



WORLD ROOTS

President's Message

Hello all,

Some of us had the chance to meet and have dinner at Sa-Bai Thong with National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) President, Kevin Quigley (Thailand 76-79), and NPCA Director of Development and Membership Joseph Permetti (Kenya 79-82) on September 26th. My apologies to all who missed out due to late or inaccurate communications on my part. Kevin is making a concerned effort to personally meet and reach out to the members of NPCA and regional RPCV groups.

He would like to hear from us what we think would make the NPCA a better organization. He is very impressed with our group's international calendar project and wonders how the NPCA might help foster more projects and activities like ours. He pointed out that only a small percentage of RPCVs are members of the NPCA. This is something he would like to see change. If you have any comments or suggestions for Kevin, please contact him at kevin@rpcv.org.

Another note from the meeting with Kevin: The next NPCA conference is to be held in Chicago, August 5-8, 2004. This is going to be a big event, being the 25th Anniversary of NPCA. We have committed to helping out/organizing an event on the first night of the conference. If you have an interest in helping out in this effort, contact me (Steve, 257-2712, sbelmore@usa.net).

General monthly meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. We will be holding these in either the Red Gym or UW Memorial Union. Check the TITU schedule inside either of these buildings for room locations.

We will be voting on President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer at the November general meeting (11/19). We still do not have nominees for President and Treasurer. Let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in either of these jobs!

I hope you are enjoying the fall!

Take care,
Steve

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- ☆ Margot Kennard 255-7539
- ☆ Tom Brodd 280-8945

**Calendars
for Sale
\$5 (to members)**

2004 Calendar Sellers

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Dates
October
28 - Calendar Meeting Prudence Barber's
November
19 - General Meeting
17 - Calendar Meeting Prudence Barber's
December
? - Christmas Party - Stay tuned & watch the web site!
17 - General Meeting
31 - Photo deadline
January
Slide viewing, Freeze for Food, Chili party, more?

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Next newsletter deadline is
October 31, 2003.
E-mail news or anything else
to:
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Our Web Site: [*www.rpcvmadison.org*](http://www.rpcvmadison.org)

Thank You Volunteers!

Thanks to everyone for volunteering at the Farmers' Market on August 16 and the Willy Street Festival on September 21. Those include (in order of appearance) Helene Pesche, Prudence Barber, Phyllis Noble, Alyson Carr, Margot Kennard, Brad Hinkfuss, Marc Brand, Rochelle Goedken, Carrie Sachse, George Hoffheimer, Heidi Fassnacht, Eileen Harrington, Lee Row, Sarah, Heather, Tom Brodd, and Anne Bentley. Big thanks to first-time volunteers Carrie, George, Sarah, and Heather - and to those two-timers Lee, Heidi, and Phyllis for helping out at both events - and to Prudence and Tom for helping set up / pack up. The next events are the holiday festivals and fairs this December.

Calendar News

Calendar Meeting Notes
9/23/03

We met at Prudence Barber's home with the following members present: Rochelle Goedken, Prudence Barber, Ryszard Zolnick, Jo Thomson, Margot Kennard, Alan Weiner, Tom Brodd, Rick Row and Kristy Torres.

Production/Distribution Issues:

- 36 volunteers participated at the annual September calendar packing party, Alan Weiner's warehouse.
- We continued to discuss the positives/negatives of storing calendars at the Suttle/Straus printing company, vs. continued use of Alan Weiner's warehouse. This idea still needs more investigation.
- We have 2 potential applicants for the vacant data entry/order processor.
- We unanimously approved, based on information provided by Alan Weiner, to give a cost of living raise to his warehouse workers. They will now earn \$20.27/hr for work related to calendar order processing and shipping.

Jo Thompson shared some ideas regarding production/design, as the spokesperson for a sub-committee of volunteers who have played a key role in this area of the calendar each year. The sub-committee has been brainstorming some ideas for a "bigger and better" final product. They have been discussing ideas, for example, to trim and re-design our calendar brochure, to make it user-friendly and a more effective marketing tool. Another sub-committee member suggested an idea of placing a recipe title in the sidebar (related to the country pic-

ture), directing the reader to the RPCV website for the actual recipe. They will continue to brainstorm and bring back suggestions to the larger calendar group meeting.

Sales/Marketing:

- Ron Chance asks if we can sell calendars in bulk to other groups for their own fundraising: what types of groups and at what price? Needs more discussion.

Miscellaneous:

- Jo Thompson advised that the slide carousel/projector we use for our annual calendar slide show/voting is broken. This is Jo's personal carousel/projector. A new one costs \$300, or \$70 to repair her equipment. We unanimously approved to pay for one half of the repair cost; she will pay the other half.
- The group members unanimously approved the purchase of a scanner, at an approximate cost of \$300. Sue Kummer advises that this will be a necessary item from now into the future for the viewing of potential slides/photos for the calendar and is worth the investment. Jo and Sue will "shop around", and bring information back to the calendar meeting before the final purchase is made.

Important Dates/Events to Note

Next Calendar Meeting Time:

Tuesday, October 28, 7:30 at the home of Prudence Barber, 1050 Jenifer St., 251.0852.

Kristine Torres

I enjoy the international experiences each and every month...thanks so much.

Lorry Levine
Portland, Oregon

I have been ordering this calendar for years and thoroughly enjoy it!
Melissa Wood

Dear Ms. Goedken:

Amy Wickenheiser, the program analyst who runs our Peace Corps correspondence match program, has told me that we have recently received your new shipment of 6,500 calendars from the Wisconsin Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. She will be mailing them out soon to all the teachers in our match program and our World Wise Schools overseas contacts.

When I started my new job at Peace Corps headquarters, the staff here gave me a copy of your 2003 calendar, which has been hanging by my desk ever since. This morning I turned to the September page of the 2003 calendar and was delighted to see the "chicken bus run." It brought back memories of the Rabbit Bus Company that I remember vividly from in the Philippines some thirty years ago. The pictures in that calendar were really impressive.

The photos for 2004 are even more striking, particularly the one you chose for the cover. I'm sure our match teachers will be thrilled to receive them and they will remind teachers and students of the Peace Corps mission all during the school year.

I am in awe of the amount of volunteer labor that must go into producing such a calendar. Please convey our deepest appreciation to your Wisconsin friends who design, print, and distribute such a wonderful publication. We wish you the best of luck with all the projects that your RPCV group undertakes this year.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Mattingly
Director
Coverdell World Wise Schools

Please send me your new calendar. I love to have it up in my family planning clinic!
Joann Hagen
Malaysia 63-65
Decorah IA



Look what our efforts have done!

Money (\$44,000) from the sales of the 2002 calendar was sent to Peace Corps Partnerships (PCP) for the projects listed here and to support the efforts of PCVs in at least 18 countries!

September 1, 2001 to September 1, 2002

Amount	Project Name	
\$1000	Global Fund	
\$1000	Cattle Rearing and Dairy Production Project – Cameroon	Helene Pesche
\$2000	Postrevalle Municipal Library Project – Bolivia	
\$1000	Facilities for Youth Nature Camps – Bulgaria	
\$2000	Solar Electricity Project - Morocco	
\$2000	Global Fund	Kristi Torres
\$2000	Loret Miller Ruppe Fund for the Advancement of Women	Margot Kinnard Rochelle Goedken
\$329	Vaslicau, Clean Water for a Healthy Community – Moldova	Char Kaslow-Thompson
\$1461	San Carlos Compost Latrine Project – Nicaragua	Char Kaslow-Thompson Sherry Caves
\$1210	Guerin-Kouka Community Library – Togo	Anne Bentley Terry Starks
\$1000	Vocational Education Program – Bulgaria	Steve Elmore
\$1000	Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten School Construction – Cote d'Ivoire	Helene Pesche
\$1000	Acoyapa School Auditorium - Nicaragua	Walt Zeltner
\$2,145	Global Fund	Sophie Zermuehlen
\$990	Las Carreras School Library – Bolivia	Troy Rutter
\$255	Casa Comunal Renovation – Ecuador	Prudence Barbar
\$600	Kichakasimba Secondary School Girls Scholarships – Kenya	Pat Halprin
\$1000	Guerin-Kouka Community Library – Togo	Rochelle Goedken
\$1000	Rivne Orphanage Insulations – Ukraine	Alyson Carr
\$1000	Mae Luang Uppathum, Clean Water Purification - Thailand	
\$4,500	Rivne Orphanage Insulations – Ukraine	Tom Brown Jo Seiser Judy Miner David Nordstrom Phyllis Noble
\$500	Irbid, SOS Children's Village-Playground Project – Jordan	Ken Coffeen
\$1,000	El Realejo Muni Library -Nicaragua	Laurie O'Reilly
\$1,000	Kindergarten School Construction- Cote D Ivoire	Melanie Brooks
\$1,000	School & Bath Project- Nicaragua	Doug Caves
\$5,000 -\$895	Solar Electricity Project-Morocco Project fully funded	Brad Hinkfuss John Kaltenbach Melissa Kaltenbach Marc Brand Joanne Gardner
\$1,000	Women's Weaving Coop- Bulgaria	Sophie Z
\$1,000	Irbid SOS Child Village -Jordan	Rose Ann Scott
\$1,000 \$645	Isidro Public Library - Phillipines	Alan Weiner Prudence Barber
\$1,000	School Computer Lab – Romania	Ryschard Zolnick
\$1,000	Marine Sanctuary – Phillipines	April Samson
\$1,000	Camp GLOW – Moldova	Bobbie Harper
\$3,000	Abetilfi Secondary School Scienc Block – Ghana	Mike Read Tom Brodd Andy Prochnow
\$1,000	Koutiala Well Construction – Mali	Elinor Gbedey
\$1,000	Youth Nature Camps – Bulgaria	Heather Hempel- Yordanov
\$1,010 +\$895	Loret Miller Ruppe Fund for the Advancement of Women	Anne Garvey Marcy Read
\$44,000	Total	

Check with Rose Ann Scott to see details of the projects we've selected to support. Rose Ann has been keeping PCP material in a notebook. Included are project proposals, letters of appreciation, photos, accounts of efforts, and even a gift certificate to stay at a camp in Bulgaria we helped fund.

Volunteers prepare a proposal that shows that the project is community initiated and directed and it meets a pressing community need, that the community provides 25% of the project costs, and a well developed plan for project implementation and community sustainability.

This year we allocated \$53,000 from the 2003 calendar for Peace Corps Partnership projects. As of September \$36,156 had been donated. Your selection of a project enables a PCV to get started on his or her project sooner. Contact Rose Ann (241.0845) or take the time at the next general meeting (November 15) to sponsor a project.

Packing Party a HUGE Success

35 people packed 4558 calendars

That's 45 ½ boxes!

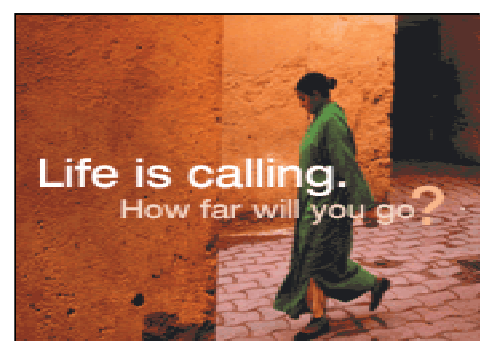
1,911 pounds

Almost a TON!

& Multiple pizzas were eaten

& We found out we have an Iron Man in our group!

Go to www.peacecorps.gov to see Peace Corps' new ad campaign - and maybe answer the question as to how far *you* will go!



Pig Roast Report

On Sunday, October 5, a perfect sunny day, a bunch of us got together at Mike and Marci Reed's wonderful country place for the annual RPCV Pig Roast. There was no pig. There was a magnificent collie, and there were four llamas and one goat, but nobody considered eating them. Two of the llamas were front and center, tethered to a clothesline and waiting to be petted. We were instructed that llama etiquette requires blowing at the llama's nose. I tried that but the llama aloofly walked away.

A warm bonfire roared in the center of a circle of rocks, around which we all sat and basked in the sun while we drank good beer and wine and ate a magnificent feast. Sweet potato salad, fresh green salads, piquant home-made salsas, hot chicken off the grill, apple crisp, and yummy brownies were only a few of the items on the enormous table.

While the adults sat around and talked, the teenagers got a game of football going, and the younger ones tried out the thrill of driving around on a motored vehicle that sure looked like a golf cart. Was it a golf cart? "Boy, did you see that?" asked one of the kids. "I just did a wheelie!"

Soon, we heard the booming voice of Mike Reed calling out for help in moving all the empty food bowls off the table. The table cloths were removed, andVoila! The table became a trailer bed. Mike attached a tractor, bales of hay were loaded onto the trailer, kids of all ages climbed aboard, and off we went down the road on a hay ride.

There's talk of digging a hole and roasting a pig in it next year, just like good ole times. With or without pig, it can't help but be one of the most enjoyable events of the year.

Phyllis Noble

Want to receive notification of events & outings via e-mail? Send an e-mail to the Prez at sbelmore@usa.net and tell him you want to be on **THE LIST**.

Chicago
August 5 - 8, 2004

The NPCA Conference will be held in our back yard. Plan to meet, greet, party, & sell calendars! Mark the date on your new 2004 calendar when you buy it for \$5 at the next general meeting or from one of the calendar sellers on the front page.

Brief Treasurer's Report

Calendar balance	\$ 32,121.59
Group balance	1,336.59
Sen. Ed. Fund balance	1,286.75
Global Ed. balance	1,396.20
Annual Project balance	31,769.84
Checking balance	33,944.58
Savings balance	33,966.39
Account balance	\$66,910.97

NPCA president Kevin Quigley Visits Madison

by Alyson Carr

The NPCA President Kevin Quigley and his colleague; Joseph Permetti, Director of Development and Membership, NPCA; met thirteen members of our group at Sa Bai Thong restaurant September 26th for dinner. Unbeknownst to me when I made the reservation, President Quigley served in Thailand and felt at home speaking with the waiter in Thai and ordering his favorite dishes. He spoke to us of his mission to meet with as many RPCV organizations across the country as possible in his first few months as president to gather ideas and opinions on the NPCA today, how to get more RPCVs involved, and the direction for the future. We spoke of offering NPCA members benefits such as health insurance (which the NPCA already does) and travel discounts and brainstormed on ways to get other RPCVs involved. We also discussed next year's national conference in Chicago. Jo Thomson presented the idea of having a living memorial to volunteers who died in service by planting trees in a newly established Chicago park. President Quigley was receptive to the suggestion and planned to discuss this idea further with the RPCVs of Chicago. He also praised our calendar and spoke of its presence and importance in classrooms and offices around the country, and even abroad.

I found the president to be warm and friendly and sincere in his efforts to listen to members and gather ideas and suggestions for ways to improve the organization he now heads.

Alyson Carr



Attention All Members!



By popular demand, we began the effort to publish an updated RPCV Madison Membership Directory. If you're a dues-paying member who regularly receives this newsletter, you'll automatically receive a directory in the mail. If your membership dues have expired or are about to expire, you're in jeopardy of not receiving one. Please check the mailing label on your latest newsletter to see your membership expiration date.

If anything about your membership information was incorrect or omitted in the 2001 Directory, or if you're a new member, now is your chance to provide updates for the new directory. Here is the information that will be included:

- Name
- Mailing Address
- E-mail Address
- Home/Work Phone #'s
- Dates of Service
- Country of Service

Please send your information to Brad Hinkfuss: 217 Corry St., Madison, WI 53704 (iambrad@chorus.net), (608) 242-9573. If for any reason you don't wish to be included, or want certain information omitted, tell Brad and he will be glad to comply. This information will not be shared with any outside person or group.

Time's Running Out – Get your information in NOW!

High Points from September General Meeting

from Alyson Carr, Secretary

September 17, 2003, UW Memorial Union
27 attended

Did You Know?

- **Calendars** are on sale for RPCV-Madison members for \$5.00.
- **Donation Proposals** for September: We discussed and voted on proposals, granting funding to five proposals and postponing funding to one until further information is obtained. In total we gave out \$6,700. Thanks to everyone who helped raise the money through the calendar to support these projects!
- **New Officers** will be elected in October. We need candidates! So far we have Sarah Tucker (Cameroon 2001-2003) for VP and Alyson Carr (Namibia 1998-2000) for Secretary. If you are interested in running, especially for President or Treasurer, contact **Steve Elmore** sbelmore@usa.net and come to the October general meeting.
- **The Calendar Packing Party** was a success with about 30 attendees, beer, and pizza. Thanks to all who participated.

Can You Help?

- **The NPCA Conference** will take place August 5-8, 2004 in Chicago. The RPCVs of Chicago would like us to help organize an event there. We will be in charge of a reception the opening night of Thursday, August 5. We need a volunteer or two to coordinate these efforts. If you are interested in coordinating or otherwise volunteering, both beforehand and at the conference, contact **Steve Elmore** sbelmore@usa.net. More details to come.
- **Newsletter submissions**, especially of photos, are requested by our editor, Lee Row. Please send any photos, stories, information, etc. to worldrootsnews@yahoo.com.

What's Happening?

- **Pig Roast** Mike Reed will host the pigless pig roast on Oct 4 at his home. Come on out and enjoy some good food with good company!

Dinner with NPCA President Kevin Quigley will take place Friday, Sept 26 at 7:30 at Sa Bai Thong on Odana Rd. RSVP to Steve at sbelmore@usa.net.

WHY THE PEACE CORPS NEEDS A FOURTH GOAL

John C. Rude, Peace Corps Volunteer, Eritrea (1962-64)

When the Peace Corps was founded 41 years ago, it fell heir to Wilsonian political legacies which hung over the Kennedy administration like a musty odor. Four decades is a long time. The same number of years separate the 21st century Peace Corps from the 1960s as separated the Wilson presidency from John F. Kennedy. With so much experience under its belt, and so much global change since its founding, it is time for the Peace Corps to chart a new course for its future.

The first forty years were framed by Three Peace Corps Goals: (1) to provide technical assistance to poor people; (2) to promote better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served; and (3) to bring the world home to America.

These goals resonate with - and are every bit as lofty - as the rhetoric that formed the League of Nations: "Making the world safe for Democracy." But just as the world had had to wait 25 years for an effective United Nations to be born on sounder principles than the League, the Peace Corps today waits for a declaration of purpose that reflects its true mission, and its untapped potential.

"We made a difference!"

No single Peace Corps experience can be generalized to all volunteers, countries or eras touched by the Peace Corps. Nevertheless, there are common themes that have made the Peace Corps a unique and enduring organization. One theme borne out by historical experience is that the problems addressed by volunteer efforts have been immense - in fact, far beyond their capacity to solve, in nearly every case. This discovery alone has been worth the venture.

The facile, oft-used phrase, "We made a difference!" is a frank admission that making a dent was all that volunteers had a right to expect. Hunger, poverty and disease have grown immeasurably worse over the past 40 years. Peace Corps volunteers have witnessed these tragedies, but for all their passionate caring, they have done little to avert them. Because they were sent as emissaries from the world's wealthiest nation, a nation perceived as having the capacity (but not the will) to alleviate global suffering, Peace Corps volunteers were viewed as complicit in the very problems they tried to solve.

Volunteers found themselves in circumstances similar to the "innocent" German citizens of Dachau. At the end of the Second World War, as the people of Dachau were required to visit the death camp on the edge of town, they could no longer cry innocence to God or their neighbors. Figuratively, Peace Corps volunteers have also smelled the stench from the ovens. Figuratively, the ashes of AIDS, ignorance, oppression and starvation have been scattered all over their immaculate clothing after they returned from overseas.

The Common Humanity that volunteers discovered

A second, even more powerful discovery of Peace Corps volunteers has been the surging river of common humanity that volunteers, as Americans, could scarcely be aware existed, until they were immersed in it. American popular culture has tried to tap and exploit this yearning, but those who have lived in the so-called developing world know that Hollywood and the media are missing the story of global suffering—as well as global resilience.

What Peace Corps volunteers understand - because they have lived in the places where one third of humanity tries to survive on \$2-a-day or \$1-a-day - is that laughter, late-night conversations in dimly-lit courtyards, wailing chants at weddings and funerals, and tears of loss, shared with friends who happen to be from different cultures - these humble experiences define humanity for all of us. This has been a life lesson granted to few Americans, seldom even to the best-educated Americans: that what binds people together as human beings is far more important than what tears them apart. Most volunteers, even those who revert to the middle-class attractions of consumerism, understand that ultimately these attractions are illusory. Love, suffering and courage are not exclusive traits of any society or culture - they transcend our material world, and bind together the lives of rich and poor alike.

This is just the beginning of an article written by RPCV John Rude. To read the rest of the article, go to www.peacecorpsonline.com. What do you think? There are a number of comments already there - some even caused John Rude to change his mind on this issue! Add your thoughts or just read others.

Peace Corps Online also has stories on PC Director Gadi Vasquez' resignation, volunteer safety, Peace Corps expansion, the role of the NPCA, and much more.



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(Please check all that apply)

**Please note that these overseas rates
Do not include NPCA membership**

- I want to Join RPCV of WI, Inc.
- Individual - \$15 for one year
- Joint - \$20 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
- I am also enclosing \$35 for NPCA membership (\$45 for joint membership - two people with the same address)
- I do not want to join, but would like to receive World Roots and am enclosing \$7 (\$15 for overseas) to cover costs.
- I'm Moving! Please change my mailing address.

- Overseas Individual - \$24
- Overseas Joint - \$29

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #s (H) _____ (W) _____ E-mail: _____

Country of Service: _____ Service Dates: _____

PC Job: _____ Birth date : (Optional - M/D/Y) _____

The RPCV's of Wisconsin are an active group, and there's always a need for helpful hands. If you are willing to lend a hand, please let us know:

I am interested in doing something: call me.

Send completed form & check to: RPCV's of Wisconsin - Madison, P.O.Box 1012, Madison, WI 53701