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35 YEARS

It might have been thirty five years ago or as recently as 2 years ago. You made a decision to leave a comfortable life. While others worried about waylaying careers, or leaving the known for the unknown, you took a risk. You decided to join a program you knew little about to go to a country that your encyclopedia only briefly mentioned.

It wasn't because you were especially brave, although many people fear leaving comfort, stability, and familiar surroundings. It wasn't because you thought you could save the world. World Savers are among the first to get on airplanes back to America after a bitter experience of finding out that people don't want to be saved. You were excited, apprehensive, and full of wonder. You wanted to test your skills in new surroundings, make a difference, and learn about a world our textbooks left out.

There's a good chance that you came back early because of a lack of a job, illness, pregnancy, or civil strife. You wondered how much you really contributed. Many people showed little interest in the life you lived, and the people you lived with. Time was short for readjustment. You got on with your life. Sometimes you wonder if war, changes of governments, or changes in medical conditions affect your friends abroad. You have a broader range of tastes in food, music, and other cultures. You travel or desire to travel back to the developing world. Your life has been changed in many small ways.

On this, the 35th anniversary of Peace Corps, pause to consider how your Peace Corps experience has contributed to your life. Then remember, you're a Peace Corps Volunteer for life. It's something to be proud of.

FLOOD CANCELS REGIONAL MEETING

The Regional meeting on Feb. 10 was called off due to the inability of people from the Seattle area to attend. The meeting has been rescheduled for March 30 at the same location, the Michael Servatis Unitarian Universalist Church in Vancouver, Washington. (More details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Next month - RPCVs on the Internet.

—President Mike Waite

Happy St. Paddy's Day!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- FEB. 29 – NATIONAL PEACE CORPS CELEBRATION – Washington, D.C.
MAR. 3
- MARCH 2 RPCV VOLUNTEER DAY
- MARCH 10 BUSINESS MEETING, POTLUCK, & PROGRAM SPEAKER
- MARCH 10 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION
- MARCH 30 REGIONAL MEETING – Vancouver, WA
- APRIL 14 POTLUCK BRUNCH BUSINESS MEETING
- APRIL 20 RESTAURANT MEETING – 6:00 PM
Campus Ministry/Ptld. State University
A Kenyan dinner prepared by Grace Kuto. \$10 includes gratuity. Her East African cookbook, *Harambee* & a short presentation will also be featured. Reservations to Gabriella by Friday, April 19. 254-5161!
- JUNE 1 STARLIGHT PARADE
- AUG. 16-18 REGIONAL CAMPOUT – IDAHO

MARCH POTLUCK & GENERAL MEETING

The Joska family, whom we assisted at Christmas with clothing, furniture, and household supplies will attend this meeting and share a Croatian dish with us.

Come meet our family and keep the connection alive!

When: March 10, 1996 5 PM for Business Meeting
6 PM for Potluck
7 PM for Guest Speakers

Where: Charlene Holzworth's house: 2524 NE 34th

Program: Drew Johnson, volunteer coordinator for the Portland Affiliate of Habitat For Humanity, will be our speaker. He'll tell us about the program in Portland and show a video. Also, Ed Warmoth, a member of CRPCA, will talk about the international work of Habitat and share some of his experiences.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The 21st annual Portland celebration of International Women's Day is March 10, 1996.

In 1910 March 8 was declared International Women's Day by Clara Zetkin at the International Conference of Women Socialists. It honors the March 8, 1857 march by thousands of women in New York demanding an end to sweatshop conditions, improved childcare facilities, equal pay for equal work and the right to vote. Since then, IWD has been celebrated throughout the world.

On March 10, 1996 we will gather to celebrate the achievements of women through their businesses, crafts, art, poetry, music and dance.

Please join us! We need lots of volunteer help to make the day a success. Volunteer opportunities include: setting up, cleaning up, staffing an information table, collecting donations at the door, directing traffic, staffing the art room and more.

Free childcare and parking are available. If you can volunteer an hour or two, 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM, please call Kathleen at 287-7322.

Even if you can't volunteer, please plan to join us in the celebration, March 10, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, at Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING MARCH 30, 1996 VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Location

Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Church
4505 East 18th St., Vancouver, Washington.
(Site of the 1995 West African Pigout)

Time

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch. Portland provides.
1:00 - 5:00 Regional Meeting

Topics

Group updates
NW Regional Celebration
Determine date, location, and theme
Responsibilities
RPCV Fundraiser for Region
Regional Campout
Alaska campout

Directions

North on I-205

Travel north up I-205 to exit 30, the Orchards/Vancouver exit, Highway 500. At exit 30 take the Vancouver lane and head west. Once on highway 500 go to the second set of stoplights and turn left onto Stapleton Road. Stay on Stapleton road until you get to the second set of stoplights which is East 18th Street. Turn right. Go several blocks down 18th. The Unitarian Universalist Church is one block past the Thunderbird Village sign. Turn left and you're there.

North on I-5

Go north on I-5 to exit 2, Orchards exit, in Vancouver. Travel to the third stoplight on Highway 500. Turn right onto Stapleton Road. Stay on Stapleton road until you get to the second set of stoplights at East 18th Street. Turn right. Go several blocks down 18th. The Unitarian Universalist Church is one block past the Thunderbird Village sign on the left.

CRPCA members please bring a potluck dish.



Farewell Davy Crockett

Barbara "Davy" Crockett died February 14 after a struggle with Melanoma. News of Davy's illness and death has been a shock- she died too early. The speed and aggressiveness of the cancer was overwhelming to all those who knew and loved her.

Davy was an active member of our group who held a number of leadership positions including Newsletter Editor and Secretary-Treasurer. She attended many events and helped out in numerous ways.

Davy was always a person you could count on. She went well beyond the call of duty many times to get articles to me when I was Newsletter Editor. My best memories though are just talking to and enjoying Davy's company. We'll miss Davy, in fact we already do.

Mike Waite

On the back side of this page we have included an article by Margie Boule that came out in the Oregonian on February 15. It touches on Davy's spirit. In memory of Davy the Columbia River Peace Corps Association donated \$75.00 to the Trickle Up fund that provides money for poor people to begin businesses in developing countries.

Anyone else who wishes to make a donation in memory of Davy Crockett can donate to:

Trickle Up Program
54 Riverside Dr.
New York, N.Y. 10024

Davy and Richard Peck

Davy Crockett
Born January 24, 1947
Died February 14, 1996

BS Mathematics Bucknell University
MA (Teaching) Harvard Graduate School

Peace Corps Volunteer Kenya 69-70
High School Mathematics teacher
Research assistant for data processing at the
University of Nairobi

Research assistant,
Financial Aid Counselor
Financial Aid Director
Leader for Overseas Study Programs in
Ecuador and Kenya

Languages- Spanish and Swahili

In 1971 Davy pedaled 3164 miles in 43 days across the United States on her bicycle finishing in Portland. She was quoted in her hometown newspaper as doing it because she just wanted to see the country and meet the people.





Family, Disney come through for woman dying of cancer

Davy Crockett gets a chance to see "Mr. Holland's Opus"

Davy Crockett is dying. It's sad news for the people who love the 49-year-old Portland woman. She's had a full life — teaching in Kenya, cycling across America because she'd seen most of the world but not her own country, raising money for colleges, working in business — but she wasn't planning to leave so soon.

Davy's only been sick since October, when doctors told her she had a melanoma that was so advanced and so aggressive that surgery and radiation wouldn't help.

"The doctor put her on a regime of what I think was very harsh, but very needed chemotherapy," says Rich Peck, Davy's husband and a professor at Lewis & Clark College. "We thought at first it was doing some good."

But two weeks ago, Davy's condition worsened. Her kidneys failed. Through what Rich calls "heroic efforts," the doctors were able to return kidney function. But they then understood that the chemotherapy hadn't worked.

"The doctor said it looked like the melanoma was essentially out of control," Rich says. Ten days ago, when the rest of the city was preoccupied with an ice storm, Rich brought Davy home to hospice care.

What do you do for a dying person? You make her comfortable, you treat her pain, you give her love. Rich and Davy's friends have been caring for her at home; she's on powerful medications to control her pain, and her family has come from all over the country to visit. Brother Don Crockett spent the weekend of the big storm in Portland, up from Berkeley.

"I'd never been to their new house," which is

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across the street from Grant High School, "and I commented on the huge school," Don says. "And Davy said, 'Oh, yeah. They shot the film 'Mr. Holland's Opus' over there.' They'd been planning to see it the day she went into the hospital."

So after Don got home to California, he sent an overnight letter to the Disney corporation in Glendale, asking if it might be possible to get a videotape of "Mr. Holland's Opus" so Davy could see the movie made in her neighborhood.

"It was just a shot," Don says. "I assumed they'd say no since it's not out in video yet."

But a day later, Don got a call from someone in corporate community relations at Disney.

"She had two concerns," Don says. "One, she had to verify the person was really sick and dying." Don gave the woman the number of the Portland hospice handling Davy's case.

"Her other concern was the safety of the tape. She said they didn't have any tapes, but they could make one overnight. But she said a bootleg tape could be worth millions on the market if it got in the wrong hands."

The woman said she'd send the tape to a Disney employee in Portland, who would hand-carry the tape to Rich and Davy's house Tuesday morning. She wouldn't let Don send any money to cover the costs.

Davy's condition had been steadily worsening. She hadn't walked in 10 days; she hadn't been out of bed in several. But Davy was really looking forward to seeing that movie.

"Knowing she was going to see this, I think Davy held on longer than she would have," Rich says.

"She was very, very eager ... because it was something her brother had done for her." Davy asked to have less medication Monday night so she'd be alert the next morning.

"Two hours before the movie was due, she insisted on getting into her wheelchair," says Margaret Campbell, a friend of Davy's. "She wanted to be ready."

Finally, Disney regional manager Kelly Brown arrived with the videotape, and Davy got to watch "Mr. Holland's Opus." Rich helped Davy hold her head up; he rubbed her neck as she watched.

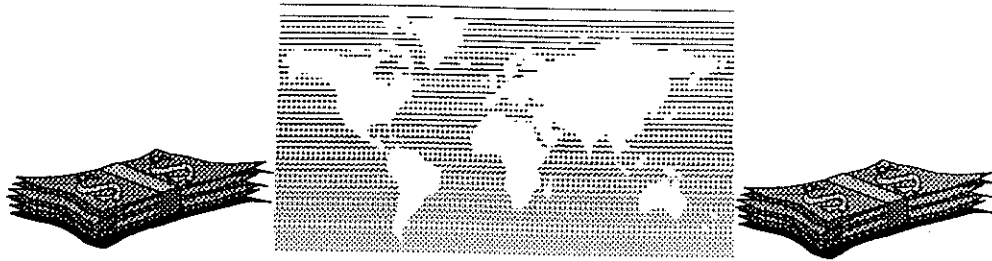
"I was probably watching her as much as the movie," Rich says. "What has amazed me through all of this is her force of will. That's what I admired as she was watching the film." They passed the Kleenex box around the room, Rich says. Davy was probably the only one crying about the movie.

Davy's been sleeping ever since. "That was probably the last thing she was willing to gear up her mental strength for," Rich says. "I don't know how much longer she's going to last. I'd be surprised if it's more than a day or two."

The next time we hear about those big, bad, impersonal corporations, maybe Davy Crockett's story will come to mind. The people who love Davy are grateful to the folks at Disney, who gave Davy one last gift. And even though Davy's not doing any more talking, it's a sure bet she's grateful to the people who wrote the letter, made the arrangements, held her head, wiped her tears and loved her to the very end.

Reach Margie Boulé at 221-8450, 1320 S.W. Broadway, Portland, Ore. 97201, or Margboule@aol.com.






**SEEKING: WORTHY RECIPIENT(S) FOR
THIS YEARS CALENDAR SALE PROFITS**

CRPA needs help from the general membership!!! We need to decide by April 1996, who will receive the profits from the highly successful sale of calendars fund raising project. Last year, Portland Community College Volunteer Literacy Tutor Program received \$2472! This is an excellent opportunity for a charitable organization.

If you know of a worthy organization, please inform Debbie Deetz. We will review the applicants at our mid March business meeting and make a final decision in April.

We are asking the organization be somewhat international in nature. It would be beneficial (but not a requirement) if the organization would be willing to help with the sale of the calendars. It would be in their best interest to do so.

To apply, simply send me the name of the organization, who they are, what they do and a contact person.

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