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Message from the President

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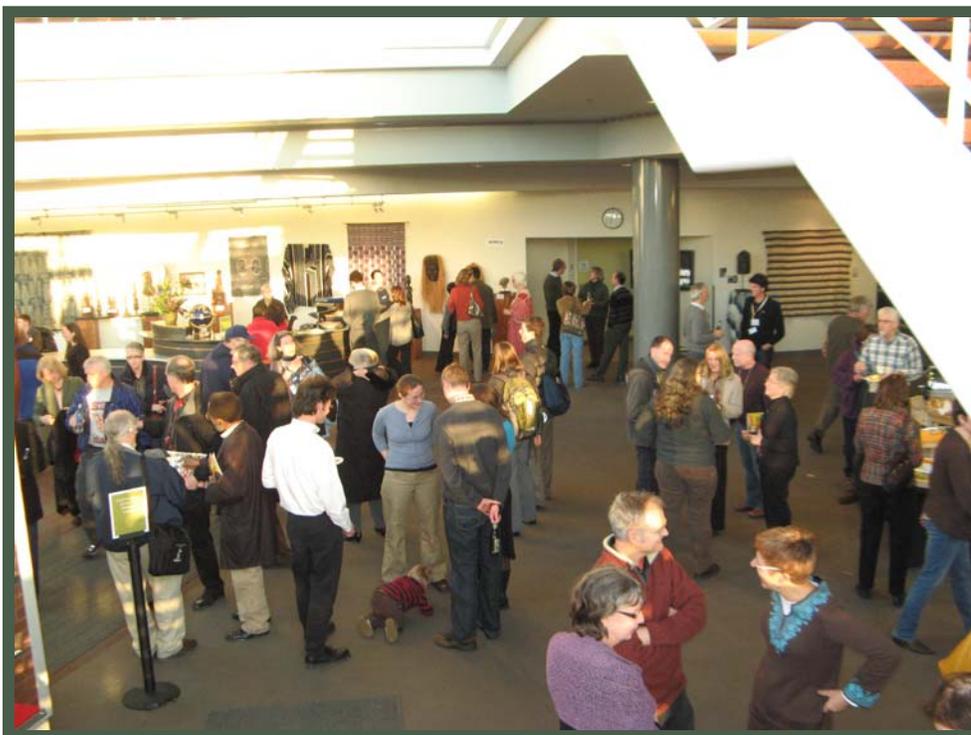
Last month I had the pleasure of going to the Children's museum, the Goodman Center and the Sun Prairie Library to see more of the spectacular art show items lent to the group for the 50th anniversary. As the art show at Promega winds down and the showcases we held at the Children's museum and the Sun Prairie Library show has ended, I wanted to thank you all for participating and hope you keep the legacy of the 50th alive in your hearts and in your lives.

Last month we held the annual RPCV Madison Giftaway and we managed to fund 15 projects. Hearing the proposals of these projects makes the work we do with the group and especially the calendar, that much more meaningful. If you are interested in getting in on this important work, we have some open positions in the group and are looking for a few good RPCVS to step up. Contact me for more info.

Summertime is upon us, which means our monthly meetings will be held on the Union Terrace. I hope many of you come out to say hello and take in the Terrace scene. Look inside this newsletter for more social opportunities and happenings.

See you soon,

Ana Zambie
Bolivia 99-01



View of the "Bringing the World Home" exhibit at Promega March 24th

Dates in Brief

April

- 5 - Poster Com Mtng – Char's
- 7 - International Dinner
- 9 - Sendoff!
- 13 - GIM – Red Gym
- 20 - Gen Mtng/Project Vote
- 22 - Book Club
- 24 - Cal Com Mtng, Tom home

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

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

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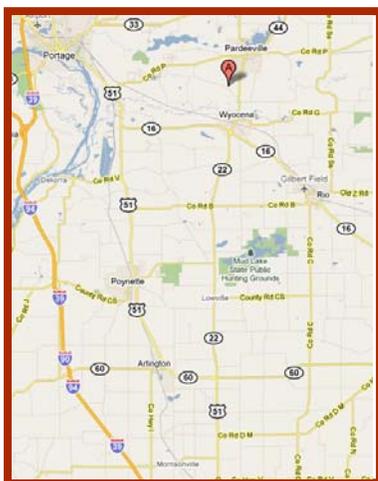
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Camping! Saturday, May 21

W6326 West Bush Road, Pardeeville, WI 53954

Kristine Torres' Farmette (Thanks Kristine!)

Take Highway 51 north to Highway 22. Continue north about 14 miles on Highway 22 through the town of Wyanona and turn left on West Bush Road. The farmette is about 1/2 mile, right-hand side W6326 West Bush Road. From the road you can see the red barn behind the house

Bring a dish for the traditional pot luck dinner late Saturday afternoon

For more information, contact Terry Stark at 608.233.9140



Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2011

Tom Brodd, Ron Chance, Mike Dougherty, Judy Figi, Heather Hempel Gomez, Mark Holden, David Marshall, Meghan Meeker, Lauren Moscoe, Helene Pesche, Judy Reed, Lee Row, Kate Schachter, Rose Ann Scott, Judy Stadler, Char Thompson, Ana Zambie, and Walt Zeltner

Guests: Jane Furchgott, Katherine Goray, Mary Banker Harpt, Robert Mitchell, Jane Scharer, and Ann Witmer

Treasury

Lee passed around the list of Peace Corps Partnership projects, inviting group members to each designate \$1,000 toward the project(s) of their choice. She reported that we are on target with the group budget, and shared the cashflow statements.

Calendar

Tom reported the Calendar Committee will host an unveiling party for the 2012 calendar on July 16. With Tom's departure to serve as a VSO volunteer in Kenya, Ron Chance is assuming the committee chairmanship in June.

Posters

Char reported that the third set of posters has been printed and is currently being sold. She will provide a detailed report next month.

Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Committee

Kate e-mailed the 50th Anniversary Committee activity report of activities to group members. There is a quantity of tea (\$12 per box) and art show catalogs (\$15 each) that still need to be sold. The committee has \$2,500 in outstanding expenses to cover the purchase of teas and to compensate Donna Page for her coordination of the art show. There will be upcoming shows of art pieces and posters at several local venues, including public libraries and the Madison Children's Museum. Helene shared copies of articles highlighting our 50th anniversary activities in *The Madison Times* and *The Capital City Hues*.

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting

Helene suggested holding the 2011 Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 11 from 4:00 PM to sundown at Burrows Park in Madison. Our traditional venue, the Tenney Park Shelter, is unavailable this year, due to its reconstruction. We endorsed Helene's proposed date and location for the Annual Meeting.

Family Brunch

Mark Holden is coordinating the Family Brunch, which will take place at The Coliseum Bar banquet room on May 1. The Registration deadline has been extended to April 26. Bob Klein will speak at the event about his book, "Being First: The Unofficial History of Early Peace Corps." Mark is looking for additional speakers.

Summer Camp Out

Terry Stark is organizing our group's annual Summer Camp Out on May 21 at Christine Torres' farmette.

Special Projects (Giftaway)

Walt Zeltner initiated the Giftaway, noting that 16 projects have requested a total of \$22,400 in funding. Our group has allocated \$15,700 for the Special Projects.



Water System Repairs - Guatemala

Ann Witmer of Wisconsin Water for the World, a committee of the Wisconsin Water Association, requested \$2,000 to purchase solar panels to operate a water pump in the Mayan community of Nueva Providencia, Guatemala. The water system, damaged by Tropical Storm Agatha, would serve 10 families.



Retaining Wall for a Green-Built Vocational School - Guatemala

Mike Dougherty of Long Way Home requested \$2,091 to construct part of a retaining wall at the Técnico Maya vocational school to train young people with little access to formal education in the Mayan community of San Juan Comalapa, Chimaltenango, Guatemala.

Promotion of Early Childhood Education - Guatemala

Jane Furchgott spoke on behalf of Connie Vanderhyden of the Kickapoo/Guatemala Accompaniment Project, who has requested \$1,200 to support an early childhood center in Nueva Esperanza-Chaculá, Guatemala.

School Garden Project - Nicaragua

Jane Furchgott of the Richland Center-Santa Teresa Sister City Project requested \$750 to fund a garden project for five elementary schools in the Chacocente Wildlife Refuge and its buffer zone, Nicaragua.

Farmer-to-Farmer Program - Nicaragua

Jane Furchgott of the Richland Center-Santa Teresa Sister City Project requested \$750 to fund a program enabling successful farmers to teach agricultural techniques and provide advice for problem solving to other farmers in five communities of Santa Teresa, Nicaragua.

Salone Stories: Ten Traditional Sierra Leone Tales for Children - Sierra Leone

Rose Ann Scott, on behalf of Schools for Salone, requested \$2,000 to print *Salone Stories: Ten Traditional Sierra Leone Tales for Children* and distribute copies to school teachers and students in Sierra Leone. This fulfills a need

for appropriate reading materials for schools in that country.

Primary School Resource Center/Library - Sierra Leone

Judy Figi requested \$1,500 to construct bookshelves, chairs, and tables within the UMC Primary School's resource center (library) in Makeni, Sierra Leone.

Secondary Math Workshops - Sierra Leone

Judy Figi requested \$1,500 to fund a series of teacher training workshops on secondary mathematics techniques in Sierra Leone. Educators Patrick Bindi and Raymond Sannoh of the Baoma Secondary School will lead the workshops.

Together for Active Citizenship - Moldova

Mary Banker Harpt requested \$1,000 to renovate facilities for a civics education program for young people in 20 Moldovan communities. Vincent North, a Peace Corps Volunteer serving in Moldova, is partnering with a local nonprofit organization, Speranta, and other Peace Corps Volunteers to carry out this civics education program.

Barack Obama School - Liberia

Judy Reed of the Liberian Assistance Program requested \$1,200 to purchase and install a water pump for the Barack Obama School in Cow Field, Liberia.

Rhummy Wara Library Project - Ecuador

Judy Stadler, on behalf of Lisa Benitez, requested \$1,700 to purchase a computer, printer, and computer desk for the Rhummy Wara Library Project in Salasaca, Ecuador.

Solar Powered School - Uganda

Dave Marshall requested \$2,000 to construct a solar-powered school in Buyaya, Uganda. This project is being led by Meaningful Volunteer, an international volunteer organization with projects in Uganda.

St. Augustine High School Digitalization Project - The Gambia

Ron Chance, on behalf of Paul Sambou, requested \$1,200 to purchase a computer and printer to digitalize administrative records

within the St. Augustine High School in Banjul, The Gambia.

Gbefi School Library - Ghana

Katherine Goray of Lowell Elementary School requested \$1,000 to construct an elementary school library in Gbefi, Volta Region, Ghana.

Chaka Brickmaking Project - Kenya

Helene Pesche, on behalf of Mary Stusek of Kenya Works, requested \$600 for 13 boys of the Chaka Brickmaking Project to attend a 6-day Ministry of Works-required workshop for brickmaking. Kenya Works has purchased a brick-making machine for this project.

Nyegina Girls Dormitory - Tanzania

Robert Mitchell of Tanzania Development Support requested \$2,000 to construct a wing of the dormitory for female students at the Nyegina Secondary School in Nyegina, Tanzania.

To begin the selection process, Walt asked if group members had concerns about any of the proposals, such that they should not be funded at all. No concerns were raised. After discussion of different funding allocation strategies and criteria, Walt motioned to allocate the \$15,700 in available funds as follows:

\$1,200 for a Retaining Wall for a Green-Built Vocational School (Guatemala)

\$800 for School Garden Project (Nicaragua) and Farmer-to-Farmer Program (Nicaragua) combined

\$1,200 for Salone Stories: Ten Traditional Sierra Leone Tales for Children (Sierra Leone)

\$1,200 for Primary School Resource Center and Library (Sierra Leone)

\$1,000 for Together for Active Citizenship (Moldova)

\$1,200 for Secondary Math Workshops (Sierra Leone)

\$1,200 for Barack Obama School (Liberia)

\$900 for Promotion of Early Childhood Education (Guatemala)

\$1,200 for Rhummy Wara Library Project (Ecuador)

\$1,000 for Solar Powered School (Uganda)

\$1,100 for St. Augustine High School Digitalization Project (The Gambia)

\$1,000 for Gbefi School Library (Ghana)

\$600 for Chaka Brickmaking Project (Kenya)

\$1,100 for Nyegina Girls Dormitory (Tanzania)

\$1,000 for Water System Repairs (Guatemala)

Heather seconded the motion, and all approved.

Adjournment

Char motioned to adjourn the meeting, Walt seconded, and all approved.



Giftaway Results

Project Title	Location	RPCV Sponsor	Amount Requested	Amount Donated
1. Guatemala School Retaining Wall	Guatemala	Michael L. Dougherty	\$2,000	\$1,200
2. Nicaragua Farmer-to-Farmer Program	Nicaragua	Lee Row	\$750	\$800
3. Nicaragua School Garden Project	Nicaragua	Lee Row	\$750	
4. Sierra Leone Tales	Sierra Leone	Rose Ann Scott	\$2,000	\$1,200
5. Sierra Leone Resource Center/Library	Sierra Leone	Judy Figi	\$1,500	\$1,200
6. Moldova Civic Education	Moldova	Helene Pesche	\$1,000	\$1,000
7. Sierra Leone Secondary Math Workshops	Sierra Leone	Judy Figi	\$1,500	\$1,200
8. Sierra Leone School Water Pump	Liberia	Judy Reed	\$1,200	\$1,200
9. Guatemala Early Childhood Education	Guatemala	M. Susan Hundt-Bergan	\$1,200	\$900
10. Ecuador Computer and Printer for Library	Ecuador	Judy Stadler	\$1,700	\$1,200
11. Uganda Solar Powered School	Uganda	Dave Marshall	\$2,000	\$1,000
12. Gambia School Computer and Printer	The Gambia	Ron Chance	\$1,200	\$1,100
13. Ghana School Library	Ghana	Kate Schachter	\$1,000	\$1,000
14. Kenya Brickmaking Project	Kenya	Helene Pesche	\$600	\$600
15. Tanzania Girls' Dormitory	Tanzania	Helene Pesche	\$2,000	\$1,100
16. Guatemala Water System Repair	Guatemala	Char Thompson	\$2,000	\$1,000

Calendar Committee

Production of the 2011 calendar is on track, Pat, Holly and Lee agreed to proof. All other members of the committee are welcome to review the proofs when they come out.

It was agreed to increase the cost of shipping and handling by \$1 for all orders of 6 or more calendars. We decided not to increase the cost of the calendar but as postal rates are scheduled to be increased and with the rise in gas prices, we believe that the UPS rates will be going up. We decided to cover this cost with an increase in the shipping cost.

Tom will send out a listserv message about disposal of the remaining 2010 calendar.

The committee agreed that we should have a page on Wikipedia and add a link to the calendar website onto the Wikipedia pages of the NPCA and Peace Corps. *We are looking for someone to do this.*

Alan is getting a bid from Strauss for printing of 35,000 calendars.

The calendar unveiling party has been set for Saturday July 16 at Holly's house.

We need to come up with a return policy for calendar sales, please give it some thought.

Tom will be leaving for overseas in early July. Ron Chance has agreed to take over as Calendar Chair.

The next calendar meeting is set for Tuesday May 24 at Toms' house at 6:30pm.

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:

May 14

As part of World Fair Trade Day, our group will share a booth with

SERRV at the Farmers' Market. Stop by to visit and share your story with passers-by.

Month of June

A smaller art display is scheduled to be at the Mazomanie library. Specific programs, dates, and details are still to be worked out.

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



Mark Holden & Friend

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's 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, 2pm-4pm

How will the Peace Corps community continue to grow and strive for a world of peace and prosperity for the next 50 years? A panel of thought leaders and global figures will discuss their experience with the Peace Corps and discuss pressing topics with the community. The second session will feature competitive proposals for a global

community project. A group of pre-screened projects will be presented 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.

Announcements

Can't afford the \$250 for the NPCA Peace Corps' Gala in Washington, D.C. in September? Of course some fellow RPCVs have come up with an alternative. Thanks to John Coyne and his Peace Corps Worldwide site at peacecorpsworldwide.org. You will also find lots of good information there.

"We are more than half way to raising \$10,000 to reserve space for our **Third Goal Bash**, a party in Washington, D.C. on Saturday night, September 24, 2011, of our 50th Anniversary Peace Corps Reunion. Thanks to all of you who have made contributions and bought tickets. Now as for the rest of you who are coming to Washington, D.C. (and not attending the NPCA Gala,) but who want a place to party... Well, this is the place you want to be.

We are hosting a second gala (with a small 'g') and you can make it happen by buying your ticket(s) early. They are just \$33. Thirty-three dollars for the Third Goal. The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Georgetown Washington University athletic arena. We'll have beer, wine, soft drinks, and food, plus entertainment and plenty of space to dance or just hang out and talk, catch up, tell stories and find out what has happened since you last were together! What more could you want for \$33?

Bring your spouse. Bring the kids. Bring your partner. Bring your friends. But first make the Third Goal Bash happen by buying your ticket(s) 'up front' and, if you can, also donate (a little extra) to our 501(c)(3) non-profit Peace Corps Fund, raising money for Third Goal activities by RPCV individuals and groups.

There will also be a raffle. First prize is 2 tickets to your country of service, (or anywhere Delta flies), plus a week's stay at a first class in-country hotel (not like where you stayed when you were in the Peace Corps), plus other raffle prizes that will be drawn all night long at the Third Goal Bash."

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



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c/o Matt Losak
1001 Spring Street #Apt 316
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Thank You + Info

Normally the newsletter includes some thank yous from grant recipients, but this month we have an expression of gratitude along with an article from Jane Furchgott of the Richland Center - Santa Teresa Sister City Project.

On behalf of the rural people of the municipality of Santa Teresa, Nicaragua, the Sister City Project thanks the RPCV for your continuing help with grants for our projects in rural Nicaragua over the years. All the projects which the RPCV helped fund in the past two years have been successfully completed.

Last month I was walking through the Nicaraguan forest of Chacocente Wildlife Refuge with Alma Susana Chávez, our Sister City Project coordinator, watching flocks of green parrots in the trees and hearing the booming calls of

howler monkeys. Every so often we passed a well with a blue and white cover for the rope pump, one of the many wells funded by the Sister City Project, but dug and built by the volunteer labor of the community members themselves. The materials for some of these wells were paid for by grants from the RPCVs of WI. In 2009 the RPCVs gave us a grant of \$1,000 for wells and pumps in the Santa Teresa community of La Solera. In 2010 we received \$500 to provide several rope pumps for use in Chacocente villages.



Approaching the village of La Poma, I saw something new - black plastic tubing snaking through the woods. These tubes were part of a new gravity flow

system coming from two strong artesian wells. RPCVs provided \$500 of the \$3000 needed for this water project. Thirty-seven families, plus the La Poma school, now have running water, with a faucet in the yard or house. This convenience is especially appreciated by the village women, whose job had been carrying five-gallon pails of water on their heads from a well or more distant water source. One woman delightedly demonstrated how she could now water her garden by spraying water from a hose.

Alma and I were guests of a local family in each village we visited. We drank water purified with their new clay water filters. Each household has a filter set into a five gallon pail with a spigot and lid. Last year \$1000 given by the RPCVs provided filters for 35 families in the village of El Terrero. These filters have definitely improved people's health, eliminating contaminants and pathogens from the water. Drinking filtered water, I was told by several villagers, cured the kidney infections and pain that used to be common. When a village woman visits a friend's house, she'll ask for a drink of water "from your filter, please."



This is an example of something we take for granted in Wisconsin which was unknown in these remote Santa Teresa communities eleven years ago when the SCP began working there.

Editor's note: *The Richland Center-Santa Teresa SCP received a grant of \$800 this year for a farmer-to-farmer and a school gardens project.*



Prudence Barber, Tom Brodd and Ana Zambie at the Overture Center International Festival

Of Interest

If you're looking for a job or housing, especially in the Washington, D.C. area, you may want to subscribe to the [rpcvnetwork Google group](mailto:rpcvnetwork@googlegroups.com). It has listings of noncompetitive status jobs recent RPCVs can take advantage of as well as other non-profit listings. People also advertise long and short-term rental opportunities. It's sort of a craigslist for RPCVs.

To join the group, send an e-mail to rpcvnetwork@googlegroups.com and request to join.

Global Happenings is an e-mail newsletter sent out each Monday. It's a listing of international events on and around the UW-Madison campus. Most events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. It's a wonderful source of information about events you may not otherwise hear about.

To subscribe go to <http://ghapps.global.wisc.edu/>

The History of the '72 Peace Corps Stamp

This essay was written by Patricia Raynor (Niger 1977-79) and James O'Donnell (Nepal 1978-80) for the Post Office Museum of the Smith-

sonian Institute where they both work. It appeared in their e-newsletter.

During the height of the Vietnam War, the Peace Corps petitioned the Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a stamp commemorating the Peace Corps' 10th Anniversary. This was a troubling time for the agency. The Nixon Administration had merged the Peace Corps into an umbrella organization, ACTION, and its future looked uncertain. The Peace Corps felt that a commemorative stamp might help recruitment.

The postal officials believed that a 10th anniversary Peace Corps stamp did not meet the criteria of the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee. Nonetheless, Peace Corps officials provided eight sketches as potential stamp designs. The Committee still opposed the stamp and felt that the designs could be developed for an envelope or postal card. Peace Corps director Joseph Blatchford continued to press for a stamp and suggested that designs that had been submitted for their 10th anniversary poster contest be considered as potential designs for the stamp.

The contest's winning design, by David Hale of San Francisco, was deemed unsuitable for a stamp

and, instead, a design by first runner up, David Battle of Yellow Springs, Ohio, was selected as the concept for the stamp design. Battle's design for a poster used patriotic colors of red, white and blue. The bottom of the poster featured a simulated U.S. flag whose stars morph into doves-with one dove going into space.

Mr. Battle, a native of Britain, still lives in Ohio and, as one aspect of his design practice, has been the art director of the Antioch Review for 38 years. In a telephone interview he recalled the events that led up to his creation of his poster and his notification that his design was to be turned into a stamp commemorating the Peace Corps.

In May of 1971, Mr. Battle entered the contest for a recruitment poster honoring the 10th anniversary of the Corps. At the time that he saw the call for entries, he was vice president and director of graphic design in a group design studio, although he subsequently developed his own private practice. He had an idea about a week before the deadline. The night before it was due, he sketched his design on the "back of an envelope" before he returned to his studio, where he quickly created the Peace Corps poster and submitted it the next day. Battle was the first of nine runner-ups awarded a \$500 prize. Although Mr. Battle's original poster design was not published, the Peace Corps issued a recruitment poster in the 1970s using his design with different wording.

The artist was never told by the Peace Corps or the postal officials that his design was being used as the concept for the stamp. His first awareness of the event was the fact that his neighbors were being interviewed as part of a background check prior to an issuance of an invitation by the Peace Corps for him to travel to Washington, D.C. for the stamp unveiling.

Mr. Battle and his family have fond memories of traveling to Washington for the announcement of the stamp where he was honored at a reception in the Capitol, hosted by Joseph Blatchford, then Director of ACTION and Representative Clarence J. Brown of Ohio. He could not have

foreseen that his design would end up being copied and modified in many ways in the ensuing years. In 1994 Battle sold the copyright of the design to the Peace Corps hoping that the agency would protect the integrity of the design against careless adaptations.

The eight cent Peace Corps stamp was printed in four panes of fifty in the photogravure method on an Andreotti press by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The designer was the well known and respected graphic artist Bradbury Thompson who adapted Battle's design to fit the restrictions and requirements of the postage stamp. In a note to Gordon Morison, then Division Manager of Philatelic Affairs, he explained why he added an extra "bird" outside the flag. He felt that it made the design more effective since the poster design was square, whereas the stamp was vertical.



The stamp was issued on February 11, 1972. The first day of issue ceremony was held at the National Museum of American History and Technology at the Smithsonian Institution, now known as the National Museum of American History. In attendance were Daniel Boorstein, the museum's director, Joseph Blatchford, Director of ACTION and Senior Assistant Postmaster, Harold Faught.

After the stamp was issued, several people wrote letters complaining that the use of the flag was disrespectful or that the doves were a reference to the peace movement. Mr. Battle said that the doves were not inspired by the "peace movement" but rather represented the birth of an idea reaching out into an international arena. The stars morphing into birds represent a daring venture, much like the Peace Corps itself.

The juxtaposition of different themes and imaginative elements are a hallmark of Mr. Battle's work.

As the Peace Corps celebrates its 50th Anniversary it continues to thrive and change with the times. It currently has 8,655 volunteers in 77 countries working in traditional roles such as education, health and agriculture as well as information technology and business development.



Encore Service Corps, NPCA Announce Joint Project

In celebration of the 50th anniversary year of the Peace Corps, Encore Service Corps International (Encore) and the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) announced a *Joint Project* to build capacity of host institutions in developing countries through the recruitment and placement of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) and others with similar experience in short-term assignments.

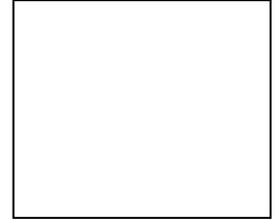
"Volunteers from every walk of life and every decade of Peace Corps experience will have a chance to make a difference in developing countries - again," says Encore chairman Russell Morgan, who was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kenya from 1965-68. "Once a Peace Corps Volunteer, always a Peace Corps Volunteer!"

Over the next 15 months, these Encore volunteers will contribute their unique combination of cross-cultural understanding, professional experience and lifelong passion for service in short-term capacity building projects, lasting from six weeks to three months or more. As in the past, volunteers will serve in every conceivable discipline, from agriculture and public health, to small business development and teaching.

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