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WORLD ROOTS

President's Message

Hello everyone -

1 One of the first rights of
 2 summer each year for
 3 us RPCVs in Madison
 4 comes with a night
 5 outside on the terrace
 6 of the Memorial Un-
 ion. By the time you
 receive this we will
 have already gath-
 ered there once, as
 the first date is set for
 May 16th, following
 our new tradition of
 meeting on the third
 Thursday of each
 month. This is not a re-
 scheduling of our
 regular meeting, but
 an addition to it. It is a
 meeting purely for
 small talk, laughter
 and friendship - not for
 the typical business
 that many of my fel-
 low members so
 dread.

For those of you who missed our last meet- ing - whether out of dread, inability or forgetfulness - you missed a good one. Follow-

ing our newly stream- lined grant process, we discussed the ap- plicant projects and made some well- considered deci- sions. We don't set aside the money to fund many of these 'open' projects any more, but we do have some \$ left and so will consider a few more later in the fall.

In the mean time, we each have up to \$1,000 to spend. Re- call that our new grant process sets Peace Corps Partnership pro- jects as a priority, and we have \$44,000 to spend in support of those projects. Rather than dither away countless hours dis- cussing the projects in meetings, we each can now select a fa- vored Peace Corps Partnership project and cast our vote in favor of it. Of course, for those of you who

do the simple math, this equation means that 44 may be the maximum number of members who are able to vote. If that's the case, the first year is a success; we've never before had 44 people involved in the granting proc- ess. View Peace Corps Partnership pro- jects online at the PC website, and contact Rose Ann Scott to cast your vote. Feel free to call me (242-9573) or Rose Ann (241-0845) with any questions.

Peace, Brad

Upcoming events:

- June 5, 7:00, General Meeting at Memorial Union.
- June 20, 5:30, Social meeting at the Laurel Tavern, 2505 Monroe St.
- The July General meeting would fall on the 4th—stay tuned for an alternate...

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If you have any comments on this months edition, or suggestions or columns for future editions, please send them to John Kaltenbach, 1102 Southridge Dr., Madison, WI 53704 johnekalten@yahoo.com

Editor's Note

Just a few quick thinks about this months newsletter. I am very happy to take the editorial duties from Theresa, and I thank her for her service and wish her the best of luck in South Korea.

I hope to provide our group with the most up to date, accurate information possible. I also have some ideas for columns and for-

mat, including producing a newsletter that is easily reproduced on our Web site. If you have any comments on this months edition, or suggestions or columns for future editions, please send them to John Kaltenbach, 1102 Southridge Dr., Madison, WI 53704 johnkalt@yahoo.com

THANKS

In April 50 calendars were donated to THE CENTERS FOR PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION, in Madison. They have a program called "BUILDING BRIDGES," which is a race relations program in local elementary, middle and high schools. They sent us this note: "We did get the calendars. Thank you so much. All of our kids have seen them and they know they will be getting them when they complete the program (for most of them, that is in the next week or two), so we're very excited to be sharing the calendars with them. We've been including a lesson on the Peace Corps while showing them the calendars, and I think we are peaking some of their interest!"
- Sarah Corris

Peace Corps Press Release

World's Newest Country is Newest Peace Corps Program

On behalf of the Peace Corps, U.S. Charge d' Affaires to East Timor, Shari Villarosa signed a bilateral country agreement with Dr. Jose Ramos Horta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of East Timor, opening the Peace Corps program in East Timor.

East Timor declared its independence and became the world's newest nation on May 20, 2002, after centuries of colonization by Portugal, 24 years of

occupation by Indonesia and almost three years of United Nations administration. The Peace Corps agreement was among the first bilateral country agreements to be signed.

The Peace Corps anticipates initial projects in community health and local governance. The first twenty volunteers are currently serving in the Peace Corps and were selected to transfer to East Timor in mid-June. The volunteers

were chosen from 12 other countries to provide immediate support to the nascent program in East Timor. The second group of volunteers to East Timor will begin their training in 2003.

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COME TO THE 2002 RPCV SUMMER CAMPOUT AT THE KETTLE MORAIN STATE FOREST - SOUTHERN UNIT (LOCATED BETWEEN MADISON AND MILWAUKEE)

You are invited to the RPCV-Madison chapter 2002 Summer Campout on Saturday, June 29, 2002 on the very southern tip of the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit. We have campsites #2 and #3 already reserved (reservation numbers 1-331967 and 1-318807 respectively) in the Hickory Woods group campground. In addition, I have contacted the RPCV-Milwaukee group and warmly invited them to participate in this summer campout activity with us since the Kettle Moraine is so close to Madison AND Milwaukee. Let's enjoy

this social activity with our counterparts from the Milwaukee RPCV group. You will find this campground located on the southern part of this State Forest very close to Whitewater Lake. Bring your swimsuit and head to the beach. Or take the kids on one of the many hiking trails and view the glacial heritage of this region filled with eskers, kettles, kames and moraines. Perhaps you will discover one of the weather-beaten, decaying homestead log cabins. Or why not do both! Hike the trails, work up a sweat and head to the beach.

Does that sound inviting or what? Bring a dish to pass at the potluck dinner late Saturday afternoon. Everyone pays the park entrance fee but after that your campsite cost is only \$2 per adult/\$1 per child. Don't miss this chance to enjoy the camaraderie of friends and family, kick off the warm summer season and enjoy the great outdoors. The children (and adults) will love it. Questions or comments? Call Terry Stark at (608) 233-9140 or e-mail me at terry.stark@dot.state.wi.us HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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RPCV SUMMER CAMP DIRECTIONS

FROM MADISON, TAKE HWY 12 SOUTHEAST. GO THROUGH FT. ATKINSON AND WHITEWATER. SHORTLY AFTER WHITEWATER, TURN SOUTH ON COUNTY TRUNK "P". COUNTY TRUNK "P" LEADS YOU DI-

RECTLY INTO THE STATE FOREST. TURN RIGHT ON HI-LO ROAD AND DRIVE TO THE HICKORY WOODS GROUP CAMPSITES #2 AND #3. YOU HAVE ARRIVED! QUESTIONS? CONTACT TERRY STARK AT terry.stark@dot.state.wi.us

OR CALL ME AT (608) 233-9140.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Alan Weiner, whose father died recently. Our thoughts are with him as he deals with his loss.

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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin/Madison General Meeting of Tuesday, May 7, 2002

We met at the Red Gym, downtown on the UW campus. The Red Gym is scrumptiously beautiful and architecturally fascinating

17 were present at the height. Our Newsletter Editor, Theresa Jenkins, is resigning, because she and Kevin are off to South Korea, to teach. With our sustained applause, we gave **high applause to Theresa Jenkins**, for her years of lovingly diligent work.

Starting now, the **new NL Editor will be John Kaltbach**. His e-mail contact address is <johnkaltb@yahoo.com>.

Social Gatherings: Guffy folk will gather at various places, once a month, and converse: come!--it'll be a hoot. It's always on the 3rd Thursday of the month. May 16, on the Terrace of the Memorial Union; June 20, at the Laurel Tavern on Monroe St.; July 18, perhaps on the Terrace. (Our President knows all: Brad Hinkfuss, 242-9573.)

Donations decisions:

(See the last NL, and the Special Mailing.)

At our April General Meeting, our group decided to fore-swear making specific donations, apart from \$10,000 (w/ c.\$1000 set aside for expenses for the Freeze For Food, etc). Hereafter, the bulk of our Calendar profits are to be donated to Peace Corps Partnerships.

So, we first dickered about PC Partnerships; and then about

where to send the discretionary \$9K.

Re. Peace Corps Partnerships:

In your mailings, you've received a list of PC Partnership candidates. Out of our '02 Calendar profits (\$60,000), we've decided to donate \$50,000 to PC Partnerships.

There're lots of clamoring PC Partnerships, and we have to have a method to allocate our wishes: SO, here is the

METHOD: Each member gets one vote, which equals \$1000, unless the voter breaks it into parts (eg, \$500 and \$500).

Those present could put their names alongside the listed candidates. All other members can vote from a distance--they must contact Rose Ann Scott (241-0845; e-mail:

<roseannscott@yahoo.com>)

to register their wishes. Be Swift!--if all our members expressed a vote (probably a vain hope/fear), and you were late, you'd speak up later than the exhaustion of our potential donations.

Re. Specific Discretionary Donations:

There were a bunch of candidates (14), as you saw in your "Special Mailing." Walt Zeltner had convened a bunch of thinkers to consider each proposal, and make suggestions. Herewith our General Meeting's conclusions:

First, present were 2 persons (Linda and Al Knox), local advocates, who had come to speak in favor of the "Round Houses for durable and easily-

movable wooden temporary housing in Afghanistan"; this was to be a pilot project of 1-2 dozen Round Houses, and whereby the architect would travel to Afghanistan and set up local sources of other Round Houses. The Knoxes spoke tersely and amply. The Frantzes, respected members, RPCVs/Afghanistan, had written in opposition, arguing that these "Round Houses" are a misuse of aid money, and arguing instead for building traditional mud-brick structures. There was much thoughtful questioning, with full info given by the very informed advocates. Who, courteously, thereafter departed when their presentation was done, so we could consider this matter in privacy. Which the group totally rejected. SO: no money to Round Houses. (By the way, there's a sample Round House on view at the St. Benedict Center, on the north side of Lake Mendota. Let's all go and enter it!)
NEXT: 5 items, all approved without dissent: (*) Mine Removal in Mozambique (though we voted to donate \$1000, up from the proposed Equal Share); Books to Morocco; Nicaragua Well Improvement; (*) Bulgarian Boys' Camp; (*) Assistance to Afghan Refugees.

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THEN:

(*) Books to PCVs and Kazakhstan Environmental Camp were rejected, because neither project had a local sponsoring group member. Nicaragua Iguana Raising and Honey Production was withdrawn.

(*) The Ukrainian Orphanage: REJECTED, as redundant. It's already on our PC Partnerships list. The sponsors should each vote for this; their 2 votes, apart from other members' votes, would cause more money to be given than the amount asked for in their proposal.

(*) Colombia Microenterprise Projects: REJECTED: The committee, and the group as a whole, thought the general idea was dandy (helping displaced Colombians), but disliked the specific projects proposed for funding.

(*) The Mildred Green Gardens Memorial (Madison, WI): AYE, IF the proposed amount is still needed for plumping up the endowment; otherwise, less, to the amount needed.

(*) Smithdale Community Garden Project (Madison, WI): The original proposal asked for money for gardening tools, and for food treats at gardeners' gatherings. Despite (probably misfounded) fears that the tools would walk away, we voted thus: AYE, but for \$300 only, specifically for tools. And only IF there is an existing accountable structure to receive our donation.

(*) Homeless Women's Self-Sufficiency, in MD: REJECTED, because this should be able to draw on many local sources of support.

Remember our **Camping Trip** on Sat.-Sun., June 29-30, at Kettle Marine State Park, Southern Unit (see elsewhere for directions).

Summer meetings: Margot will make the reservations, probably for the Red Gym. (Ed. Note, it has been moved to the Travel Center, Memorial Union.

Calendar unveiling party: we'll do it as part of our August Potluck General Meeting (Aug. 2; at a home to be announced).

Next **Calendar Steering Committee meeting:** on either June 3 (Mon.) or June 4 (Tues.). At Prudence Barber's house. *I believe June 4 - Walt*
We adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

--Buck Trawicky