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Back in the USSR

What's it like to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer in countries that were considered enemies a decade ago? On January 15, we'll learn what it's like to be a Peace Corps Volunteer in Eastern Europe. Sean Connolly and Stacy Larsen will be offering a slide presentation of their volunteer experience in Lithuania. They have been asked to do a brief presentation that will allow time for other Eastern European RPCV's to tell us about their experience.

Did Sean and Stacy watch MTV, encounter hazardous waste, or find themselves in countries with ethnic tension smoldering? Ask them at the January potluck.

Business meeting:	4:30 p.m.	Open to all
Potluck:	5:30 p.m.	Bring food and an appetite
Presentation:	6:30 p.m.	Peace Corps in Eastern Europe

Activities are at Charlene Holzworth's home at 2524 NE 34th Ave, Portland.

Directions: From I-84 eastbound, take the 33rd Ave. exit and go north on 33rd Ave. From I-84 westbound, exit at 43rd Ave., get on Broadway and go to 33rd Ave. and turn right. On 33rd Ave., go past Grant Park to Knott Street. Turn right again immediately onto 34th Ave. This is a dead end street. Charlene's house is orange.

From the President

January's Off to a Running Start! —We have a very full month of activities. Our monthly potluck will focus on Eastern Europe (see related article, left). At the end of the month we will have a "meet the NPCA staff potluck" (see back page for details), followed the next two days by a Northwest RPCV Mini-Conference.

The Case for Advocacy — The Regional Mini-Conference will have an advocacy track to train in techniques for becoming more effective in getting your voice heard. Returned PCV's have a special insight into third world issues. Whether we served for three months or five years, our Peace Corps service gave us the opportunity to see a world that most other Americans don't see, or see in sound bites that emphasize disaster and turmoil. And if we learned anything as Peace Corps Volunteers it was how little we knew about the world outside of America. You may not feel like you're an expert, but our congressional representatives and policy makers are even less likely to know what the situation is in the "non-strategic" areas of the world that Peace Corps serves.

See You There — I hope you are able to attend the Regional Mini-Conference. The conference is a way to benefit from workshops similar to those of a National Conference without the expense and inconvenience of traveling a long distance.

Mike Waite

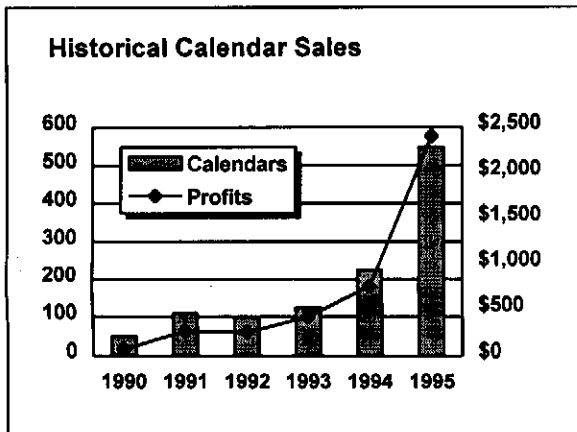
Important Ballot Enclosed!

Cast your vote for the representative from the Northwest Region to the National Peace Corps Association Board of Directors. Ballot inside.

1995 International Calendar Sales Final Report

by Jerry Porter

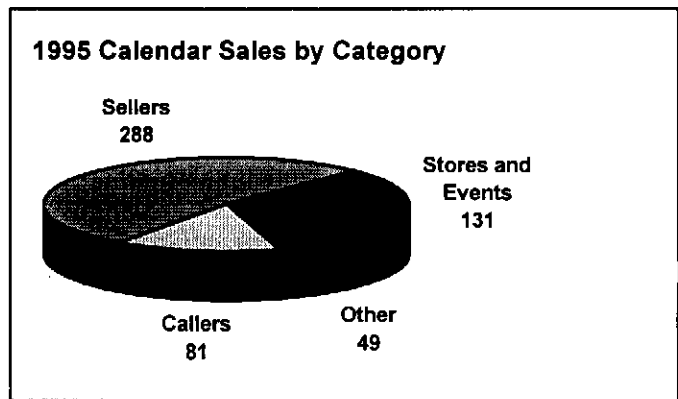
We Reached Our Goal! When the calendar committee (Karen McAlister, Jerry Porter, Teresa Porter, Robin Teater) first met last February, we set the lofty goal of selling 500 calendars. We had sold 225 last year, having just started the method of calling our members and selling them calendars and asking them to sell calendars. By expanding on that, thus involving many more people in the effort, and increasing our efforts to sell to stores, we have surpassed our goal, **selling 549 calendars this year!** Our expenses have not yet been determined exactly but we will have **approximately \$2,400 in profits.** Our steering committee decided last year that 90% of these profits would go to the local refugee programs of the Lutheran Family Services.



Postcard Prize (5 or more sold): Katharine Kimball, JoDe Horn (Lutheran Family Services), Joan Mitchell, Michele Willemse, Mary Lynn Parodi, Cynthia Francisco, Dick and Joan Swee, Nancy Kurkinen, Teresa Porter, Pat Greendale, Leslie Wheary (World Affairs Council), Gabriella Maertens, Shelley King, Linda Centurion, JoAnne Wu, Laura Paxson, Nancy Cicerello, Nancy Greene, Phil Gray, Robin Teater, Thomas W. Kohl. I hope I haven't missed anyone; please let me know if I have. Thanks to all the others who contributed by selling or buying calendars.

Stores: The following stores purchased five or more calendars: Oregon Peace Institute, Topanien, Earth Mercantile, Trade Roots.

Special thanks to my wife Teresa for tolerating, reminding, selling, schlepping, and mailing.



Those Who Made It Happen — Over 30 of our members were involved in various ways in this year's effort:

Callers: This group made the contacts that resulted in many direct sales, as well as identifying the sellers who were responsible for the biggest part of our sales. Thanks to Pat Greendale, Thrina Parent, Christine Egan, Cynthia Francisco, Mary Lynn Parodi, Joan Mitchell, Katharine Kimble, Jill Hibbs

Sellers: Thanks to all of you who showed the calendar to eager friends, co-workers, etc.

Grand Prize: Mike and Jackie Spurlock (42 calendars)

Sweatshirt Prize (20 or more sold): Karen McAlister, Paul Erickson, Christine Egan, Jerry Porter, Thrina Parent, Jean Campbell (World Affairs Council)

The Final Steps—In January, after all the final expenses are calculated, we will be presenting our donation to Lutheran Family Services. We will report the event in the newsletter. We will also have a letter from Lutheran Family Services describing the activities our donation is supporting.

The Next Steps—It won't be long before we start planning for next year. Our first task is to identify a recipient for next year's fundraiser. Some of the areas we will be improving on next year include having more volunteers at the higher sales levels to make the load light, improved organization with callers and sellers, and finding more stores with the right orientation. Please don't be shy about calling Jerry (281-9576) if you have some ideas or time to contribute.

Happy New Year!

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NEWS FROM ALASKA, WASHINGTON, OREGON, IDAHO, & MONTANA

First NW Regional Mini-Conference Portland — January 28 and 29

Conference Details

You have an opportunity to attend the first NW Regional Mini-Conference. This conference is a means to bring some of the features of National Conferences to the various regions of the country. You have a chance to meet and mingle other RPCVs and learn skills that will help make a difference here and in the countries we care about.

National Peace Corps Association staff, including President Chic Dambach, will be attending and providing training. Three tracks will be provided: Leadership, Advocacy, and Re-Connect.

- **Leadership** will focus on using your personal leadership traits effectively at work and in you community and on learning new skills you can use in your RPCVs groups.

- **Advocacy** will explore ways to be an effective advocate for policies you believe in. Hands on activities will include practice in letter writing and lobbying. Learn about sustainable development and find out about the current debate brewing of foreign aid.

- **Re-Connect** is targeted toward those in the middle of re-entry or career changes, and others interested in helping newly returned volunteers readjust. Newly returned volunteers will learn hands-on skills to job network, reorient to America and fulfilling the third goal.

The only qualification for attending is membership in the National Peace Corps Association, so if you haven't yet joined — please do so now.

- **Cost:** \$51 (included continental breakfast and lunches on Saturday and Sunday). If you are a recently returned Volunteer, the cost is only \$25.

- **Location:** Airport Shilo Motel 11707 NE Airport Way, Portland, Oregon. Freeway 205 Airport exit. Travel East, Opposite from Airport. The Shilo is located several blocks from the Freeway exit on left.

- **Lodging:**

- **Airport Shilo Inns:** \$94/ night + tax. Suites. 503-252-5800.

- **Marriott Courtyard:** \$54/ night + tax. Single or double occupancy (across street from Shilo. 503-252-3200 or 1-800-321-2211

- **Local home lodging:** We have a number of people sharing their homes. Call Robin Teater (503-286-0177) if you need a place to stay.

Friday night potluck: Come meet the NPCA staff. The potluck is open to all regardless of membership in local membership, or the National Peace Corps Association. If you live in the local area, bring lots of food. If you're coming from a distance you can pat \$2.00 in lieu of a potluck dish. The potluck site is Barberton Grange Hall in Vancouver. Exit 32 off I-205.

Saturday evening dinner. House of Louie, 331 NW Davis, Portland. \$12.

Registration forms will come to National Peace Corps Association members in the mail. Registration will be through the NPCA. If you do not receive information and wish to attend contact Mike Waite at 206-574-7455.



NEWS FROM ALASKA, WASHINGTON, OREGON, IDAHO, & MONTANA

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**National Peace Corps Association
Northwest Region Board Position**

Amy Wilson (Niger, 1981-83; Mali & Niger, 1986-88, PC trainer; Associate Director, 1990-93)

I am currently the coordinator for a grassroots rural development program serving the southwestern region of Oregon; this is my home turf and I plan to stay. I am a dedicated networker and would work with the regional groups to keep them informed and connected. Over the past fourteen years I have been a volunteer, a trainer and an associate country director. A true die-hard, I am still interested, involved and actively promoting Peace Corps goals and philosophy. The breadth of my experiences from volunteerism to program administration gives me a unique perspective on the actual and potential value of the National Association. I am always a strong proponent of sharing the international experience and now have the additional pleasure of staying involved with volunteers I worked with in Niger as they make their transition and begin to pursue Peace Corps' third goal. Please feel free to call me if you would like to know more in order to make your decision or just to say howdy. I look forward to meeting or hearing from you. Home phone 503-474-9715.

Jeany Lee (Hungary, 1992-94, TEFL)

As a recent RPCV from a relatively new Peace Corps country, I bring new perspectives and a strong understanding of Peace Corps today. I have extensive experience in Peace Corps networking, having organized both a national drama festival and poster contest. I established Hungary's Volunteer Advisory Committee to address common Peace Corps Volunteer concerns with country staff and Washington D.C. I also compiled a travel news network with information on PCVs throughout the Eastern and Central grouping.

Returning to the states, I have continued my commitment to public service and Peace Corps by attending the RPCV Conference in Atlanta, serving as the present newsletter editor for the Alaska RPCVs and working as resource and services director for United Way of Anchorage. As a board member, I would continue to facilitate communication with RPCVs throughout the country. I happily make myself accessible and available for all responsibilities of an NPCA Board member. As always, I

look forward to meeting RPCVs and sharing experiences and information. Contact me at 907-338-9562 for more information.

**Bob Crites (Brazil, 1964-66,
Guatemala, APCD 1978-80)**

I believe I have the requisite experience, skill, and dedication to the spirit and mission of the Peace Corps and National Peace Corps Association to effectively represent the Northwest Region on the NPCA Board of Directors. I am a school counselor and professional sport agent. I was an investment broker for nine years. I support an emphasis on regionalism that strengthens cooperative involvement among RPCV groups within the different regions and communication between NPCA and local groups, including personal contact between NPCA and local groups and between groups themselves. I further support increased involvement with corporations and other non-profit organizations at all levels in seeking sponsorship support of our programs and activities and in forging partnerships in programs that speak to common goals. Phone 503-686-1396, evenings, for additional information.

Ballot (vote for one)

- Amy Wilson
- Jeany Lee
- Bob Crites
- Write in candidate _____

The NW Board position will become effective at the National Conference in Austin, Texas, August 2-6, 1995. You will have the opportunity to meet the candidates at the Portland NPCA Mini-Conference on January 28-29. Send ballots to Susan Neyer, Chair, National Peace Corps Association, 1701 Lilac Dr. Walnut Creek, CA 94595 by March 1.

• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Jan. 15	Potluck & Business Meeting at Charlene's
Jan. 28	Northwest RPCV Conference
Feb. 12	Business Meeting at Mike Waite's
Feb. 18	Restaurant Meeting (place TBA)

**Plant a Tree: A Great Opportunity to Go Outdoors
and Get a Little Dirty!**

by Christine Egan

Friends of Trees will be organizing a tree-planting project in the Piedmont neighborhood on Saturday, February 25. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end approximately at noon. These projects depend on the time and skills of volunteers; it can't happen without us! If you would like to join in the fun, please call Christin Egan at 235-9244 (home). If I am not home, please leave your name and phone number, and I will call you back with the scoop! I need to get an approximate count on how many of our members would like to volunteer for Friends of Trees. Please call me if you want to volunteer. *Muchisimas gracias!*

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- Joining NPCA **only** (\$20 individual/\$27.50 family)

Please make checks payable to : **COLUMBIA RIVER PEACE CORPS ASSOCIATION**
And mail to: **P.O. BOX 802
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Don't Miss the Pre-Conference Potluck

Come meet NPCA President Chic Dambaugh, and others from the National Peace Corps Association on Friday, January 27. We have reserved the Barberton Grange Hall in Vancouver for a potluck and social event. The potluck is open to all regardless of affiliation with NPCA or Columbia River Peace Corps Association. If you live in the local area please bring extra food. If you live away from the Portland/Vancouver area and don't have a potluck dish, you are welcome to participate and eat to your heart's content for just \$2. We'll open the doors around 6 p.m. and start the potluck at 7 p.m.

This will be a good way to informally meet NPCA members and others traveling to the area for the Mini-Conference. We may have an open mike for short stories, poems, or letters home. We'll also give you a chance to see if you can tell who's truthful and who's not in the Great Peace Corps Believe-a-Thon.

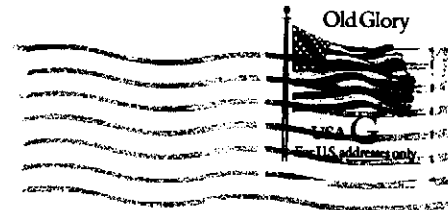
Directions to Barberton Grange Hall, Vancouver, WA:

From North on 205 (preferred route): Drive north on I-205 to exit 32, the NE Andresen and NE 83rd street exit. The exit splits, the right being eastbound and the one straight ahead west. Take the west exit. This will put you on 83rd. 83rd junctions with Andresen. Turn right - it's one of those turns where you don't have to stop if you're turning right. You are now on Andresen. You will cross over I-205. Just as you get over the overpass look to the right for a large wide area. Barberton Grange Hall is just across the street. You can park at the wide area or by Barberton Grange.

From North I-5: Turn on the 78th Street exit (exit 4) in North Vancouver. Turn right at the stoplight onto 78th street. You will see a Fred Meyer at that exit. Continue on 78th for several miles to Andresen Street. It will be about the fourth stoplight. Turn left on Andresen. Continue straight past the stop. There will be a rise as you cross over the freeway (I-205). About a tenth mile past the overpass there is a wide spot with a barricade. Barberton Grange is on the other side of the street.

Thanks! — RPCV Erma Boothby reports that the Gonzalez family of East Portland, to whom the CRPCA donated food, clothing and Christmas gifts, was very appreciative of all items. Thank you all for your generosity and cooperation, and thanks to Erma for coordinating this special project.

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