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"Bringing the world back home"

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From the President

My New Year

My year got off to a terrific start. On January 3 my daughter gave birth to a baby girl named Mercedes Lillian.

Paul Tsongas

The death of Paul Tsongas in January has saddened many people. He was perhaps the most famous RPCV and his experience in Ethiopia changed his life greatly. He always believed that Peace Corps Volunteers would come back and change America. He expressed the importance of Peace Corps in his life: "I don't think of myself as a graduate of Dartmouth or Yale Law School. I think of myself as a returned Peace Corps Volunteer."

Officers

This is the first reminder that we are looking for people to take over Officer functions. These are important duties that need to be done. If you're not sure about a position you can be on the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members work at a variety of tasks. Don't put it off another year. Make this year the year you put your skills to work.

RPCV Soiree

We've been inviting recently COSed volunteers to an event we call the RPCV Soiree'. We've meet at the Lucky Labrador Pub on SE Hawthorne Blvd. and socialize. This event has been so successful that it's time to get the word out to everyone. No agendas, no reservations. You're invited to the Lucky Labrador Brewpub at 915 SE Hawthorne, starting at 6:00 on February 13th (Yes, it is a Thursday night). Come out and join us for beer, wine, sodas, burgers, and bento.

By the way, did I mention my grand daughter?

Next Month: CRPCA webpage.

Michael Waite

Calendar Sales Update

Calendar sales were very successful again this year, with around 800 calendars sold. We will have a complete report in the next newsletter. The Wisconsin RPCV group has told us that we are their top sellers by far. A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with this effort--callers, sellers, and buyers. You are what makes this fundraiser such a phenomenal success!

Note: We have a very few calendars left, which we are selling at half price (\$4/each for CRPCA members). Contact Debby Deetz at 284-4842 if you are interested. Call soon. They won't last long at this price!

Kurdish Refugee Project Update:

◆ **Family of four arrives in Portland!**

On Friday afternoon, January 24th, the Kurdish family we have been preparing for finally arrived at Portland International Airport. They had flown from Guam by way of Tokyo. Along with representatives from Lutheran Family Services, CRPCA member John Risley (Niger) met them at the airport and escorted them to his home, where they will stay for up to a month while they get oriented to their new lives in Portland. The family has two daughters, one 3 1/2 -year old and one five-month old. At last report, they were happy, but a bit jet-lagged.

◆ **Generous Donations are enough for many families**

The reports from the Drop-Off sites are in! The following list describes everything that we have received to-date, including items that went to the apartment of the Kurdish arrivals in November:

- *Kitchen items:* 2 microwaves, coffee maker, wafflemaker, juice extractor, crock pot, toaster, teapot, dishes, mugs, utensils, pots, pans, dish rack, knife set, water pitcher, pot holders, and many food items.
- *Furniture:* 2 large beds, couch, 3 dining room tables, 10+ dining room chairs, 1 shelf and cupboard unit, 1 end table, 2 easy chairs, 1 TV cart, 1 lamp, and 1 room-sized carpet.
- *Linens:* Many, many, many sheets, towels, washcloths, pillows and blankets.
- *Clothing:* About 15 large bags of women's, men's and children's clothes, sweaters, and coats. Women's shoes.
- *Toiletry items:* Toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and conditioner.
- *Children's items:* 2 car seats, 3 large boxes of toys, child's wall clock, clothes (see *Clothing*).
- *Other:* 4 bicycles, 1 fan, 1 scale, 3 umbrellas 1 carrying bag w/shoulder strap, hangars, 1 alarm clock, 1 shortwave radio.

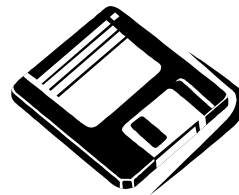
Many thanks to everyone who helped out! It was a spectacular effort!

February Restaurant Meeting: Yen Ha (Vietnamese Cuisine) Saturday, 2/15, 7pm

by Anne Feldstein

Join us on February 15th, Saturday, at 7 pm for authentic Vietnamese food. Yen Ha, located at 6820 NE Sandy Blvd. in Portland, is well known for its incredibly long menu (over 180 items!) Prices range from \$4.50 to 12.00. I'm a regular there; OK, I admit that I enjoy the maitre d' as much as the yummy food... He has prepared special requests for me after I told him how much I missed Vietnamese pancakes I'd had in Hue, Vietnam.

Please call me at 234-4094 by Wednesday, February 12th, so I can give the restaurant an accurate number to expect. By the way, I highly recommend # 158, Banh Hoi Chay, vegetarian spring rolls that you make yourself. The sweet peanut sauce and hot sauce for dipping are both great. Hope to hear from you soon!



CRPCA gets Free Software!

The generous folks at Microsoft have given us some software. We have Windows 95, Microsoft Office (Excel, Power Point, Word and Access), Desktop Publishing and MS mail. The intent is to have the software available for our group to use for things such as publishing the newsletter or maintaining the membership database. The problem is that we do not have the computer to run the software. If anyone would like to use the software for CRPCA purposes or has any ideas on how we should use the software, please contact Debbie Deetz at 284-4842.

From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.

-Arthur Ashe



1. Coordinate a CRPCA project for Oregon Day of Service:

Here's your chance to get a big group of RPCVs to work together for one day on a project of your choice (provided that its in reason, of course). This year's Oregon Day of Service is Saturday, April 19th. A number of different groups and individuals are planning service projects for that day. We can either plan one of our own or join in on any number of projects that have requested assistance through the Oregon Commission of National and Community Service. If you have an idea for a project and/or are willing to coordinate it, please call Karen Cellarius at 238-1078.

2. Tutor Kurdish refugees:

Portland Community College has recently received a number of requests for volunteer ESL tutors for the newly arrived Kurdish refugees in the Portland area. If you are interested, please call RPCV Marie Hermanson at 231-1591 (h) or 977-4903 (w).

3. Adopt a visiting international artist:

In February, the Portland Art Museum will present an international print show. Many of the artists will be in Portland for the show between February 12th and 22nd. If you are interested in showing an artist or two around Portland for an afternoon or evening, please call Pamela Morris at the Portland Art Museum at 226-2811 ext. 212. There is a special need for someone who speaks Macedonian or a related language to accompany a 20 year old artist from Macedonia.

Lost: A large basket w/leather straps, used as a purse, was lost at the Pig-Out in November. If you have seen it, please call Marilyn Badurina at 288-2667.

Greater Northwest Service Summit to take place in Eugene, February 23-25, 1997

The Greater Northwest Service Summit will take place at the Eugene Hilton on February 23, 24 and 25. Jointly sponsored by the Oregon Commission for national and Community Service, the Oregon Department of Education and a number of educational and volunteer organizations, the summit will have opportunities fro regional networking, educational workshops, a service fair , books and exhibits. Registration and a no-host reception start on Sunday night, followed by a full day of workshops on Monday and a half-day on Tuesday. Full conference registration costs \$150 (\$75 for full-time students and AmeriCorps/ Service Corps members). One day registration costs \$100. For more information, call the Oregon Commission for National and Community Service at 1-800-826-4865.



Quotes

“For example, defense uses \$190 out of every \$1,000 in the federal budget. The Peace Corps uses 14 cents to recruit, train and support nearly 7,000 American volunteers in 93 countries. What might happen if the defense budget were to be \$189.50 per \$1,000 and the Peace Corps 50 cents? Think about it”

-Chic Dambach

“Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent.”

-Marilyn vos Savant

“Are these curds?”

-Kurdish visitors on a recent visit to the Tillamook Cheese Factory

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| The 7th Annual Cascade Festival of African Films in Portland, February 7 - March 13 |
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The following films will be shown during the 7th Annual Cascade Film Festival of African Films, which is presented in celebration of Black History Month. All films except *Sarraounia* will be shown at Room 122 Terrell Hall, PCC Cascade Campus (705 N. Killingsworth).

Sarraounia - The Warrior Queen will be shown at Act III Lloyd Cinemas (1510 NE Multnomah) to celebrate the opening of the festival.. Adapted from a novel based on real events, this film tells the story of Queen Sarraounia, leader of the Aznas in Niger, who fought to keep her country independent from both Muslim conquest and European colonialism. Winner of the Grand Prize at FESPACO, the Pan-American Film Festival, in Burkina Faso in 1987, and directed by Med Hondo.

All films have English subtitles, unless otherwise noted. Films are shown individually or in groups for a total length of 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Admission to all films is free. For more information, call (503) 244-6111, ext. 3630.

Africa Online Internet Service

In 1994, three young Kenyans studying at prestigious universities in the US created Africa Online to provide Africans access to the Internet. Company founder and president, Ayisi Makatiani, says it is now the largest Internet provider in East Africa. In addition to this recent West Africa Initiative, he says the company could begin service in southern Africa by the end of 1996.

Africa Online is a subsidiary of the US-based company Prodigy. Interested readers with Internet access may check out Africa Online themselves at <http://www.africaonline.com>. Among items of interest are recent issues of East African newspapers and a Swahili message forum.

-excerpted from Friends of Kenya
Fall 1996 Newsletter

| Film | Country, Lang,Year | Date, Time |
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| Sarraounia - The Warrior Queen (See article) | Burkina Faso, French, 1986 | Fri, 2/7, 7:30 pm. (Opening film, Lloyd Cinemas) |
| Guimba the Tyrant (Parallels the overthrow of dictator, Moussa Traore, in 1991.) | Mali, Bambara and Peul, 1995 | Fri&Sat, 2/14 & 2/15, 7:30 pm. Thurs, 2/20, Noon. |
| Diro and His Talking Musical Bow (Documentary) | Burkina Faso, Narrated in English, 1995 | Sat, 2/22, 2pm, |
| Dance of the Bella (Documentary) | Mali, 1995, English subtitles, 1995 | Sat, 2/22, 2pm, |
| Adama, the Fulani Magician (Documentary) | Burkina Faso, Narrated in English, 1995 | Sat, 2/22, 2pm. |
| Rocking the Popenguine (Modern coming of age story set in a small village) | Senegal, French, 1993 | Fri & Sat, 2/21 & 22, 7:30 pm. Thurs, 2/27, Noon. |
| You Africa! (Biography of singer Youssou N'Dour) | Senegal, French and Wolof, 1993 | Fri & Sat, 2/21 & 22, 7:30 pm. Thurs, 2/27, Noon. |
| Ceddo (Pre-Muslim/Pre-Christian spiritual life in a village) | Senegal, Wolof, 1976 | Fri&Sat, 2/28 & 3/1, 7:30 pm. Thurs, 3/6, Noon. |
| The Silences of the Palace (In conjunction with Woman's History Month) | Tunisia, Arabic, 1994 | Fri & Sat, 3/7&8, 7:30pm. Thurs, 3/13, Noon. |

→Calendar of Events←

(All events are in Portland, unless otherwise indicated)

February 7 - March 13

The 7th Annual Cascade Festival of African Films. PCC Cascade Campus (705 N. Killingsworth) and Lloyd Cinemas (1510 NE Multnomah). (See article)

February 13

CRPCA Soiree for recently returned RPCVs (and friends). Lucky Labrador Brewpub at 915 SE Hawthorne. 6pm.

February 15

CRPCA Restaurant Meeting. Yen Ha (Vietnamese), 6820 NE Sandy Blvd. 7 pm.

February 20

Business Meeting at the home of Debbie Deetz. 7-9 pm. Call Debbie at 284-4842 for directions.

February 23-25

Greater Northwest Service Summit, Eugene Hilton Hotel, Eugene, OR. (See article)

March 16

CRPCA Potluck Meeting and Presentation Charlene Holzworth's Home, 2524 NE 34th, Portland. 5 pm Business Meeting, 6 pm Potluck, 7 pm Guest Speaker (To be announced)

April 19

Oregon Day of Service (CRPCA Coordinator wanted! See article)

July 10-13

NPCA National Conference in San Diego

Web Sites of Interest

CRPCA

<http://www.ak.org/uway/staff/orrpcv.html>

Peace Corps

<http://www.peacecorps.gov>

NPCA

<http://www.rpcv.org/>



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