

Columbia River Peace Corps ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

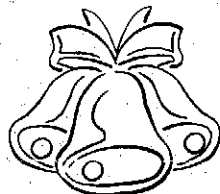
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From the President

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November's African Dinner is behind us and I just want to thank everyone who participated and helped out. Through your efforts, about \$1000 was raised for SARNA (see write up). I also want to thank Lesly Sanocki and all the Calendar folks for their work this year. The CRPCA continues to be one of the most successful calendar campaigns in the country.

Many of you will no doubt remember and reflect on your time as a Peace Corps volunteer during this Holiday Season. I loved the month of preparation for the day long singing, dancing and eating that took place on Christmas Day and was fortunate to participate in all of it on my tiny island in the South Pacific (Marshall Islands 87-89). The simplicity of sharing, giving, love and togetherness that the holidays represent to the Marshallese people continues to influence how I choose to spend my holidays today.



Since there will not be a newsletter in January, I am letting you in on my New Years resolution a little early. I have enjoyed my two years as President of the CRPCA however my New Years resolution will be self-imposed term limitations. That means, come April 1999 someone will need to take over the reins of leading the CRPCA into the next century. Will it be you?? Think about it and let me know if you are interested. It is never to late to get involved!

There are holiday Potluck, Restaurant Gatherings and Soirees in December and January. I hope you will be able to join us for these events. In the mean time, **Happy Holidays Everyone!**

Debra Deetz

Calendar of Events

December 13, 1998 - Holiday Potluck
Business Meeting 5:00 pm
Holiday Potluck 6:00 pm
Charlene Holzworth's house

December 21, Soiree at the Lucky Labrador Brew Pub on SE 10th and Hawthorne.
6:30 pm. (Every 3rd Monday)

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January 18, Soiree - Lucky Lab Brew Pub 6:30 pm

January 24, Restaurant Gathering - Petra House

February 21, Business Meeting 5:00pm Potluck w/Speaker 6:00 pm Charlene Holzworth's house

February 15, Soiree - Lucky Lab Pub, 6:30 pm

March 2, - National Peace Corps Day

June 5, - Rose Festival Starlight Parade

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NEWSLETTER FOLDER/LABELER

We need help with the folding and labeling of the CRPCA newsletter. We will supply everything, we just need someone to help out once a month. If you are interested in the job, contact Debbie Deetz (debberd@aol.com) or 284-4842.



1999 STARLIGHT PARADE COORDINATOR:

For many of the past years CRPCA has been a participant in the Rose Festival Starlight Parade by wearing traditional country dress, carrying signs and being illuminated by hurricane lanterns. This is one way CRPCA fulfills the third goal of Peace Corps by bringing the world back home. I am searching for a person to coordinate the 1999 Starlight Parade event. Responsibilities would include:

- Submission of the application (pretty simple, just type up a description of CRPCA entry and how we will be illuminated).
- Write up a blurb for the CRPCA newsletter.
- Act as liaison between CRPCA and the Rose Festival Association.
- Field phone calls from CRPCA members.
- Coordinate Parade Day (June 5, 1999) events.

If you are interested in the task, contact Debbie Deetz (debberd@aol.com) or 284-4842.

Volunteers and Hurricane Georges

*Excerpt from 3/1/61, a publication of the
National Peace Corps Association, (Fall, 1998)*

Dominican Republic Volunteers Shift to Reconstruction after Hurricane Georges

The 140 volunteers in the Dominican Republic and another 80 volunteers serving in Haiti, St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua, and Dominica emerged unhurt from the destructive path of Hurricane

Georges, which swept through the Caribbean over the weekend of Sept. 22 and 23.

In the Dominican Republic, where news reports indicate that an estimated 370 people died in the path of the storm and more than 100,000 lost their homes in 110 mph winds, Peace Corps volunteers have joined relief workers loading private planes with bags of food and potable water to be dropped by Dominican, French, American private aircraft at isolated communities hit by flooding. Other volunteers are digging latrines for 10 emergency shelters in Santo Domingo, the capital city, and in nearby barrios. Peace Corps staff are coordinating relief efforts with other international and local authorities to identify hard hit areas in which to deploy volunteers.

Peace Corps Washington is planning to send Crisis Corps volunteers to help in the reconstruction effort. Crisis Corps is a special unit of the Peace Corps which mobilizes experienced Peace Corps Volunteers and returned Peace Corps volunteers to work in short-term projects following natural disasters and during humanitarian crises. For more information about Crisis Corps, call 202-692-2250 or visit the website at www.peacecorps.gov.

Have You Returned to Your Peace Corps Site?

from Shanta Swezy

I am Looking for RPCVs who have returned to their sites after several years or longer. Information needed for a possible Peace Corps Times article.

All PCVs leave with lingering questions about how their service impacted/will impact the local community. Other questions come up as well: Will I ever go back? Will I ever see these people again? Will host country nationals remember me long after I'm gone?

I am hoping to interview RPCVs who have returned to find out what it was like for them: triumphs, disappointments, major changes, any surprises. Please contact me at (202) 692-1443 or by e-mail: sswezy@peacecorps.gov. Thanks!

1999 International Calendars are Here!

It is calendar time again! The 1999 International Calendars developed by the RPCV's of Madison are now for sale. The CRPCA group continues to be one of the most productive in calendar sales and we would like to keep it up! So order your calendars now!

We have made some changes since last year. Calendars will cost \$10 each with postage costing \$3, this postage charge will be for 1 or more calendars. There will be many ways to get your calendars- you can complete the order form below, call and place an order, or buy a calendar at CRPCA events. The calendar committee will also be calling the membership to see if they are interested in purchasing calendars. You may have your calendars mailed to you or pick them up, so far we have committee members in SE Portland, NE Portland and Hillsboro/Beaverton for pick-up points. We will try to make it as convenient for you as possible.

We have selected the Bradley-Angle House to receive the 1999 calendar sale profits. The Bradley-Angle House addresses the special concerns and needs of victims and survivors of domestic violence. Bradley-Angle House's Philosophy and Goals include "That all individuals have the right to be safe from the threat or use of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. In a non-judgmental, supportive atmosphere, we address the special concerns and needs of women and children affected by domestic violence, supporting the right of individuals to exercise informed choice regarding the direction of their lives. We educate the community to the causes and effects of abuse, and encourage the public to help prevent abuse by changing conditions that perpetuate it."

This year's calendar committee includes Bill Andrews, Thrina Parent, Lesly Sanocki, Angel Nawrot and Nicole Apelian. Anyone interested in helping is more than welcome. If you would like to call in an order you may call Lesly at 690-3391 or e-mail sanockile@chr.mts.kpnw.org

Thanks for your support!

1999 International Calendar

Sold by Columbia River Peace Corps Association

Order form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, and Zip _____

Number of calendars _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Postage and handling **\$3.00**

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to CRPCA. Please send your order and payment to: Thrina Parent
2526 NE 43rd Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97213

Africa Dinner Nets Over \$1,200 for CRPCA and SARNA

On Saturday, November 14th, about 100 people came together in North Portland to celebrate the Africa Dinner and Silent Auction sponsored by the Columbia River Peace Corps Association (CRPCA) and the Society of Africans Resident in North America (SARNA). The Silent Auction and Social Hour was followed by a delicious African dinner. The dinner was cooked by CRPCA and SARNA members and supervised by SARNA member and cookbook author, Grace Kuto. (The majority of the dishes can be found in Grace's cookbook.) The African music accompanying the dinner was coordinated and DJ'ed by CRPCA member Jeff Strang and SARNA member John Joyner. After the food was served, Debbie Deetz, CRPCA President, and Josie Kpobe-Tee and Dieudonne Mayi from SARNA spoke about their organizations, allowing members from each group to know a bit more about each other.

Finally, Nathaniel Mutethia Black spoke about the Kiaragana Children's Home, which is still fairly new and struggling to keep its doors open for a growing number of children previously living on the streets of Kiaragana, Kenya. Nathaniel asked that suggestions and any donations be placed in a basket next to the Photo album on the Kiaragana table. At the end of the evening, there was \$124 in the basket.

The Silent Auction was a great success, bringing in \$450. There were over 25 beautiful items from all over the world, donated by both CRPCA and SARNA members. Items included clothing, jewelry, furniture, artwork, notecards, fabric and baskets from Africa, Central America, South America and the South Pacific. There was also a tie and cummerbund of African cloth donated by African Roots Restaurant.

Thanks to everyone's hard work and generous support, over \$1,200 was raised for CRPCA, SARNA and the Kiaragana Children's Home. A number of cookbooks by Grace Kuto and Peace Corps Calendars were also sold, each benefiting a

separate service organization. Thus, there were five financial beneficiaries to the dinner.

Everyone present also benefited from an enjoyable evening, good food, entertainment, and a chance to meet others who had lived or visited the same countries around the world.

Africa Dinner Survey

1. Did you go this year? (circle one) Yes No

Why or Why Not?: _____

Please rate your satisfaction with the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, and add any comments you may have on each item:

	Very Bad		Neutral		Very Good
2. Food	1	2	3	4	5
3. Beverages	1	2	3	4	5
4. Entertainment					
(Music, etc)	1	2	3	4	5
5. Silent Auction	1	2	3	4	5
6. Location	1	2	3	4	5
7. Adult price	1	2	3	4	5
8. Child's price	1	2	3	4	5

9. What did you like the most?

10. What didn't you like?

11. What could be improved and/or suggestions for next year?

Tell us what you thought of this year's Africa Dinner. Your answers will help us in planning for next year's November shindig! Responses may be submitted (1) by mail to CRPCA, PO Box 802, Portland, OR 97207, by (2) email to debberd@aol.com or (3) by phone to Karen Cellarius at 503-238-1078.

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER MAGAZINE

While cleaning out the garage recently I came across a number of old "Peace Corps Volunteer" magazines dating from late 1967 to mid-1971. If anyone in the CRPCA group would be interested in these, have them give me a call at 659-7793 (can be posted in the newsletter), otherwise I'll send them off the recyclers come January.

Jim Shaw

Job announcements:

Senior Scientist or Research Fellow, Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Cali, Columbia

The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) wishes to appoint a Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist at the level of Senior Scientist or Research Fellow for the CGIAR Program on Participatory Research and Gender Analysis for Technology Development and Institutional Innovation (PRGA Program). The level of seniority of the appointment will depend on the degree of previous relevant experience. The scientist will have overall responsibility for the coordination and implementation of the stakeholder-oriented monitoring and evaluation of the Program including impact assessment research with partner institutions engaged in collaborative projects.

The position will be based at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture, CIAT, Palmira, Colombia, South America. Applications are due by 13 December and should be addressed to Mrs. Fabiola Amariles, International Recruitment Officer, CIAT, A.A. 6713, Cali, Colombia (fax: 57-2-4450073; e-mail: CIAT-Jobs@cnet.com). A full position description is available from the CIAT website <http://www.ciat.cgiar.org/overview/job1.htm>

Volunteer Coordinator for non-profit wolf conservation organization. Requires supervisory and scheduling experience, bachelor's degree, background innatural resources, public speaking, writing skills. Full time position, benefits. Work weekends, low salary.

Send resume, references ASAP to:

JerryKendall, Wolf Haven International, 3111 Offut Lake Rd., Tenino, WA 98589.

50th Anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

I received a flyer announcing a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. However the flyer reads Wednesday, December 10, and Thursday is the 10th. So, if you're interested, and if you get this newsletter in time, call 823-5136 for more information. The celebration will be held at the Lutheran Inner Cities Ministries, 4219 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd.

HASTA LA VISTA, BABY

Ursula Pike (RPCV Bolivia 95-97) was awarded a Peace Corps fellowship for a MA degree in Economics as well as a Community Economic Development certificate at Western Illinois University. So, 1) you go girl, 2) get on with your bad self, and 3) go easy on any young Latino men you can find in western Illinois.

Electronic Newsletter

We now have about 50 email addresses on our list of 210 subscribers. It has been discussed that we offer an electronic copy of the newsletter to subscribers at a reduced rate (i.e. \$10/yr). Emailing an electronic copy of the newsletter would have many benefits, the most significant of which would be to reduce postage costs, allowing funds to be used for community and development activities. There are also the benefits of reducing the amount of time to collate, stamp, and label the newsletter, and also the environmental benefits of reducing natural resources. Those subscribing to an E-copy (in html format) would: 1) receive the newsletter 2-4 days before the hard copy, 2) see color photos and formatting, and 3) be able to jump to sites referenced in the newsletter as any links would be 'hot'.

The E-copy would be an option, not a requirement for those with an email address, and would go through a trial period for those who choose the option. An E-copy will be sent with this newsletter. If you do not receive a copy by the 12th and would like to be included in this trial period, please send me a short note at seanrose@hotmail.com.

PROGRAM NOTES

CRPCA Holiday Potluck Sunday, December 13 @ 6:00 pm

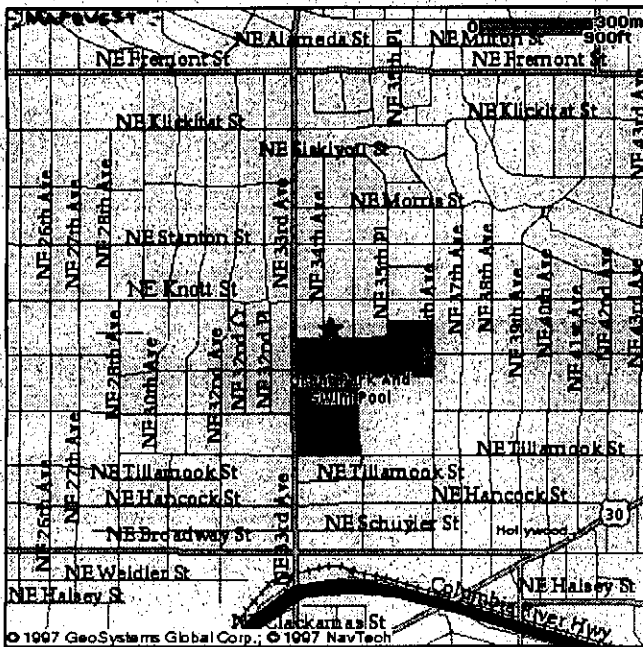
Charlene Holzworth's house - 2524 NE 34th Ave, Portland (see map) No official program this time--please bring a dish, plus your family and friends, and come celebrate the holidays in the company of your RPCV friends!

Restaurant Meeting Sunday, January 24 @ 6:00 pm -

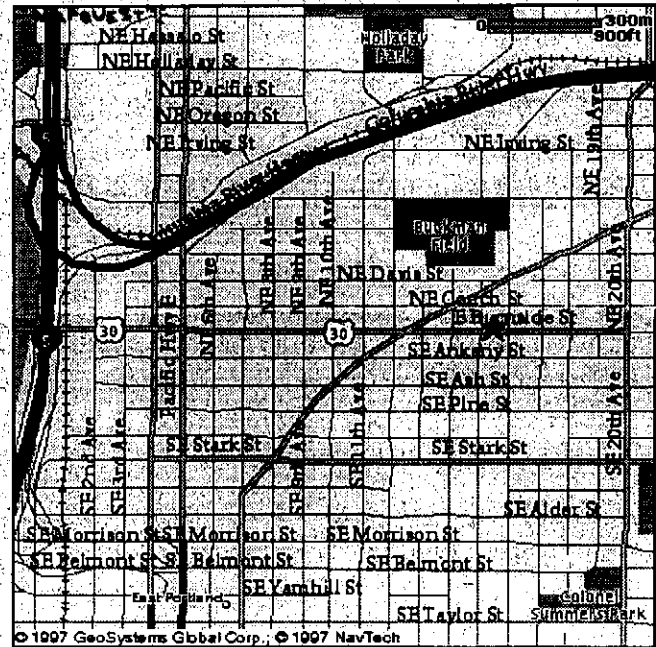
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE Petra House (Jordanian feast!) - 1533 E Burnside St, Portland (see map) Note that there will be no January newsletter, so please bookmark this announcement. We'd love to have you join us for our latest adventure in eating. If you'd like to attend, RSVP to Bill Stein at garba@teleport.com or (503) 235-9637 prior to January 18. Thanks!

February Potluck Sunday, February 21 @ 6:00 pm

Charlene Holzworth's house - 2524 NE 34th Ave, Portland (same as Dec)
Program TBA in February newsletter.



Charlene Holzworth's house



Petra House

New Newsletter editor needed

Just as the newsletter was finishing up at the photocopier, I realized I had forgotten Bill's Program Notes and maps. The map to Charlene's house is a great idea. So, here is yet another insert for Christine (newsletter collator, labeller, etc.) to deal with. . . This gives me an opportunity as well to get in a few items that I didn't have room for in the first copy. One item is that I can not continue to be the newsletter editor. I am looking for a transition over the next few months since there will be no January newsletter, and I think it will take about two issues to with which to train someone. Anyone who is interested should email me at seanrose@efn.org, or call 301-9677.

The newsletter editor gets a copy of Microsoft Office '95, Microsoft Publisher, and Front Page, all donated to local Peace Corps groups for the expressed purpose of writing newsletters and web pages detailing the group's activities. I'll have more information and goodies for anyone who is the least bit interested.

World Wide Radio on the Web

You can listen to Ghanaian music on the net at www.joy997fm.com.gh/

Also there are more African stations broadcasting on the net listed at wmbr.mit.edu/stations/list.html

Check out the special reports section under resources on www.africanews.org/

Live world music on the net, 24/7
www.eardrum.com/

Jeff R. Bryan

Keep Up To Date on Africa

*Excerpt from Global Teach Network New
(Nov.-Dec. 1998).*

The Africa Policy Information Center (APIC), the educational affiliate of the Washington Office on Africa, aims to widen the policy debate around African issues and the US role in Africa, by providing accessible policy-relevant information and analysis usable by a wide range of groups and individuals. For more information: about the Africa Policy Electronic Distribution List: africapolicy-info@igc.apc.org about APIC: apic-info@igc.apc.org Documents previously distributed, as well as a wide range of additional information, are also available on the Web at: <http://www.africapolicy.org>.

New on the Africa Policy Web Site: country-specific links to data on African countries and to African Governments on the Web, containing more than 290 web sites produced by African political parties and official government institutions, including overseas embassies. Organized by region. Go directly to the regional file, pick you country and the type of information you want, then click. The links can be found at: www.africapolicy.org/featdocs/htm.

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Newsletter submissions are encouraged. Please send them via e-mail or regular mail to the above address **by the 25th of the preceding month**. Submissions on 3.5" disk or through e-mail (call for email address).



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New address only, effective: ___/___/___

Association(s) you wish to join (Check one):

CRPCA and NPCA (\$40 individual/\$55 family)

CRPCA only (\$15 individual/\$22.50 family)

NPCA only (\$25 individual/\$32.50 family)

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