



WORLD ROOTS

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Message from the President

RPCVs;

In the Bolivian altiplano situated in the Andes Mountains, volcanoes dot the landscape and their existence was honored among the community. Tales of their fights, their romances and their valiant actions could be interpreted as kind of a social code for all the villagers to follow. My favorite part is that each village or group of people would have their own version of the varied episodes in volcano legends. These volcanoes were powerful, beautiful and demanded respect in the high desert as they stood out majestically in the grey and brown cordillera. Although I could not see her from my site, I learned the most about Tanupa, the only female volcano. Tanupa was loved by all the male volcanoes. Some said that Tunupa was married to a volcano far away but was very attracted to Sajama, the tallest volcano in Bolivia. When Tanupa's husband got wind of her flirting with Sajama, he sliced open her breast, and the white milk that spilled out created the great salt flat of Uyuni. I love reminiscing about the stories of my town and the other versions of how Tunupa got into trouble and created the salt flat. The inconsistent stories of Tunupa, each with their valuable moral lesson, helped me unfold another layer of Bolivian culture that became so dear to me. I can't wait to return to the Andes this summer. I hope I hear more volcano legends and I might even get another important moral message out of the deal too. Enjoy your summer, wherever you are spending it, and I hope to see you all at the Calendar Unveiling Party in July or the Annual Picnic in September.

Ana Zambie
Bolivia 99-01



The 2011 Family Brunch May 1, 2011 - Organized by Mark Holden - Serious Breakfast!

Dates in Brief

May

- 1 - Family Brunch
- 1 - Book Club
- 14 - Poster Com Mtng
- 18 - Gen Mtng
- 21 - Campout! Kristine's
- 21 - Book Club
- 24 - Cal Com Mtng – Tom home

June

- 2 - Ethnic Dinner
- 7 - Poster Com Mtng – Char's
- 15 - General Meeting
- 26 - Book Club

July

- 1 - *Goodbye Tom – Char's
- 5 - Poster Com Mtng – Char's
- 7 - Ethnic Dinner?
- 16 - *Calendar Unveiling – Holly's
- 20 - Gen Mtng – Terrace
- 24 - Book Club
- 30 - Atwood Summerfest

August

- 2 - Poster Com Mtng – Char's
- 4 - International Dinner
- 17 - Gen Mtng – Terrace
- 28 - Book Club
- 30 - Cal Com Mtng
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NPCA <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/>

Peace Corps Online <http://www.peacecorpsonline.org>

Peace Corps <http://www.peacecorps.gov>

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PO Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701

Thanks to Kim Malueg!

Goodbye and Good Luck Tom Picnic Friday, July 1

Char Thompson's back yard 5:30 PM

2716 Gregory St, Madison 53711 (walk around garage to yard)

Tom Brodd, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and former UN Volunteer, is leaving soon to be a VSO Volunteer at a Kenyan tech school. Come and wish Tom well in his latest volunteer assignment, maybe get a peek at the 2012 calendar before the unveiling, share some summer eats and relax on Char's grass. A grill will be available.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket, a dish to pass, silverware and drinks

For more information, contact Char at 608.231.2445



Meeting Minutes

May Meeting

May 18, 2011

Tom Brodd, Heather Hempel Gomez, Meghan Meeker, Helene Pesche, Kate Schachter, Char Thompson, Ana Zambie, and Walt Zeltner were present in the Red Gym on the University of Wisconsin campus.

Officer / Committee Reports

Treasury

Treasurer Lee Row was unable to attend the meeting, so Ana relayed her report that the accounts are in good order. Lee has disbursed our donations for all but one of the Special Projects approved at the April meeting.

Membership

Bekah Johnson is relocating to Washington, D.C. and will no longer be able to serve as Membership Coordinator. Kate shared Crystal Pilon's interest in assuming the role.

Calendar

Tom Brodd, Calendar Committee Chair, announced that the remaining 2010 calendars, postcards, and bookmarks will be distributed to interested group members on Saturday, May 21 from noon to 1:00 PM at the Park Street warehouse. The Calendar Committee will host an unveiling party for the 2012 calendar on July 16 at Holly Banaszak-Tuncsoy's house. With Tom's departure to serve as a VSO volunteer in Kenya, Ron Chance is assuming the committee chairmanship in June.

Posters

Char Thompson, Poster Committee Chair, reported that the posters are selling well. Of the 1,000 posters printed in the first set, only 100 remain to be sold. The Poster Committee has earned sufficient revenue to cover all costs. They will repay the \$4,000 loan from a supporter who wishes to remain anonymous and then the \$5,000 loan from our group.

Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Committee

Kate Schachter, 50th Anniversary Committee Chair, shared the committee's accounting statement with current balances: \$462 for the *Bringing Back the World* art exhibit

catalog, -\$594 for SerendipiTea, and \$570 in miscellaneous income/expenses. The overall position, at present, is -\$155. We need an additional \$595 in tea sales to break even on the SerendipiTea purchase. The committee intends to raise sufficient proceeds to pay \$1,500 to Donna Page for her work on the *Bringing the World Back Home* art exhibit.

Kate described the upcoming 50th anniversary events, which are listed in the *World Roots* newsletter and on the listserv. In addition, Kate is coordinating our involvement in the NPCA District Advocacy Days in August, during which we will contact Wisconsin legislators to request their support of Peace Corps funding.

Old Business

RPCVs of WI-Madison Website

Tom requested that his contact information be removed from our website and replaced with that of Ron Chance, the incoming Calendar Committee Chair. Kate reported that Kim Malueg has com-



pleted the website redesign project, and is fairly responsive to requests to make minor updates to the site. However, there remain several important website issues that need to be addressed, so Kate will arrange a meeting with Kim, Ana, and Heather to agree on the way forward. We also discussed the possibility of hiring a web designer to maintain our site.

Calendar History

Judy Stadler has interviewed several people with long experience working on the calendar. Judy's interview notes will become the foundation of a history of the calendar. We are seeking volunteers to write this history.



Phyllis Noble and Bob Klein at the Family Brunch

Tenney Park Shelter Tile

In January 2011, we discussed donating \$250 of group funds for a tile with our group's name to be displayed at the new Tenney Park Shelter. No further action was taken, and the deadline for acquiring tiles has now passed.

Service Project with Milwaukee RPCVs

The Milwaukee RPCV group had suggested that we coordinate a joint service project in honor of the 50th Peace Corps anniversary. Due to a leadership transition within their group, this proposal has not moved forward. As an alternative, Tom suggested that we invite the Milwaukee RPCVs to our calendar unveiling party on July 16.

Memorial Fund

In November 2008, we created a memorial fund of \$500 from calendar proceeds. After discussion we proposed to (1) abolish the Memorial Fund to simplify our accounting process and return the current balance to calendar funds, and (2) upon the death of a group member or active participant, we will donate in their name up to \$1,000 of our Peace Corps Partnership funds toward a project in that person's country (or region) of service or - if not an RPCV - country of interest. We will send a card to the deceased's family explaining our memorial gift. Tom motioned to vote on this proposal at the June meeting, Char seconded, and all approved.

New Business

Madison Nonprofit Day

Kate will explore with the 50th Anniversary Committee whether to participate in the Madison Nonprofit Day on Thursday, August 11 by tabling to raise awareness about our group, recruit new members, and sell calendars, posters, and SerendipiTea.

2011 Annual Meeting

Helene reported that we cannot hold our annual meeting in a City



of Madison park, because we would have to pay a

\$275 fee in order to sell items during the meeting. Helene is considering parks in Fitchburg, Middleton, or Dane County. We expressed a preference for one of the Middleton parks, because they are located on a bus line for any group members who need or wish to use public transportation. Helene and Meghan Meeker will investigate the Middleton park availabilities on Sunday, September 11.

June Meeting

June 15, 2011

Heather Hempel Gomez, Mark Holden, Meghan Meeker, Helene Pesche, Crystal Pilon, Lee Row, Dave Zakem, and Walt Zeltner attended in the Red Gym on the University of Wisconsin campus.

Officer / Committee Reports

Treasury

Treasurer Lee Row reported that the Colombia Support Network has collected the proceeds from the Freeze for Food fundraisers in January 2010 and 2011. The money will be taken to Colombia for development projects. Lee explained that we have not yet transferred our 2011 donation of \$52,500 to the Peace Corps Partnership program, because we are waiting to receive their 2010 final report.



Membership
Heather introduced our new membership coordinator, Crystal Pilon, RPCV Niger 2008-09. We welcomed Crystal and thanked her for assuming this important role

within the group.

Calendar

Lee reported that the 2012 calendars were printed today. Groups have already ordered 9,000 2012 calendars. The Calen-

dar Committee will host an unveiling party and potluck dinner for the 2012 calendar on Saturday, July 16 at Holly Banaszak-Tuncsoy's house at 1310 Rosedale Ave, Madison, WI 53714.



Julie and Casey, fun speakers at the Brunch

Family Brunch

Mark Holden shared highlights from the Family Brunch on Sunday, May 1 at the Coliseum Bar. About 50 people attended, including RPCVs, PCVs and families, nominees, and invitees. We all congratulated Mark on his excellent coordination of the event.

50th Anniversary Committee

Heather shared a written summary of feedback from visitors to the *Bringing the World Back Home* art showcase at Promega. Comments included, "A wonderful celebration of the sharing of cultures. Thank you to the Peace Corps Volunteers for opening their work to the community," and "The collection stirred many great memories and some fantastic conversations with complete strangers!"



Old Business

Memorial Fund

At the May meeting, we developed a proposal on how to handle the Memorial Fund (\$500 from calendar proceeds) that was created in November 2008. We proposed to

(1) Abolish the Memorial Fund to simplify our accounting process and return the current balance to calendar funds, and

(2) Upon the death of a group member or active participant, we will donate in their name up to \$1,000 of our Peace Corps Partnership funds toward a project in that person's country (or region) of service or - if not a RPCV - country of interest. We will send a card to the deceased's family explaining our memorial gift.

At the May meeting, Tom motioned to vote on this proposal at the June meeting, Char seconded, and all approved. Tonight, after discussion, Heather motioned that we accept the proposal as worded, Meghan seconded, and all approved.

International Dinners

With Tom Brodd's upcoming departure for VSO service in Kenya, we need a volunteer to coordinate the monthly International Dinners at ethnic restaurants in the Madison area.

2011 Annual Meeting

Helene announced that the 2011 Annual Meeting and International Potluck will occur 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.

New Business

Project Funding Procedure

Our group frequently receives requests to support development projects. Lee and Walt clarified that the appropriate procedure for soliciting donations is to apply for a Special Project grant per the application process outlined on our website. We cannot legally donate to projects being conducted by active Peace Corps Volunteers, unless the projects have been approved by the Peace Corps Partnership program or the projects are affiliated with a non-governmental organization authorized to accept donations.



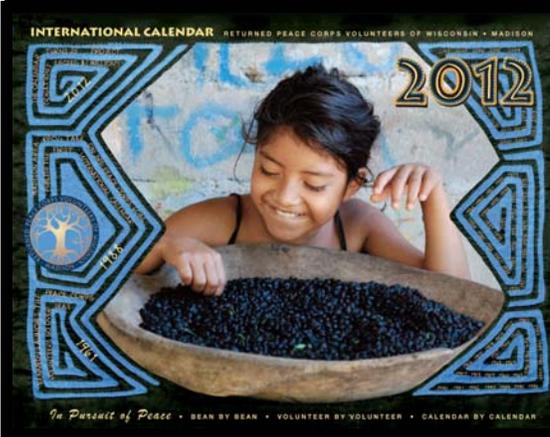
UNVEILING THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

The 2012 calendar has been printed and you are invited to be one of the first to see it.

Our annual CALENDAR UNVEILING will be at Holly Banaszak Tuncsoy's house in Madison's Hawthorne neighborhood on the East side.

Bring a dish to pass and your favorite beverage to share and hopefully we will enjoy some great weather!

2012 calendars will be available for purchase at their pre-September-packing-party rate of \$4 each.



Who's hosting: Holly Banaszak Tuncsoy, 715-305-6107)

What: 2012 RPCV International Calendar unveiling party

Where: 1310 Rosedale Avenue, Madison, WI 53714

When: Saturday July 16.

Come any time after 4 PM. We plan to eat at around 6.

50th Anniversary Events

The 50th Anniversary Committee continues to work to identify projects and activities to celebrate 50 years of Peace Corps. These are the events still being planned in Madison or in Washington, DC:

June 30-July 4 and July 7-11, Washington DC

The Smithsonian Museum in Washington DC will host a Folklife Festival at the National Mall. Peace Corps Volunteers and Host Country Nationals from Colombia will be featured. This curated exhibition is one of the highlights of the 50th Anniversary commemorative activities and will include performances, crafts and skills demonstrations, and foodways demonstrations from around the globe. The Smithsonian will be collecting oral histories, facilitating conversations among RPCVs and the general public, and organizing daily gatherings for RPCVs from all 139 countries where the Peace Corps has served since 1961.

Watch this site for details: www.festival.si.edu/visitor/schedule.aspx.

July; Twilight Art Night on July 7

The Madison Children's Museum had a small display of art items in April. There will be another exhibit during July. On the First Thursday Twilight Art Night, there will be a panel of speakers and another round of displays, with special events related to the exhibit planned for children during the month.

July 13

Verona Public Library will have a 2:30 panel presentation by members of our group during their summer program for tweens and teens. The theme is "You Are Here."

September 21-25, Washington DC

Plan early for events in Washington. Hotel spaces are filling up. RPCVs from your country of service may be having a reunion. Pre-registration is recommended for some events, and required for others:

www.peacecorpsconnect.org/resources/peace-corps-50th-anniversary/september-events/.

September 21: Advocacy Orientation

This training session will provide you with logistics for the 22nd, provide an opportunity to organize around advocacy topics and to get familiar with prepared materials to present to Congress members and staffers. *Registration is required for this event.*

September 22: Advocacy Day on the Hill

Fifty 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.*

September 22-24: Hospitality Suite

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.

September 22-25: Group Activities
Member group events (receptions, lunches, dinners, and get-togethers) are ongoing throughout the entire weekend. Visit the 50th anniversary *master event calendar* to see all events and to post your own. NPCA's events are designed for flexible attendance, so you can host member-specific activities throughout the weekend. Find information on Member Group activities by contacting Emily Bello, Emily@peacecorpsconnect.org.

September 23: NPCA Day of Service

Join NPCA in a day of service. This day will begin with an opening ceremony at one of the site locations in Washington, DC. A list of service locations will be provided. Can't join NPCA 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, NPCA wants to hear from you. They will be totaling the service hours for the day and circulating the information to the entire community.

A White House Lawn picnic is in the works, with special guest appearances to be announced.

September 24: NPCA Board Meeting, AGM, and GLF, 8am-12pm
NPCA Board of Director's Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Group Leaders' Forum. Learn about NPCA processes and how 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 a session, please RSVP directly to Khalisa Jacobs: khalisa@peacecorpsconnect.org.

September 24: The Future of Peace Corps, 1pm-4pm
How will the Peace Corps community continue to grow and strive for a world of peace and prosperity for the next 50 years?

Three country leaders will discuss their experience with the Peace Corps at the National Theatre in



Washington, DC. The panel will be moderated by Bill Moyers, the first deputy director of the Peace Corps and a leading

American journalist and public commentator.

The distinguished panelists include:

- **Atiku Abubakar** - former Vice President of Nigeria (1999-2007) and Founder of the American University of Nigeria
- **President Paul Kagame** - President of the Republic of Rwanda
- **Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai** - former Finance Minister and 2009 Presidential Candidate in Afghanistan

This panel is free and open to the public. It is presented as part of *the 4-day weekend of events* planned by the National Peace Corps Association to celebrate the historic 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps from September 22-25, 2011 in Washington, DC.

A panel of thought leaders and global figures will discuss their experience with the Peace Corps and discuss pres-sing topics with the community.

After the panel presentation, the audience will listen to two finalists present their projects for a chance to win the first ever \$25,000 Global Community Project competition. Your vote can make a difference to a community in need.

This session will feature competitive proposals for a global community project. A group of pre-screened projects will be pre-

sent to the audience for review and questions.

The audience will select the most deserving project and a grant will be awarded. Requests for Proposals will be available for download.

September 24: Peace Corps Gala, 7pm-10pm

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. Chris Matthews, Host of *Hardball* and *RPCV Swaziland* will emcee. We have a verbal commitment from a well-known female performer.

Tickets are \$250 each. *Registration is required for this event.*

September 25: Arlington National Cemetery Wreath-Laying & Procession of Flags, 10am-12pm

Activities will begin with a program at the Arlington Cemetery Amphitheater to honor Peace Corps accomplishments and fallen RPCVs.

Keynote speakers representing the full spectrum of the Peace Corps experience will share reflections on the future of the community. Then a wreath-laying ceremony at the gravesite of JFK.

The wreath-laying ceremony will be followed by a march with Country of Service flags across the Memorial Bridge to the District.

Contact the RPCVs of Washington DC for more information: peacecorps50th@rpcvw.org.

September 25: NPCA Closing Ceremony, 12pm-3pm

NPCA will end the weekend's activities with a festive get together with mini demonstrations, booths and entertainment. Details to come.



Thank You

The following is a selection of thank you notes from the past year. There are many more- which will be part of future newsletters.

May 2010

To the Madison Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers -

Thank you! Thank you! Your recent donation of \$1,025 for the ongoing work of Tanzania Development Support is greatly appreciated. Receiving a 2nd offering from your organization is such a boost to our young NGO. Unlike larger international NGOs, we are neither resource-rich nor administration-heavy. What we are is very committed to helping the Nyegina community achieve its worthy goal of better educational opportunities for their children.

For tax purposes, no gifts were received by you from Tanzania Development Support in exchange for this contribution.

Thank you again for this gift and for all the good you continue to do.

For Tanzania Development Support, Jeanine & Kurt Thurmaier

May 2010

Dear RPCVs of Madison,

Thank you - on behalf of myself, my organization, and the community - for your contribution to the Children's Educational Activity Center in Makindu, Kenya! The funds were raised much quicker than anticipated, and we're happy to report that construction of the play structures is beginning this week. We could not have done this much, so far without you! I will post updates with pictures on my blog <http://maishayangukatikakenya.blogspot.com> as the center's development progresses. We greatly appreciate your support, and the continued active involvement of RPCVs on grassroots community development projects is inspiring and motivating!

Sincerely,

Erin Tyburski

Women and Children Alternative Lives

Makindi, Kenya

June 2010

Dear RPCV of Wisconsin,

Thank you so much for your contribution to K/GAP and for supporting peace and justice in Guatemala. Because of your concern and generosity, we will be able to continue our work in the years ahead! Since no goods or services were exchanged, the RPCV grant awarded to KGAP in the amount of \$1,375 is tax deductible. It will be used at the middle school in Nueva Esperanza-Chaculá for a computer and projector to assist teachers in presenting lessons.

Sincerely Connie

Connie Vanderhyden
KGAP Coordinator

June 2010

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people whose lives will be positively affected, the board of the Richland Center-Santa Teresa Sister City Project would like to thank the members of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers-WI for the recent donation of \$1,500. Contributions such as this are vital to our ongoing projects in the Chacocente Communities of Santa Teresa. We work with the people to improve their opportunities while preserving their unique environment.

You can learn more about our projects from our newsletter - the Spring issue was mailed out last week. You can also read the newsletter online and get news of upcoming events on our web site <http://www.santa-teresa.wccnica.org>

Thanks again for your contribution.

Sincerely,

Stein Goering, Treasurer
Richland Center-Santa Teresa sister City Project

Your ongoing support is appreciated.

Dear RPCVs of Madison,

I would like to personally thank you again for your donation. As of the 10 of april 2010 my community, the local NGO "Third Millennium Alliance" (www.3MAlliance.org), and I will start our project "Organic Agriculture and Sustainable Livestock Production for Community

Self-Sufficiency and Income Generation." The first four themes that will be covered are:

1. Elaboration and uses of Organic Fertilizers
2. First Aid for Livestock Production
3. Family Gardens
4. Raising and Managing Broiler Chickens

These classes will be accompanied with a hands-on practice portion and will be video recoded and made into a DVD. I will keep you updated on the progress and themes of the classes and progress of the community.

P.S. Please send me your email address that you would like to receive these emails and photo updates. If you don't have an email address, I will gladly send you via mail letter updates with photos. This way might take some time though.

Sincerely,

Paul Renfro Harbison III
Manabí, Ecuador

April 2010

Dear Returned Peace Corps Volunteers:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is a pleasure to acknowledge your gift to Friends of Chernobyl Centers U.S. (FOCCUS). We thank you for your gift of \$1,600.

As you know, FOCCUS works to strengthen the recovery efforts of individuals and communities in Ukraine that have been severely affected by the Chernobyl nuclear accident. We accomplish our mission by supporting centers for psychosocial rehabilitation in several communities in or near contaminated areas. Originally established by UNESCO in the early 1990s, the centers are part of the United Nations Chernobyl Recovery and Development Program. FOCCUS is the only organization in the world devoted solely to the support of these pioneering Community Centers.

With your help, the Centers are tackling daunting problems. The world's most severe nuclear accident not only continues to affect

those who experienced this horrific event; it now haunts a second generation. Your FOCCUS contribution directly supports such dire necessities as services to the poor, elderly and disabled as well as important live-saving programs to treat and reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and alcoholism among Ukrainian youth. Thanks to you, Ukrainians who once felt hopeless and helpless are getting tools to improve their lives and the contaminated communities where they live.

Thank you, again, for choosing to contribute to FOCCUS to make a difference in the lives of thousands of people living in the aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster. I welcome you to contact me for more information regarding our work.

With thanks and gratitude:

Robert Schuettpeiz
President/Executive Director

March 2010

Hello RPCVs of Madison,

Thank you so much for your PCPP contribution towards the grain grinder in Tsanwa, Niger. I really appreciate your interest and assistance. Did any of you serve in Niger? Did any of your villages request grain grinders? I look forward to being part of an RPCV group upon return.

The village women are very happy to have the help provided by the grinder. They have more time now to attend the women's literacy and numeracy classes. They are also able now to pound the hard soybeans and so are making (and selling) tofu. The income is important but so is the additional protein. Keep up the good work!

Thank you!

Megan McClellan
mccllellanniger@gmail.com

RPCVs of Madison,

Thank you for your donation to my Peace Corps Partnership Program for beekeeping development in the Fiji Islands. Your donation meant more than just dollars; for local beekeepers this funding renewed confidence. Your support has been encouragement for their hard work.

For the past two years, I have been helping to train beekeepers with the Rakiraki Business Incubation

in Fiji. The documentary aired on Fiji One, the national station, on July 4!

It was your generosity that made all of this possible. Thank you for supporting Fiji's rural entrepreneurs.

Respectfully,
Leslie Currie
Fiji Islands 2009 - 2010

Announcements

Happy 15th Anniversary

Peace Corps
Response!

Fifteen years ago, President Clinton announced the formal establishment of the Crisis Corps - a small, niche program within the U.S. Peace Corps that would mobilize RPCVs to respond to disaster events and other humanitarian crises.

Over the years, that program - now known as

Peace Corps Response - has evolved into a mechanism for the agency to provide highly skilled Volunteers to countries in need of specialized technical assistance - not just in disaster recovery, but also to respond to other critical needs: for example, working with disabled youth, TEFL, NGO development, and global health programs such as HIV/AIDS and malaria. Peace Corps Response is celebrating its 15th anniversary of sending exceptional

RPCVs back into the field for high impact assignments.

Why not become one of them? Peace Corps has 80 open positions.

Visit
www.peacecorps.gov/response
to learn more.

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

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 50th Anniversary Teas

\$12/4 oz. - Makes 50 cups

Proceeds to the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA)
for Peace Corps 50th Anniversary events

Center. We completed a number of trainings in the northernmost province of Viti Levu for current and potential beekeepers. We received limited support from the National Center for Small and Micro Enterprise Development and local experts. The funding you provided enhanced and expanded our trainings by bringing more sophisticated beekeeping equipment to Fiji. Also, with the PCPP funding we were able to bring training to even more communities in the Ra province and cover more areas of beekeeping. In my opinion, the biggest success that came from this project was the development of secondary products from beekeeping such as propolis and pollen collection and candle making.

Candle making was such a big hit that a training session was filmed for a short documentary on Peace Corps





Heather doing magic tricks at brunch

Sharing the Business Pursuits of RPCVs

NPCA has featured a number of products for the 50th Anniversary either inspired by the Peace Corps or created and produced by RPCVs. Many contacted NPCA to say they also have products that are Peace Corps-inspired.

Here is a short list of **RPCVs** who told NPCA about their products:

Andreas Von Foster, RPCV Peru IV, www.backtpack.com

Ari Zandman-Zeman, RPCV Eastern Caribbean, www.rubberbanditz.com

Melva Steen, RPCV Malawi (contact group), Chamaso Dolls

Three RPCV board members, Grandmothers raising Grandchildren, www.grgahero.org

Heatherjean MacNeil, RPCV Honduras, www.proxyapparel.com

Travis Bays, RPCV Costa Rica, www.bodhisurfschool.com

Rahama Wright, RPCV Mali, www.sheayeleen.org

Several Peace Corps merchants offer a share of proceeds for certain items as a donation to the National Peace Corps Association and receive a special feature on the NPCA [official Merchandise page](#).

Save this Date: September 11, 2011 for the *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

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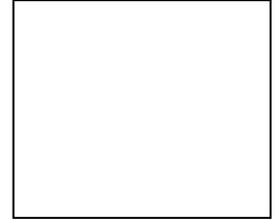
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