

The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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"Bringing the world back home"

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Kapagh

From the President

You don't know what Kapagh means? Check out the Keg And Potluck At Ginny's House on May 18 and find out. Ginny Hare is gracious enough to let us use her house for this event which is substituting for the Founders Day event we used to have in May. If you plan on coming please give Ginny a call so she knows how many are people will show up. Ginny's number and directions to her home in Beaverton are on page 2.

Webpage Changes

For several months CRPCA has had a web page on the Internet. It's one way of getting out the word that there is an Oregon Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Group. Several people have discovered the group through the Internet. It's also a way to announce our events. If you go to www.pacifier.com/~mwaite/events, you will find information on events through November. The Internet is also a place to post information quickly. If something comes up quickly I can put it on the Internet. There is a page this month for the Regional Meeting, Starlight Parade and Campout details.

Those of you without electronic mail and Internet access we'll continue to keep you informed with our newsletter and by phone.

Time to Retire

This is my last column as President. Debbie Deetz has stepped forward to be our new President. I'll continue to participate by working on the web page.

There will be a transition period as I transfer materials and some of the knowledge I've gained on the job to Debbie. Debbie is a enthusiastic person who has already given lots of support to CRPCA. I have no doubts in my mind that she will do a good job as President. Let's give her lots of support.

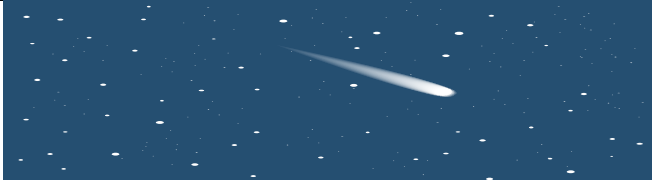
Congratulations Debbie.

Michael Waite

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Do you like our new masthead? It was designed by CRPCA member Les Hopkins. If you'd like him to make a country of service sign for you to carry during the Starlight Parade, call him at: 226-0469.



Wanted Starlight Parade Participants! Saturday, May 31st, 6-10 pm

In Portland, starting at the NW Park Blocks
and ending at Lincoln High School

This will be our 7th year in the Portland Rose Festival Starlight parade, and we want to be there en masse. The more, the merrier. We would like 35-50 in the group. It's in the evening, so there's no hot sun to drain you of your energy. Don't miss this opportunity to "Bring the World Back Home".

This year, Les Hopkins has volunteered to make flags/signs from our respective countries for us to carry. Just call Teri Kaliher (246-7103) to let her know you're coming, then call Les (226-0469) to request a sign. Les is a fellow CRPCA member, graphic artist and creator of our new logo. Please call soon, so he can get started on the signs! Then, just bring a lantern if you've got one, and show up. Clothing from your country of service is encouraged, but not required. (Meeting point to be determined. Call Teri for more information.)

Come to the KAPAGH Party! Saturday, May 17, 7 pm (Kids welcome!)

Hey, it's almost summer! It's time to live a little. Come to the KAPAGH party on May 17th. What is it? It's a Keg and Potluck at Ginny's House. You bring the food. CRPCA provides the keg. (Actually, we also need some extra folding tables and chairs. So call Ginny at 644-5230 if you've got some you can bring.)

Directions: Take Highway 26 to Highway 217. Get on 217 and go south and exit on SW Allen Blvd. Take a right onto Allen and drive up to SW 130th (on the left side - you will have gone through the stoplights at both Lombard, then Hall Blvd, and then one more stoplight for

some inconsequential little street. Take a left onto 130th. Follow it several blocks until it ends in a T-junction at SW Hart Rd. Take a right onto Hart, go down 6 houses or so (there's a yellow fire hydrant at the base of my driveway). The house is on the right side, is kind of a light olive color, and is at 13175 SW Hart. The phone number is 644-5230 for any who get lost.

Welcome new officers!

At the April CRPCA meeting, the list of new officers was finalized. A hearty welcome to those who stepped forward to serve, and a great big thank you to those who have successfully completed their terms. All officers names and phone numbers are listed in each issue of the newsletter. Please call them if you have questions, comments or would like to help out!

The new officers are: Debbie Deetz as President, Nancy Behrman as Vice President (Nancy is also the Portland Area Peace Corps Recruiter), Bill Stein as Program Coordinator, and Mike Waite as webmaster. Sean Rose will take over as newsletter editor next month (yeah, Sean!), and Les Hopkins has joined the Steering Committee. Jill Hibbs has graciously offered to coordinate the distribution of the newsletter.

Pat Greendale, Gabriella Maertens, Charlene Holzworth, and Anne Feldstein will stay on in their current positions. JoAnn von Rohr, who has held the position for *many* years, will continue as Membership Coordinator until someone with a computer can be found to take that over. We are also still looking for people to take over the Speakers Bureau and to serve on the Steering Committee. These positions do not require a lot of time, so please call Debbie if any of them interest you!

Many thanks to those CRPCA members who are leaving their officers posts. We hope that you will continue to be involved in other ways, and expect to see you back eventually after you've had a well deserved rest. Outgoing officers include: Mike Waite, Barbara Pugh, Dick Swee, and Karen Cellarius.

**Come to the
NPCA Northwest Regional Meeting
Portland, Oregon
May 10th, 12-5 pm**

**US Bancorp Tower, 111 SW 5th Avenue
Hawthorne Conference Room, 26th Floor**

Join group leaders from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington at the Northwest Regional Meeting in Portland.

The meeting will begin with a catered lunch from 12:00 to 1:00. The general meeting will be from 1:00 to 5:00.

Topics:

- Northwest Regional Campout
- Replacement of the Northwest Regional Representative to the National Peace Corps Association Board
- Group Updates
- National Conference for RPCV's
- Starlight Parade
- Hospitality Network
- Response to group leader turnover and transition
- Sustaining group involvement and encouraging new participation, preventing burnout
- Update on San Diego conference and future conferences and meetings
- Update on NPCA projects and RPCV tie-ins
- Funding the Regional Representative

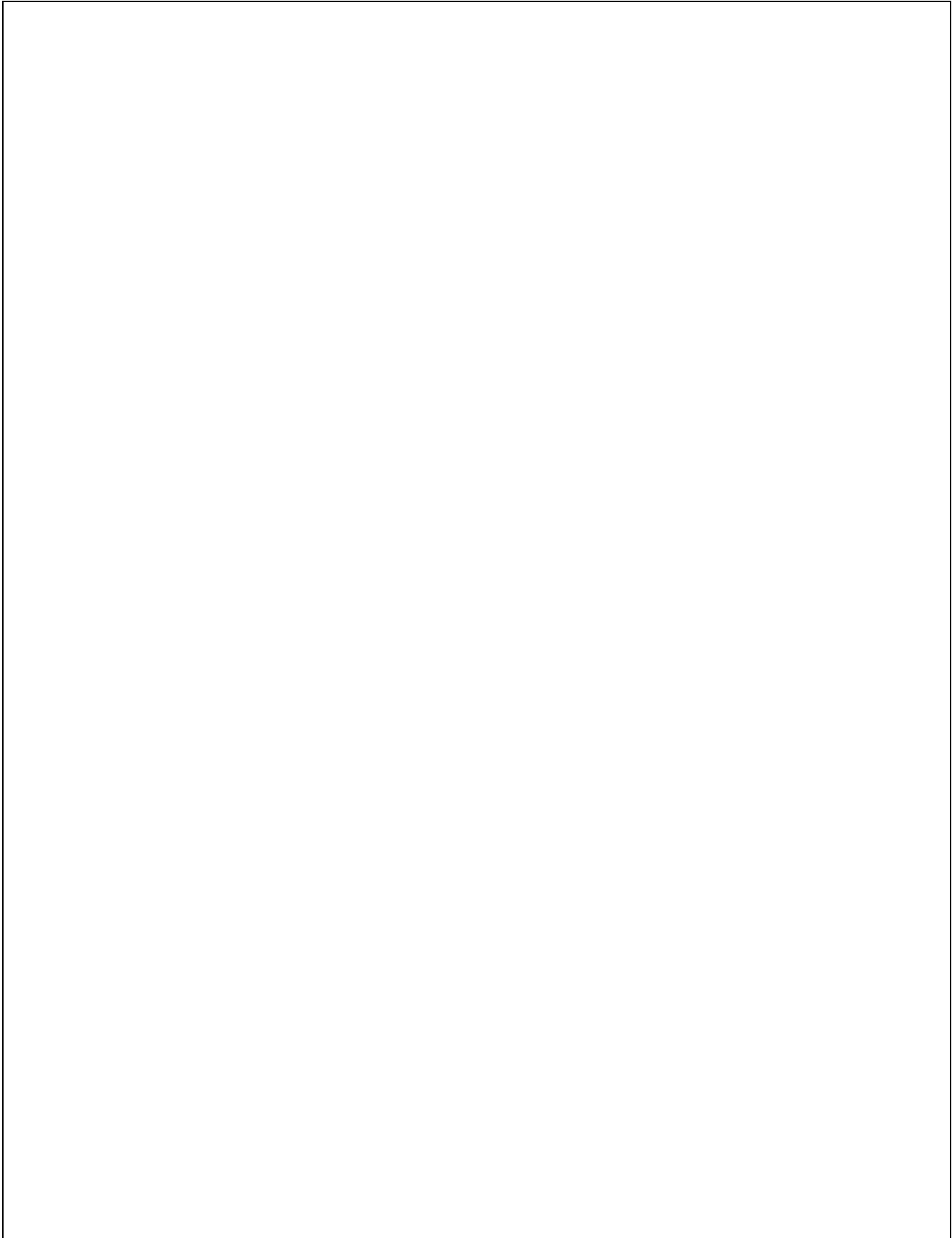
Dinner:

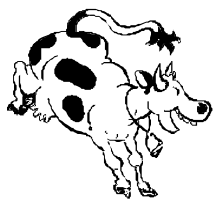
After the meeting we will dine at the Lamphong Restaurant at 5:30.

Parking:

Parking in/under the tower is just \$2.50 all day on Saturdays. Parking in the surface lot between 5th and 6th Streets on Davis is \$2 all day on the weekends. You can get in the elevator and ride all the way up to the 26th floor.

All returned volunteers are encouraged to come to the meeting and/or dinner. Those wishing to attend the dinner need to reserve a spot. We only have room for 30 people. Those living outside the Portland metro area, contact Mike Waite at 360-574-7455. Inside the Portland area, contact Bill Stein 503-223-6670.





RPCVs Brave Rain for Oregon Day of Service



Despite the steady downpour on Saturday, April 19th, six CRPCA members turned out to mend fences and clear brush at Old MacDonald's Farm in Corbett. The other groups volunteering at the farm that day added up to quite a large crowd. Later, at the restaurant meeting, there were a few other CRPCA members who had planned on coming, but had canceled due to the rain. Oh, well, maybe next year....

The restaurant, Thai Touch on SE Stark (at about 48th), was excellent, by the way. They managed to serve us well and quickly, despite the unexpectedly large crowd. Try it out sometime on your own.

Welcome New and Returning CRPCA Members!

New Members:

Erik Vidstrand, Mauritania 82-84
Daryll & Mary Klein, Romania 95-97
James Diegel, Philippines, 82-85

Returning Members:

Catherine Thompsen, Costa Rica, 88-92
Jinx Faulkner, Fiji, 84-86
Dwight Trainer, Grenada, 87-89

Quotes

We do not see things as they are, we see things as we are. - Talmudic saying

The US has a vital interest in that area of the country. - Dan Quayle, referring to Latin America

Volunteer Opportunities



⇒English Tutors for Kurds in SE & SW

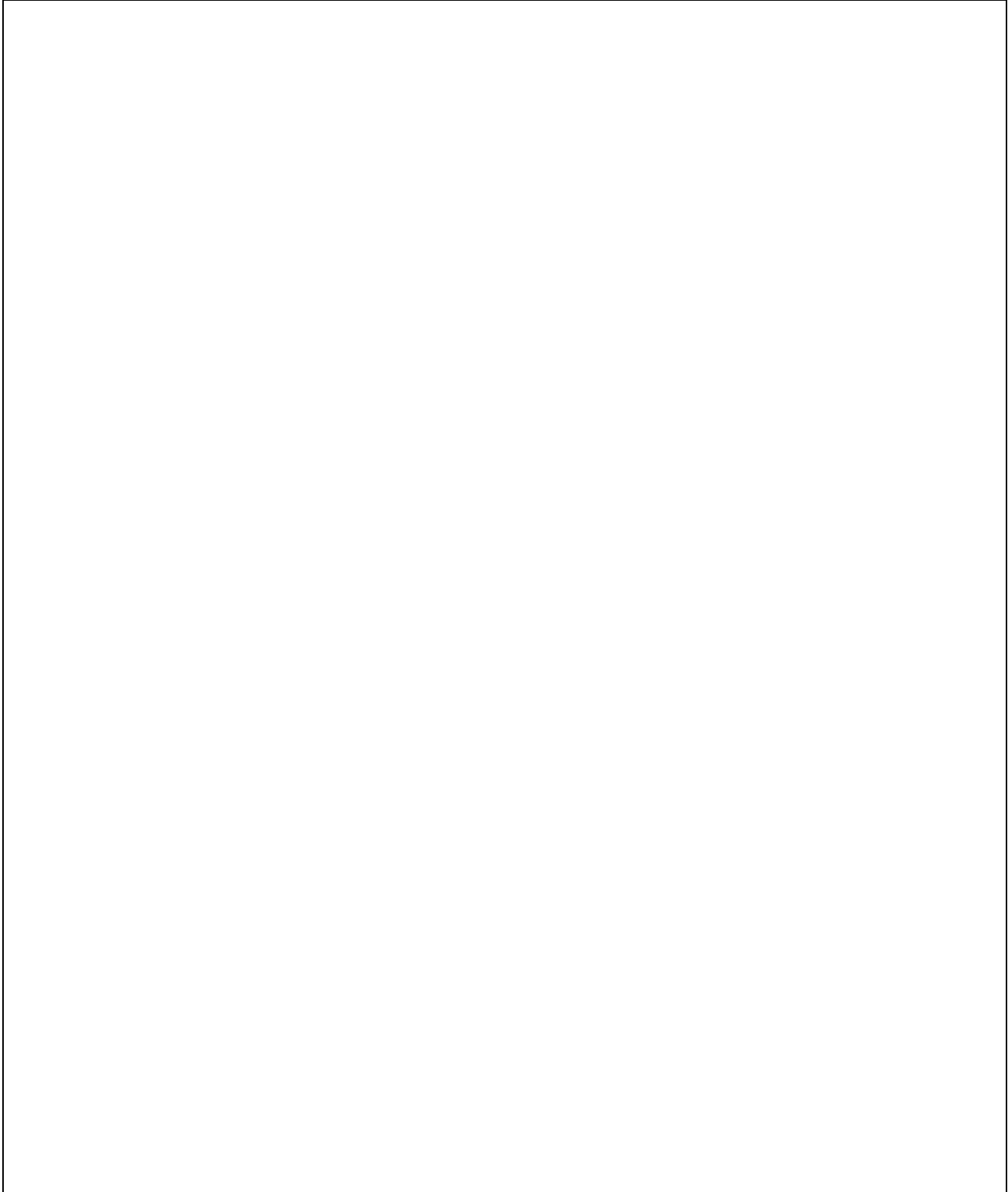
Portland: CRPCA Member Bill Stein has been tutoring Hunar and Vian in English, and wants to find someone else to take over 'cause the long bus ride to and from far SW Portland is tiring. If you're interested, please call Bill at 223-6670. (They live in SW Portland near PCC-Sylvania just off I-5). If you're looking for something in SE, the six Kurdish guys near SE 30th and Hawthorne would also like tutors. Call Karen at 238-1078 if interested.

⇒Welcome the World Home - Host a Youth for Understanding International Exchange

Student: Remember how great your own international experiences have been? You can continue learning more about the world, and help a teenager from another country have the same great experiences by hosting a Youth For Understanding (YFU) exchange student! YFU students come from all over the world to live with American families and attend American high schools. They all ring their own spending money, and have medical insurance. Host families provide meals, encouragement, love and guidance! Please call the Pacific Northwest office of YFU at 1-800-872-0200 for more information on hosting. YFU also has great volunteer opportunities available! Please call for more information!

⇒**REACH:** In June, a group of Americorps volunteers will come to Portland to help prepare houses for the eighth annual REACH Paint-A-Thon. They need housing! If you have the room and the desire to put up a volunteer or two for anything from a week to the whole month, give us a call. The volunteers provide their own food. Call RPCV Robert Moore (Gabon, 89-92) at REACH Community Development: 231-0682.

**A letter from one of the recipients of this year's CRPCA Peace Corps
Calendar sales proceeds:**



→ Calendar of Events ←

(All events are in Portland, unless otherwise indicated)

May 10 (Saturday)

NPCA Regional Meeting and Dinner in downtown Portland. US Bancorp Tower, 111 SW 5th, in the Hawthorne Room (26th Floor). 12-1 Lunch. 1-5 Meeting. 5:30 Dinner. (See article) Note: Space at dinner is limited, so, call Program Coordinator Bill Stein to reserve a seat at 223-6670 or email him at: steinb@metro.dst.or.us

May 17 (Saturday)

KAPAGH Party. Beaverton. (see article)

May 19 (Monday)

Soiree at the Lucky Labrador Brew Pub at SE 10th and Hawthorne. 6 pm.

Start your Memorial Day Weekend off a week early. Come celebrate the anniversary of the Defenestration of Prague. There is a possibility that the NW Regional Peace Corps Representative may show up with some new Peace Corps nominees in tow. Need I go on? This is a Soiree not to be missed - even if you did just see each other two days before at the KAPAGH Party... (Note: This will be our last randomly scheduled Soiree. In the next newsletter, we will announce a regular day to gather each month.)

May 31 (Saturday)

Starlight Parade. 6-10 pm. (see article)

July 10-13

NPCA National Conference in San Diego. (As Dave Willett of Friends of Liberia says "Join the Peace Corps - see world. Come to San Diego - Sea World.")

August 8-10

NPCA Regional Campout. Diamond Lake in SW Oregon. 20 miles from Crater Lake.

Web Sites of Interest

CRPCA	www.pacifier.com/~mwaite
Peace Corps	www.peacecorps.gov
NPCA	www.rpcv.org/

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