



The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Oct. 12, Sunday, 5-7pm: CRPCA Meeting and Potluck at the home of Rosalie Schmitz and Everett Williams, 4106 SE Franklin St., Portland. 5-6pm, CRPCA meeting; 6-7pm, Potluck. Rosalie and Everett have lots of artifacts from around the world that they'd like to share with us. Come early, and you can pick some of their Niagara grapes to take home.

Oct. 27, Monday, 6:30pm: CRPCA Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9th and Hawthorne, Portland. The beer's cheap on Mondays, and they have good food! Meet in the side room, or outside in the back (by the eastern wall) if the weather's nice.

Nov. 8, Saturday, 5-10pm, CRPCA Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction. Details in next newsletter.

NEWS AND NOTES

2004 International Calendars Available; Pangaea Project to Benefit

The 2004 International Calendars, beautifully produced by the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison, are available for us to buy, and to sell to others. We buy them for about \$5 each, and sell them for \$10. Of the profits, we keep 20%, and donate the remaining 80% to a charitable organization providing important service to society, preferably with an international component.

This year, we've chosen the Pangaea Project, co-founded by CRPCA member Stephanie Tolk, RPCV Mali. In January, the Pangaea Project will select a group of 12-15 low-income high school sophomores and juniors to begin orientation training to a developing country (language, culture, history). In June and July, with 2 or 3 group leaders, they will live for 6 weeks in the country chosen (in 2004, it will be Mali) with host

families and work as a group on a volunteer project. Upon their return to the U.S., students will give presentations to the community on what they've learned and experienced. They will also work on a local volunteer project. For more information, see www.thepangaeaproject.org.

Calendars are available from Lesly Sanocki in Beaverton (503-690-3391; lesly.sanocki@attbi.com) and Karen Cellarius (503-289-3964; cellark@pdx.edu) and Thrina Parent (503-288-7231) on the east side.

Part-time Coordinator Needed to Place Moslem Students

The State Department has started a new program which brings Moslem students to the U.S. to study and experience American family life. The goal is to create friends among the future leaders of the Moslem world in response to the 9-11 disaster. A part-time coordinator is needed to place foreign students in a local school and home. Placing 3 students will bring you around \$2000. They are selected by AFS and placed locally by PAX (Program for Academic Exchange). I placed 3 students and am hosting a girl from Turkey, and have enjoyed it thoroughly.

--*Maranee Sanders* 503-293-6195.

Host a Student from Indonesia

Meiza Suratin attends the Arts & Communication High School in Beaverton and would like to live in Beaverton. He enjoys cooking for his host family, as his family has a restaurant. He is the president of his class and has a great sense of humor. Host families can be single people or families. Meiza has insurance and spending money. He needs a bed and place to study, meals and a family with which to share the experience of America.

--*Maranee Sanders* 503-293-6195

Host an AFS Exchange Student

American Field Service is seeking host families for high school students. Napawan "Mew" from Thailand is female and has been attending Jefferson High School. Kongkun "Miw" from Thailand is female and has been attending Tualatin High School. Volodymyr from Ukraine is male and has been attending Beaverton High School. A teacher, Chiraporn, from Thailand, also needs a host family. She works with Springwater Trail High School in Gresham, and contributes to art, cooking, and social studies classes. She also teaches Thai to a small group of students. We welcome any referrals of host family names or appropriate communities with whom to share our message.

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--Sara Vandepoute, AFS Regional Field Coordinator
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El Porvenir Rep. Speaks Oct. 23 at World Forestry Center

El Porvenir is a 10-year-old organization based in Sacramento that supports self-help, community-initiated water, sanitation and reforestation projects in Central America. A representative of their organization will make a presentation at the World Forestry Center at 7pm on Oct. 23. For more information on El Porvenir, visit www.elporvenir.org.

Volunteers Pitch In at CRPCA Events

Many thanks to the CRPCA volunteers who pitched in at our Volunteer Service Day on Sept. 13: Melody and Barry Finnemore, Dian Odell, Shakhawan, Karen Cellarius and Jeff Strang. We delivered Meals-On-Wheels to shut-in elderly folks in the area.

Thanks, also, to Jeff Strang and Linda Centurion, who staffed the CRPCA booth at PeaceQuake on Sept. 7. Fifteen RPCVs who were not members of CRPCA stopped by during the 6-hour event.

Student Help Needed

"SVET," a project which helps youth from the former Soviet Union, in partnership with Lutheran Community Services Northwest, needs volunteers who are willing to tutor ESL students in the home, or willing to help out with after-school homework clubs. 1-1/2 hours a week for a commitment of at least 6 months. You do not need to speak Russian.

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Jan. and Aug.) by the CRPCA for the benefit of its members. The CRPCA serves returned Peace Corps volunteers and others who share an interest in global development issues, in Oregon and southwest Washington. To join CRPCA and/or the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), see back page.

Web page: www.crpca.org.

Newsletter submissions for a particular month are due by the 25th day of the previous month. Send by mail to P.O. Box 802, Portland, OR 97207, or by e-mail to crpcasn@hotmail.com.

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