



# Columbia River Peace Corps ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## DEBBERD

Welcome to 1999! CRPCA is in a stage of transition. Historically there have been some key people whom have held this group together, published newsletters, organized activities, projects and special events throughout the year. I won't attempt to name them all because I would undoubtedly leave some out, but without these peoples efforts CRPCA would not exist. I just want to thank those past leaders and hope that there are some new leaders out there willing to take on some of the group leader roles this spring.

According to CRPCA bylaws, we are to hold annual "elections" for officers in April. Typically we are lucky to have even one volunteer for the various positions so we haven't really held "elections". April is coming fast. The CRPCA is in desperate need for some new leadership, as this president would like to hand over the baton this spring. Our Newsletter Editor, Program Coordinator and Treasurer are also looking to pass the baton. We need people to organize service projects, the African Dinner and Calendar sales. These are key people that keep this CRPCA going and this is why I say we are in a stage of transition. Without these people, we may need to scale back our newsletter publications and reduce the number and types of activities that happen throughout the year.

So, take some time to review the responsibilities of various officer positions and see if you would be interested in joining the CRPCA group leadership team. Training would be included. If you have any questions please contact me. Thanks for your support.

Debra Deetz

## Calendar of Events

**February 9, - Dinner with Joseph Permetti, Director of Domestic Programs**

6:30 PM at the Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> (1 block North of Killingsworth) see article

**February 15, Soiree - Lucky Lab Brew Pub, SE 10th and Hawthorne 6:30 PM. (Will be changing to the last Monday of the month starting in March)**

**February 21, Business Meeting, 5:00 PM, Potluck w/Rick Carroll, of SoundAid at 6:00PM, Charlene Holzworth's house.**

**March 2, - National Peace Corps Day, see article**

**June 5, - Rose Festival Starlight Parade**

**August 12-15, - NPCA Conference - Minnesota.**

**August 27-29, - Regional Campout - Willowa Lake State Park, Eastern Oregon**

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## OFFICER POSITIONS

The following is a list of positions that we desperately need to generate some interest in filling. If you have any interest please contact Debbie Deetz at [debberd@aol.com](mailto:debberd@aol.com) or 284-4842.

**President** - Write a monthly update for the newsletter. Setup and conduct business meetings as needed. Facilitate and keep updated with other officers and their activities. Act as liaison to National Peace Corps Association. Respond to questions regarding CRPCA.

**Program Coordinator** - Arranges for restaurant gatherings and speakers for the potlucks. Write articles for the newsletter regarding arrangements.

**Newsletter Editor** - Generates and prints the newsletter. (Software available but must have a PC computer)

**Newsletter labeler, etc.** We also need help with the folding and labeling of the newsletter. We will supply everything, we just need someone to help out once a month. If you are interested, contact Debbie Deetz ([debberd@aol.com](mailto:debberd@aol.com)) or 284-4842.

**Membership** - Maintains the membership database. (Software available but must have a computer)

**Speaker Coordinator** - Facilitates speaking opportunities for CRPCA members interested in speaking with groups about their experiences.

**Volunteer Coordinator** - Organized service activities for CRPCA members.

Don't forget to check [www.crpa.org](http://www.crpa.org) occasionally for updates, photos, and other information

## SUMMIT ON AFRICA

The NPCA is working in partnership with the Summit on Africa to raise the visibility of Africa in the United States. Through grants provided by the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Summit is embarked upon a mission to:

1. Create a shared policy agenda to guide U.S. relations with the countries of Africa.
2. Educate the American public about the continent.
3. Broaden and strengthen the network of Africa's supporters in this country.

The Summit on Africa invites NPCA's members and groups to become involved in a series of regional meetings and other public education activities. To learn more about the Summit on Africa, please refer to its website at

<http://www.africasummit.org>. You can also request information by calling 1-800-934-3418 or by writing to the National Summit on Africa, 1218 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036.



### Local Peace Corps Writer

CRPCA member, Marriana Bornholdt (Ghana 87-89), submitted two West Africa tales for a Peace Corps collection of folk tales for children that have been selected for publication. They are: "The Left-Over Eye", a Bura tale and "the Maiden Nsia", an Asante tale. Both are classic "dilemma" stories, told by an elder around the campfire, where the children listening have to decide which of the characters in the story wins or is most deserving, and why. The choices are difficult to make and engender much discussion, some of it quite heated. She has used these stories here in the US with young people and adults, is very pleased that they will have a wider audience upon publication.

### ***1999 REGIONAL CAMPOUT***

Every year the Northwest Region of RPCV groups get together for a campout at various locations in Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The Seattle RPCV group is organizing the 1999 Regional Campout. They have reserved two group sites at Wallowa State Park near the artisan town of Joseph in Eastern Oregon. The dates are **August 27-29, 1999** so mark your calendars and we will keep you posted on the specifics.

### **Dinner with the Director of Domestic Programs:**

Joseph Permetti, Peace Corps Director of Domestic Programs, will be in Portland on **February 9, 1999** for the evening. He would like to have dinner with some RPCVs in the area. Joseph is traveling from Washington DC and will have the latest information not only on Peace Corps Domestic Programs but Peace Corps in general.

If you are interested in meeting Joseph and/or having dinner, we will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at the **Kennedy School** located at 5736 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Street (1 block North from Killingsworth on 33<sup>rd</sup>) in Portland. They don't take reservations so we will meet in the hall outside the main restaurant and go from there. If you would like to be there and meet Joseph contact Debbie Deetz ([debberd@aol.com](mailto:debberd@aol.com), 284-4842) so I can get an idea of the numbers to expect.

### **SPEAKER WANTED**

**Speaker Wanted:** If you are interested in speaking about your Peace Corps experience here is your opportunity:

**Who:** South Riverside Kiwanis Chapter  
**Where:** Happy Fortune Chinese Restaurant on Barbur Blvd., Portland  
**When:** February 23, 1999, Noon (free lunch)  
**What:** 20-30 minute talk about your Peace Corps experience. Slides would be welcomed.  
**Contact:** Candace Archer, evenings at 684-2860 or [archer@bigplanet.com](mailto:archer@bigplanet.com)

### **GREETINGS FROM THE SEATTLE REGIONAL RECRUITING OFFICE**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! RPCVs ARE THE BEST AT GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT PEACE CORPS!**

Due to an increase in the number of requests we have received from host countries and additional funding from congress, over 100 additional TEFL volunteers are currently being sought. If you know of anyone with a Bachelors degree (and 2.5 GPA or higher) who is willing to teach English and is available to leave for their Peace Corps assignment in spring or summer 1999, please have them contact us immediately. An additional 40 Business Advising volunteers are also requested. A Bachelors degree in a business field or 4 years of business management experience is desirable, but those with a Bachelors degree in any field with one year of business experience may qualify. Volunteers in other programs including forestry, agriculture, environmental education, primary education and French speakers are also always needed. Please contact us at 1-800-424-8580 option 1 with any suggestions or via email at [jfliegel@peacecorps.gov](mailto:jfliegel@peacecorps.gov). Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,  
 Josh Fliegel, Regional Manager  
 Seattle Peace Corps Recruiting Office.

### **Help Wanted with UNITED STATES CENSUS 2000**

*From U.S. Census Bureau*

To remain fully staffed throughout Census 2000 operations, we must constantly recruit people, even after field work begins. We're looking for people who want to schedule census jobs around their current employment, as well as retirees, participants in gov. programs and people who are not currently employed. Interested job applicants should call 1-888-325-7733

## CRPCA PROGRAM NOTES

### NEXT POTLUCK MEETING

Sunday, February 21, Charlene Holzworth's house - 2524 NE 34th Ave, Portland (in the one block of NE 34<sup>th</sup> north of Grant Park, access from the north on Knott St), Phone 284-3444.

Business meeting at 5:00, potluck dinner at 6:00, speaker at 7:00.

Please bring your favorite dish and drinks!

Rick Carroll, Ph.D., volunteer director of SoundAid, an NGO based in Portland and serving children in Latin America, will give a slide presentation on the organization's projects in southern Mexico and Guatemala. SoundAid partners with grassroots groups which have the vision, plans and human resources to make a difference in the health, education, or economic development of their communities, but which lack the necessary informational, material or financial resources. The organization's strategy is to discover a need, find a partner, collaboratively build solutions, encourage self-sustainability, and move on -- leaving something worthwhile and enduring.

Rick looks forward to getting the valuable input of the CRPCA's experienced and talented membership on a variety of issues, including the choice of a next project for SoundAid. His talk should be of interest to anyone who has been involved in development work. In addition, many of the slides to be shown were taken by a Pulitzer Prize winning photographer who traveled with SoundAid group members to Oaxaca, Mexico in 1997.

SoundAid's web page can be found at <http://www.soundaid.org>

### NEXT RESTAURANT MEETING

Saturday, March 20 @ 12:00 Noon  
Yummy Northern Indian lunch buffet at India Oven, 3862 SE Hawthorne Blvd (& 39<sup>th</sup>), Portland

Please contact Bill Stein by March 16 at [garba@teleport.com](mailto:garba@teleport.com) or (503) 235-9637 if you plan to attend. The restaurant would like a head count. Thanks!

## SEEKING NEW PROGRAM COORDINATOR

I will be stepping down in the near future after two years as CRPCA's program coordinator. I've enjoyed doing this job both here and for two prior years in my previous RPCV group back in Atlanta. I think we're ready for some new energy to bring our club's potluck and restaurant meetings into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

In case you're interested, the job entails finding and confirming a location and speaker for the bimonthly potluck meetings, and choosing a location and taking reservations for the bimonthly restaurant meetings. We have a generous offer to continue using Charlene Holzworth's house for the potlucks, though we may want to vary the locations somewhat in the future. We usually choose local restaurants that serve cuisine from countries PCVs have served in.

In the past the program and restaurant jobs were separate, and they could be again, but I don't think the two tasks are too much for one person. The commitment is approximately 2-3 hours per month, in addition to attending the meetings. Internet access is pretty much a must, both for meeting planning and delivery of program notes to the newsletter editor. I've already got some feedback from a recent survey on what members would like to see in the future. Now all we need is you!

The challenge for the program coordinator is to bring more local RPCVs into the regular activities of the club. If you are interested, please contact me for more information. Thanks!

Bill Stein  
[garba@teleport.com](mailto:garba@teleport.com), (503) 235-9637

### Positions Available

#### *Mercy Corps International*

There are a few employment opportunities available. For more information, contact: Mickie Porcelli, Human Resource Administrator  
Mporcelli@mercy corps.org  
3030 SW 1st Avenue  
Portland, OR 97201  
Fax: (503) 796-6844

#### *From the Friends of Liberia*

Wanted as soon as possible: Hard-working conference facilitator with NGO experience to help conduct a five-day NGO conference in Monrovia, Liberia. Generous stipend and all expenses paid for a working period of February 15 through March 5. Post-conflict experience a plus. Contact Mr. Acree Director, Programs and Organizational Development Friends of Liberia 703-525-0192

#### *From the Sierra Club*

Job Title: Associate Washington Representative, Human Rights and the Environment Campaign (sorry no contact #, check the phone book)

### PEACE CORPS BEGINS RECRUITING DRIVE *from the Associated Press*

The Peace Corps is looking for more than 4,000 volunteers to build up its force of Americans serving abroad this year, but will fall short of President Clinton's goal of 10,000 by 2000.

Peace Corps Director Mark Gearan said he still hopes to meet the goal early in the next century. With plans for the biggest recruitment in 25 years and about half the current volunteers still in the field, the year-end figure should exceed 7,000, he said. Currently, 6,700 volunteers serve in 80 countries.

Gearan said Congress' 8 percent increase in the Peace Corps budget this year to \$240 million was not enough to build up the volunteer corps to 10,000 in a year.

But accelerated Peace Corps recruiting will look well beyond college campuses this year, Gearan said. The average age of Peace Corps volunteers is 29, with 7 percent over 50

years old. The Peace Corps has no upper age limit. Since its start in 1961, more than 150,000 Americans have served as volunteers.

### Graduate School Anyone?

Fellow RPCVs:

The Illinois State University Peace Corps Fellows Program in Applied Community and Economic Development is seeking graduate students in political science/public administration and economics to begin study in the Fall of 1999. The program is particularly interested in applicants who would study Economics.

The deadline for applicants for Fall, 1999 is April 15. Applications are reviewed on a first-come-first-serve basis.

In the Fellows Program, RPCVs earn Master's degrees by completing one year of full-time classwork and a second year of hands-on consulting work with urban and rural communities across the nation concerned about their own development. Fellows receive a tuition waiver and stipend in their first year, and are paid a salary their second year. Fellows have worked on regional economic development, welfare-to-work and school-to-work programs, grant writing, surveys, infrastructure planning, tourism promotion, business retention and expansion, parks development, and many other projects.

For more information call Program Director Mike Kelleher at (309) 438-8685, email: fmkelle@ilstu.edu, or regular mail: Peace Corps Fellows Program, Department of Economics, Campus Box 4200, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-4200 or: [http://www.econ.ilstu.edu/Peace\\_Corps/PCorps.html](http://www.econ.ilstu.edu/Peace_Corps/PCorps.html)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mike Kelleher  
Director Peace Corps Fellows Program  
in Applied Community and Economic Dev.  
Illinois State University  
RPCV Sierra Leone, '85-'88

## 1999 International Calendars half price!!!

### Calendars \$5 each!!!

We have already sold quite a number of 1999 Peace Corps Calendars- but we still have some left and need to make the final push to sell them all. As usual the CRPCA membership has responded magnificently to the calendars- now we are asking you to help us clear out the remaining calendars.

Calendars are \$5 each until we sell them all. 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. 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.

The Bradley-Angle House will receive the 1999 calendar sale profits. The Bradley-Angle House addresses the special concerns and needs of victims and survivors of domestic violence.

This year's calendar committee includes Bill Andrews, Thrina Parent (288-7231), 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 [lesly\\_sanocki@kp.org](mailto:lesly_sanocki@kp.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 \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Postage and handling \$ 3

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

## BE A PART OF PEACE CORPS DAY IN MARCH

Columbia River Peace Corps Association RPCVs are invited to bring the world home to students in your community on Tuesday, March 2, Peace Corps Day '99. RPCVs are needed to speak to students, from elementary to high school, about the cultures, customs, and languages of the country where they served.

Last year on Peace Corps Day, more than 6,600 RPCVs inspired and delighted an estimated 320,000 students nationwide by participating in dynamic classroom presentations about life overseas. This year, Secretary of State Richard Riley will again be honorary chair for this special day in our nation's schools.

Many of you have received a brochure in the mail, and you are encouraged to return the reply card as soon as possible so that those needing help in linking with a school may get assistance. If you did not receive a brochure, e-mail <[pcday@peacecorps.gov](mailto:pcday@peacecorps.gov)> or call 800.424.8580 (press 2 then ext. 1961) to request one.

For more information, contact Robin Teater at 503.286.0177 or by e-mail at [RKTeater@aol.com](mailto:RKTeater@aol.com), or Monica Fitzgerald in the Washington DC office at [mfitzgerald@peacecorps.gov](mailto:mfitzgerald@peacecorps.gov).



Roslyn Docktor (Zambia '94-'96) tells a class about the animals in her country of service.  
([www.peacecorps.gov/www/events/peacecorpsday99/index.html](http://www.peacecorps.gov/www/events/peacecorpsday99/index.html))

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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).



Want to become involved? Have questions or comments about specific issues? You may contact the following people directly:

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