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COLUMBIA RIVER PEACE CORPS ASSOCIATION

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Restaurant Meeting

The October dinner should be a lively event. We have reservations for a Persian buffet dinner that will include music and a belly dancer to entertain us. Dinner is \$10 (includes gratuity); beverages are extra.

The restaurant has asked that they be notified of the number of people coming by Monday, October 10th. If there are a few people who call later in the week, that's probably okay. People who haven't called with reservations will need to order their dinner separately.

Bring along an extra dollar or two to tuck into the dancer's costume. It's so lovely, you'll want to!

Where: The Green Onion
15 SW Second (just off Burnside)

When: Saturday, October 15th

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Reservations: Alma Cunninghams, 223-9298

**Don't Miss the West
African Pigout!
Details inside**

From the President

Autumn is here as we begin our most active part of the year. Here's what's going on:

Meatier Newsletters — We will be going from 12 newsletters a year to 10. A couple less newsletters will provide a more substantial newsletter for the months we do publish.

Join Joanne — Joann Wu is our coordinator for Community Energy Project work. Joanne has worked with CEP often and weatherized her own home last year. We plan to schedule at least two dates during the year. Easy work, worthwhile effort. (See related article, page xx)

OPB Pledge Drive — Call JoAnn Von Rohr at 282-1721 if you would like to assist in the OPB pledge drive in December. JoAnn has contacted OPB to determine a date and should have more details soon.

Holiday Cheer — Once again we will sponsor a family for Christmas. This year Erna Boothly (Costa Rica) will assist in finding a family and determining their needs. Also, we are planning to go back again to the Amrani's in Boring, Oregon, for a Moroccan dinner. These meals are delicious. More details next month.

RPCV Regional Conference in PDX — Portland is scheduled to host a Northwest Regional Conference this February. The conference will be one of 12 held throughout the U.S. sponsored by the National Peace Corps Association. The goals are to strengthen the Peace Corps network, provide an opportunity for NPCA members to exchange ideas, and strengthen the ability of the Peace Corps community to promote sustainable development and education about other countries and cultures. The conferences will be open to any NPCA member. More news as we hear it.

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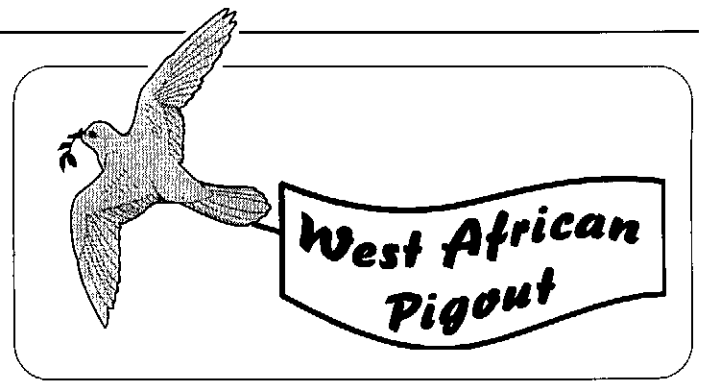
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September Potluck— We had a good potluck and presentation last month with many new faces. The theme was Peace Corps in the 90s. Andrea Kolva and Kathleen Taylor showed slides and told of their experiences in Mali. We had some good discussions especially from other recent volunteers. After the presentation the phrase “the more things change the more they remain the same” seemed to stick in my mind. Unfortunately Christine Egan and Katherine Kimball had to leave before we got to their presentation on the Dominican Republic. We’ll try to get them on another agenda.

Buddy, Can You Spare Some Time? — A primary focus point this year is membership. I want to increase membership, provide good customer service to our members, and have a good accurate list of Northwest RPCVs regardless of whether they are in our organization. Next month will be a large mailing of newsletters to members and non-members. We need assistance as we fold, label, and stamp newsletters. Call JoAnn Von Rohr if you can help some evening during the last week in October.

I also need some help expanding the list. If you can contribute an hour and a half of time at your convenience, I have several simple jobs that need to be done. Call me at 206-574-7455 (Vancouver) or JoAnn Von Rohr at 282-1721.

Mike Waite



The hunters are looking for meat. The cook is gathering firewood and the children are washing large pots. We have made arrangements with a sinister Palm Oil Cartel to get ingredients for this year’s Pigout.

It’s now less than two months until the Fourth Annual West African Pigout. This year the theme is Natural Born Eaters. The menu is the same, all you can eat authentic Liberian and Sierra Leonian cuisine. The beer is free and homebrewed.

What is different is the location. Rather than weave through the suburbs of Vancouver, the Pigout will be at Leach Gardens in Southeast Portland. Our favorite hostess, Charlene Holzworth, helped get us this great site. We have a lot more room to spread out, more restrooms, and kitchen facilities available. As before, profits will go to the Friends of Liberia.

If you would like to get out and meet some other volunteers and taste a unique cuisine, then mark November 12 on your calendar. What better way to start the holiday season?

It’s Weatherization Time!

Who: The Columbia River Peace Corps Association (CRPCA) and the Community Energy Project (CEP)

What: A weatherization session

Where: Right here in Portland! The CEP usually covers homes in North, Northeast and Southeast Portland.

When: Saturday, November 19, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Why: Cold season is approaching and the Columbia River RPCVs are once again planning to turn out and help the Community Energy Project. The CEP uses simple technology to weatherize homes of low-income residents with disabilities.

The Executive Director of CEP, Bob Chapels, is himself an RPCV (Thailand, 68-71). He is one of a

staff of three who commonly work nights and weekends to help reduce people’s energy bills. Our CRPCA organizer, Joanne Wu (Philippines, 89-90/Zaire, 90-91), has been volunteering with the CEP for two years. She tells us: “Weatherizing is a great way to feel a sense of accomplishment. In half a day a crew of volunteers can cut someone’s heating bill by 20%! We will be installing *reusable* plastic window coverings, pipe wrapping, electric outlet gaskets, and door weatherstripping. It’s a great opportunity to learn how to save on your heating bill and reduce energy consumption. Techniques are simple enough to be learned in the course of the morning. Working with the CEP has been my most rewarding activity since coming back Stateside.”

How: Call (or leave a message with your name and phone number) Joanne Wu at 234-9359. We’ll try to carpool. Joanne will be more than happy to fill you in with details and answer your questions.



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Fill out the form below and mail it today to:

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For information, call:
202 293 7728 (RPCV), or
fax 202 293 7554.

There is no such thing as a former Peace Corps volunteer. You can finish an assignment, leave a country, and return to the United States, but you don't come home alone. The experience is with you. Join your alumni network, the National Peace Corps Association, and put the experience to work.

Returned volunteers fulfill the third goal of the Peace Corps Act by helping Americans better understand and respect the people and cultures we know and love. Individually, we had an impact on the communities we served. As 140,000 alumni we can make an even greater difference. Add your voice to the 11,000 members of the NPCA to support Peace Corps, and show America how we can promote sustainable development to alleviate hunger and poverty in the world.

The NPCA is a non-profit, independent association of returned Peace Corps volunteers, staff and supporters. We have forged a network of the 116 organized RPCV groups. We remain dedicated to community service wherever we live. We believe in the interdependence of people, cultures and the environment, in the power of grassroots activism and that poverty, illiteracy, disease and repressive social systems can be overcome.

If you just got off the plane, or have devoted a decade or two to family, career and community, join the National Peace Corps Association now and put your life and hard work in a developing country to good use once again.

The NPCA—formerly known as the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers—has become a respected voice for the people of the developing world. *The Washington Post* recently called the NPCA "a powerful lobby." And we're just getting started.

Our strength is the network of returned volunteers who meet regularly in Boston, southwest Ohio, Kansas City or Los Angeles and 66 other communities, or those who are part of the 44 country-of-service groups such as Marafiki wa Kenya and Friends of Fiji.

For example, the 800 members of Friends of Liberia have been active peace-makers among the divided parties of Liberia's civil war. Its members have worked in Liberian refugee camps and as citizen-diplomats in the cause of Liberia's reconstruction. Members of Northeastern Ohio Peace Corps Association volunteer in Habitat for Humanity housing projects, ESL services and other programs.

"The great untold story is that you continue to serve after you return home...you are in the vanguard of vital progressive activities here at home."

Bill Clinton
July 2, 1993

<input type="checkbox"/> I want to join the NPCA and one affiliate	\$35 (\$50 couple)
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Members are also eligible to join:	
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1995 International Calendar Sales Update

Thanks to eight volunteers, our membership list is being contacted, with great results. The eight are Pat Greendale, Christine Egan, Katherine Kimble, Thrina Parent, Cynthia Franciso, Mary Lynn Parodi, Joan Mitchell and Gill Hibbs. (I guess men don't like to call people they don't know.) With three of the eight reporting, we've got 32 actual calendars sold, and six volunteers to take orders. Thrina has already said that she wants to call again next year.

Total sales so far (9/29) are around 180 calendars. (We sold 225 last year, and didn't even start until the end of September). The seeds planted by those calling will take root in October. Thanks to all of you!

Questions? Call the Calendar Committee (Jerry and Teresa Porter 281-9576, Karen McAlister 591-7950, or Robin Teater 286-0177)

- Sales Prizes: 5+: Calendar postcards; 20+: Columbia River Peace Corps Assn. sweatshirt; Grand Prize: Dinner for 2 at the Green Onion Persian Restaurant (2nd and SW Burnside)

1995 International Calendar Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Ph: _____

_____ Calendars @ \$8 = _____

Postage @ \$1.50 per calendar* = _____

Total due = _____

Make check payable to:

Columbia River Peace Corps Association
Send to: Jerry Porter, 3404 NE 25th Ave.
Portland, OR 97212-2507 Ph: 281-9576

** No charge for pick-up at meetings or elsewhere. Indicate when you'll pick up, or call to arrange.*

*****Call if you need calendars to sell!*****

Bring New Members to the Peace Corps Family

Many people want to actively support Peace Corps' mission, but can't or don't want to live abroad to do it. RPCVs can link these people with ways to express their interest and become involved here in the United States with Volunteers and their communities overseas.

Peace Corps has established programs in the Office of Private Sector Relations so that every person who wants to support its work can do just that. This includes your children, neighbors, company, fellow church members, and even the third baseman on your softball team.

There is something for everyone to do. Traditionally, Peace Corps supporters have staffed international fairs, held dinners or other events to raise funds for Volunteer projects, and spoken before interested civic and social organizations.

However, more and more people wanting to support Peace Corps are branching out. They are involving their companies in matching gift and grant programs, as well as in donating its products or funds to purchase needed project materials. By working with their companies or directing their businesses in support of overseas initiatives, these activists are also bringing the Peace Corps mission to more concerned individuals and organizations who can participate in it and ensure its success.

People are also reaching out to new groups and creating new activities in support of Peace Corps. These individuals are going to the schools where their children study and leading sessions which teach about different cultures while funding projects abroad. Proceeds from garage and bake sales fund sustainable development initiatives in Volunteer communities through the Partnership Program. Peace Corps supporters are donating their typewriters, sewing machines, computers, and printers to the Gifts In Kind Program. More individuals are directing birthday and wedding gifts in general sponsorship of Peace Corps programs.

In doing so, RPCVs and other Peace Corps supporters are helping more Americans discover how other people throughout the world live, work and celebrate. They also teach that there is something that can be done to improve and learn about our world right here in the United States.

The Office of Private Sector Relations, including the Partnership and Gifts In Kind Programs, has ideas for people who want to be involved in Peace Corps on both small and large scales.

For information on getting started or for expanding your current efforts, call 1-800-424-8580, extension 2227.

• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Oct. 15	Restaurant Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 12	West African Pigout
Dec. 11	Moroccan Holiday Feast, 4:30 p.m.
December (TBA)	OPB Pledge Drive Assistance

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Columbia River Peace Corps Association would like to welcome the following new members to our ranks:

- Lester Lamm, Honduras 64-66
- Peggy McClure, Togo 69-71
- Mitchell Haas, Nepal 78-80
- Valdemar Schultz, Iran 67-69
- Robert Friedman, Colombia 66-68
- Charlene Mills, Kenya 88-90
- Christine Nelson, Costa Rica 70-73
- Ralph Satterberg, Guatemala 84-85
- Charles Beith, Mali 73-75

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CURRENT OCCUPATION: _____

- New Membership
- Membership renewal
- New address, effective: ___/___/___
- Joining CRPCA and NPCA (\$35 individual/\$50 family)
- Joining CRPCA only (\$15 individual/\$22.50 family)
- Joining NPCA only (\$20 individual/\$27.50 family)

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**The Portland Art Museum invites you to
celebrate the reinstallation of the Gebauer
collection of art of Cameroon, West Africa**

Where: Portland Art Museum
1219 S.W. Park

When: Opening reception, Oct. 7, 5:30-9:00 p.m.
Polly Eyerly Memorial Symposium,
October 8th, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Regular museum hours: Tue.-Sat. 11 a.m.-
5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m., First Thursday 11-5

Twenty-four years after the Cameroon Gallery's original opening, the Portland Art Museum is celebrating the reinstallation of the museum's African art collection in a renovated space. In addition to its authenticity and aesthetic excellence, the Gebauer collection is outstanding because it consists of African art from primarily one region — the Western Grasslands of Cameroon. Paul and Clara Gebauer acquired the objects, through barter and gift, over a period of thirty years, between 1931 and 1962. During this time, they were among a handful of Europeans and Americans who joined Cameroonian communities as missionaries and teachers.

The area where the Gebauers lived and worked was among the last in Cameroon to sustain its local political and cultural identity during the colonial period. However, the country was in the process of social and economic change, and many of the traditional reasons for creating and using art were eroding. Fortunately Paul Gebauer, who was trained as an anthropologist, and his wife, Clara respected the intellectual and artistic genius and temporality of traditional arts and recognized the importance of preserving it. Without setting out to do so, they amassed a sizeable collection.

Also included in the celebration is the Polly Eyerly Memorial Symposium to be held Saturday, October 8th. Polly Eyerly organized and coordinated hundreds of programs during the course of her career as a curator. She was editorial and research assistant for many museum publications, including *Art of Cameroon*, by Paul Gebauer. When *Art of Cameroon* was completed in 1979, Polly organized a symposium to complement the publication announcement for this important book. To honor these efforts, another symposium will be held which will include the opportunity to explore a myriad of fascinating topics related to the art and culture of West Africa. For more information, call 221-1156.

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Bringing the World Back Home