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CALENDAR

CANCELLED: Nov. 8, Saturday: CRPCA Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction. Unfortunately, there was not enough volunteer energy in our group to organize this. Instead, we'll concentrate on selling the International Calendars (see Page 2).

Nov. 24, 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, and bring your checkbook to buy calendars (see Page 2)!

NEWS AND NOTES

Kurdish Human Rights Watch in PDX

Kurdish Human Rights Watch has received a federal grant to open an office in Portland. The office will provide humanitarian assistance to the refugee and immigrant community here. It is in need of furniture and other start-up donations (couches, filing cabinets, chairs, bookshelves, lamps, tables). CRPCA member Shakhawan Shekhani is the new site director. For more information, contact him at shakhawan@khrw.org or 503-246-6166. Your donations to this 501(c)3 organization are tax deductible. For more information, visit their website at www.khrw.org.

Peace Corps Safety Issues Articles

Starting October 26th, the Dayton Daily News is running a series of articles about safety issues in the Peace Corps. The release of these articles coincides with the resignation of Gaddi Vasquez as Peace Corps Director, though he asserts that there is no connection between the two events. The articles can be found on the web at <http://www.daytondailynews.com>. The website provides an opportunity for feedback.

African Children's Libraries

I am presently working with two Liberian refugee camps in Ghana and Nigeria, plus two Nigeria villages. I would appreciate help in grant writing/fund raising; gathering, sorting and packing books; good sources of sturdy boxes and of monetary donations.
--Ann Easterly, 503-656-7159, anotter@larrie.com

World Affairs Council of Oregon: International Speakers Series

The World Affairs Council of Oregon has 3 speakers remaining in their 2003-04 Speakers Series: former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Richard Holbrooke at 6:45pm on Feb. 4, Director General of the World Health Organization Gro Harlem Brundtland at 7pm on Mar. 11, and Editor of Newsweek International Fareed Zakaria at 7pm on Apr. 20. There's also a post-program banquet after Richard Holbrooke's speech on Feb. 4. All programs take place at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in Portland. Mention you heard about the series through the CRPCA, and we'll get \$15 from a Holbrooke Banquet ticket (\$75), and \$10 from a general/student series ticket (\$80, Council non-member; \$65, Council member or student). To order tickets, go to www.worldoregon.org.

Russian-Speaking Community Forum

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 6-8 pm, there will be a meeting at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) building at 10301 N.E. Glisan St. Agencies, businesses, and groups dealing with employment, education, medical, legal issues, etc., will be coming to promote and advertise their services to the Slavic residents of Portland and Vancouver. Translation will be available. For more information and to sign up (it is free), call (503) 522-3698. Please leave a message and we will call you back.

—Oleg Butin, Coordinator, Russian-speaking Community Forum, Inter400@aol.com.

Aug. Peace Corps Museum Talk and Photos Available on Internet

Read and comment on this transcript of a talk given at the Annual NPCA Meeting in Portland on August 2 by Mali RPCV Stephanie Harris on cultural representation in museums, the way such issues play out in a museum of the Peace Corps experience, and how the museum can become a part of a new generation of museums where cultures are respected with dignity, stories are told and where we can come together as a community. Photos from the recent exhibit of the Museum of the Peace Corps Experience in Portland are included.

<http://PeaceCorpsOnline.org/messages/messages/2629/2015977.html>

CRPCA Members Seek Renters

Females Only: Large upstairs room in Portland-style house, wood floors, large porch, fully-equipped kitchen, back yard. Located in SE Portland, between Powell and Holgate. Walking distance to bus line, Safeway, Trader Joe's and Creston Park. \$400, including utilities. Linda Centurion (Paraguay '88-'90), 503-788-7366.

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Two rooms and a bathroom available in 3-bedroom/2-bath house in SE Portland. Walking distance to Mt. Tabor and Hawthorne St. Washer and dryer. Common areas (living room/dining room) mostly furnished. Rent is \$350/month per room or \$600 for both rooms to one person. Rent includes wireless cable internet and basic cable. Other utils split. Contact Sean Rose, seanrose@efn.org, 503-866-1700.

RPCVs Moving to Portland Need Assistance

Hello, Portland RPCVs! We've been back in the US only two months now and are moving to the Portland area around Nov./Dec. We would appreciate assistance learning about the city and its surroundings. Sherri is looking for work as a marketing manager/director and I am seeking employment in program or retail management. We both have 10 years of business experience, speak Russian, and are interested in meeting other Russian speakers. As far as housing, we prefer a one-bedroom or loft rental with a month-to-month arrangement to start. Referrals of any kind are greatly appreciated.

--Ed & Sherri Phillips, Kazakhstan, 2001-03,
esp_inkaz@hotmail.com

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Web page: www.crpa.org.

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