

# NEWS LETTER

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## FROM THE EDITOR

While Muffy takes a well-deserved break from submitting a monthly message of cheer, I'll try to bring you up to date on some upcoming events.

Sat., Aug. 22 - Our annual pig roast, which is not likely to feature pig this year. Full details and a map were published in both of the last two newsletters. Please bring a dish to pass, your own silverware, and lawnchairs. Feel free to show up Friday night for camping (the animal roasters will start the process sometime Friday night, so people will be there) and stay till Sunday, but the main event will be on Saturday. Questions? Contact Buck Trawicky at 256-7868 evenings.

Mon., Aug. 24 - We are attempting to have a table at UW-Madison registration all day Monday and Tuesday. Anyone with some free time (a two or three hour block) either day who has not already signed up, please contact Alan Kraus at 233-9062 (home) or 263-7122 (work). This will only occur if we can get a table. Al will have more details next week.

Wed., Sept. 2 - !!! OUR NEXT MEETING !!!

The meeting will be held at the Wilmar Center, 953 Jenifer St. starting at 7 PM. Hopefully the facilities will be in better condition than last month (more details in minutes). Future meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday, Oct. 1  
Friday, Nov. 6 (potluck)  
Monday, Dec. 7

Fri., Sept. 18 - \* \* \* \* POTLUCK FOR NEW MEMBERS \* \* \* \*

A 6:30 PM Potluck for the purpose of getting to know our new members better. New members are encouraged to bring some of their good slides to show after dinner, as are our old members who have new slides with which to regale us. We'll hold this at Muffy Green's place at 2975 Rimrock Road. It can be a bit tricky to find, so you may want to call her for directions (255-9631). Other questions? Contact Laura Good at 233-7373.

Minutes of the August 4, 1987 Meeting of the RPCV's temporarily residing in Madison Wisconsin and environs

Wilmar Center was locked on one end and when we discovered the secret entrance it was only to realize the air outside was preferable to the spoiled bologna smell extant in the basement of the Wilmar Center. So we moved the meeting to the gazebo behind Rick's old apartment. The ambience was preferable.

Three new people joined us for this meeting. They were Don Kelly, Laura Kiener and Roseanne Cheeseman who found out about us at the conference. Welcome and if I spelled your names wrong I am deeply sorry.

Yvonne presented us with a financial report that brought us up to date. It was amazing to see how much money has and is passing through our hands over the past few months. In the context of financial matters the calendar project was discussed with as much seriousness as we could muster. It was decided to allow the loaners of money to the calendar project to be paid in either cash or calendars according to their wishes but that interest on their generous loans would be paid in the form of an extra calendar.

We were joined by Nicaraguan journalist Anthony Budier. Sr. Budier is in the US observing journalistic practices and techniques for a good portion of the summer. He gave us an insightful look at Nicaragua from a Nicaraguan point of view. We may arrange houseparties with Anthony before he leaves. Contact is Alan Peura, 244-0621.

Announcements followed including:  $\frac{1}{2}$  time Peace Corps Recruiter job is open, details elsewhere in this issue; Something called the Declaration of Interdependence was circulated. We don't know who these people are but it sounded good. The Nicaraguan All-Star Baseball Team is touring the US and will play the Avenue Bar Team on Monday, August 24 at Warner Park at 6:30 pm. Also Nelia Sancho, Founder of the Philippine Women's Group Gabriela will speak at 7:30 pm at Pres House on August 24. Don and Muffy will be moving at the end of August and would like some help. Don promised to supply various stimulants in exchange for assistance. You will be called.

The Calendar Committee (three Cheers for Jim and Laura Good) report that a press run of 2000 calendars has been contracted for and will be in hand in about two weeks (maybe in time for the \_\_\_\_\_ Roast)

The Global Education and Internal Education Committees are working quietly.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Roast was discussed. A request was made for someone to play the role of event coordinator and be in contact with the Kehm's in planning for the event. In the event no coordinator can be found we will have to do a massive pot luck which still takes some coordination but not quite as much as an animal. As of this writing (some 90 minutes later) no volunteers had stepped forward. There were rumors that some one would pick up the ball.

Walt announced that Alan Kraus would be coordinating the RPCV table at registration (assuming we get one) Mark Visocky, Don Kelly, Jane Mitchell and Laura Good agreed to help. More help can be used. Call Alan Kraus.

The idea of hosting a Potluck Dinner for the parents of current volunteers was discussed. We also want to have one for new members as well. Julie Olsen and Bob Merideth will explore and coordinate.

Muffy and Sharon L. will work in conjunction with Peace Corps Washington and others on World Food Day activities.

World Food Day is a day set aside to recognize and focus attention on hunger and food issues and how they impact on the lives of so many people in the world. Since 1981, World Food Day has been celebrated on October 16 in many countries around the world. This is the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. Each year since 1981, the variety and scope of World Food Day activities have increased, both here in the U.S. and overseas.

A popular annual event in the U.S. is a teleconference hosted by FAO's National Committee on World Food Day with a panel of international experts on hunger issues. This year's panelists include Dr. Hernando DeSoto, founder and Director of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy in Lima, Peru; Dr. John Gatu, Vice-President, All Africa Conference of Churches and pastor of St. Andrews in Nairobi, Kenya; and Governor Kay Orr of Nebraska. Hundreds of sites on college campuses and in hospitals and meeting halls will broadcast this teleconference as well as conduct local discussions on how they may contribute to the solutions to world hunger issues. The teleconference will be on the air from 12 to 3 p.m. EST, Friday, October 16. At present, not all sites are known. For information on a site in your area, call the National Committee for World Food Day at (202) 653-2404.

Due to its awareness of the severity of the food crisis and its commitment to alleviating world hunger, Peace Corps has participated in a number of World Food Day activities in the past and plans to be involved in the recognition of World Food Day again this year. Current plans include participation in an intergovernmental reception with exhibits at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC as well as attendance at several other ceremonies and events. Peace Corps/Washington employees will honor World Food Day by supporting an agriculturally-related Peace Corps Partnership Project. Volunteers overseas have organized World Food Day activities in their communities in previous years (examples include the planting of food-bearing trees, lessons plans focusing on World Food Day, a myriad of contests and competitions: essay, speech and poster contests, livestock competitions, healthy baby contests, fishing contests, and garden competitions) and will be encouraged to participate in a variety of ways this year. Since so many Peace Corps assignments can be related to food issues, World Food Day provides a wonderful opportunity to increase awareness of the interconnectedness between agriculture, hunger, and poverty.

World Food Day provides us all with the impetus to focus on food issues. It creates an excellent opportunity to heighten the awareness of the importance of adequate food supplies worldwide. It gives us another chance to continue our efforts to promote Peace Corps' Third Goal of "bringing the world back home". Your experiences of living and working in a developing country, where the food most probably was quite different from standard American cuisine, where the food supply may not have met the demand, where hunger was perhaps a reality for your coworkers, students or community members, enable you to relate firsthand how these issues impact on the daily lives of our world neighbors.

Peace Corps is preparing packets of World Food Day information for any RPCVs who would like to take this opportunity to go into their communities to speak to students, community groups or other interested organizations on food issues, the developing world and the Peace Corps. The packets will include general information and statistics, as well as teaching ideas and lesson plans for K-12. If you would like to be involved in Peace Corps' recognition of World Food Day by speaking in your community, please contact Teresa Saunders or Mary Ann Haley at the Peace Corps Office of Private Sector Relations at 1-800-424-8580, ext. 276.

# CNN to offer foreign-made news

By TOM WALTER  
Scripps-Howard News Service

LOS ANGELES — Television news often offers us the world raw. But journalists steeped in the traditions of a free press do the choosing and the editing of the stories and what appears in them. The result can be irritating or superficial, but at least it makes an attempt at fairness and balance.

Such strictures and independence are rare in the world. We're about to see how rare. The Cable News Network will soon provide us other countries' views of the world — and themselves — once a week.

Third World countries often criticize Western news organizations for alleged bias. These countries criticize American or other Western journalists who drop in for a few days, cover the hot story of the moment, then leave with little more understanding of the country and culture than when they arrived. Or they say Westerners judge world events through a narrow prism that disparages any but the Western model.

Some of the criticism is justified;

much of it is special pleading by countries that do not understand a free press or do not want anyone taking a close look at corruption, brutality or worse.

CNN will inaugurate "CNN World Report" in October, consisting of reports from any country's television networks that care to submit stories.

About 40 countries currently are scheduled to participate. Stuart Loory, the show's executive producer, said he hopes to have at least 100 participating countries by the time the six-hour program begins. It will be seen Sunday nights.

The reports will be aired as received.

"We will not use any criteria in selecting stories," Loory said in a satellite press conference between Moscow and Los Angeles. All 159 countries recognized by the United Nations have been invited to participate.

The reports will be unedited except for time limitations. If a country wants to submit three minutes of its agriculture minister talking about the price of eggs, that's what CNN will air.

Boredom isn't the danger, though. Slick, or even not so slick, propaganda masquerading as news, is. CNN officials aren't worried American viewers will be suckered, though. Loory said that over time stories will balance each other out, and that even if they didn't, he was confident American viewers could pick out what's true and what isn't.

## NEWSLETTER POLICY:

Since we're always trying to get new members, I'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.

## RPCVs of WISCONSIN MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

BROWN, Doug A.D.S.-II, USAID, Port-au-Prince I.D., Washington, DC 20523  
Phone number in Haiti: 509-1-7-5966. Also has large house available for putting up any visitors.

MAHON, Dean 2, rue des Boucheries, CH-1290 Versoix, Geneva, Switzerland.  
Home: Cameroon 1974-78.  
Work:

### NEW MEMBERS:

ASHBACHER, Allen 730 H Beaumont Rd., Prairie du Chein, WI 53821.  
Home: 608/326-6389 Work: Fiji 1984-86

SMITH, Margaret 4283 County Trunk P, Cross Plains, WI 53520.  
Home: 798-4249 Work: 262-0390 Swaziland 1984-86

ULLMER, Dolores 114 S. Orchard St., Madison, WI 53715.  
Home: 258-8803 Work: Zaire 1984-86

ZERMUEHLEN, Sophia K. 317 Bordner Dr., Madison, WI 53705.  
Home: 233-7886 Work: Morocco 1983-85

ELECTIONS

Elections for next years officers will be held at the Thursday, Oct. 1 general meeting. All members in good standing can vote, and an absentee ballot will be published in the next newsletter for those who cannot make the October meeting. Our official election rules were published in last month's newsletter so check that issue to find out what actually is supposed to happen.

However, elections are only as good as YOU make them. The nomination committee (Rick Lackey, Don Sauer, Walt Zeltner, etc. as listed in the minutes) is just waiting for each of you, even those of you living outside Madison, to contact us with names of members you would like to see run for office. Even better would be to have a number of people tell us they're willing to run for office. And, if you're asked to run for office, please don't dismiss it out of hand. Consider it seriously! We need your help to make this an effective organization.

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

# Join the National Council

Membership in the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers includes a subscription to the RPCVoice. You may join as an individual RPCV or as a member of a local affiliated group. If you are not an RPCV, you may join as an associate member. Those wishing to contribute more than the basic membership fee may join as a supporting member. Anyone joining the National Council may designate part of their membership payment be forwarded to an affiliated RPCV group. Membership fees:

- \$30—Supporting Membership
- \$15—Individual RPCV or Associate Membership

Send \$6 of my payment to the following RPCV group:

- \$9—I am already a fully-paid member of the affiliated group
- \$10 Air Mail Fee for overseas address

(Please Print)     PCV     RPCV     PC Staff     Other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phones (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Peace Corps Country of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Service \_\_\_\_\_ PC Job \_\_\_\_\_

Current occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of an affiliated RPCV group?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, give name of group \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you do not wish your name included on requests for our mailing list.

Enclose with check to:

NCRPCV  
 Membership  
 Box 65294  
 Washington, DC 20035-5294

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All RPCVW, Inc. members receive the newsletter on payment of dues, which are \$12 annually (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31) or, for those joining after February, \$1 for each month until the next Jan. 1. Those not wishing to join can still receive the newsletter for one year on payment of \$7 to cover preparation and mailing costs.

- I want to join RPCVW, Inc. and am enclosing my dues.
- I am interested in joining but want more information. Please contact me.
- I do not want to join, but I would like to receive the newsletter and am enclosing \$7 to cover the costs.
- I'M MOVING! Please change my mailing address on your records.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE DATES: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS? Call me at 608/835-3083 most evenings and weekends. Or try 608/262-9809 weekdays and ask for me - Walt.

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