



# Columbia River Peace Corps

A S S O C I A T I O N

## NEWSLETTER

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"Bringing the world back home"

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### DEBBERD

Spring has arrived and it is a time of new growth and fresh ideas. This will be the last "Debberd" I write. On April 25<sup>th</sup> there will be an election night potluck at Charlene Holzworth's house. I will be resigning at the end of April and will not be able to continue service for CRPCA due to personal reasons.

I have enjoyed being President of the group, especially meeting all the interesting people that make up our membership. Of course there are many that volunteer their time and energy to make things happen for the CRPCA. I can not thank these people enough for their service. CRPCA is one of the more active returned Peace Corps Volunteer groups in the country. That is something we can all be proud of. I only hope the energy and spirit continues long into the next century.

Thanks.

*Debbie Deetz  
(soon to be Debbie Silva)*

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

**April 25 – Election Night Potluck, 6:00 pm**  
Charlene Holzworth's House

**April 26 & May 31 – Soiree, 6:30pm, Lucky Lab Brew Pub at SE 9th and Hawthorne. (Last Monday of the month).**

**April 26 – Nomination Party for new Volunteers at the Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, 7:00 pm**

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

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

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

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### NPCA National Conference August 12-15: "Celebrating Peace"

Join an estimated 1,000 Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who will gather at the National Peace Corps Association Conference on the occasion of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Come to beautiful Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN on Aug. 12-15 for country reunions, workshops on international and community volunteer issues, and to celebrate Peace Corps' commitment of more than 134 nations. This year's conference, hosted by the Minnesota RPCV's, promises to be the best yet!

Those committed to speak this year include UNICEF Director, Carol Bellamy, Lenard Robinson, RPCV and leader of the National Summit on Africa, Peace Corps Director, Mark Gearan, as well as other internationally esteemed guests. For conference information you can call 202-293-7728 or visit the website at [www.rpcv.org](http://www.rpcv.org).



o have an interest serving in the EMA region (Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean)

o have an interest in teaching English Please continue to help us spread the word about opportunities with the Peace Corps. If you would like to help with our recruitment efforts (RPCV panel discussion, slide presentations, etc) please contact Steve Dunk at (800) 424-8580, option #1.

**PC Day:** Thanks to everyone who participated in Peace Corps Day events. Commemorating the Peace Corps' 38th anniversary, nearly 10,000 current and returned Peace Corps volunteers took part in a global education initiatives nationwide, speaking about their overseas experiences to students across the country as part of the second annual Peace Corps Day. If you would like to be part of Peace Corps Day 2000, email your request to: [mfitzgerald@peacecorps.gov](mailto:mfitzgerald@peacecorps.gov).

**The Buzz About the Peace Corps:** From a March 6 story on ABC's "World News Saturday" by reporter Karla Davis: "Today's college graduates share the same sense of service that made their parents flock to the Peace Corps after President John Kennedy started the program in 1961."

## CAREER INFORMATION CONSULTANTS DIRECTORY

Returned Volunteer Services is currently updating the Career Information Consultants (CIC) directory. This is a wonderful asset for returned Peace Corps Volunteers as well as a great marketing tool for RPCV groups. The more of your group members who are listed as CICs, the more contact you have with recent RPCVs. We are hoping to get at least 10-20 members from each group to sign up for the directory. The deadline to sign up is April 23, 1999.

The CIC directory consists of hundreds of career professionals willing to assist RPCVs with information about their particular career field. Sometimes these requests for career information and assistance are basic; other times they are more sophisticated. We rely on CIC's to answer the questions with accurate information, respect, good humor, patience, and candor.

Currently, the Consultants receive on the average of two to six contacts per year, all done on a volunteer basis. Peace Corps cannot reimburse expenses incurred as a result of these contacts (such as envelopes, phone calls, postage, etc.). Our Consultants report that the contacts they have with the PCVs and RPCVs have been very enjoyable. The next directory will be printed in May of this year.

If you are interested in being listed in the directory, please contact Debbie Deetz (284-4842) and she will get you a copy of the form to fill out. Or

you can e-mail ([rvs@peacecorps.gov](mailto:rvs@peacecorps.gov)) the following information: Name, Title, Employer name, Address (both home and work), Phone numbers, Fax numbers, e-mail and PC service dates and location.

## H a r a m b e

Let's pull together African Dinner Fundraiser for the Chwele Health Clinic in rural Kenya

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 14, 5:30-8:30 at OMSI  
**African Cuisine** by Grace Kuto

**Features:** African Dance Exposition, African Arts, and Crafts Exhibit and Silent Auction

**Keynote Speaker:** Elizabeth Furse

**Sponsors:** World Affairs Council of Oregon: Women's Forum, Tigard Friends Church

**Tickets:** \$50 (\$35 tax-deductible)

Due to limited seating, please RSVP ASAP to Jackie Goldrick, World Affairs Council, 274-7488

Remember our Africa Dinner in November and the Chwele Clinic in Kenya? Well, Grace Kuto has once again taken out her cooking utensils to aid the clinic and to provide the Portland community with a good time.

Elizabeth Furse, born in Nairobi, Kenya and three time member in the U.S. House of Representatives, will be the keynote speaker. Ms. Furse was raised in South Africa and moved to the US as a young woman, becoming a US citizen in 1972. Her public service began at age 15 when she marched against apartheid with her mother, a founder of the black sash, a South African women's anti-apartheid group. She is known for her work on behalf of low-income women, farm workers and Native Americans.

Proceeds of this dinner will go to pay off the final \$18,000 debt on the construction of the Chwele Clinic. If you can not attend, donations are also appreciated (they are tax-deductible). Make checks for tickets or donations payable to World Affairs Council of Oregon - WF for Clinic at 620 SW Main St, Suite 333, Portland, OR 97205. VISA or Mastercard is also accepted.

Auction items are also desperately needed. If you have anything to donate for the auction, contact Grace Kuto at 503-245-3812.

## Starlight Parade

To march in the Starlight Parade, call Beki ASAP at 640-5352 x 303 (day) or 649-7290 evening.

## 1999 RPCV International Calendar Sales

The 1999 Calendar sales are over! The final numbers are indicated below. We donated \$2,273 to the Bradley-Angle House, an organization that works with women and families of domestic violence. The Bradley-Angle House operates a 24-hour crisis line, an emergency shelter and a transitional shelter, as well as other types of support to help women and their children move beyond abusive relationships. The Bradley-Angle House works hard to offer support and choices to women. The organization has 21 paid staff and relies heavily on volunteers. Last year they relied on 197 volunteers who provided over 7,000 hours of service. The Bradley-Angle House has been in operation for 24 years and has grown tremendously in that time. The work they do is invaluable, but still only meets some of the demand, as 9 out of 10 women are turned away from shelters. This is primarily due to lack of space. The Bradley-Angle house works with children promoting non-violent behavior and works with mothers on educational opportunities and positive parenting skills. I am only glossing over some of the highlights of the organization, it provides much more than I have been able to describe. Thrina Parent and I had an opportunity to visit one of the shelters run by Bradley-Angle House and we were quite impressed by the work they do. Our contact at the Bradley-Angle House, Patricia TenEyck is an RPCV (Mali '87-'91) and helped us significantly in getting our calendars sold. The Bradley-Angle House always has needs for donations of clothing, food, toys or time. If you are interested in supporting this worthwhile organization please call their volunteer line at 282-9940. The Bradley-Angle House will be using the money donated by CRPCA to meet their most significant needs.

Overall, the calendar sales went very well, we were quite ambitious this year but did not quite sell all the calendars we ordered. We had some calendars left (61) which we will be donating to Portland Public Elementary Schools (\$244 of our donation). We hope they will be a useful educational tool. We will donate \$117 to CRPCA, our goal was to donate as much as possible to our selected non-profit.

The calendars continue to be very popular and the CRPCA membership really comes through in purchasing them and helping us to sell them. I'd also like to acknowledge the support of some other organizations which have helped us sell our calendars including: Mercy Corps, the World Affairs Council, Portland State University, the Red Cross, Lutheran Family Services, a number of local stores and all of our members who have sold them in their offices and to family and friends. I'd like to thank everyone for their support. The members of the calendar committee: Bill Andrews, Thrina Parent, Angel Nawrot and Nicole Apellian all did a great job. We have gotten some of the kinks worked out in selling the calendars and hope to have a smooth year for 2000. We will be looking for new members of the calendar committee (I am about to have a baby and may not be willing to be in charge!). If you are interested please let us know. If you know of a worthy non-profit to donate our proceeds to next year we would appreciate it. Thanks again for all your efforts and have a great year. *(Lesly Sanocki 690-3391)*

Previous CRPCA Calendar Sales				
YEAR	# Sold	Profit	Donation	Recipients
1990	50	\$65	\$51	Books to Akosombo
1991	111	\$268	\$250	NARA, PC Partnership
1992	100	\$250	\$150	Int'l Refugee Center of OR
1993	125	\$421	\$500	Sponsors Org. to Assist Refugees
1994	225	\$767	\$300	Community Energy Project
1995	549	\$2,292	\$2,100	Lutheran Family Services
1996	757	\$3,391	\$2,472	PCC Literacy Foundation
1997	790	\$3,510	\$2,898	Bvtn. Literacy Council, Paraclete Society, Ghana Books
1998	590	\$2,702	\$2,094	Centro Cultural, Adopt-a-Family
1999	636	\$2,392	\$2,516	Bradley-Angle House, Portland Public Schools

**U of O – Center for  
Asian and Pacific Studies**

The Center for Asian and Pacific Studies at the University of Oregon represents the state's principal resource for the study of Asia and the Pacific. The center's affiliated faculty members are engaged in teaching and research on the peoples, histories, languages, cultural traditions, economies, and societal transformations of East and Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. Innovative academic program development, influential research, and public service activities are three important ways the center serves the state of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

The Oregon International Council is an important partner in the development and delivery of Asia- and Pacific-related workshops and seminars for Oregon's teachers. The center participates annually in the popular Asian Celebration sponsored by Asian-American groups in the local community. An annual film festival sponsored by the center features many of the best recent films from Asian and Pacific countries. A partnership with Lewis and Clark College enhances statewide understanding of Asia and the Pacific and includes a public lecture series funded by the Freeman Foundation. These lectures, offered at several locations throughout the state, highlight contemporary Asian issues.

Check out the calendar of events on our website: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~caps/index.htm>. Anyone who is interested in being added to our CAPS Events mailing list and/or e-mail list should contact Wendy M. Ames at the following address:

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**New Newsletter Editor**

Tom Argent has boldly stepped forward to volunteer as the new newsletter editor starting next month (see contact info in Officer's Box). It has been a lot fun working with the other officers and on the newsletter for the past two years. I recommend the assignment to anyone who has ever had an inkling to work on it.

See you at the soirees.

*Sean Rose*

The Columbia River Peace Corps Association (CRPCA) Newsletter is published monthly by the CRPCA for the benefit of its members. The CRPCA serves returned Peace Corps volunteers in Oregon and SW Washington. Annual membership rates: \$15 for individuals and \$22.50 for families. Address all correspondence to: CRPCA, PO Box 802, Portland, OR 97207.

**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 or check [www.crpca.org](http://www.crpca.org)).



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

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Peace Corps Country and Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Peace Corps Job/Sector: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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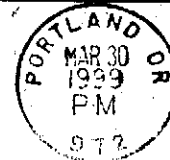
\_\_\_ CRPCA and NPCA (\$40 individual/\$55 family)

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

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