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Do you participate in RPCV or other Third Goal type events? Do you have a cellphone with a camera or a digital camera? Then World Roots News needs you! I am looking for a folks who would be willing to generate monthly content for World Roots news. All it requires is attending an event, taking a photo, writing a paragraph about the experience, and sending both to worldrootsnews@gmail.com. Please let me know if you would be interested. The future of World Roots News depends on it.

Thank you!

Laura Vele Buchs

World Roots News Editor



RPCV Hiking Club – Devil's Lake Trip

A dozen RPCVs, one fabulous toddler, and an intrepid canine traveled to Devil's Lake State Park on Sunday, August 30 to hike the East Bluff Trails, affording beautiful views of the lake, rocky shore, and surrounding ridges.



Afterward, they gathered at the nearby home of Clare McNamara, our vice president, and Neil Cox - RPCVs who served in Tanzania from 2006 to 2008 - for a delicious summer potluck in the backyard.



The RPCV Hiking Club's next adventure will be exploring the corn maze at Treinen Farm in Lodi. The date and time will be posted to our listserv, so keep an eye out. All RPCVs, family, and friends are welcome!



Treasurer's Annual Report

The annual financial audit of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin – Madison (RPCVs WI-Madison) was conducted on July 26, 2015 by Meghan Meeker, President, Clare McNamara, Vice President and Walt Zeltner, board member. No deficiencies were found. For the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015, RPCVs WI-Madison received \$172,303 revenue and expended \$86,882, leaving a balance of \$53,346.80 in checking and \$174,353.41 in savings accounts. The annual IRS 990-EZ tax return was filed on July 31, 2015 reflecting these totals. The 2015-16 budgets, with projections of \$202,300 in receipts and \$105,806.80 in expenses were approved at the April 2015 Board meeting. Please direct your questions to RPCVmsntreasury@gmail.com.



**New UW-Madison Peace Corps Recruiter --
Micah Kloppenburg**

“I can talk all day, really about anything, and especially about the weather,” says

Micah Kloppenburg. “The weather can easily be an entry point to any other conversation, any discussion that you would want to have.”

“And I think that’s a great analogy to the Peace Corps as well, that the Peace Corps is an entry point,” adds Kloppenburg, who served as a [Peace Corps](#) agriculture volunteer in Nicaragua in 2009-11. “You know where you’ll be in those two years, but you don’t where it’s going to take you after. You just know that it’s going to be a defining experience.”

His own “defining experience” led him back to the city where he was born and raised, Madison, inspired to apply what he’d learned abroad. This fall, he begins working on his master’s degree in [landscape architecture](#) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and talking about the Peace Corps as the new [campus recruiter](#).

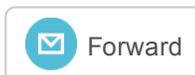
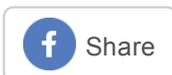
Growing up, Kloppenburg recalls, his family traveled around Wisconsin, visiting many of the state’s natural areas, particularly along Lakes Superior and Michigan. However, he says, “I don’t think I really understood how beautiful Wisconsin is and the opportunities that exist in Wisconsin until I actually left and then decided to return.”

Read the rest of this story written by The International Division of UW-Madison here: <http://international.wisc.edu/blog/index.php/2015/08/17/peace-corps-kloppenburg/>.



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