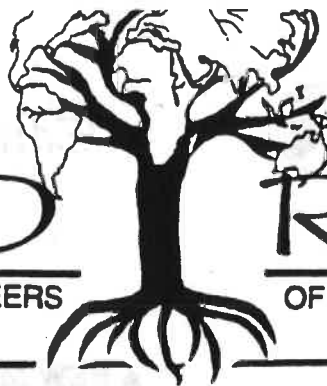


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President's Message

If you walk along the breakwater at Tenny Park, you'll hear the most wonderful sound coming off the waters of freezing Lake Mendota. Thousands of smooth ice tiles spread out in a mosaic along the shoreline. The incoming waves bounce them together like chimes. Big chimes. They even roar a little in the distance. It's a much bigger sound than the ice cubes in your lemonade ever made. Rush down to hear this immediately. The lake will be frozen over soon!

And while you venture out, button up your union suit, pull on your fuzziest hat, and head over to the arboretum for the Freeze For Food. This may well be the last one we sponsor, so let's make it a race to remember. If you signed up at the last meeting, or at the holiday, we are counting on you to be there. This is a wonderful way to spend a day in the fresh air and welcome the slow return of the winter sunshine. Mike McQuestion has offered his home for the chili bash that traditionally follows the race. We still would love to have people involved in all or any part of this great fund-raising activity. Proceeds and donations are given to Oxfam. Contact Dave Atkinson to let him know of your helpful offerings. Don't miss it! Get involved! Last minute help is appreciated too,

As of the new year, Don Sauer will no longer be the head-honcho for the Peace Corps Calendar Hotline. We owe him Thanks with a capital 'T' for his years of devotion to this project, hours upon hours of invoicing, inventorying, packing party organizing, and general spearheading what has grown into a small business of international fame and recognition. The words "thank-you" seem pretty small next to the enormity of Don's contributions to our group. Nonetheless, we all owe him thanks for his unstinting generosity and could tell him so directly. And for the record, all calendar correspondence goes to our P.O. Box 1012, Madison, WI, 53701.

Don't forget to pay your dues. It is time!

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Editor's Corner



A FEW MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. **Left at the Holiday Party--**A cookie sheet and a Lenin pin. Call Sophie at 233-7886.
2. **The Madison Audubon Society** thanks us for our \$250 donation to the Goose Pond Restoration Campaign.
3. **Former Handicrafts Volunteers!** Were you involved in a handicraft project while serving as a Peace Corps volunteer? If so, Debbie Durham of Iowa State University would like to talk to you and have you complete a questionnaire about your experience for her Master's thesis. Please contact: **Debbie Durham, 1052 LeBaron, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011. Or call (515) 294-8519 or E-Mail ddurham@iastate.edu.**



NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, January 5, 7:00 p.m.
Union South, 127 N. Randall St.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Friday, February 3, 6:00 p.m. **POTLUCK!!!**
at Karen Silbernagel-Moucha's home,
3236 Moundview Rd., 845-6914
Direction in Dates to Note.

Newsletter Policy

Since we're always trying to get new members, We'll send three copies of our newsletter to anyone we think will be interested. After that, you have to pay to stay on our mailing list. Details can be found on the back page. **ONE EXCEPTION:** Contacts in other RPCV organizations can continue to receive our newsletter if they will send us theirs.

Dates to Note

Sunday, January 1, 11:00 A.M. Sheboygan Polar Bear Club. Join us for a trek to the refreshing shores of Lake Michigan and experience the thrill of your life. Jump start yourself into the new year. Call Deb Stapleton for details at 244-8609.

Thursday, January 5, 7:00 P.M. General Meeting, Union South. Please submit all agenda items to Lori by Tuesday.

Sunday, January 8, 10:00 A.M. Calendar Committee Meeting at Barbara Chatterjee's home, 5102 Coney Weston Place. 271-2405.

Sunday, January 15, 9:30 A.M. Brunch at the Lakefront Cafeteria, Memorial Union. This is the first Sunday we can meet socially, after New Year's day and the calendar meeting. Eggs gotta be fun.

Saturday, January 28. Annual Freeze for Food. 10K and 5K routes through the arboretum in the dead of winter. Proceeds and donations to benefit Oxfam. Volunteers needed now and at the date of the race. Call Dave Atkinson at 246-4160. Potluck afterwards at Mike Mc Questions house, 2210 Hollister St. 238-5458.

Friday, February 3, 6:00 P.M. Potluck and General Meeting. Karen Silbernagel Moucha has offered to host this at her home at 3236 MoundView Road. Take Mineral Point Rd west past Westtowne and the beltline. Turn left on Pioneer Rd (about 2½ miles past the beltline.) Go to the end of Pioneer Rd, turn right on Valley View. Go 1/8 of a mile to Mound View and turn left. Their's is about a mile down, a white ranch house with a barn. See you there!

Other RPCV organizations have our permission
to use any material of interest in this newsletter.

RPCV/MADISON GENERAL MEETING

12/7/94

16 members braved winter weather to attend the meeting. Upon introducing ourselves, each of us searched his/her mind for a strange or funny PC memo received while a volunteer. Apparently memos were not too abundant, but Ken told us about one received which informed of procedures to follow in case of national turmoil, and which instructed each volunteer to destroy the memo after reading it. Of course, this prompted Ken to carefully file it for safekeeping!

Minutes of the past meeting were approved and Walt requested we include two additional topics in the agenda: a treasurer's report; and that we clarify our status with the national RPCV organization.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Walt passed around the latest draft which Pete had faxed to him. It consists of seven columns: group expenses and income; global education work; short-term gifts; medium-term gifts; long-term gifts; calendar operations; and totals.

At this point actual balances may not be exact. The issue that some encumbered expenses should be taken into account in the figures was brought up, and Don informed us that a \$500 check apparently has not been cashed, and it was issued on an account that no longer exists. Efforts are being made to track that check down and reissue. Walt asked if this draft is a reasonable way to summarize group economics. Please contact Peter Joyce, 256-6646 (work) or 251-9405 (home) with questions and/or comments.

FREEZE FOR FOOD - will take place very soon!! 1/28

Dave Atkinson (246-4160) filled us in. We need people to stand on corners and direct folks, work on prize tables, at the finish lines, etc. Some pre-run work of collecting prizes and food needs to be done. Can anyone offer a place/house within 1.5 miles of Vilas Park for the potluck chili feed? Also needed: 3-4 vans to drop off volunteers along to route, follow the last runner, & pick up workers. We have flyers to distribute! Look for more info in this newsletter. Volunteer now and freeze for food! But Ken said it's really not that cold. But Lori said she suffered. What? Is that the same Lori who waded into Lake Michigan last January 1st?

CALENDAR SUMMARY - Don Sauer informed that we've passed the 10,000 mark of calendars sold and billed! \$27,000 actually deposited! \$17,000 more in receivables to be collected! Way to go y'all!

The ad in the World View magazine proved very successful. In the two weeks after it came out, 150 orders (of 4-5 calendars each) were placed. Others continue to come in. The packing party of 12/8 sent out 63 orders (4 days worth of mail). Others will continue for about the next month.

In addition, the NPCA did a membership solicitation & the response was better than 2-1 when a calendar was included. Therefore, it appears the calendar is an excellent tool to encourage membership.

WINTER RETREAT UPDATE Feb. 24/25 - Roseanne clarified that it will be held not at Camp Lucerne but at the more upscale Lacerne Fireside Bed and Breakfast (new name). Come early (Wautoma-244-0845) 'cuz it fills up. X-ski, eat, games, etc. Look for more info in this newsletter and freeze for fun-and baked apple pancakes, too!

RECOGNITION NIGHT - Of those hard working members of our group. Buck blew in like a gust of air to recount his inquiring at the University Club about renting a hall. Upon being quoted \$500 for a Friday night & \$1000 on Saturdays, he apparently exited the University Club about as quickly as he left our meeting (that's why I'm filling his secretary shoes - you don't have athlete's foot do you, Buck?).

It's being planned for February or March. Dress up. But we need an (inexpensive) elegant place. Any ideas?

DIVERSITY CONFERENCE - May 6/7 Topic: "A Community in Transition: Making Diversity Work." Barbara Chatterjee advised us that supporters are needed, passed around a draft letter for our group to act as sponsors, and updated us about a project she is organizing of mostly women met at the WI minority network. For more info, please call 271-2405.

FUNDING ISSUE: FRIENDS FOR LIBERIA - No one has come forth to sponsor this solicitation for funds, and it was decided to let it be for now.

FUNDING ISSUE: MULTI-CULTURAL EDUCATION PROJECT - \$450 unanimously approved to purchase skewers for rainsticks and rawhide for drums. Lori Merriam explained that she and her colleague Mary Ann Emerson are creating curriculum at Jefferson Middle School that merges music and art in a multicultural experience. They have invited Enrique Rueda to spend time in the classroom working with students to make drums, rainsticks, and shakers. They have put much work into this project and the approved funds constitute a helping hand. Not the bulk of the resources. For example, they have gotten cardboard tubes for the rainsticks from carpet companies. The students drill holes in the tubes, insert shish kebab skewers and, by causing beans inside to trickle down, make the rain sound. It is a project that promotes multiculturalism among young people and fits well with the goals of our group. As a former teacher myself, I can certainly appreciate the enormous effort Lori and her partner are putting forth to make this project a success. Good luck!

STATUS WITH NATIONAL RPCV ORGANIZATION - Walt posed the question, "Has the time come for our affiliation with it?" The cost is \$1 per head for each official member of our group. The advantage is in avoiding the long processing delays that come with members affiliating separately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Don Sauer is going to Islamabad, Pakistan in April or May and will visit the MASHAL Workshop, to which we have given support (see December's newsletter for details). The participants are very appreciative of our support. Wow, have a great trip, Don!

Don't forget the exhilarating POLAR BEAR JUMP into Lake Michigan on January 1st. Start the New Year off with your skin tingling all day.

POTLUCK MEETING, Feb. 3, 6:00 p.m., Karen Silbernager-Moucha's house.

Meredith Green generously offered the use of a one-bedroom, furnished cottage until the end of April if anyone needs temporary housing. Her mother is out of state until then. It's on a busline on the south side, near the end of Rimrock Road. Of course, there would still be utility bills. Call Meredith if interested. 271-0998.

REMEMBER TO RENEW! Wait reminded us that most people's memberships will expire this month.

With that we moved to adjourn and adjourned to move to the Red Oak Grill.

TERRY STARK

COME ON OVER TO RECONNECT



with **Returned Peace Corps Volunteers**

Sunday, January 22 and Sunday, February 19, 1995
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lakefront Cafeteria at the Memorial Union
800 Langdon St., UW-Madison campus

for BRUNCH AND TALK

Meet with veteran RPCVs and friends to share experiences of reentry into stateside living. Our goal is to identify the kinds of support that RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison can offer to make it easier for newly returned volunteers to *RECONNECT*. This will be the first of a series of gatherings to generate ideas and make plans.

For more information call:

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| ☺ | Lori Merriam | 257-2271 (h) |

14th Annual *Freeze For Food 10K Race & 5K Run/Walk*

Saturday January 28, 1995 - Vilas Park

To Benefit Oxfam America

5K Run/Walk at 12:00 noon & 10 Race at 1:00pm

(Volunteers needed about 11:00am, no later than 11:30; 12:00 - 12:30 if you can only help with the 10K)

Yes, it's time to gear up for the FREEZE FOR FOOD running race and pleasure walk, *one of the longest standing fundraisers of the RPCV group*. This event affords us the opportunity to mingle and enjoy ourselves while pulling off an event in support of an agency which looks a lot like a non-government Peace Corps. Oxfam shares our values of development through teaching self-sufficiency and working for change through long-term solutions at the village level. *This year the emphasis of the FFF is on fund-raising, that means talking to people about seeking pledges.*

I've talked to a dozen people I know and asked them to consider running or walking this year to raise pledges. To my surprise, about 8 or 9 of these folks have committed to the walk or run, and many of them have recruited friends or their kids (who recruited their friends). One co-worker has already raised \$75 in pledges and she's still going strong! *I believe we will get our best response by asking people we know to register and to seek pledges.* We also advertise through various newspapers, radio, TV, and our own FFF flyer. If you don't plan to run or walk, how about taking a pledge sheet around with you and seeking pledges for our group members who will lend their legs, (give me a call if you plan to register or want the name of someone who you can name on a pledge sheet). The registration fee is \$10, the registration form and pledge sheet are on the FFF flyer.

Be sure to tell people that we have prizes for the top 3 pledge raisers, overall male and female finisher in the 10K & 5K, first male and female finisher in each age category for the 10K, and the oldest/youngest participant in the 5K. *In addition, everyone raising \$50 or more in pledges will receive a \$10 gift certificate to Wonder's Restaurant & Pub.*

What makes this event successful is a lot of volunteer effort on the day of the race/walk. We need people to direct runners and walkers, to transport and pick up these hardy souls, to help on the finish line, and to work indoors on registration, results, and prizes. We also need a few people during January willing to visit businesses who receive a letter from us asking for donations to be used as prizes. We need 30+ people to sponsor a quality event. We especially need people to stand on the route and 4 vans to transport these persons. *Please call me in advance to volunteer so that I can have a volunteer position assigned to as many people as possible before the day of the race/walk (Dave: 246-4160).*

And of course the crowning event of the day is the famous Chile Feed & Pot Luck after we pack up and leave Vilas Park. Mike McQuestion and Lilliana have graciously offered their home as this year's hosts. Mike and Lilliana live at 2210 Hollister Street (Hollister is 2 blocks south of Regent & Prospect). Call me if you can help to prepare the chile. Bring your favorite yummy to the Pot Luck. Hope to see you there!

Call me (Dave Atkinson) at 246-4160 for flyers, to volunteer, with questions, or with ideas. Let's make the Freeze For Food a success by raising lots of money for Oxfam while we enjoy a unique social event.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Peter gave me a printout of our end-of-November financial standings: little is changed since last month, except that we have more Calendar income. However, the category of Group Operating Funds still shows a negative number, which I'm sure is the result of improper categories in assigning expenses. But I was unable to sit down with Peter and work this out, because he was on jury duty, and simultaneously had a big press of work to get done before he left town at Christmas. After the New Year, I'll meet with him, and we'll try to have an unambiguous report for the January meeting. --Buck.

Newsletter Subscription Information

All RPCVW, Inc. members receive the newsletter on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we would prefer that our members pay through December of the year of joining (\$1.25 per month for each month through December), 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 through us by paying a further \$20.00. We **strongly** encourage all members to join the National Association, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

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QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS?

Call Susan Mendrysa at 608/259-1125 most evenings and weekends.
Or try 608/263-9596 weekdays and ask for Susan.

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