



# WORLD ROOTS

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## Message from the President

RPCVs;

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are excited for Fall and more 50th Anniversary celebrations in Washington DC in September. Over the summer I managed to escape to Peru and The Philippines but was so happy to return home.

I want to thank Holly Banaszak Tuncsoy for hosting the Calendar Unveiling party in July. We missed Tom Brodd, the host of the unveiling in past years as he takes a hiatus in Kenya. But it was great to grill with our new Calendar Project Coordinator Ron Chance, and catch up with our Treasurer Lee Row. I think I saw Membership Coordinator Crystal Pilon starting the croquet game and a good time being had by Board member Helene Pesche, Poster Project Coordinator Char Thompson and Brunch Coordinator Mark Holden. It was great to meet so many other RPCVs from Afghanistan, Paraguay, Peru and Belize.

AtwoodFest was a great success as well, thanks to Troy Rutter and Sharon Isensee who set it all up. Thanks again to Karl Stark, Scot Simpson, Crystal Pilon and all the others volunteers who came to staff the table after I left. Let's do it again for Willy Street!

Looking forward to seeing you all in September. There are plenty of RPCV events to choose from. Check out dates and times in this newsletter.

Peace,

Ana Zambie  
Bolivia 99-01

## Dates in Brief

### September

- 6 - Poster Com Mtng – Char's
- 6 - Calendar Com Mtng\*- Ron's
- 9 - Packing & Pizza Party\*
- 11 - Annual Gen Mtng/Picnic\*
- 14 - GIM
- 17 - Willy St. Festival
- 21-25 Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup>\* W,DC
- 25 - Book Club

### October

- 4 - Poster Com Mtng – Char's
- 4 - Calendar Com Mtng – Ron's
- 6 - International Dinner?
- 12 - GIM
- 19 - General Meeting
- 23 - Book Club

### November

- 1 - Cal Com Mtng – Ron's
- 1 - Poster Com Mtng – Char's
- 3 - International Dinner?
- 9 - GIM – Red Gym
- 16 - Gen Mtng – Red Gym
- 27 - Book Club

\* Details inside

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## Registration

## Make it a total PEACE CORPS WEEKEND

Remember those occasional Peace Corps get-togethers in the capital city when you reconnected with volunteers from your training group who had been scattered around the country? And when you met people you'd only heard about? Well, this is kind of the same thing but for returned volunteers in the Madison area.

First there's the

### Packing & Pizza Party

On Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 PM  
at Weiners' Warehouse in Middleton.

Then there's the

### AGM Picnic

On Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> *starting with the*  
**First Annual RPCV soccer game**  
at 3:30 PM at McGaw Park in Fitchburg  
followed by the picnic, elections and more.

Details inside...

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### Listserv

RPCVs of WI – Madison [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rpcv\\_madison/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rpcv_madison/)

### On Facebook

RPCVs of WI-Madison

### Websites

RPCVs of WI – Madison  
International Calendar  
NPCA  
Peace Corps Online  
Peace Corps  
Our address

<http://www.rpcvmadison.org>

Thanks to Kim Malueg!

<http://www.rpcvcalendar.org>

<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/>

<http://www.peacecorpsonline.org>

<http://www.peacecorps.gov>

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## Buy Calendars for \$4

One of best perks of membership.

You can buy the lovely RPCV International Calendar for a mere \$4 until the close of the AGM/Picnic September 11th.\*

Calendars available from:

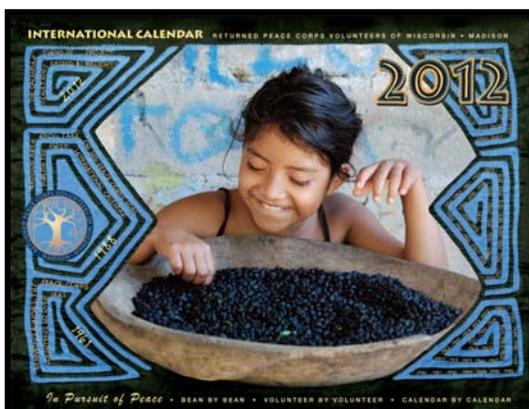
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\*Calendars are \$5 for members after September 11th



# Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2011

Instead of having a July meeting, we hold our annual *Calendar Unveiling* in July. Since our Calendar Chair, Tom Brodd, who has hosted us in recent years resigned and took off for Kenya (and yes, the calendar funds are intact), we needed a new venue. Holly Banaszak Tuncsoy who bravely and competently takes calendar orders and deals with our customers offered her eastside home.

Unfortunately everyone had so much fun, great conversation and good food we forgot to take photos - the true test of a successful party! It was also noted that we had a better selection and quantity of beer than ever before - a trend that should be encouraged.

## August 17, 2011

Heather Hempel Gomez, Mark Holden, Meghan Meeker, Lauren Moscoe, Lee Row, Kate Schachter, Char Thompson, Ana Zambie, Walt Zeltner, and Ryszard Zolnik attended

### Officer / Committee Reports

#### Treasury

In 2010, we donated \$500 to Fitchburg Fields as a Special Project (Giftaway) grant. We specified that the donation be used to train recent immigrants in food preservation. Lee reported that Fitchburg Fields has not been able to locate recent immigrants for this training. After discussion, we decided to authorize Fitchburg Fields to use our donation to train any interested individuals - not just recent immigrants.

Our accounts are in good order and up to date. We have adequate funds in our checking and savings accounts to meet the obligations we have made to other organizations such as Peace Corps Partnerships and the NPCA.

#### Membership

As Crystal was unable to attend tonight's meeting, we postponed the membership report until our next meeting on September 11.

Lee reported that Crystal has forwarded recent membership checks.

#### Calendar

The Calendar Committee has sold 14,165 copies of the 2012 Calendar, and almost all expenses for the calendar have been paid. Calendar meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Ron and Beth Chance's home (205 Dixon St, Madison). Calendars can now be purchased online with a credit card. Ron will develop an efficient tracking system in order to provide the group with monthly reports. All group members are invited to help out at the Calendar Packing Party on Friday, September 9 at 6:00 PM in Allen's warehouse (7182 Hwy 14, Middleton).

#### 50th Anniversary Committee

Kate has led a variety of activities for Peace Corps's 50th Anniversary: 1) tabling at Willy Street Coop's East and West locations to sell calendars, posters, notecards, and SerendipiTea; 2) public displays of posters of art objects from the Bringing the World Back Home exhibit, 3) a potential collaboration with Madison Metropolitan School District to have teachers develop lesson plans related to the art exhibit catalog, 4) legislative advocacy at the state level for Peace Corps funding, the Kate Puzey Sexual Harassment Act, and the Peace Corps Commemorative Act, and 5) the Chicago RPCV tree dedication in Federal Plaza on August 28. Kate shared the committee's financial report, showing balances of \$477 for the



Ah, Summer and a Terrace Meeting

Photo by Kate Schachter

art exhibit catalogs, -\$102 for SerendipiTea and \$595 for a variety of other items.

We agree that it would be great to have a volunteer to store the art exhibit posters and help loan them out for display.

#### Old Business

Lee reported that the Peace Corps Partnership Program has finally submitted its report on the disbursement of the

\$70,000 we sent them last year from the 2010 Calendar proceeds. This year we will donate \$50,000 from the 2011 Calendar revenue. A copy of the report will be placed on the Yahoo! Listserv site and Lee will send it to anyone who wants a copy.

#### International Dinners

We are seeking a coordinator for the monthly International Dinners. This individual will select ethnic restaurants and promote the dinners via our listserv.

#### Posters

Char reported that the Poster Committee has paid all of the expenses, excluding our group's \$5,000 loan, for its three poster sets. The \$4,000 loan from an anonymous source has been repaid. They have printed poster order forms to ship with the 2012 calendars at the Packing Party and send to Washington DC for the 50th anniversary celebration.

## 2011 Annual Meeting

The 2011 Annual Meeting and International Potluck will be held at the McGaw Park Shelter (5236 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg) on Sunday, September 11. The fun starts at 3:30 PM with a friendly soccer game, with a potluck dinner at 5:00 PM, and a membership meeting at 6:00 PM to elect the group's officers and Board. We will sell the 2012 calendar, three poster sets, SerendipiTea, and art exhibit catalog.

## Website Updates

Kate has worked with Kim to complete a round of updates to our group website:

[www.rpvmadison.org](http://www.rpvmadison.org). The server upgrade is scheduled for later this month.

## Volunteer Positions

We are seeking volunteers to coordinate the following: calendar marketing and sales, speakers' bureau, art exhibit posters, World Roots newsletter editor and the International Dinners. Also, with Helene's resignation, we will need to elect a new Board member at large at the September meeting.

## New Business

### Class Action Suit

Ryszard received notification of a class action suit that will be brought against a business in Nebraska that had purchased calendars from our group in past years. We discussed whether to join the suit and decided, ultimately, that there would be little advantage to getting involved.

### Payment to Art Exhibit Curator

Kate motioned that all 50th Anniversary Committee net revenue be paid to Donna Page for her work as curator of the Bringing the World Back Home art exhibit in \$500 increments up to a maximum of \$3,000. Ana affirmed that such a payment would be in accordance with our bylaws. Mark suggested that Kate provide a scope of work to document and justify this payment. Mark then seconded the motion, and all approved.

### NPCA Grant Proposal

The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) submitted a report of activities funded by our previous grant and a proposal for the 2011

Group Capacity Building Grant. Kate motioned to approve the NPCA proposal and disburse the funds that we set aside for this grant. Heather seconded the motion, and all approved.

## Action Items from the August Meeting

### We need:

- 1) A newsletter editor
- 2) A monthly ethnic dinner coordinator
- 3) A Speakers' Bureau Coordinator
- 4) An art exhibit Coordinator

There are also many ways to get involved with the Poster Committee and the Calendar Committee.

Contact [worldrootsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:worldrootsnews@yahoo.com) for more information and to volunteer



## Peace Corps Advocacy

Members of our group have been visiting our legislators' offices in small groups during their August recess to promote Peace Corps funding, passage of the Commemorative legislation, and passage of the Kate Puzey Volunteer Protection Act of 2011. Some will continue their campaigns at the Capitol Hill Advocacy Day in Washington DC on Thursday, September 22 as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Fifteen RPCVs from Wisconsin and Minnesota will join forces to walk the halls of Congress and you are welcome to join them.

### Meetings so far:

#### ☒ Friday, August 5

Judy Stadler arranged a meeting with Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin's field representative for herself, Kate Schachter and Judy Figi at Tammy's office in Madison. They thanked Representative Baldwin for her excellent support of Peace Corps initiatives.

#### ☒ Monday, August 8

Judy Figi arranged a meeting with Congressman Paul Ryan for herself and Kate Schachter in Janesville and encouraged him to consider sup-

porting Peace Corps activities and initiatives.

#### ☒ Monday, August 15

Chris Wilson, President of the Milwaukee RPCVs set up a session with Congressman Ron Johnson's District Manager, himself, Kate Schachter and five other Milwaukee RPCVs. They shared information about the Peace Corps and why he should support it.

### Coming Up:

#### ☒ Wednesday, August 24

Glenn Bechler arranged a meeting with Congressman Tom Petri's field representative in Neenah. Kate Schachter will join him for this meeting. Representative Petri is one of six RPCVs currently serving in Congress and has been a strong supporter of Peace Corps programs and funding. They plan to thank him for his support and encourage his efforts to minimize funding reductions.

#### ☒ More

Chris Wilson is working on meetings in Milwaukee with Representative Gwen Moore and Senator Herb Kohl. Representative Moore has been a strong supporter of Peace Corps. Senator Kohl has indicated support for the International Affairs portion of the budget but has not specifically supported Peace Corps.

You can learn more about these issues at

[www.peacecorpsconnect.org/advocacy/](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/advocacy/) and send an e-mail or write a letter to your legislator to encourage support of Peace Corps legislation.

For more information on the issues or to participate, contact Kate Schachter at [kateschachter@yahoo.com](mailto:kateschachter@yahoo.com).



Judy, Judy & Kate with Keith Nevitt

# Annual General Meeting and Picnic

McGaw Park Shelter  
5236 Lacy Rd  
Fitchburg, WI 53711

**3:30-5:00 PM** Friendly soccer game, hiking, conversation, etc.

**5:00 PM** Potluck Picnic

Bring a dish to pass, preferred beverages, etc.

Paper plates, napkins, forks & spoons, bowls will be provided

**6:00 PM** Annual General Meeting - Election of officers

The park shelter has picnic tables, electricity, bathrooms, playground, soccer & baseball field with bleachers, wide open space tucked away in a wooded area with hiking/bike trail

**Vote** for new officers

**Pay your membership** dues

**Buy** 2012 calendars

**Eat** great food

**Catch up** with friends

**Buy** SerendipiTea

**Buy** poster sets

**Breathe** fresh air

**Have some fun!**

To get there, go south on Fish Hatchery Road, left on Lacy Road and right on McGaw Access Road

**Family, friends, RPCVs, PCVs, invitees – all are welcome!**

there only depends on how bad the traffic into the city is. But my place in on a rural dirt road, two and a half miles off the main road, so it is a bit of walk to get a bus.

I am in the central highlands of Kenya, about a mile up. The landscape looks a lot like the driftless area of Wisconsin. (For those who do not know Wisconsin, the driftless area is the part of the state that was not affected by the last glacier with very steep hills.) So the walk to the main road is not bad as it is downhill, but on the return it is only up, up, up and it is a rather steep walk. But then it will help me keep the weight down.

I live in half of a duplex on the school ground. The other half is used as housing for three of teachers. I have running water which is pumped up from the river down in the valley, but I need to boil it before drinking it. And I have electricity.

The school has a small student body of around 30; the students come to this school if they are unable to go to secondary school (high school) or do not pass the exams so they can't apply to university.

The school teaches carpentry and furniture making, auto mechanics, electrical installations, welding, dress making and fashion design, hair dressing and beauty therapy, masonry and computer training. The school has just started a fish pond and has just planted 100 banana trees.

The overall thrust of my being here is to assist the school with their business planning and marketing of these products and to help develop other ways the school can raise extra money to help cover the cost of the school and to expand scope of the training.

The area around here is very fertile and food is not a problem as it is in northern Kenya. Even though it is the dry season there have been two good rains. The main food is corn (or maize as it is called here) but it is not sweet corn but field corn. It is eaten boiled or roasted but mostly made into a corn paste called Ugali and eaten with a sauce. There are also potatoes,

## News from A Brodd



August 10, 2011

Greetings from  
Baraka Youth  
Polytechnic  
School in  
Kiangochi  
Kenya!

For those who do not know, I am a CUSO-VSO Volunteer working in Kenya at a technical training school helping on their business planning and income development for the school. CUSO-VSO is a joint Canadian British development organization that sends people overseas to assist people with development and pass on the skills we have.

I arrived in Kenya in early July and had a week's training with the other new volunteers in Nairobi. Nairobi, like all big African cities that I have been in, is a place

with lots of hustle and bustle with lots of people and traffic and lots of traffic jams as the city has outgrown its streets. But they are in the process of upgrading and adding to the streets so in the not too distant future the traffic should get a little better.

For all of those that know about these things, the mini busses called Matatus that run around town hold only three people across. It is supposed to be that way in the rural areas too, but there it can be up to five people across due to the lack of available transport. Due to the lack of pollution controls and the conditions of the vehicles, the smog in Nairobi is very bad. As it is not laid out in a grid system, getting around the city can be confusing, just like Madison is for newcomers.

I am fortunate in that my site is only two to three hours from Nairobi. The time it takes to get

tomatoes, onions, spinach and there are many fruits.

Just about everyone who lives here is a farmer. Aside from growing their own food, the main cash crop for farmers here is bananas. No matter which direction you look, you see lots and lots of banana trees. The market for all these bananas is Nairobi. Unlike the other places I have lived, people here live on their small farms of around five to ten acres or less. The village center is only a few small shops that sell basic items.

As many know, Kenya is known for its wildlife and safaris. But where I am, the only animals are squirrels and many varieties of birds. However, I did see some giraffes, antelopes and warthogs when I returned from motorcycle training as the road to the training site is near one of the national parks.

One of the benefits of VSO is that if they believe it is needed, you are given a motorcycle. As I am out in a very rural area, it was deemed that I needed one, so I had to get my Kenya driving license. They hold a five day training workshop for volunteers who need a motorcycle. For me it was not too difficult as I have driven a cycle for many years, but all but one of the other trainees had only just learned to ride and it was a challenge for them.

The hard part for me was learning the rules of the road and road signs used here. They are not that much different, but enough to give you problems on the test. The main thing I need to get use to is that they drive on the left side of the road. I have to keep telling myself to stay on the left, stay on the left, stay on the left.

Will keep you updated as things move along.

Safe Journeys,

Tom



## *It's Still the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peace Corps*

We have completed the major community projects we planned: the Global House Party at the Overture Center, the art show at Promega and displays at the Madison Children's Museum. However, it's still the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peace Corps and we do have some ongoing projects. We also have some ongoing needs for volunteers. Read on!

✳ Photos of the exhibit art will be displayed at the Verona Public Library through August. These were created to allow us to share the art without worrying about theft or damage. The prints are high-quality and nicely framed. We would like to display them at more venues - schools, libraries, community centers, hospitals, churches. So, if you know of a place, for now contact Kate Schachter at [kateschachter@yahoo.com](mailto:kateschachter@yahoo.com).

✳ We need someone to be our contact for the art prints as well as for our Speaker's Bureau. Although this is a crucial job, it doesn't take a great deal of time. *This is an easy way to be more involved.*

✳ We are also looking for teachers to create lesson plans based on the art show catalog.

The exhibit of the art we brought home from our Peace Corps service was intended to create interest in countries where we served and to provide information about those countries - fulfilling the Third Goal of Peace Corps.

We want to expand our Third Goal activities by making these images and lesson plans available on our website for K-12 teachers worldwide.

The full catalog is on our website in one large PDF file at <http://rpcvmadison.org/activities-art.php> to look at the material and get ideas.

✳ Please contact President Ana Zambie if you can help.

✳ Peace and Harmony teas are still available, for a limited time. Kate Schachter has been selling them at Willy Street East and West, from time to time and you can also contact her directly to buy tea. It's excellent both as iced tea and as hot tea. The original cost has nearly been covered and we will use profits for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

✳ Art show catalogs are still available. If you had items in the show, you've probably already received a catalog. You may want to buy a catalog for *each* item that was on exhibit. The curation of the collection adds value to your art, and the catalog itself can also add value if you should ever decide to exhibit again or sell your art.



Photos by Daniel Swadener

If it's September, it must be time to

## Pack the Calendars & Party with Pizza!

**When:** Friday, September 9, 6:00 PM

**Where:** Weiners Warehouse, 7182 US HWY 14, Middleton\*

**Why:** People power rules! Many hands make light work, etc.



This is an all-ages event, with tasks for all as well as plenty of pizza to fuel the efforts.

Traditionally this was the last chance for members to buy calendars at the \$4/calendar rate, but that privilege has been extended to the Sunday, September 11th meeting and picnic at McGaw Park.

Pizza & soft drinks will be provided. Please bring additional beverages of your choice.

\* Take University Ave west through and out of Middleton and past the last stop light. Continue until Hwy 14 is no longer divided. Go .3 (three tenths) of a mile further on the 2-lane Hwy 14. There is a very tall and slender sign that says "Westside Warehouse" on the right (north). That's it. Turn right at the red post.

Alan Weiner says, "We are in the last industrial complex going west on Hwy 14. Our paved driveway is the last one on the right. After us, there is just farm land and The Outer Limits Strip Club."

## Landmark September Events



The National Peace Corps Association is honored to play a significant role in the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps.

September 22, 2011 marks the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Peace Corps Act in Congress by John F. Kennedy.

This milestone celebrates the Peace Corps community's accomplishments and gives us all an opportunity to reflect on how each one of us can continue to exemplify the Peace Corps mission and spirit. NPCA looks forward to advancing community ties and service well into the future through its 50th Anniversary activities.

**Hospitality Suite, September 22-24, 2011**

Looking to meet up with members of your training class, country of

service, or geographic group? Stop in at the NPCA hospitality suite to post information, find information or just take a breather from the exciting weekend of events. Hospitality suite, National Peace Corps Association, 1900 L Street, NW, Suite 404, Washington, DC 20036. NPCA is located blocks from the Farragut North (Red Line) or Farragut West (Blue & Orange Lines) Metro stations in the Golden Triangle area near Peace Corps Headquarters.

### Group Activities, September 22-25, 2011

Member group events (receptions, lunches, dinners, and get togethers), staff reunions, and other special events and celebrations are ongoing throughout the entire weekend. Visit the 50th anniversary master event calendar at [www.peacecorps2010.sched.org](http://www.peacecorps2010.sched.org) to see all events and to post your own. Still planning your events in DC for September 2011? NPCA's events are designed for flexible attendance, so that you can host

member and country specific activities throughout the weekend. Find out general information on Member Group activities by contacting Emily Bello at [Emily@peacecorpsconnect.org](mailto:Emily@peacecorpsconnect.org)

### NPCA Advocacy Day Orientation Wednesday, September 21, 2011 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Make plans to begin your 50th anniversary celebrations in Washington, DC by advocating for a bigger, better, bolder Peace Corps and expanded opportunities for global volunteerism. Our preparations will commence with an important advocacy orientation session on Wednesday evening. The training session will provide you with logistics for the following day, provide an opportunity to organize around advocacy topics and get familiar with prepared materials to present to Congress members and staffers. Registration is required for this event.

### NPCA Advocacy Day Thursday, September 22, 2011 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Advocacy Day: 50 years to the day of Congressional passage of the

Peace Corps Act, join NPCA advocates for a full day of congressional meetings, a rally on the grounds of the Capitol featuring notable political figures, an end-of-day event and more! Registration is required for this event. Register by going to [www.peacecorpsconnect.org](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org).

**NPCA Service Day Friday, September 23, 2011 9:00 am - 8:00 pm**

Join NPCA in a day of service. This day will begin with an opening ceremony at one of the site locations in Washington, DC. The final list of service locations will be provided the week before the event. Can't join us in DC? Show your Peace Corps pride by participating in a service activity in your local or global community. If you are planning a service day outside of DC, we want to hear from you. We will be totaling the service hours for the day and circulating the information to the entire community. Registration before September 1, 2011 is required for this event.

**NPCA Administrative Meetings Saturday, September 24, 2011 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Saturday begins with NPCA's Board of Director's Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Group Leaders Forum. At these meetings you can learn about NPCA's processes and how the staff and volunteer leadership work to meet the organization's goals. These meetings are open to the public. If you have an interest in attending the session please RSVP directly to Khalisa Jacobs at [Khalisa@peacecorpsconnect.org](mailto:Khalisa@peacecorpsconnect.org).

**Conversations: The Future of Peace Corps Saturday, September 24, 2011 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - SOLD OUT**

How will the Peace Corps community continue to grow and strive for a world of peace and prosperity for the next 50 years? A panel of thought leaders and global figures will discuss their experience with the Peace Corps and discuss pressing topics with the community at the National Theater in Washington, DC. The second session will feature competitive proposals for a global community

project. A select group of pre-screened projects will be presented to the audience for review and questions. The audience will vote for the most deserving project and that project will be awarded with a grant that day.

**The Promise of the Peace Corps Gala Saturday, September 24, 2011 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

Saturday will culminate with a formal Gala to celebrate the past 50 years of the Peace Corps and energize the community for the next 50 years. NPCA is honored to have Chris Matthews, Host of *Hardball* and RPCV Swaziland as the event Emcee.

**Arlington National Cemetery Presentation & Walk of Flags, Sunday, September 25, 2011 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Sunday's activities include a sequence of events sponsored by the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, DC. The activities will begin at 10:00am (doors open at 8:00am) with a program at the Arlington Cemetery Amphitheater honoring the legacy of the Peace Corps and its founder, John F. Kennedy. The ceremony will also honor fallen Peace Corps Volunteers. Keynote speakers representing the full spectrum of the Peace Corps experience will share reflections on the future of the community. At noon, the formal presentation will

be followed by the opportunity to walk with Country of Service flags across the Memorial Bridge to the Lincoln Memorial. Please contact RPCV/W at [peacecorps50th@rpcvw.org](mailto:peacecorps50th@rpcvw.org).

**NPCA Closing Ceremony, Sunday, September 25, 2011 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

NPCA will end the weekend's activities with a festive get together highlighting the community through mini demonstrations, booths and entertainment. NPCA will announce details regarding the closing ceremony including the location at a later date.

**Who's Attending?**

Want to know who's coming from your country of service? The NPCA posts the lists once a week. You can see them by going to [www.peacecorpsconnect.org](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org) and scrolling down to the very bottom of the page to click on "Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary." Then on the left side of the resulting page, find **Landmark September Events** which provides links to everything that's happening in Washington. Toward the bottom of that page you will find the lists of people who plan to attend by name and by country.

If you plan to go, all great wishes for fun and reconnection. Please know that World Roots is looking forward to publishing your stories in October!

*How far will the NPCA go to bring us great tea?  
Around the world, naturally!*

*Blended by SerendipiTea  
of Manhasset, NY  
[serendipitea.org](http://serendipitea.org)*

**Peace**

- Organic Black Tea - India
- Organic Cornflowers - Bulgaria
- Organic Golden Raisins - Nigeria
- Organic Black Tea - Sri Lanka
- Organic Bergamot - China

**Harmony**

- Organic Apple Bits - Turkey
- Organic Hibiscus - Sudan
- Organic Mango Bits - Burkina Faso
- Organic Honeybush - S. Africa
- Organic Rose Hips - Chile

**Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Teas**

\$12/4 oz. - Makes 50 cups

**Proceeds to the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA)  
for Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events**

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# Member Registration

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All members receive:

- a Newsletter, World Roots (by e-mail);
- the right to purchase calendars and poster sets at reduced rates;
- the right to vote at any general meeting.

All paid members receive these additional benefits:

- a mailed newsletter, World Roots (option in lieu of e-mail);
- the right to vote on how calendar proceeds are distributed to worthy causes;
- the right to sponsor a project for funding from calendar proceeds;
- the right to allocate \$1000 per year to the Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) of their choice.

We encourage you to join the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) which provides us a way to affect national issues. NPCA individual membership is \$35/year. You can find information and join the NPCA at [www.peacecorpsconnect.org/membership](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/membership) or write to 1900 L Street, NW, Suite 404, Washington, DC 20036 or call (202)293-7728.

### To avoid record-keeping hassles, the member year begins in September.

Individual - \$15  Joint - \$20 (household)

Free membership to all serving Peace Corps Volunteers – This membership, good for service term plus one year after COS, can be activated online by PCVs in the field.

First time free - Any RPCV who has never been a member before may join for one year for free.

I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

I would like to receive my Newsletter  on paper, by mail  electronically, by e-mail

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

PC Sector: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth year : (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form & check to: RPCVs of Wisconsin – Madison, P.O.Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701

## RPCVs of WISCONSIN-MADISON – PRIVACY POLICY

Annually or upon request (for example, to promote a Peace Corps-sponsored event in Madison), RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison (RPCVs of WI) shares the names and contact information of its consenting members with affiliate organizations, currently including regional Peace Corps (PC) office in Chicago and the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), as part of a data exchange. This exchange of data is essential for maintaining a complete, up-to-date database. The information shared includes, but is not limited to: full name; country of service; dates of service; home mailing address; email address; phone number; and spouse/partner name. This information is not sold or transferred to any unaffiliated third party by RPCVs of WI and has been and will be used strictly for communication purposes with our members.

RPCVs of WI will use the shared information received from PC and our members for 1) recruitment and retention of members to RPCVs of WI and NPCA; 2) helping Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) to organize reunions of their Peace Corps groups; 3) assisting requestors to find RPCVs by sharing the requestor contact information with the RPCV (allowing the Wisconsin RPCV to decide whether to make contact with the requestor); and 4) use related to Third Goal events.

The use by PC of the information contained in the database will be governed by the same policy as RPCVs of WI. Members of RPCVs of WI have the opportunity to decline to have their data shared with NPCA and PC. If you do not wish to have your data shared with PC or NPCA, please mail this signed form to the Member Coordinator. No response assumes you agree to have your name shared.

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**OPT-OUT:** If you prefer that we not disclose contact information about you to affiliated third parties (specifically, PC), you may opt out of those disclosures. That is, you may direct us not to make those disclosures, except as provided in this Notice), by filling out this form and mailing it to the address below.

- I prefer that my contact information be kept confidential, to be used by the RPCVs of Wisconsin only.

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Printed Name

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Date

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Signature

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Phone Number (in case of question)

Mail to:

RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison  
Attn: Membership  
P.O. Box 1012  
Madison, WI 53701

Email to:

rpcvmsnmembers@gmail.com

Questions?

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