checking balance	10,626.17
Savings balance	42,757.98
Account balance	\$53,384.15

Need a job?

Local Community Coordinator Earn extra money working part time for student exchange program. 10 - 15 hours/week. Promote, interview, monitor our program. Contact Marge: 1-888-488-4056 www.cci-exchange.com.

Marge Ryan
Center for Cultural Interchange
Regional Manager

Want to receive notification of events & outings via e-mail? Send an e-mail to the Prez at sbelmore@usa.net and tell him you want to be on

THE LIST.

The NPCA is asking us to tell it how well it communicates with us via a survey. The survey can be found in your copy of World View, the NPCA glossy, or you can complete the same survey at <http://www.rpcv.org/pages/survey.cfm?id=37>.

NPCA asks that we respond by January 7th, so if you have something to say, please do so!

NPCA Web site: <http://www.rpcv.org/>

Peace Corps Online: <http://peacecorpsonline.org/>

October 23, 2003 - Gaddi Vasquez resigns as Peace Corps Director



"It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing to you that I have resigned as Director of the Peace Corps effective November 14, 2003. ...

As I prepare to return to California, I will fondly remember the friendships and the support that so many of you have given to me since my first day at Peace Corps. I am proud of what has been accomplished and each of you has made a contribution to that effort. Together we have made a difference, achieved many objectives, and we have created new opportunities for all Americans to serve in the Peace Corps. I thank you for your dedicated service."

December 3, 2003 - Peace Corps Chief Does About-Face

After nearly two years of service and work with extraordinary Volunteers and staff, I have found my time at Peace Corps rewarding and fulfilling. The decision I made to resign my position as Peace Corps Director was one of the most difficult I have had to make in my professional life. My decision was made while I was facing difficult challenges that prolonged medical issues can impose on a family.

In light of my continued desire to serve, and with the concurrence and support of my family, I intend to remain in my present role as Director of the Peace Corps through the end of the current term. I am honored to have had the support and confidence of President George W. Bush in my decision and I look forward to carrying out the important initiatives that remain to be completed.

As we begin the new year, we can all celebrate the accomplishments of achieving a 28-year high in the number of Volunteers serving and a historic high in funding levels for the Peace Corps. None of the aforementioned successes would be possible without the support and deep rooted commitment at the Volunteer and staff levels both here and overseas. I thank you for your support and friendship over the course of the past two years and I look forward to working with you in 2004.

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Rose Ann Scott [3/1/2004]
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Madison, WI 53704-5749

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
Do not include NPCA membership**

- Overseas Individual - \$24
- Overseas Joint - \$29

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #s (H) _____ (W) _____ E-mail: _____

Country of Service: _____ Service Dates: _____

PC Job: _____ Birth date : (Optional - M/D/Y) _____

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