



WORLD ROOTS

Mark your calendars now!

10 a.m. Sunday, March 28, 2004 Coliseum Bar Olin Avenue

FAMILY BRUNCH

Speakers Great Food Your decorations Our Greater Peace Corps Family

Hello all,

Peace Corps Week is coming up, March 1-5, 2004! This is a good time to remember that goal of bringing your PC experience back home. Whether it be writing an editorial for the local paper, giving a presentation at a local school or community group function, or some other choice outreach activity, I hope you find time to share your experience with other folks.

There will be a parent brunch on March 28 from 10-1pm at the Coliseum Bar on the corner of Olin Ave. and John Nolan Drive. Parents of currently serving PC volunteers will be at the brunch. There will be speakers arranged for your enjoyment. You will get more details by mail, email, and/or on our website www.rpcvmadison.org. Save the date for an exciting time meeting and greeting!

In April, we will once again give away part of the calendar proceeds to project proposals submitted to our group. The process is a complicated one, but Walt Zeltner has helped us all out by outlining the process. You will find his notes in the subsequent pages. The key thing to remember is you must get your project proposal into one of the newsletters published before the April meeting (Feb., March, or April newsletters). The final deadline for proposals being the March 30th newsletter deadline. For other details, check out Walt's write-up.

I hope all is well with you. Enjoy these quiet months of reflection as the days slowly get longer.

Take care,
Steve (acting president, RPCVs)

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Dates

January

- 21 - General Meeting
- 24 - Freeze for Food, Chili party more?
- 26 - Calendar meeting 6 pm
Slide Viewing 7 pm - Red Gym

February

- 1 - Slide viewing/snacks Red Gym
- 18 - General Meeting
- 21 - Polkapocalypse Cafe Montmatre
- 24 - Calendar Meeting 1050 Jenifer 7 pm

March

- 3 - PC Month Celebration Great Dane - 6 pm
- 18 - General Meeting
- 23 - Calendar Meeting 1050 Jenifer 7 pm
- 28 - Family Brunch Coliseum Bar 10 am
RSVP by March 15

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

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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

Calendar Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is 7 p.m. February 24th at Prudence Barber's home, 1050

Jenifer St. All are welcome. We always need help with numerous activities. Come to a meeting and see what you might do to maintain the calendar project as one of the premier third goal activities in the RPCV world.

The photos have been chosen and now the fun begins! There are jobs in marketing, layout, re-search, proofing, and many more. Where could you fit in? Come & see! Call Rochelle at 243.0298 for more information.

These are Peace Corps Partnership projects sponsored by Volunteers from Wisconsin. You can choose one of these or pick one from the country where you served or choose an activity you think is worthwhile. See more at <http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=resources.donors.volproj>. When you've chosen one, call Rose Ann at 241.0845 or e-mail her at roseannscott@yahoo.com to tell her where to send the money.

Belize School Improvement

The Santa Cruz school's ultimate objective is to improve their students' education by developing and maintaining a computer curriculum and providing additional resources to staff. The school would also like to provide students with the means of producing a citrus and vegetable garden while integrating environmental issues such as landscaping, waste management, and composting. The community will provide tools, seeds, trees, labor, an air conditioning unit, 12 computers, and a printer. They are requesting your assistance in purchasing construction materials to build the computer lab, furniture, a digital copier, and paint. **B. Rortvedt WI \$8,515.00**

Ghana Gender and Youth Development Conferences

Three youth conferences are being organized for senior secondary school students during the next year: A girls science conference, a women and girls mentoring conference, and a life skills conference for both boys and girls. These participants will also be able to share what they have learned with their local schools; their peers, teachers and families. The Western and Central regions of Ghana are entirely rural. Families lack a tradition of supporting education and many students are the first generation to attend basic schools. As a result, this region of Ghana is the least represented at the National University. Conferences focus not only on acquiring necessary skills to succeed academically, but will expose young people to the future career opportunities available. The Life Skills Conferences will focus on development of self-reliance, through peer leadership skills, public speaking, health and family planning, HIV awareness, goal setting and life skills. Those who attend return to their peers and share the new knowledge, extending the results. The recognized success of similar conferences has led to continued requests for Peace Corps to facilitate more, and to engage new students and communities. **S. Williams WI \$2,040.00**

Moldova Odyssey of the Mind Competition

Since the collapse of the former Soviet Union, schools in Moldova have lacked financial resources for extracurricular activities. The Odyssey of the Mind program in Moldova aims to provide Moldovan youth with an atmosphere open to learning and free expression. It encourages teamwork, increases problem-solving skills, develops public speaking abilities, and promotes nationwide cooperation and information sharing. Odyssey of the Mind, jointly organized by the Youth Development Center, Peace Corps Volunteers and the U.S. Government Education Program Alumni, was developed with the belief that creative thinking comes from solving problems. The Moldovan program consists of a summer training camp in Germany, a National English Competition, a National Romanian Competition, a European Festival, and World Finals. The competitions consist of two main parts: a long-term problem and a short-term problem. Teams, ages grade school through university, spend four to five months preparing an original presentation. On the day of the competition, teams receive the short-term problem and work together for a solution. Partnership funds are needed to pay for food, lodging and transportation of participants. **R. Biely WI \$3,655.00**

Philippines Out of School Youth - Small Business Training & Implementation

The Pag-asa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP) was founded in 1974 and has expanded to include 16 organized chapters, 11 of which actively participate in activities implemented by the Department of Social Welfare. The goal of PYAP is to promote the development of the out of school and other disadvantaged youth to become self-reliant, economically productive, and socially responsible citizens. The proposed Project draws on the success of a similar program administered by the Department of Social Welfare that targets local fathers. That program enjoys a 94.3% loan repayment rate and is being modified to address issues that are particularly relevant to youth. The modified program includes increased training in business skills, bookkeeping, and money management and is designed to help youth develop business skills that will ensure a successful business, monetary repayment, and a sustainable program for years to come. The Kabankalan community is strongly behind this effort and has contributed 25% of the project costs. Partnership funds are needed to provide small business loans to youth that will be repaid and used to fund additional small businesses. **K. Schmidt WI \$1,395.00**

How to Request a Donation from Calendar Proceeds

As sales of our International Calendar wind down in February, the committee that oversees calendar production and marketing determines how much money from calendar sales will be available for donations to worthy projects. The committee sets aside funds to cover estimated printing and marketing costs for the upcoming calendar and the rest of the proceeds are available for donations. In the past three years, \$50,000, \$60,000, and then \$70,000 was set aside for donations from sales of the calendar.

As the amounts available for donations increased, the process to select projects for donations became more unwieldy and time consuming. In the spring of 2002, we changed our approach to making donations. Our new strategy for donations is:

1. 10% of the amount available for donations is sent to the National Peace Corps Association as an unrestricted gift;
2. \$10,000 is set aside to cover the costs of running the Freeze for Food benefit race (about \$700) and to fund worthy projects suggested by our members; and
3. the remaining funds are used to support Peace Corps Partnership (PCP) projects. Each member can award \$1,000 to a project (or split \$1,000 among projects) specified by that member until all the remaining funds are dispersed.

Peace Corps Partnership Donations

Peace Corps Partnership donations are coordinated by Rose Ann Scott who updates the projects available for funding. Detailed information about these donations is also available online at <http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=resources.donors.volproj>.

Member-Sponsored Smaller Donations

We are interested in funding educational and self-help development projects, both domestic (although some of our members will not vote for domestic projects) and out of country, consistent with our Peace Corps outlook. Please keep the following considerations in mind when requesting a donation:

- The request must be sponsored by a dues-paying member of our group.
- Use **only** the form on the website. Forms are also available from Walt Zeltner. If you have questions about filling out the form, contact Walt. Please read and follow the directions with the form.
- Donation requests will be considered at our April meeting. If funds remain after this meeting, additional requests for the remaining funds will be considered at our September meeting. If by chance, funds still remain after September, a third set of requests will be considered at the January meeting. Check the newsletter to see if we need to change the specific month for voting on donations.
- Donation requests will *only* be considered if they have been published in our newsletter prior to the meeting, preferably the issue before the meeting so that people have a chance to consider the request before voting on it.
- Requests should be sent to Walt either in hard copy by mail or e-mail for our records. Include any additional supporting information you think would be helpful to us in reaching a decision.
- If at all possible, please attend the meeting at which we consider your request so that you can answer questions that may arise. Failure to attend the meeting may result in having your request tabled until you can provide further information.
- How much should you request? This is up to you. We only have about \$9,000 available and expect to receive several requests. If you request a donation in April, it may be wise to limit the request to \$2,000 at most and expect that smaller requests will be more likely to be funded in full. We also look favorably on projects that include matching funds from other sources, including in-kind resources (e.g., labor, supplies, travel, *etc.*) provided by the project participants.

Also keep in mind:

- We do not fund travel overseas, even for projects that are otherwise approved.
- We generally do not fund relief projects through calendar donations unless there is a large development component to the project. If you feel strongly about submitting money to a relief project, con-

sider organizing a Cardinal Bar Benefit for the project. We love to stage these benefits if we have a good purpose and a willing organizer. Or how about organizing an educational fund-raising event for the entire community? Some of us who have been around for a while can provide some ideas.

- We generally do not fund scholarships in the US or support living expenses for foreigners working in the US.
- A couple of years ago, several people indicated a preference for providing start-up funding to help projects get established, rather than funding projects on an on-going basis. If you request funds, it would be best to consider the funding to be for two years at most.

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Promote World Peace and Friendship During Peace Corps Week March 1-7, 2004

To commemorate the 43rd anniversary of the founding of the Peace Corps, returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) will celebrate Peace Corps Week on March 1 through March 7, 2004.

RPCVs will be visiting classrooms, community organizations, and workplaces throughout the United States to share the knowledge and insights gained from their overseas experiences. As every RPCV knows, part of the Peace Corps' mission is to educate Americans back home about the people with whom they lived and worked. When RPCVs speak about their Peace Corps experiences, they enrich the lives of students, neighbors, and colleagues. RPCVs also raise awareness of the Volunteers' ongoing global contributions and plant the seeds of community service.

Peace Corps Week is your opportunity to promote a better understanding of the people of your host country among the people of your current community. You can participate in a variety of ways: Perhaps you have photographs, artifacts, music, or folktales that you could share with students or other groups. Consider asking another RPCV to make the presentation with you. Two or more viewpoints will give your audience a broader perspective of the work of Peace Corps Volunteers and might make the experience more enjoyable for you. You might encourage your local newspaper to run a story about your experiences in the Peace Corps or to publish a letter to the editor about Peace Corps service. You might also want to participate in one of the events being organized by the Peace Corps recruiting offices. If you would like to get involved in planning local Peace Corps Week events, contact Lisa Wandke at 262.1121 peacecorps@cals.wisc.edu or Marc Brand at 255.1339.

Last year, more than 7,000 RPCVs visited elementary schools, secondary schools, and colleges and universities throughout the United States. More than half a million students welcomed RPCVs into their classrooms nationwide. RPCVs also gave presentations to community groups, at their workplace, and in places of worship. Through the sharing of their overseas experiences, RPCVs continue to build bridges across cultures—bridges to friendship, cross-cultural understanding, tolerance, and, ultimately, peace.

Whether you choose to bring your Peace Corps experience to a local school or take part in one of the activities mentioned above, participation is key in helping Peace Corps achieve its third goal. Sign up to participate today! Online registration is available on the Peace Corps Week website www.peacecorps.gov/rpcv/peacecorpsday. All respondents will receive a free presentation kit. The presentation kit includes souvenirs for your audience and materials to help you prepare for and promote the week.

Visit the Peace Corps website for more information. If you have questions, contact the Peace Corps Week Coordinator at pccday@peacecorps.gov or call 800.424.8580 (press 2, then ext. 1961).

AND FOR SOME FUN...

Were you in the Peace Corps? Do you live in Madison?

Come celebrate PEACE CORPS WEEK with fellow Returned
Peace Corps Volunteers!

Join us for drinks and good conversation!!

The Great Dane (near the Pool Tables)

123 E. Doty (a block from the capitol)

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

6:00-9:00 pm.

A group of recently returned RPCVs wants to start a
social and community service committee of the Madison
RPCV group that will be available to all RPCVs in
Madison. We want to kick it off with a celebration for
Peace Corps Week!

**Join us, and bring all the RPCVs you know! Call Sarah
at 442-7657 with any questions.**

POLKAPOCALYPSE...

...the end of POLKA as you've known it

WHO: Polkapocalypse - a 7 piece juggernaut of bouncing bass, merry ditties, and sweet innocent lyrics all about the joys of first love, sausages, and getting smashed. Susannah Hoffman and Wendy Stothkal create whirlwinds on clarinet and saxophone. Ian Alderman adds color with his poignant electric guitar and banjo licks. Madison's own Mike Molla rocks steady on drums. Glenn Tranowski improvises on trombone and trumpet. James Chris Lloyd lays down the groove on bass. Aashish Mehta, Bombay's finest accordionist, tickles the keyboards and leads the band in unexpected directions. Everybody sings along...

WHAT: Madison's only Polka Band breathes energy and pizzazz into Wisconsin's favorite musical escape. Our timeless and original tunes are guaranteed to get the crowd hopping...

WHERE: Café Montmatre
127 E. Mifflin

WHY: Come witness Glenn Tranowski, PCV in Sao Tome and Principe 94-96, make a spectacle of himself. Check out if he has readjusted into American society? Can he sing?

WHEN: February 21, 2004

Brief Treasurer's Report

Calendar balance	\$101,787.82
Group balance	3,636.16
Sen. Ed. Fund balance	926.75
Global Ed. balance	1,396.20
Annual Project balance	7,569.84
Checking balance	18,687.44
Savings balance	10,0942.26
Account balance	\$119,639.70



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.

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

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

High Points from December General Meeting

from Alyson Carr, Secretary

December 17, 2003

Did you know?

- Although the NPCA membership form has spaces to sign up to be a member of more than one RPCV group, you can actually only be a member of *one* group without paying an additional fee. Members have brought up as an area for improvement for the NPCA.
- Omar (RPCV Chile) and Gloria, a couple who specializes in holistic healing (similar to massages) presented the group with the idea of having a vendor booth at the Chicago NPCA convention next August. Their two ideas on how to get the RPCVs of Madison involved were to either perform services under the group's name and 1) have the RPCVs of Madison sponsor them and pay for the vendor fee or 2) donate profits to the RPCVs and earmark the money for a specific charity of their choice. The first idea is against the rules of the group, which state that no member can profit from association with the group; therefore, we decided the second idea would work better. Omar will write up a summary of his proposal to submit to the newsletter for members to review, and we will vote on whether to accept his proposal at the February meeting.

What's Happening?

- Rochelle Goedken, Ken Coffeen, Sue Kummer, Tom Brodd, and others attended a ceremony in which Katherine Lyle presented our calendar to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin and spoke about the group's accomplishments and the number of UW-Madison graduates who have become PCVs. Approximately 125 RPCVs also currently work for the UW system. 153 UW graduates are currently serving in the Peace Corps.
- The Fourth Thursday of every month is the new date for the General Information Meetings presented by Lisa Wandke (campus representative) or Colleen O'Dell (Minneapolis office recruiter) to perspective volunteers.
- The Peace Corps Director, Gaddi Vasques, or the Assistant Peace Corps Director, Jodi Olsen, would like to come to Madison to personally thank the RPCVs of Madison group for their generous donations to Peace Corps Partnerships. When would be a good time and event for this to take place? We discussed it and came up with perhaps the May 8th RPCV reunion event sponsored by the student Global Connections Committee. Do you have more ideas? Contact Colleen with your suggestions.
- Freeze for Food will take place Saturday January 24th in Vilas Park. Peter Joyce is organizing this event again this year. Contact him if you are interested in volunteering.
- Calendar slide show meetings will be the last week in January and the first week in February in the media room of the Red Gym. Exact dates TBD.

Can You Help?

- Our UW-Madison campus representative, Lisa Wandke, will be leaving in May, creating a vacancy in that position. If you know of any RPCV graduate students who would like the job, have them contact Lisa for a job description.
- The last week in February we will be helping the Minneapolis office to send off new trainees with an event for them and their parents. Colleen hopes to find RPCVs willing to sit at booths, possibly one for each geographical region, to chat with trainees and parents. Date TBD.
- The Parent Brunch will take place the same week (last one in February). Colleen is willing to be a ½ director and is looking for another ½ director to organize the event in Madison. Traditionally this has taken place at Jingles Colliseum Bar near the Alliant Energy Center, where parents of currently serving volunteers come to meet each other and RPCVs to chat, support each other, and get questions answered about information and photos their children send to them!

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS
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)

**Please note that these overseas rates
Do not include NPCA membership**

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.

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