

# COLUMBIA RIVER PEACE CORPS ASSOCIATION

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## February Restaurant Event

Date: February 18th  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Place: My-Canh Restaurant  
Address: 1801 NE 39th Ave.  
(on the north side of Sandy)  
Reservations: Alma Cunningham (223-9298)  
Price: \$10 (includes gratuity)

*Please make your reservation by Wednesday the 15th.*

My-Canh is a Chinese and Vietnamese restaurant. This dinner will lean to the Vietnamese side. We will begin with Goi Cuon (salad rolls), shrimp and bits of meat with lettuce, rice, stick noodles, mint and basil wrapped in a rice paper pancake. We'll also have soup, and some dishes to share.

Drinks will not be part of the meal, but beer, wine, wonderful Vietnamese coffee and delightful Vietnamese fruit drinks are available for an extra charge. If you're a coffee drinker and you've never tried Vietnamese coffee with sweetened condensed milk, a rich, sweet, thick confection-like coffee awaits you. Try it, and linger longer with a friend. Peiyin, our hostess, is looking forward to serving us. I think you'll be pleased!

Note: If NE 39th and Sandy looks formidable to you, find NE 42nd and Tillamook. Take Tillamook to 39th, drive back toward Sandy, and My-Canh is on your right in a mini-mall near to the Baskin Robbins ice cream store. Sounds easy? It is! Join us!

## From the President

**Mini-Conference** — The first Northwest Regional Mini-Conference was both informative and inspirational. We started out with National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) President Chic Dambach reminding us that the Third Goal of Peace Corps is not just the education of our own citizens but also remembering our friends in other countries that need assistance. The advocacy track wrote letters to Northwest Senators and learned about personal contacts from Christine Egan, Staff Assistant to Senator Mark Hatfield. I didn't go to the "Re-Connect" track but was told it was super. The track on Leadership spoke to the challenges of leading groups. As a result, CRPCA will be working on ways of improving our organization. I'll keep you informed, and invite you to work with us.

**Praise Where It's Due** — During the conference CRPCA got a lot of praise for our accomplishments. While I enjoyed the praise, I am a successor to many people that have worked their hearts out through the years with little recognition. To all of the former leaders and doers, **Thank you.** I appreciate the contributions you've made to the organization.

**More Fax** — I now have a fax modem on my computer. My fax number is 360-576-5857 and I can be reached whenever my computer is on. Now on to the internet!

**Free Brunch** — The next business meeting will include a Sunday brunch at my home on February 12. I guarantee good food and stimulating conversation. We'll start at 10:30 a.m. and discuss next year's calendar sales and donor, the Starlight Parade, sweatshirt designs, and the 1997 Portland National Conference. I encourage you to come. Directions on page 2 in the newsletter.

*Mike Waite*

## Peace Corps Recruitment Event

On February 21-23 the Seattle Peace Corps Office will be conducting a recruitment drive in Portland. February 21 will be a night for Returned Volunteers to meet with Peace Corps applicants. As in past years, snacks and refreshments will be provided. This is a good opportunity to meet with people considering joining the Peace Corps and let them know how you felt about the experience. Starting time is 7 p.m. and probably will end around 9 p.m. The event will be held at the PSU Campus Ministry, 633 SW Montgomery. (see newsletter Calendar for full listing of recruitment activities)

## Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!

No, that's not President Clinton speaking, that's our own Gary Miller at the Peace Corps Recruitment Center at PSU. Gary has been mining the internet for job opening announcements that may be of interest to RPCVs in the market for a job.

While the three listings Gary faxed for the newsletter are already past their closing dates, Gary informs us that you, too, can subscribe to the bit news Peace Corps list by sending a message (e-mail) to <listserv@CMUVM.bit net>. In the body type: "subscribe PCORPS-L (your name)", for example "subscribe PCORPS-L gary miller". You will receive an acknowledgement.

For more information, call Gary at the Peace Corps Recruitment Center at PSU at 725-3015.

*From page 1:*

**Directions to Mike and Mary Lynn Waite's house,  
4711 NE 112th St., Vancouver, WA:**

North on 205: Drive north into Vancouver on I-205 to exit 32, the NE Andresen and NE 83rd Street exit. The exit splits - the right being east 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 are turning right). You are now on Andresen. You will cross over I-205. Keep driving until you get to 109th Street. Turn left and continue on 109th until it junctions with 50th Ave. Turn right, go 5 blocks to 114th St. Turn left on 114th. Go to the first intersection and turn left on 48th Ave. Drive to the next intersection. Mike's home is in the T of the junction and is painted white. Are you hungry after all that? Come on in, the coffee will be on.

**Phone #360-574-7455**

## Put Calendars on Your Calendar for Next Year

*by Jerry Porter, 281-9576*

We made our fundraiser a great success this year by taking a large view, getting an early start, and getting help and ideas from lots of people. It's time to take stock and put things in place so that next year's effort will equal or surpass this year's. We would like to continue our success in distributing the responsibilities so that we can accomplish more without requiring too much of any individual.

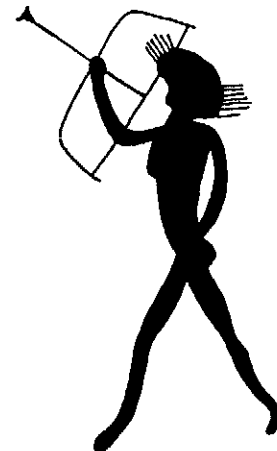
These are our main needs:

**Coordinator:** I will continue to be involved with calendar sales as a member of the organizing committee and as the accountant (keeping track of orders, sales, profits, inventory, etc.) We need a well-organized mind to lead the organizing committee. The main responsibility of the coordinator will be to see that everybody else is doing what they are supposed to do.

**Other volunteers:** Eight of you were the catalyst for our success this year by **calling** our members. We would like to have 15 to 20 volunteers do this next year to keep the number of calls per person down. We will also need people to participate on the **organizing committee**, **fill orders** (mostly by mail), **coordinate sales to stores**, and **coordinate sales at special events**. *By volunteering now, you'll make it easier for us to focus on fundraising later!*

**Recipient:** We have a couple of nominations for the recipient of next year's proceeds, and would like some more. We look for local organizations that have an international focus. A final decision will be made by the March business meeting. Having our recipient chosen before sales start makes a big difference to potential buyers.

Call Jerry at the above number if you have interest in assisting with the next calendar sales drive.



## Revisit the Volunteer Spirit: Help Weatherize!

Come weatherize with us as we lend a hand to the Community Energy Project (CEP). Doesn't that involve quite a bit of technical skill, you ask? Not to the CEP! Rather than installing insulation in walls or ceilings, the CEP targets heat leaks from doors, windows, heating ducts and switchplates. Sealing these leaks can save up to 20% on a home heating bill. To folks on a limited income, this can be quite substantial.

The goal of the CEP's efforts is to provide low-technology, low-cost energy savings to qualifying Portland residents. Joanne Wu (Philippines 89-90; Zaire 90-91 — a double evacuee), who will be leading our volunteer effort, was once a recipient of the CEP's program. Now she leads workshops and work sessions to pass the knowledge on to others! Joanne tells us that techniques are simple enough to be learned in the course of one morning. After helping a Portland neighbor, you'll have picked up the skills to start weatherizing your own home!

**WHEN?** Saturday, March 4,  
(that's Volunteer Day!)  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**WHERE?** We'll meet at the CEP  
office, 422 NE Alberta, at  
the corner of Alberta and  
Grand (one block east of  
Martin Luther King Blvd)

**HOW?** Just call Joanne at 243-  
9359 and leave your name  
and address. She'll send  
you more details such as  
a map to the office and  
more on what to expect.

Come join us on March 4th and help  
make a difference!

## International Women's Day

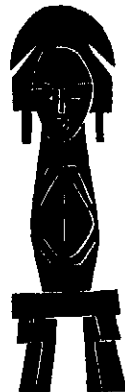
This year the Portland celebration of International Women's Day will be on Sunday, March 12, 1995 at Montgomery Park. International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated around the world to honor the accomplishments of women.

Did you celebrate International Women's Day in your country of service? If yes, would you be willing to write a few paragraphs about what you did? Would you be willing to share pictures? The Portland IWD committee is hoping to present a showcase of local, national and global celebrations of the event. Tell us your stories - we want to know!

**The IWD committee is also looking for volunteers.** A lot of hands are needed the day of the event to make sure that things run smoothly. Last year, there was a Peace Corps table at the event - this is still possible if someone else would like to organize it.

One last thing - if you would like to post information about the event in your neighborhood or at your work, I can send posters and other event information to you.

For more information, please contact:  
Jessica Duke (RPCV Benin/Malawi)  
227-1047 (home)



## Cascade Festival of African Films

The Fifth Annual Cascade Festival of African Films will be held in honor of Black History Month on the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College. The festival will include feature films from Zimbabwe, Burkina Faso, and Senegal, as well as an African Women's Documentary Film program. These together with the popular Family Film Day, which offers films for children, are all free and open to the public.

Thursday, February 9  
*More Time* (Zimbabwe)

Thursday, February 16  
*Samba Traore* (Burkina Faso)

Thursday, February 23  
*Mandabi* (Senegal)

Thursday, March 2  
African Women's Documentaries

*These Hands* (Tanzania)  
*Women with Open Eyes* (Togo)

Saturday, February 25  
Family Film Day

Four West African Folktales on Film

Please join in this exciting film festival which invites you to see Africa — and America — through African and African-American eyes. For more information call Don Johnson at PCC, 244-6111.

## Friends of Trees Planting

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). 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!*

## World Affairs Council Classroom Speaker's Training

A classroom speaker's training, sponsored by the World Affairs Council, was held at Two World Trade Center on January 31. Participants included college exchange students and a wide array of RPCVs from Honduras, Dominican Republic, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Sierra Leone, Paraguay, Botswana and Dominica. RPCV Laura Paxson, a social studies teacher at Lake Oswego High School, gave a presentation on what school teachers look for in a classroom speaker.

Among the evening's many valuable tips were the following:

- know your audience (age, grade, special needs, etc.)
- bring interesting things (visual impact creates interest)
- tell anecdotes (especially the stereotypes that people from other countries have about Americans)
  - speak slowly and loudly
  - when you ask a question, wait for an answer
- check with the teacher first before engaging in discussions on controversial issues
  - bring slides, but only 8 or so

Our thanks to the World Affairs Council for this continuing service to RPCVs and other would-be speakers on international topics.

## PCV in Russia Awaits Your Reply!

CRPCA President Mike Waite recently received a letter from Susan Gallagher, a former Portland resident, now a Peace Corps Volunteer in Russia. Susan left for Moscow on September 15, and took her oath on Dec. 1. Susan will be working with a women's group and establishing a cultural center.

Susan would love to hear from some RPCVs in the Portland area. She has an Internet address of [Rita@SAMBC.Samara.SU](mailto:Rita@SAMBC.Samara.SU). Her mailing address is Susan B. Gallagher, PCV, Peace Corps, Saratov c/o Px Post, 208E. 51 St. #295 N.Y., N.Y. 10022

## World Day of Prayer Service

The 108th annual observance of the World Day of Prayer will occur on March 3, 1995. The service for this year was prepared by the Ghanaian National Committee for World Day of Prayer, and will be observed worldwide in churches, temples, synagogues and by various organizations for peace. RPCV Mariana Bornholdt has been asked by WDP organizers in Cannon Beach to assist in their preparations because of her Peace Corps service in Ghana. A Liberian refugee and a Togolese refugee will also participate in the event in Cannon Beach.

In the U.S., this annual observance is sponsored by Church Women United, whose mission also includes Intercontinental Grants to programs that empower and benefit women. Two of this year's projects are in Ghana. Church Women United are located at 475 Riverside Drive, Room 812, New York, NY 10115. A complete listing of Intercontinental Grants is available upon request.

## A Letter From Goldendale, Washington

Hi, my name is Judy Merrill. We moved to the rural town of Goldendale, Washington (across the river from Biggs, Oregon) a year ago. Before Goldendale, I lived in the Sierra Foothills of California for one year and then McCall/Boise, Idaho for 15 years. I was in the Peace Corps in Guatemala in the Health Program in 88-90.

I'm interested in meeting some folks in the area closer to me than Portland/Vancouver. Let's get together whether it's to share experiences or just to play. I enjoy hiking, biking, cross country skiing, walking, etc. Returning to the States was a difficult time in regards to what I had learned in Guatemala and of our government and society, consumerism, etc. I continue to have an interest in "Third World" countries, the underdogs of the world. I plan to go to Indonesia next year. If anyone has any insight into off the beaten track traveling in Indonesia, please let me know. Please call me or write if you have any inkling to do so! I'm looking forward to meeting some RPCVs!

Judy Merrill  
1111 Ownby Road  
Goldendale, WA 98620  
509-779-3899

**• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •**

Feb. 12	Business Meeting/Brunch at Mike Waite's
Feb. 18	Restaurant Meeting at My-Canh
Feb. 25	Friends of Trees Planting
Feb. 21	PSU Recruitment (RPCVs meet candidates)
Feb. 22	PSU Recruitment (Business expertise, 12-1)
Feb. 22	PSU Recruitment (Environment, 7-8:30)
Feb. 23	PSU Recruitment (Teaching)
March 4	Weatherization Project
March 19	Business Meeting
March 19	Potluck - Charlene Holzworth's house
Aug. 3-6	National Conference, Austin, Texas
August (TBA)	NW Regional Campout
Nov. 11	West African Pigout

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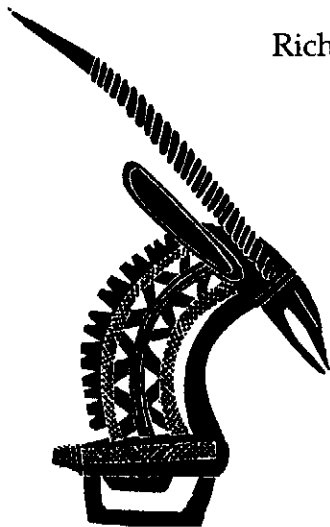
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- New Membership
- Membership renewal
- New address, effective: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- Joining CRPCA and NPCA (\$35 individual/\$50 family)
- Joining CRPCA **only** (\$15 individual/\$22.50 family)
- Joining NPCA **only** (\$20 individual/\$27.50 family)

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Daniel Brixius, Ecuador 73-75  
Gert Carey, Jamaica 91-93  
David Groff and Elizabeth Ussher Groff, Niger 67-70  
Tori Hancock Long, Micronesia  
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