



## **Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers™**

# **2008-2009 Annual Report**

**2009 Annual Meeting & Brunch**

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
at Coda Bar and Kitchen  
329 Columbus Avenue  
South End, Boston, 02116  
10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

### **PROGRAM**

**Reception – Brunch and socializing  
Vote for the Slate of Members of the  
Board of Directors for 2008-2009**

**Presentations on Activities by  
Program Leaders**

**Small Group Discussion: BARPCV  
Programming in 2010**







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## **BARPCV Board of Directors Members 2008 - 2009**

### **Executive Committee**

1. Jacquelyn Caglia, Vice-President
2. Christine Claypoole, Vice-President
3. John Kuehnle, Treasurer
4. Noel Palatas, Secretary

### **Program Chairs**

1. Danielle Asselin, Events Chair
2. Matthew Breman, Careers Chair
3. Meg Coffman, Community Service Chair
4. Laura Khan, Advocacy Chair
5. Alison Mickiewicz, Membership Chair
6. Alex Minier, Small Grants Chair
7. Anna Omura, Speakers Bureau Chair
8. Doane Perry, Member-at-Large (Past President)
9. Adam Michael Rosenberg, TGIF Coordinator
10. Michael Vivaldi, TGIF Coordinator
11. Aaron Wesolowki, Community Service Chair

### **Retired Members**

*Special thanks to those who served on BARPCV's board*

1. Kendra Gray, Immediate Past President
2. Mary Louise Marino, Career Counseling
3. Tara Leitzell, Speakers Bureau

## **Nominated Board Members for 2009-2010**

### **Danielle Asselin, Morocco '04-06**

Events Chair  
dasselin16@yahoo.com

Danielle served as a Natural Resources Management and Rural Community Development volunteer in the small village of Tanaghmelt. There she worked with the local development association to promote environmental awareness and cultural conservation. She also assisted in the development of a women's literacy program in the village. She has a B.S. in Environmental Science from Rutgers University with a minor in Human Ecology. Currently, Danielle is an Adult ESOL Instructor with JVS-Boston and teaches workplace English in area hospitals. She has been a board member for a year and has been an active participant of BARPCV since moving to Boston in 2007.

### **Matthew Breman, Guinea-Bissau '92-94, Country Director Cape Verde '04-07**

Careers Chair  
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Matthew served as a TEFL volunteer at a rural boarding school founded for orphans from Guinea-Bissau's war for independence. Since, he has spent 15+ years working for socially responsible organizations at home and abroad. After completing his MA in International Economics and Social Change & Development from The Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Matthew spent seven years with Catholic Relief Services in a variety of roles including Country Representative in Angola, and Team Leader for their Emergency Response Team. This prepared him well for his return to Peace Corps as Country Director in Cape Verde, and a subsequent role with CARE leading the design and development of a consortium proposal for an emergency capacity-building project funded by the Gates Foundation. After two years as National Director for Civic Engagement at Citizen Schools, a national education non-profit that engages volunteers to teach apprenticeships to middle-school students for increased academic achievement and exposure to career/college opportunities, Matthew and wife Rachel (RPCV Niger) are contemplating their next family adventure.

### **Christine Claypoole, Benin '91-93**

Vice-President  
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Christine served as a Rural Community Development volunteer in Benin, which began her career in international public health. After returning from Peace Corps, Christine received her Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. She then continued her development career by working for Population Services International (PSI) in Washington, DC and Phnom Penh, Cambodia and for DKT in Indonesia. In 2000, she moved to Boston. She is currently the Deputy Director of the International Division for John Snow, Inc (JSI) and works on projects in East Africa and Ukraine. She has been on the board BARPCV since 2004, and currently services as Vice President.



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**Jacquelyn Caglia, Dominican Republic '03-05**

Vice-President  
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Jacque served as a Community Health volunteer in a small town in the northwest Dominican Republic. There she worked on several health projects including the development of a network of peer health educators and nutrition interventions with women, as well as a regional diversity initiative. Jacque has a MPH from Boston University and several years of experience working on local community-based health initiatives. She currently serves as the Director of Development and Communication for Infante Sano, an organization working to improve the health and well-being of women, newborns and children around the globe. Jacque has served on the BARPCV board since 2006 and looks forward to continuing in 2010!

**Meg Coffman, Mauritania '00-02, Mali '02-03**

Community Service Chair  
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Meg moved to Boston in January 2008 after living in DC where she and her husband Aaron Wesolowski moved after completing their Peace Corps service. Meg was a Small Enterprise Develop Volunteer in Mauritania and then ran Peace Corps Mali's national HIV program. Meg is completing a Masters in Health Communications degree at Tufts University. Together Meg and Aaron are organizing BARPCV Community Service events.

**Laura Khan, Fiji Islands '06-08**

Advocacy Chair  
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While on the Peace Corps in the South Pacific, Laura served as a health and business-environment volunteer for a women's group and was the first volunteer ever to exclusively work with the Indian population. Her main projects included social infrastructure creation, health promotion activities, and micro-financing. She has since worked at the Harvard School of Public Health's François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights on the Research Program on Children and Global Adversity and began her masters degree there this fall in the Global Health and Population Department. She is involved in the school's Saving Mothers Chapter and the Harvard College Global Health Review.

**John Kuehnle, Nicaragua '02-04, Staff '04-06**

Treasurer  
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John served as a Community Health volunteer in the mountain town of El Jicaro, Nicaragua. He was involved in a variety of projects ranging from youth empowerment initiatives, to elementary school education and women's health groups. During his service he founded Help Educate, an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for higher education for Nicaraguan students. In addition to serving as the Executive Director of Help Educate, John works for the AIDS Program at the Boston Public Health Commission. John has MPH and MBA degrees from Johns Hopkins University.

**Alexander Minier, Turkmenistan '03-05**

Small Grants Chair  
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Alex was a volunteer in Turkmenbashy, Turkmenistan, where he led after school English programs for both students and teachers, and collaborated with local leaders on a several community development projects. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the Ford Hall Forum, the nation's oldest free public lecture series.

**Alison Mickiewicz, Madagascar '06-08**

Membership Chair  
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Alison served as a Community Health Educator in the town of Ambohitsilaozana ("the hill you cannot leave") in the Lac Alaotra region of Madagascar. There she collaborated with health clinics, school teachers, a Malagasy women's group, and various community leaders to conduct projects promoting nutrition, clean water, family planning, and malaria prevention. In addition, she taught regular health classes in area schools and established a youth group at the district middle school. Currently, Alison works for the USDA Food and Nutrition Service as a Program Specialist with the Nutrition Education component of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

**Anna Omura, Togo '04-06**

Speakers Bureau Chair  
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Anna Omura served as a Natural Resource Management (NRM) Extension Agent in Togo, West Africa. Her work included reforestation, energy conservation techniques, training on eco-tourism and agro-forestry. Additionally, she worked with Togolese women's groups to start small enterprises and she also built, stocked, and staffed a rural health clinic. Currently, Anna is the Operations Manager at the Legatum Center for Development and Entrepreneurship at MIT, which promotes for-profit enterprise in developing countries by assisting budding entrepreneurs develop and commercialize their business plans through education, conferences, lectures and networking opportunities. Anna spent six years as a founding partner of Breaking the Mold Candle Company (BTM) in Denver, CO. Anna also worked for a not-for-profit called the Good Deed Foundation, which specialized in sustainable economic models for non-profit women's organizations.

**Noel Palatas, Romania '00-02**

Secretary  
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Romania '00-'02 Noel drafts agendas, takes minutes and compiles updates for the monthly BARPCV board meetings. She has been a member of the BARPCV board for almost four years and has been in the position of secretary for the last two years. She works as a program and training coordinator for the Office of Sponsored Staff and Volunteers at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

**Doane Perry, Uganda '66-69**

Member-at-large; Past President  
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Involved with BARPCV as secretary and vice president, Doane served as president for thirteen years 1994-2007. From 1994-1999, he represented New England on the National Peace Corps Association board of directors, where he was secretary and vice-chair and chaired the advocacy committee. He co-founded Friends of Uganda in 1986 at the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Peace Corps. He edits Friends of Uganda Email News. He was on the boards of RPCVs for Environment and Development and of Peace Corps Film. He tracks and reviews Peace Corps film on Peace Corps Worldwide. After careers in education and in the computer and telecommunication industries, he now owns two bed and breakfast inns in Massachusetts, A Bed and Breakfast in Cambridge and A Bed and Breakfast in the Berkshires.

**Adam Michael Rosenberg, Kingdom of Lesotho '06-08**

TGIF Coordinator  
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Adam, a Connecticut-native, served as an HIV/AIDS Advisor in the snowy Qacha's Nek District (NOTE: click when you say "Qacha's"). Prior to shipping off to Africa he lived, studied, and worked in Cincinnati, OH for 9 magical years. Adam is excited to be working on the monthly BARPCV TGIF gatherings, and he sees this as a great way to encourage and strengthen RPCV community development in the Greater-Boston Area. Adam is currently pursuing both an M.A. in Sustainable International Development and an M.A. in Coexistence & Conflict at Brandeis University. He lives in the Porter Square Neighborhood of Cambridge and is fond of saying that he "loves it too much!"

**Michael Vivaldi, Guatemala '96-98**

TGIF Coordinator  
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Michael is currently working as a city planner in the town of Wilmington, MA. He has been a BARPCV board member since 2007 and currently is working with Adam Rosenberg to organize BARPCV's monthly TGIF events. He is an enthusiastic member of the BARPCV softball team.

**Aaron Wesolowski, Mali '01-03**

Community Service Chair  
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Mali '01-'03 Aaron moved to Boston in January 2008 after living in DC where he and his wife Meg Coffman moved after completing their Peace Corps service. Aaron was a Community Health/HIV Volunteer in Dogon Country in the Republic of Mali. Aaron is a Policy Analyst at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Federal oversight agency for the Medicare, Medicaid & SCHIP programs. Together Meg and Aaron are organizing BARPCV Community Service events.

**BARPCV thanks Kendra Gray for her many years of service to Peace Corps and the BARPCV Community. Kendra stepped down as President of BARPCV in October 2009 and is missed!**

Below is a letter from Kendra.



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*Dear BARPCV Community,*

*I am writing to let you know that I am stepping down from presidency of BARPCV.*

*It was ten years ago this summer that I officially became a part of the Peace Corps family – arriving in Moscow as a Peace Corps Trainee. After two years as an English teacher in Saratov, Russia, I returned to Boston in 2001, and began working in the New England Regional Recruiting Office. Within months I'd become involved with BARPCV, officially joining the Board in 2002, and became progressively more involved in the organization. During my nearly eight years with BARPCV, I've enjoyed getting involved with a variety of activities including heading up Small Grants, organizing Welcome Back/ Send Offs events, organizing our group at the Boston Marathon, and providing leadership on our Executive Committee. However, after many years of involvement, it's time for me to pass the reins.*

*My reason for stepping down is simple: My priority in the coming year is completing my Master's degree and considering my "next steps"- essentially pondering what I want to do next and doing what I need to do to get there. I'm not going to be leaving Boston in the next year, so you're sure to see me at events – only this time as a participant, not an organizer.*

*BARPCV has changed quite a bit since I first became involved in 2001. We are more streamlined, more organized, continuing to maintain "traditional" activities yet also taking on "new" activities. I'm sure that the organization will continue to develop and grow as new members become involved, bringing important skills and interests with them. I look forward to my continued involvement as a member of BARPCV and am eager to see how the organization continues to grow and transform.*

*Thanks so much for a great eight years, and I'll see you at the next event!*

*Kendra, W. Russia VII*





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Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Inc. (BARPCV) is a non-profit membership-based organization, founded in 1978, that serves as a support for newly returned and prospective volunteers, as a support for those who have served and as an educational resource for global understanding by connecting with local communities to share the special skills and unique experiences of members from living and working overseas. Our mission is to support our communities by sharing our skills and knowledge gained through Peace Corps, life and professional experiences. Our goals are to continue to serve our communities, encourage prospective Peace Corps Volunteers, support Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and promote world understanding.

### Highlights from 2008-2009

#### Events

**Welcome Back - Send Off** - We continue to celebrate a legacy of service with Welcome Back Send Off events held bi-annually in May and December. The Welcome Back Send Offs (WBSO) are a collaborative effort of BARPCV and the Boston Regional Peace Corps Office at which we *welcome back* recently returned volunteers and *send off* new nominees and those leaving for service. This is always a great opportunity to connect the Peace Corps community to reflect on experiences abroad and inquire about what is to come. At our May, 2009 WBSO, we were joined by Erin Mone, the new director of the New England Regional Peace Corps office and guest speaker, Diane Gallagher, RPCV Cape Verde 1990-1992. We had an estimated 150 people in attendance and Kendall Dudley was awarded a BARPCV Small Grant to help promote his art and social justice.

**SAVE THE DATE! Our next WBSO is approaching, Friday, December 4th, 2009 6:30 – 8:30 pm at The First Lutheran Church of Boston. Visit [www.barpcv.org](http://www.barpcv.org) for more details!**

**Restaurant Week** – In conjunction with Peace Corps Week, BARPCV brings together old and new volunteers to enjoy a different ethnic restaurant each night of the week to celebrate the diversity the city of Boston has to offer, to support local restaurant owners, promote awareness of BARPCV and to recognize regions where Peace Corps Volunteers served. In 2009, we had about 100 participants join us throughout the week to taste foods from the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Caribbean.

**New Member Party** – We held our Annual New Member Party in September 2009 in Cambridge, MA thanks to the hospitality of David Sears and his family. It was a lovely fall evening with a great showing of members, new and old!

## **Community Service**

Last year BARPCV hosted 7 community service events, 6 of which were at the Red Cross Food Bank, and 1 family friendly event at Generations Incorporated. We had 50 participants over the course of the year. We also volunteered at the Boston Marathon with a record number of 64 volunteers - our first year having a Hydration Station all to ourselves! Going forward, we have opportunities scheduled at the Food Bank for January, February, and April 2010; an event at Cradles to Crayons in the works for early 2010; and are going to try some weeknight opportunities at Community Servings in Spring 2010.

## **Fundraising**

The Fundraising Chair (**currently open**), is responsible for raising fund to help cover operating costs of BARPCV, provide grants for the Small Grants Program and contribute to the BARPCV Endowment Fund which was established in 2001. Funds are raised primarily through donations and the sale of calendars and BARPCV merchandise. In addition, BARPCV sold 400 calendars last year and hopes to achieve their goal of 450 this year.

## **Careers**

In December 2008, Anna and Noel held an information session for recently returned volunteers who were interested in finding work in the Boston area. In addition, Noel put together a list of people who would be willing to give informational interviews to recently returned volunteers and had the list posted on the website. Matthew came on as Careers Chair in February 2009. We have now established BARPCV Group on LinkedIn (currently at 51 members) and updated our "BARPCV Career Resources" document (available on website). In May 2009, we coordinated 1st annual "BARPCV Speed Networking" event. We have been meeting with Boston Regional Office (BRO) staff to strengthen Careers-related resource coordination. The [www.barpcv.org](http://www.barpcv.org) website now references the BRO Careers Center, which has BARPCV information/resources prominently displayed for interested RPCVs.

We also just coordinated an event in November 2009 called "How to Better Market Your PCV Experience in Your Job Search" Careers event; presenters included professional career coaches from the RPCV community. For Spring 2010, we are planning an "RPCV Careers Panel".

**Website** - The BARPCV website is managed by Chris Thullen. (**Thank you, Chris!**) The website underwent a renovations about a year ago to make it more dynamic. In the near future, it will get another face-lift to help BARPCV keep the information current.

**Speaker's Bureau** - Through the Speaker's Bureau program, BARPCV continues to fulfill the third goal of Peace Corps by connecting returned volunteers with local speaking engagements at schools, universities and community events. Our current Speakers's Bureau chair joined the Boston Area team in 2009. Anna has worked to place speakers with groups like the Girl Scouts of America, Senior learning lectures, and Engineers without Borders programs. Current Speaker's Bureau initiatives underway are to engage more of BARPCV membership as speakers and implement an online speaker request system.

**Membership** - The Membership Group, chaired by Alison Mickiewicz, focuses primarily on member renewals and membership data. Other top priorities for this position include: collaborating with the BARPCV Treasurer for collection of member dues, providing technical assistance with online applications and renewals, as well as managing inquiries received on the [BARPCV.org](http://BARPCV.org) website relevant to membership issues. BARPCV Membership acts as the primary source of communications to members, utilizing email updates to alert members of upcoming events, in addition to sending out renewal reminders and new member information packets. The Group assisted in producing the annual Membership Directory, the Annual New Member Party, as well as a variety of other events throughout the year. This year, BARPCV Membership began using Salesforce, a web-based database system, to manage membership activity. Improvements to the database will result in a more streamlined process for new member applications as well as renewals, while also ensuring that member contact information is current.

## **Advocacy**

Members of BARPCV were polled regarding their pick for the advocacy issue in fall, 2008. "Clean Water" beat out human trafficking and climate change. Mrs. Khan became the advocacy issue chair in October, 2008 and began putting together resources (academic, advocacy and multilateral publications) for the website. She discusses the issue with members at every BARPCV event and has two members now contributing to an informal committee. They forward her any information on events or organizations of interest whose information she then provides to the membership. Members who attend events such as the American Public Health Association meeting (theme this year: clean water) and the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Symposium Water and Health: Global Issues and Our Shared Responsibilities are requested to report back to the membership. A tentative partnership is planned with Pure Water for the World, a non-profit bringing water filters to communities in Latin America and Mrs. Khan hopes to increase integration of the issue in all BARPCV activities going forward.

## **Small Grants**

The Community Grants Program, chaired by Alexander Minier, usually awards \$1000 in Small Grants: \$500 in May and \$500 in November. Grantees are presented with their award at the Welcome Back/Send Off party, which also gives BARPCV members an opportunity to learn about the projects we support through our retail sales. In addition, BARPCV supports Peace Corps Partnership Program, which connects donors in the United States with actively serving Peace Corps Volunteers.

In May 2009, BARPCV awarded \$500 to BARPCV member Kendall Dudley to present a series of interactive presentations, "Beyond The Veil: Who Can Know the Other?" To help bridge the cultural distance that often exists between the Western and Middle Eastern cultures, participants are invited to try on a burqa, look at themselves in mirrors, and note the differences between their anticipated responses to wearing it and their actual responses. Audience members are invited to react too and suggest ways to better understand the "other," especially when the other is separated by clothing, culture, language, and worldview. Venues for this presentation include the International Expressive Arts Therapy Conference (Aug 2009), Arlington Town Day (Sept 2009), Cambridge Center for Adult Education (Mar 2010), and Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School (TBD).

In November 2009, BARPCV awarded \$500 to support the Peace Corps Volunteer-led construction of a playground in a small Maroon community in Suriname. The village consists of approximately 150 residents, who mostly rely on subsistence farming and hunting for their livelihood. The youth of the village have little access to recreational facilities. They spend their free time playing in areas that can contain broken glass, broken barrels, and nails and it is unsurprising that the local nurse reports an uncommonly high number of minor injuries among the youth. The goal of this project is to construct a high quality playground, which will consist of a large slide, two-seat swing-set, jungle gym, and four-seat see-saw. It is believed that this playground will decrease the amount of injuries sustained by the youth of the village while increasing personal health, co-operative skills, self-confidence and general happiness.

## **TGIF**

TGIF social gatherings have been relatively well attended throughout the course of 2009. Some highlights from the past year include the events which correspond with the Welcome-Back / Send-Off, one held in December 2008 and the other in May 2009 which are always well attended. February 2009 monthly TGIF which was held at an outdoor ice skating rink in Kendall Square and was well attended; March TGIF was held at the Asgard Pub in Central Square in honor of St. Patrick and the recent New Member's Party in September 2009 held at our former Treasurer, David Sears' house and this event was held in combination with the September monthly TGIF which was followed at the Tavern in the Square in Central Square. People's Republik in Central Square seems to be the group's favorite location and a bit of tradition for TGIF. The Co-Coordinator's of TGIF look forward to organize more events in the coming year for all of the BARPCV Community.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Despite the global economic recession the organization has significant cash reserves and was able to cover all expenses related to normal business operations. Income from dues, including rebates for members who joined through the NPCA, brought in \$3,857. BARPCV also received a software donation (valued at \$15,000) and a cash donation of \$2,500 from Salesforce. Retail goods, including calendars, brought in \$1,952. Major BARPCV expenses included three Small Grants, totaling \$2250 (including one made at the end of 2008), and printing and postage for our Annual Member Directory (\$1,316). Additional expenses covered two WB/SO events, the annual meeting, fees for the softball team, Photo Contest printing and the related event, NPCA affiliation fees, and general operations (largely postage and supplies). Lastly, BARPCV will be changing our fiscal year to reflect the calendar year. Detailed financial reports are available to any member upon request to John Kuehnle at [john.kuehnle@gmail.com](mailto:john.kuehnle@gmail.com).

## **Sports**

This year's softball team realized it's most successful season in over a decade, winning the Independent Cambridge Independent Softball League Championship. In his second season as the team's captain, David VanHoven lead the team to an impressive 8-2 record, finishing the regular season in second place out of eight teams. The team continued it's dominance into the post season, going 3-0 with a triumphant 20-7 win over the JV All-Stars in the championship game. All BARPCV softball games are held at Danehy Park in Cambridge. If you're interested in softball, David can be reached at: [dvanhoven@hotmail.com](mailto:dvanhoven@hotmail.com). If you would like to help organize another sports team (softball or other), please let the board know.

## **Photo Contest**

BARPCV was happy to introduce a new event this year, the Photo Contest! Members were asked to submit their best photographs from countries where Peace Corps Volunteers have served. The BARPCV Board selected 12 finalists, which were displayed at Simon's Coffee Shop and Christina's Homemade Ice cream, both in Cambridge. Members voted for their favorite photograph, selecting Andrew Cullen, Mary Ackely, and Christopher Miller as the winners. BARPCV plans on creating greeting cards from the submitted photographs to help raise money for our Small Grants Program. Be sure to check our website for updates about the Photo Contest, including submission deadlines for 2010. For more information about the Photo Contest and our Greeting Card project, please contact John Kuehnle at [john.kuehnle@gmail.com](mailto:john.kuehnle@gmail.com).

## BARPCV History

*BARPCV was founded by Carol Ball, Marjorie Harrison and Nancy Tiedeman in 1978.*

### BARPCV Presidents

Thomas Ehmann	1980
Pat Walsh	1981 - 1982
Brad MacDonald	1983
Pixie Martin-Sharifzadeh	1984 - 1985
Janet Ghattas	1986 - 1988
Paul Doherty	1989 - 1990
Sue Kuder	1991 - 1993
Doane Perry	1994 - 2006
Kendra Gray	2007- 2009

The BARPCV Advisory Committee includes past leaders of the organization who continue to provide advice and historical perspective to the current board of directors.

**Bill Giezentanner** - Bill (Chile '68 - '70) served on the board twice, 1991-1994 and 1999-2001. He served as editor of the PeaceMail newsletter from 1991 to 1994, during which time the National Peace Corps Association recognized the newsletter twice for its design and editorial quality. During his second term, he shared his experience and expertise to help the organization provide member services and realize its mission, especially in continuing to assist with organizational development and planning. He also helped in the development of career interest groups such as the architects, designers and planners career group. He is a consultant in environmental planning and development who specializes in non-profits and natural resources conservation and runs eco-tourism trips to the Caribbean, Canada, Europe and Central America.

**Brad MacDonald** - Brad (Tunisia 72-74) and his family hosted the annual winter potluck party and the welcome back send off party in its early days. Brad was president of the BARPCV from 1983 – 1986. He helped incorporate BARPCV and wrote the bylaws. Brad is an attorney in private practice with Cummings, King and MacDonald. He is president of the Brookline Soccer Club.

**Janet Ghattas** - Janet (Senegal 63-65) served as president of BARPCV from 1986 - 1989 and edited the BARPCV newsletter for five years. She is a retired French and Spanish teacher who founded and directs Intercultural Dimensions, Inc., which organizes exchanges to developing countries and cross cultural workshops. Janet is a member of WorldBoston and often hosts international visitors for WorldBoston. She is a volunteer leader for the Appalachian Mountain Club.

**Nancy Tiedeman** - Nancy (South Korea 71-74) co-founded BARPCV in 1978. She and her husband Walter Mau host the annual BARPCV Board/Advisory Committee meeting.

**Susan Kuder** - Sue (Togo 74-76) served as vice president of BARPCV from 1989-1991 and president from 1991-1994. She has hosted the BARPCV Annual Meeting at her church in Watertown. She chaired the committee that organized the 25th anniversary of BARPCV in 2003. She is the director of administration at a law firm, Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson & Harney in Natick.

**Walter Mau** - Walter (Ghana 73-76) is a member of the Membership Group. He edits the BARPCV Membership Directory. He and his wife Nancy Tiedeman host the annual BARPCV Board/Advisory Committee meeting.

**Doane Perry** - Doane continues to serve on the BARPCV board. His biography is above.

**David Sears** – David (Morocco 79-82) joined the board of BARPCV in 1999 and stepped down in 2008. David served as Treasurer from 2005 – 2008, but also worked on membership, the website, our directory and has hosted multiple New Member's Parties at his home in Cambridge.



## **Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers™**

Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Inc. (BARPCV) is a non-profit organization founded in 1978 with approximately 400 members concentrated in Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. BARPCV seeks to connect with and support Returned Peace Corps Volunteers as well as those thinking of serving and to carry out the third goal of the Peace Corps, as stated in the 1961 Peace Corps Act: “to promote a better understanding of other people on the part of American people.”

BARPCV is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with employer identification number 04-9036514. All charitable contributions are fully tax-deductible to the extent of the law. Proceeds support our small grants program and programming for members.

**Contact us at [info@barpcv.org](mailto:info@barpcv.org).**

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