



The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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December

- 7 Sunday, 8:15-10:45pm: Oregon Public Broadcasting pledge night. Dress in clothes from your country of service to answer phones on the air during this OPB TV fundraiser. Program: Neil Diamond's Special Moments from Ireland. Contact Anne Kimberly at 503-234-4094 to sign up. OPB is at 7140 SW Macadam in Portland.
- 14 Sunday, 5 pm: CRPCA Meeting/Potluck Dinner. Meeting at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. Our gracious hosts are Jack and Carol McCreary (Morocco, '68-'72), 411 NW Flanders St., #704, in Portland. Topics include planning for our annual dinner, advocacy, calendar sales and re-establishing the UN Association of Portland.
- 29 Monday, NO Soiree due to the year-end holiday season, but look what's happening next...

January

- 3 Saturday, 6:30 pm. CRPCA Post-Holiday Party at the Westside Lucky Labrador Public House. We've rented out the upstairs room, and CRPCA will buy the first round of drinks! Bring your good cheer and a wrapped gift (something you'd never use yourself) to this "white elephant" gift exchange. Food can be ordered from the menu which features mainly pizza and salads. Bring your family; children are allowed at the Lucky Lab until 10 pm. 7675 SW Capitol Highway, Portland.
- 14 Wednesday, 6:30 pm, CRPCA Restaurant Gathering at the Tibet Kitchen, 103 NW 21st Avenue in Portland, 971-244-0805. This new Tibetan restaurant features a top-notch chef, nice ambiance and plenty of parking in the structure next-door.

- 26 Monday, 6:30 pm, CRPCA Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9th and Hawthorne, Portland. Bring your friends!

NEWS & NOTES

International Volunteer Day

On December 5, 2003, volunteers and volunteer organizations across the globe will join to celebrate International Volunteer Day (IVD). Building on momentum from the International Year of Volunteers 2001, which raised the global profile of volunteerism, IVD highlights collective challenges in voluntary action and serves as a platform to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

All over the world, many existing organizations and networks are harnessing volunteer effort towards bringing about relief or a better quality of life for millions of people. This includes local and national governments, community-based groups, NGOs, schools and universities, religious institutions, sports organizations and volunteer associations.

Serving as global focal point for IVD, the UN Volunteers program recognizes the critical role of committed organizations to extend the reach of volunteerism for development. It supports these initiatives with a range of activities.

For more information about IVD see www.worldvolunteerweb.org/ivd. To learn about UN Volunteers go to www.unvolunteers.org.

Now Showing

Anonymously Yours opens December 5, 2003 at the Hollywood Theatre in Portland. This hard-hitting documentary examines the painful stories

of women caught in the Southeast Asian sex-trade. Find out more at www.hollywoodtheatre.org.

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 at wholesale price. Friends of CRPCA are needed to sell calendars to benefit the community.

Every year CRPCA donates 80% of the profits raised from calendar sales to a charitable organization that focuses on international issues. This year, we've chosen the Pangaea Project. For more information, contact co-founder and CRPCA member Stephanie Tolk at stolksta@yahoo.com.

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

Wrap-Up of August 2003 NPCA Meeting

Thanks again to all of you who helped with the National Peace Corps Association's Annual General Meeting in Portland last August. It was a well-attended event with plenty of workshops and activities for everyone. The dance with Pepe and the Bottle Blondes was a special highlight that we were happy to have been able to provide. In our partnership with NPCA, we signed a profit-sharing agreement in case there actually was a profit from the Meeting. Unfortunately, after counting up the expenses charged to the meeting, there was a net loss of \$979. Per our agreement with NPCA, however, they are covering that loss themselves. The purpose of our involvement in the meeting was to participate in a larger RPCV event in Portland and to work more closely with NPCA on a project. To that end, we were successful and had a lot of fun in the process. Thanks again to everyone who attended and/or volunteered for the event! – *Karen Cellarius*

Temporary home needed for visiting high school student from Indonesia

Unfortunately, Meiza's host father died, and another host in the Beaverton area is needed to provide a room and meals. He is here to learn how Americans live, has a delightful sense of humor, was president of his class, excellent student, and good cook, as his parents own a small restaurant. He has his own spending money and insurance. He attends the Beaverton Arts & Comm. High school and can get there by bus. --Mimi Sanders (Turkey 3), 503-293-6195.

...also, the following 3 students want to learn more about their future occupations from someone in their line of work. If you would be willing to have a student visit you at your work, or have coffee with him/her to talk about your experience, contact me (Mimi). Meiza from Indonesia: chef & restaurant owner; Sara from Egypt: translator; Nevin from Turkey: English teacher.

***In My Country* Video Premier**

The video of the Sewing Circle, featuring female fiber artists from Africa and eastern Europe, a project of the Arts for New Immigrants Program of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), will have its premier showing on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 5-7 pm at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. RSVP to Phyllis Laners, Arts Coordinator, at 503-234-1541.

December 10: Human Rights Day

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, there will be a celebration of Human Rights Day at St. Andrew Community Center, 4940 NE 8th Ave., Portland, from 5:30-9pm. Activities include speeches concerning human rights domestically and internationally (refugees, immigrants, Native Americans, people of color, Palestine/Israel, Afghanistan and Iraq), cultural activities, international food, tabling, Universal Declaration of Human Rights displays. Part of the purpose of this celebration is advocating for U.S. ratification of treaties that have grown out of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

DON'T FORGET

New RPCVs Receive Free CRPCA Membership

If you know of any recently-returned Peace Corps Volunteers, encourage him/her to sign up for a free one-year CRPCA membership using the paper membership form on the back of the paper newsletter, or at our website, www.crpca.org.

International Speakers Series

Three speakers remain in the World Affairs Council of Oregon's Speakers Series:

- 4. February: Former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Richard Holbrooke. Post-program banquet. Starts at 6:45 p.m.
- 11. March: Director General of the World Health Organization Gro Harlem Brundtland. Starts at 7:00 p.m.
- 20. April: Editor of Newsweek International Fared Zakaria. Starts at 7:00 p.m.

All programs take place at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in Portland. Mention us when you buy your ticket before Feb. 4 and CRPCA will receive nearly 20% of the ticket price. For tickets go to www.worldoregon.org or call 503-552-9888.

Network Café Northwest

If you're working to make our community a better place, don't miss this chance to network. The Russian Speaking Community Forum has organized this free event for everyone in the Portland area interested in all areas of community development, not just for the Russian-speaking community. Snacks are provided and dinners are available. Chai Hana Restaurant, 10534 SE Sandy Blvd., Portland. Call Oleg at 503-522-3698 if you'd like to make a presentation.

Slavic Evening a Success

On Thursday, January 22 at 6:00 pm the Russian-Speaking Community Forum presents another Slavic Evening. Find out about resources available to Slavic Communities or present your

own. IRCO, 10301 NE Glisan, Portland. Call Oleg at 503-522-3698 for details.

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

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