



WORLD ROOTS

Hello all,

Come celebrate with us this summer!

First, at our last meeting we agreed to a July 24th, 6:30pm calendar unveiling party at Tom Brodd's house, 1527 Jefferson St., Madison (280-8945). The new 2005 calendar will be unveiled, including all its exciting new features!

Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the unveiling with friends.

The annual Pig Roast will be on August 21st and people can camp out that night and stay through the 22nd at Mike Read's house/farm, N1789 Harvey Road, Arlington, WI. There will be a pig this year that will be cooked in the ground. Mike needs volunteers to help set up and cook the pig. He would like to invite to the roast all interested people, including folks from other RPCV groups (Milwaukee, Chicago, Minneapolis, etc.), so get in contact with all those you know.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

Take care,

Steve

The International Calendar Needs a Marketing and Sales Manager

The Calendar Committee is seeking someone to manage the current sales and actively seek new sales.

The Calendar needs:

- to find new markets
- to find new ways of marketing
- to get big orders from current bulk customers
- to manage local sales
- to encourage current bulk customers to order early
- to update information on all customers
- to ensure customer satisfaction.

The Calendar would welcome an eager and responsible volunteer but would also consider paying an eager and responsible entrepreneur. The calendar committee welcomes all ideas and candidates.

Make us an offer!
Contact Rose Ann Scott at 608.241.0845

Dates

May

- 19 - General Meeting
Red Gym, 7 p.m.
- 27 - Calendar Meeting
1050 Jenifer 7 pm

June

- 5 - Camping
- 19 - General Meeting
- 25 - Calendar Meeting
1050 Jenifer 7 pm

July

- 31 - General Meeting and
Calendar Unveiling

August

- 18 - General Meeting
- 21-22 - PIG ROAST!

September

- TBA - Calendar Packing
Party
- 15 - General Meeting

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NPCA Web site: <http://www.rpcv.org/>Peace Corps Online: <http://peacecorpsonline.org/>**Celebrate the NPCA's 25th anniversary this summer!**

Mark your calendars now for the 2004 National Conference to be held in Chicago, IL from August 5 - 8, 2004. Our local hosts will be the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association (CAPCA). The theme for the conference: "Peace Corps 2004: Celebrating a Legacy of Service".

The list of participants in the conference is growing! In the last few days confirmation has been received for **MSNBC Hardball Anchor Chris Matthews (Swaziland 69-71)** and **Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul & Mary**. They join a host of other interesting RPCVs and friends of Peace Corps who plan to participate in the conference.

Registration is now available at <http://www.burnisongroup.com/rpcv/register.html>. For regularly updated information on the conference, including country of service events, go to <http://www.rpcv2004.org>. Use the "Friend Finder" feature to see who else is registered



Calendar News

To all well-wishers, donors, friends, volunteers and patrons,

Today the shipment we have been preparing as the **Dominican Republic Youth Sports and Education Initiative** was loaded and sent on its way. With all our donated goods we successfully filled a 40'x8'x8' semi-trailer that is on its way by truck to Chicago, by rail to New York and from there to Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana. Included in this shipment, all destined for Peace Corps projects in the DR, we sent approximately 128 boxes/bags of sports equipment, (mostly baseball), 37 boxes of Spanish books, 45 computers with keyboards, monitors, mice as well as some printers, 22 computer desks with bookshelves, 16 desk chairs, 8 bookcases, 1 TV/VCR/DVD and 22 elementary school desks.

Our donor list includes: a philanthropic shipping foundation, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCV) of Madison, school districts, Little Leagues, private businesses, private individuals, schools, churches, recreation departments, YMCAs, and a warehouse owner (for 5 months storage and loading assistance). We could not have accomplished this task without the generosity of spirit and goodwill, which you provided. Our humble thanks and gratitude go to all of you for your kindness and support. Many, many people will benefit from our efforts beyond our ability to comprehend or record, but we will be certain to forward whatever communication we receive in that regard.

Thanks to you all. Blessings on all your efforts to make a difference in others' lives.

Dot Birner
Project Coordinator

Dear Wisconsin RPCV group, I am a RPCV from Mozambique and returned and COSed in December. I have been taking photographs seriously for over ten years and have many wonderful images from my time in Mozambique that I think might be appropriate for the next calendar you will be doing. I was wondering how one goes about submitting photos to possibly be chosen to go in the calendar. Can I send them digitally or must it be through the mail?

I would also like to tell you about a project that I did in Mozambique from January to April of this year. Near the end of my service I began to put in place a project known as *The World Through My Eyes* (www.theworldthroughmyeyes.org) and after my COS in December returned to Mozambique to lead this project. I taught photography to 13-18 year olds for 4 months and it was an enjoyable learning experience for all involved.

Please visit www.theworldthroughmyeyes.org to find out more about the work we did and hope to continue early next year. Please forward this to any friends, RPCVs, etc. to tell them about this wonderful project. Also if you could please put a link to your site that would be great. We need your help to get the word out on this worthwhile project to see that it doesn't stop in mid-stream. Also photographs taken by the kids are available for sale on the site in our "sales gallery."

Thanks for your time and help,
Blake H. Schmidt
RPCV, Mozambique 2001-03
& Project Leader for *The World Through My Eyes*

Hi,
Have you ever considered producing different versions of the Calendar each year? I think there would be some interest in

an "amateur edition" using photographs that are more remembrances than works of art. For example, I took lots of slides in a tropical country that have suffered some damage because of the humidity but still show nostalgia-inspiring views or events or people. Lots of those (not to mention the RPCV's that took them) are old enough that they might not be around too much longer. If we enjoy those as individuals, probably others with similar frames of reference would too and in some sense such pictures are more "Peace Corps-like" than the excellent professional quality ones you almost always select. The super quality of those routinely used discourages me and, I am sure others, from bothering to submit some of ours.



Relatedly, maybe there would be demand for geographically based versions such as "2005 African Calendar", "2005 Latin American Calendar" or even individual country-of-service calendars, etc. You might sell more that way!

Just thoughts - thanks for considering them.

Sincerely,
Steve Manning
RPCV Nigeria, 1965-66

Budget Summary - May

Calendar balance	\$59,053
Annual project balance	8,270
NPCA Balance	6,000
PC Partnership balance	24,000
FFF balance	000
Checking	\$26,793
Savings	\$97,052
Account balance	\$124,244

Minutes

High Points from **May** General Meeting May 19, 2004
from Alyson Carr, Secretary



NPCA Donation?

We continued the discussion on continuing to donate 10% of calendar proceeds to the NPCA. Traditionally we've allocated proceeds: 10% to NPCA, \$10,000 to direct donations (minus FFF expenses), the rest to Peace Corps Partnerships. We will discuss a policy change at the next meeting. If you have an opinion on this, let us know or attend the meeting. Concerns include lack of recognition of donations, general unfriendliness, uncooperativeness, and ineptitude when we try to renew our membership, and lack of benefits to the group.

We have been pleased with the oversight, organization, and accountability of the Peace Corps Partnerships Program. We often receive reports and thank you letters from participants and we are confident that the money is being used where it's needed. The ability to add the 10% of calendar proceeds for PCP projects or locally may be a positive change. Last month it seemed a shame not to be able to fully fund the worthy projects submitted to us in favor of sending more (perhaps unappreciated) money to the NPCA.

The discussion of the NPCA donation led to a discussion of "What is the NPCA's mission?" To lobby Congress on behalf of the Peace Corps? To support RPCVs? If it is the latter, must the NPCA be headquartered in Washington, D.C.? The NPCA has stated that one of its major expenses is rent. Couldn't it move to a less expensive area, either in the DC vicinity, or elsewhere in the US?

Other questions include "What do we want of the NPCA?," (How should we serve it, and how should it serve us?), How could it be a better relationship?. Defining what we want may mean we must help the NPCA to strengthen and remain members. We'd like to see these issues discussed at the national conference in Chicago in an open forum. RPCVs WI-Madison helped form the NPCA and had a member on the board for many years until board members were expected to act as fundraisers, committing to bringing in several thousand dollars. This didn't coincide with our mission and in 1987 we stopped supporting candidates for the board.

Walt discovered that we *did* receive a letter recognizing our donation to the NPCA in 2001. He did not find one for 2000 or 2002, but perhaps they have been lost or were sent to other group members. In 2003 we didn't send the 10%, and we have not in 2004, either.

Dinner at Hong Kong Café was a success with eleven people dining and supporting Food Share Day.

List serve/Community Group.

A listserv or online group is being set up to serve as an informal forum to post announcements and other items RPCVs in the area might be interested in. An initial e-mail announcing this listserv will be sent to members on Steve's and Lisa Wandke's lists. Instructions will be given and those who would like to join can do so. Steve will maintain a list to announce official events (meetings, the camp out, Ethnic Eats dinners, the family brunch, etc.).

Canoe Trip

Steve noticed that on a list of annual events for the group, a canoe trip was listed. When brought up at the meeting, no one seemed to know what it was or to be interested in organizing such an event this summer.

NPCA Conference in Chicago could use some more volunteers. Lee Row and Margot Kinnard have volunteered, and have proposed to work with the Milwaukee group. Ideas were to host a hospitality room, and to present a workshop on making and selling the calendar, with a discussion with our resellers to share marketing and selling techniques.

WHA TV Auction. June 3 a group will volunteer at the WHA TV auction as phone bank workers, bid runners, and bid sorters during the evening shift of 8:30-12:00. Contact Sarah Galanter if you are interested in helping out!

Need a New Secretary

Starting with the July meeting a new secretary will be needed as I, Alyson, will be moving to Milwaukee to pursue my degree in Linguistic Anthropology at UWM. The job entails taking notes and typing up the meeting minutes. I have also been organizing our Ethnic Eats dinners, which involves making a reservation at a restaurant, sending the president an e-mail invitation for the group, and calling the restaurant again to verify the head count. One person can take minutes, and someone else take over the dinners. If interested in either or both jobs, contact Steve. The job of will last until October when new officers are elected.

United Nations Association of America's Dane County Chapter is holding a conference titled *The UN Millennium Development Goals & Wisconsin's Role in the Global Partnership for Development* on Saturday May 22, 2004 at Edgewood College. If you cannot attend, you are still welcome to join the group. The group has monthly meetings and speakers on world development topics. See the Website www.una-usadanecounty.org or contact Ken Coffeen.

Summer Camp Out will take place the weekend of Saturday, June 5 at Lake Kegonsa. Terry Stark is the organizer.

Pig Roast

Mike Read is interested in hosting another pig roast with a real pig. If you are interested in helping, contact Mike.

Announcements

The Pig Roast is Coming Up!

There will be an actual pig in the flesh this year, so it is bound to be a hoot!

WHAT: PIG ROAST! This is an annual potluck, camping, feasting event for the RPCVs of Wisconsin - Madison.
WHEN: Saturday/Sunday, August 21-22, 2004, Show up early on Saturday if you want to help bury and cook the swine.

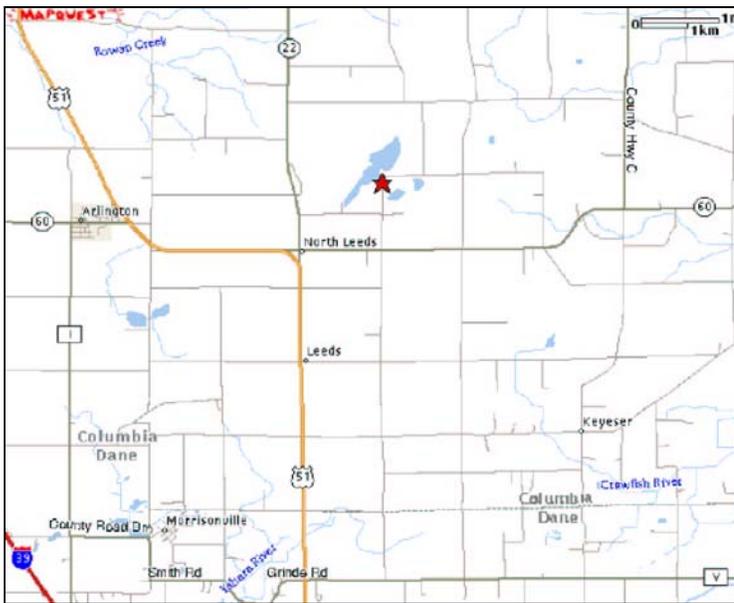
WHERE: Mike and Marcy Read's farm, N1789 Harvey Rd., Arlington, WI (Just north of Deforest). Directions are included below.

WHO: Anyone and everyone! Mike wants it to be a big gathering this year.

Feel free to invite folks from other RPCV groups. If you are going to the annual conference in Chicago, invite folks that are there. The more the merrier!

WHAT TO BRING: A dish to pass, camping gear, merriment, whatever you need to have fun on the farm! Camping space will be available for everyone to set up camp for the night of the 21st.

Contact Mike Read, 608.635.2161 if you have any questions or need better directions.



From: Madison (East side)

To: N1789 Harvey Rd Arlington, WI 53911-9751
US

Driving Directions

1. From EAST WASHINGTON AVE., Turn LEFT onto US-51 N/N STOUGHTON RD. Continue to follow US-51 N. (14.73 miles)
2. Stay straight to go onto WI-22 N. (0.22 miles)
3. Turn RIGHT onto WI-60. (1.01 miles)
4. Turn LEFT onto HARVEY RD. (0.94 miles)

Total Estimated Time: 33 minutes

Total Distance: 21.08 miles

MA in Intercultural Relations

The Intercultural Communication Institute (ICI) in Portland, Oregon, and the University of the Pacific (UOP) in Stockton, California, have joined together to offer a graduate program, the Master of Arts in Intercultural Relations (MAIR). The program has proven to be of special interest to many Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. Additionally, for those considering the Peace Corps, the MAIR program is a part of the Peace Corps Masters International Program.

If you want to continue making a difference, consider graduate work through the Master of Arts in Intercultural Relations, offered in cooperation between the School of International Studies at University of the Pacific, and the Intercultural Communication Institute. This limited-residency program builds on experiences like the Peace Corps for those who wish to obtain an advanced degree while maintaining employment in their own communities.

Designed for adult professionals, the program takes two-and-a-half to three years to complete, with three two-week residencies in Portland, and core coursework completed at home. RPCVs receive special consideration for admission. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis; residencies begin in July and January. The next residencies begin 02 July 2004 and 07 January 2005. Applicants will be admitted until June 1, 2004, and December 1, 2004, respectively. Phone: +1.503.297.4622. Email: mair@intercultural.org. Website: www.intercultural.org.

Announcements

Cultural Opportunity

Over the years Returned Peace Corps Volunteers have assisted CCI with getting the word out to the members about the high school program for students.

CCI is a world leader in educational opportunities for international students today. If you are interested in promoting international understanding and cultural enrichment by opening your home to a high school student from another country, we would love to hear from you! To learn more about the program, please call Marge at 888.488.4056 or visit our website at www.cci-exchange.com.

Marge Ryan
Center for Cultural Interchange
Regional Manager
1.888.488.4056

Volunteer Travel

Continue your Peace Corps adventure on short-term vacation hours. Global Citizens Network offers opportunities of 1-3 weeks to live and work with indigenous communities in the U.S (Arizona, New Mexico, Washington), Mexico, Guatemala, Kenya, Tanzania and Nepal.

Each trip team consists of 8-10 volunteers and a team leader. For ages 8 and up; families are welcome! For more information call 800.644.9292 or www.globalcitizens.org.

More Opportunities

I am writing you today, with hopes that your experience would aid me in finding caring families that want to continue their international peace keeping mission by becoming a host parent to an international student.

I work for AFS, a non-profit international high school student exchange organization, which is the oldest and largest exchange organization in the world.

Our mission is to create a more just and peaceful world by providing international learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities.

Currently, we are searching for like minded organizations and families that would be open and willing to bring an international student into their hearts and homes for the upcoming school year. Not only are we looking for host families, but also mentors that would be willing to help guide students during their year in the United States.

Like the Peace Corps, AFS is a volunteer based organization that relies on individuals to introduce new cultures and customs to communities of people.

Therefore, I am reaching out to you in hopes that you may be aware of a someone or would be interested in passing along our message in an upcoming issue of your newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you so much for your time. I wish you a wonderful summer season and I hope to hear back from you regardless of the response.

Thank you again!

Jessica

Jessica Kluntz
Regional Field Coordinator
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2005 Continuation of Service Grants - Deadline is October 1st

Any active affiliate group of the NPCA may submit a proposal for funding of up to \$1,000 annually to support community-based development projects at home and abroad.

The objectives of the COS Grants are: Provide financial resources to NPCA affiliate groups for service projects

-Encourage and recognize continued service by members

-Strengthen collaboration between NPCA, groups and members

-Build on the existing NPCA program message

For more information and selection criteria, click here

www.rpcv.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=553

Board Election Results

The results of the 2004 NPCA board elections are in. Most of the voting was done online and there was competition in only one region - The Americas. The new or re-elected board members will begin their terms at the start of the board meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2004, in Chicago.

Ohio Valley - Barry Adamson of Cincinnati, OH

Great Lakes - Stephanie Arnold of Chicago, IL

El Camino Real - Mike Moore of Evergreen, CO

Southwest and Hawaii - Chris Glaudel of Sacramento CA

New England - Judith Whitney of Orleans, MA (to fill one year vacancy)

E Asia/S Asia/Pacific - Sherry Zembower of Friends of Malaysia (and Colorado Springs, CO)

The Americas - Josh Busby of Friends of Ecuador (and Washington, DC and soon of Boston area)

Discussion

Following are opinions and ideas about NPCA from various sources. See also Kevin Quigley's article on page 6 of the World View June-August, 2004.

From the Group Leaders' Discussion:

Helen wrote, "I've long thought that 2 years of Peace Corps service should make volunteers eligible for "veteran" grants for buying houses and earning a higher education degree, and thought the word "fallen" as a good fit.... something to build on later with an advocacy push by NPCA to gain federal benefits for those who served the country in a peaceful way."

I totally agree with her. I also think it would be good for the NPCA to expand its advocacy efforts beyond simply being a cheerleader for the Peace Corps budget (same fundamental ideas, just more money for them). I think this is fine but this seems to be the be all and end all of the NPCA's advocacy.

The only communications from NPCA I got as an ordinary member seemed to be "tell your Congressman to give PC more money" and "Come to the national conference." As good as Worldview magazine is, it didn't seem worth my \$40 so that's why I stopped renewing my membership. If it pushed something like this, a fundamental change in how Peace Corps service is viewed, then a membership might be worth my money.

Unfortunately, the membership survey conducted by the NPCA a few years ago (back when I was a member), showed that the PC budget was overwhelmingly the #1 issue for members. In a sense, I can't fault the NPCA for reflect the priorities of its members. Though I can express disappointment in its failure to lead beyond those limitations.

I think the NPCA is overly concerned about being perceived as politically neutral (not to be confused with non-partisan) because of its obsessive focus on the PC budget. I would like it to take positions on things that affect 3rd World (if you'll excuse the term) development such as NEPAD or AGOA or the anti-AIDS fight. Because without addressing the bigger picture, regardless of how well intentioned and motivated volunteers are, it will always be a case of 'one step forward and two steps back.'

Taking positions on important might ruffle a few feathers but the NPCA's failure (or refusal) to do so has made it a huge disappointment in my eyes. Failure to do so has made it (to me) an organization with a lot of self-congratulation about how wonderful PCVs and RPCVs. I think they/we are generally good people but I became a vol not for a pat on the back (though it's nice once in a while), but to help people.

Failure to consider bigger picture questions has made the organization largely self-referential and thus of little relevance. If the NPCA decided to take positions on and advocate for a few key international development issues, rather than just "give the PC more money," I'd renew my membership in a heartbeat.

Brian Farenell
Friends of Guinea
(speaking only for himself)

From a discussion at the spring meeting of the Northwest Peace Corps Association:

(edited for relevance)

NPCA is a small organization. How can we make a difference?
What is the agenda and does it get diluted?

Advocacy

Peace Corps issues
Focus on the issues members are interested in
International health (HIV / AIDS, etc).
Etc.

What is the relationship between RPCVs and the NPCA?

The Board's role is: to set policy, give direction, fiduciary, fundraising, hiring, and evaluating. It is not about programming.

How does this relate to us in our region and in other regions?

We are the most effective recruiters for Peace Corps. We do it for free.

- a. Sam G. stated that in the West, area is a factor in a way that it is not for other parts of the country. Having one representative for the West would be too much to ask for a person volunteering his / her time.

Kevin Quigley acknowledged that the way things work here, especially as a result of our relationship with the Northwest Regional Rep, is unique.

- b. Sam provided a solution to the concern about the elected and selected board members: One - thirds selected and two - thirds elected.
- c. Everyone emphasized that P.C. and NPCA is a partnership.
The relationship cannot be one-way. There are issues with any relationship.
Sam reminded us of the unresolved issue with nominations and P.C. regional notifying the local group about potential members.

Kevin Quigley asked many thought - provoking questions concerning Peace Corps and NPCA. He was very involved in the discussion during Bob's report

1. Why should people belong to NPCA?
 - a. NPCA has overpromised and underdelivered on the promise.
 - b. If you don't believe that NPCA has delivered on the promise, why should you contribute?
 - c. You are not willing to pay for what you don't value.
2. There are benefits of belonging to a national organization.
 - a. We have discounts: car insurance (GEICO), car rentals, etc. These may be small, but they are a way of saying "thank you for being a member"
 - b. When members use the deals (10 - 15% off stuff), they help NPCA
 - c. There is a possibility of teaming up with OXFAM, fair trade
3. Everybody works at NPCA.
 - a. NPCA believes in transparency.
 - b. It puts out a monthly report on the website.
 - c. It is working hard to establish a culture of customer service.
 - d. Kevin answers his own email.
 - e. It wants a safety net of reserves
 - f. It wants to grow as an organization
4. No one works for NPCA to get rich.
 - a. The people who continue to work for NPCA do so because they believe in the organization and in what they are doing.
 - b. Their wages and few benefits are not competitive. In fact, they are downright LOW.
 - c. The staff is not only underpaid, they are overworked. (ex. Anne Baker does two full time jobs for barely the price of one.)
 - d. A lot of work gets done by unpaid interns. This is a real help.

NPCA income and ways to save money

5. Fundraising has four spigots:
 - a. dues (1/4 of the income)
 - b. contributions
 - c. grants
 - d. Global TeachNet has been supported by three small foundations. One, the Stanley Foundation, has pulled the plug.
(ex. The time that Anne Baker spends on doing Informational Technology takes away from fundraising that needs to be done to keep Global TeachNet afloat)

NOTE: There is also earned income with the NPCA credit card and through car rental discounts.

6. The NPCA Conference is not a cash cow for the NPCA.
 - a. A local RPCV group bids to do the conference.
 - b. The authority concerning the conference is local, not national.
 - c. They form a committee and are involved in some of the fundraising.
 - d. Some money is made on the exhibitors at the career fair.
 - e. The local group is VOLUNTEER; they have their day jobs. They do rely on NPCA staff to assist.
 - f. NPCA staff time working on the conference *cannot* be billed; the conference is legally considered the responsibility of the local group.
 - g. The time that NPCA staff spends on the conference could be spent on something else.
7. NPCA conference system has a flawed model. We'll need to rethink it after this conference.
 - a. Should we do conferences every two years?

- b. Retired RPCVS could help run it.
- c. Outsourcing with another organization to run the conference. NPCA cannot do all things. It is already stretched enough as it is.
- d. d. Should we have conferences at all? So far over 400 have signed up. Maybe from 800 to 1200 will attend. Most people sign up at the last minute. Does this small amount justify the time, money, and headache of having a conference every two to four years?

Which populations have more resources (time and / or money)?

- 8. Elections and money.
 - a. Less than 10% vote.
 - b. Electronic elections are cheaper and easily tabulated.
 - c. According to the bylaws, NPCA has to send out a ballot, even when the race is not contested.
 - d. Paper ballots take a lot of time to tabulate.
 - e. Everyone was sent a postcard with instructions for voting online or how to get a paper ballot.

We have to determine how NPCA can deliver on the promise.

From the Group Leaders Discussion:

Following the discussion of the Mack family's "Fallen PCV Memorial web site" my thoughts turned toward establishing a NPCA Memorial Program. Here are two suggested options shared for discussion.

NPCA should honor those PCVs and (let's not forget) staff, who died during or after their service years. Most RPCVs and former staff that I know have/are continuing to serve the third Peace Corps goal, bringing our experiences home and sharing with others. Our service has not yet ended, which is one reason why we actively participate in our own RPCV groups and NPCA.

RECOMMENDATION - I recommend at that NPCA organize and maintain a PEACE CORPS MEMORIAL web site to honor all who served our world, including all PCVs, RPCVs and PC staff who have passed. Suggested program name: PEACE CORPS MEMORIAL TO ALL WHO SERVED OUR WORLD AND HAVE PASSED

This memorial program is much broader than a site to just honor those who died overseas. We should be inclusive and recognize ALL PC volunteers and staff after they have died (and perhaps still living). The Peace Corps does maintain a list of PCVs who served living and dead that will be a good starting point. I doubt that they keep a list of staff, but many RPCVs keep touch with staff and can pass along notice of their deaths. Names can be added by NPCA on notice of deaths. NPCA's web site would be the final roster of us all. The memorial list should, as a minimum, include the person's full name as used during PC overseas years, home city, state, country of service, years of service, whether a volunteer or staff, and date of death. The list should be searchable by any of those fields. If photos (then and current) are available they can be added.

The Mack Family has taken several initiatives (scholarship and web site) in honor of their past son/brother Jeremiah. I respect them very much for these deeds. If you haven't yet, please do visit their "Fallen Peace Corps Memorial Project" web site at <http://www.fpcv.org/>. The Mack family has created a nice web site that demonstrates how one family has turned grief into a positive way to memorialize PCVs who died while serving overseas.

The military claims "fallen heroes who gave their ultimate sacrifice this country by defending our freedoms." They have memorials built around our Capital, in every state, and have special veteran cemeteries. Secretary of State Colin Powell appropriately uses the word fallen." Paying homage to the fallen holds a deeply personal meaning for me," in his essay about the new World War II Memorial in DC. "Fallen" is an appropriate term for soldiers, sailors and airmen killed in action and evokes 60 year-old images of marines charging ashore at Normandy to be cut down by machine gun bullets. Like Powell, I respect and pay homage to our fallen men and women who died defending our nation.

However the Peace Corps is the opposite of war. We try hard to distinguish ourselves from the military, CIA and other overseas US government programs that serve more political ends. Let us not use the word "fallen" because it is more appropriate for the military and it is too limited in scope.

But as RPCVs we were and continue to be different. We serve by spreading freedom, knowledge, skills, friendship, understanding, self reliance, and peace. We need a different type memorial, not just for the "fallen few", but one that honors us all for our voluntary Peace Corps service to America by helping in a country of service.

NPCA needs its own way to memorialize Peace Corps volunteers and staff who have died. Let us remember them well, not as "fallen warriors," but peace workers who succeeded during and after the Peace Corps.

Neil Ross

President Friends of the Dominican Republic

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All RPCV of Wisconsin-Madison members receive a monthly Newsletter, World Roots, on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we prefer members pay through December of the year joining, then pay for a full year membership at that time. Reduced rates are available for those in extreme financial circumstances. You can also join the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) through us by paying an additional \$35. We encourage you to join the NPCA, which provides us a way to affect national issues.

(Please check all that apply)

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.

\$_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please note that these overseas rates

Do not include NPCA membership

Overseas Individual - \$24

Overseas Joint - \$29

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