



# The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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## October 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday Potluck

*Martin Kaplan* (Advocacy coordinator) has agreed to host our next potluck. Business at 5:00; dinner at 6:00. Martin lives in *West Linn* on *19436 Wilderness Drive*.

From Hwy. 205; take Exit 8; Rt.43 (north, for 2 miles); *West Linn Shopping Center*, left on Hidden Springs Rd. at the light; take 2<sup>nd</sup> right on Wilderness Drive for 1/4 mile. House on left.

From downtown: Front Ave. on Rt. 43 (south) to *Robinwood Shopping Center*. Turn right at the light on Hidden Springs Road and follow the directions above.

By Bus: Take #35 from the Bus Mall.

## CRPCA Annual Calendar of Events

(Pages 7 & 8, this issue)

There will be a variety of events, so please write those that interest you into your own personal calendar. Check the newsletter and website closer to the events for updated

and additional information. There are a few events that need hosts or coordinators. Please consider taking on one of these roles. Call *Karen Cellarius* at 503-289-3964 if interested.

Soirees are to be hosted events with free beer for people who join CRPCA at the event: In order to make the Soirees more user friendly, CRPCA has decided to have a host at each one. The host will bring a CRPCA sign and pass around a sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheet will be used to track attendance and to send complementary newsletters to anyone requesting one. The group will also return to sitting in the front room at the Lucky Labrador, 915 SE Hawthorne, unless it is reserved by another group. This room is quieter than the main area and it's also easier to find people. Anyone wishing to join CRPCA at the Soiree can do so through the host, who will then reward them with one beverage of their choice (pitchers excluded!). If you would like to host one or more Soirees, please contact: *Karen Cellarius* 503-289-3964.

## CRPCA Membership Update

(As of 9/24/04)

127 members, including 10 family memberships.

New or renewing members this month:

Jack Fones, *Tonga*

Michael Colombo, *Sierra Leone*

Rosemary Furfey, *Botswana*  
 Evan Moss, *Guatemala*  
 Gita Tanna & Charles Howard,  
*Jamaica/Ecuador*  
 Bobbie Carrie, *Senegal*

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## Cascade Festival of African Film

For the past 14 years CRPCA has participated in the Peace Corps calendar fund-raiser and donated the proceeds to a local community agency. This year the CFAF was chosen as recipient. They will be bringing three distinguished filmmakers from Africa for filmgoers to meet and see their work.

This of course costs a great deal of money, so there will be a film party fundraiser : **"A Walk In The Night"**, directed by Mickey Dube, 1998, 78min. *Post-apartheid South Africa through the eyes of a young black South African man.*

Friday, Oct.15 at 7:30 PM

Terrell Hall, Rm.122, PCC Cascade  
 705 N. Killingsworth

Suggested donations: \$10-\$100

Afterwards: a no-host party at *Capuia's International Restaurant*, 435 N. Killingsworth, 1 1/2 blocks east of campus.

For more information on the film series, times, locations and the filmmakers, please visit: [www.cfaf.net](http://www.cfaf.net) or [africafilmfestival.com](http://africafilmfestival.com)

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## World Affairs Council Global Action Fair

The *World Affairs Council of Oregon* is excited to announce that as part of the 2004-'05 *International Speakers Series*, we are launching a comprehensive educational program called *From Awareness to Action* designed to engage our community in vital global and local issues. *The Global Action*

*Fair, October 20 at the Rose Garden*, will be the main public component of the *From Awareness to Action* initiative.

The first speaker will be U2 lead singer and social activist, Bono. We believe Bono's appearance will provide an extraordinary opportunity to reach people in our community, especially young people, and to learn about the world and work to make it a better place.

Prior to Bono's appearance, attendees of the lecture can peruse the *Global Action Fair* on the concourse. This will provide an opportunity for non-profit organizations to display the work they do and educate the public on ways they can become involved. Community and world service projects by high school students will also be present.

The goals of the event are to broaden public understanding of critical international issues, inform the community about work in process and encourage responsible civic engagement locally and globally.

Important issues can be addressed in the *World Affairs Council's International Speakers Series* by including non-profit organizations that are involved in efforts connected to, for example, AIDS, poverty, development, trade, global health, human rights, environmental health, sustainability, education and conflict resolution. For more information contact: *Theresa Burks at (503) 274-7488 or Theresa@worldoregon.org.*

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## Potluck Hosts Needed!

CRPCA benefited for years from having one host for all our potlucks. Since that location is no longer available, we have been scrambling for a venue for each event. Hosting every potluck is a lot to ask, so we would like to have a list of five people that are willing to host one potluck a year. Every September we would ask which date works for you. If you are willing to participate, please contact *Karen Cellarius* as soon as

possible at 503-289-3964 or [karen@cellarius.org](mailto:karen@cellarius.org).

The potluck dates scheduled for the next year follow. We still need a location for each event. All are on Sunday evenings, from 5:00 until about 7:30.

2004: Oct 17, Dec 19

2005: Feb 13, April 10, June 19

### **NPCA conference in Chicago**

From Bob Findlay, ([rfindlay@iastate.edu](mailto:rfindlay@iastate.edu)) NW representative on NPCA board:

"The keynote for the NPCA conference in Chicago in August was set by Rabbi Douglas Goldhammer when he spoke of the vital energy, not unlike the Chinese chi, in his invocation. The idea was immediately localized by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Thailand member of Parliament when he repeatedly cited PCVs Ralph and Dorothy Johnston of Seattle (anyone know where they are now?) who taught him English in the 1960s and who's vital energy instilled a world of possibilities for him as a child in rural Thailand.

From the start, speakers criticized the current administration for squandering the vital energy that we shared with the international community with its interventions in the Middle East and in Latin America. In the country updates, we were repeatedly reminded that we now face a global community where this vital energy is dangerously diminished in the world's regard for America. Bobby Muller, a marine veteran and Nobel Laureate reassured us that as rpcvs, we have the patience and flexibility to re-establish this vital energy. He challenged us to help regain the trust and respect of the world, as it cannot be done by our action-bound government but only through individual and collective actions of returned volunteers who have the experience and ability to deal with diverse perspectives. His admonition

was seconded by Peter Yarrow's call for civility in the country through his *Project Respect.org*.

The board and Presidents' Forum both moved forward decisively with restructuring into a leaner operation more focused on traditional board responsibilities of governance and finance. Your Presidents' Forum is strengthened through activating a steering committee and having a stronger position on the board. Related by-laws changes were strongly endorsed by the board and forum and will be voted on by the membership this fall. If passed, spring elections will reflect the redistricting of regional representation on the board.

The NPCA conferences are gatherings of many older returnees as well as those in mid-career and those rpcvs more recently returned. They are extraordinary marketplaces of ideas and of education and service opportunities. They are full of celebration of the positive contributions of rpcvs nationally and in countries of service as well as of serious discussions of world affairs. Plan to share in the vital energy of future gatherings."

### **Bringin' it back home...**

CRPCA has had an active group of RPCVs speaking in the area about their experiences for some time. (You can sign up with Richard Ireland at [rireland88@yahoo.com](mailto:rireland88@yahoo.com)) And now there is a way to connect at a national level as well.

The *Peace Match Online Speakers' Bureau*, developed to link RPCVs with teachers throughout the United States, has been operational for six months with good response. To date, hundreds of RPCVs and teachers have registered for classroom presentations.

Implemented through a cooperative agreement between the Peace Corps and the

National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), *Peace Match* makes it easier for RPCVs to find speaking opportunities, and for teachers to identify RPCVs who wish to visit their classrooms. Both educators and RPCVs can search the database by zip code for a match in their areas.

"*Peace Match* helps returned Volunteers bring their cross-cultural experiences to American students," said *Gladys Maloy*, NPCA *Peace Match* program manager. "By connecting RPCVs with foreign-language teachers, for example, *Peace Match* provides a wonderful opportunity for RPCVs to do presentations in their host-country tongues," she added.

"Having taught language arts and social studies for many years, I really appreciate the value of *Peace Match* in enhancing the education of American children, who often don't have the opportunity to travel outside their own communities, let alone to another country," said *Eileen Mattingly*, acting director, Peace Corps Domestic Programs.

With the 2004/05 school year upon us, now would be a good time to think about sharing your Peace Corps experiences with students and teachers in your community. To register, visit: [www.PeaceMatch.org](http://www.PeaceMatch.org).

Teachers will then be able to search the Peace Match database and e-mail you to request a presentation. Flyers and posters are also available either electronically or printed. For more information, contact: [peacematch@rpcv.org](mailto:peacematch@rpcv.org).

Gladys Maloy [Romania 2000-02]  
Program Manager, Peace Match Speakers Bureau, NPCA

### What Was Said...

"*So we will renew the promise of the Peace Corps, double its volunteers over the next five years...*" **President George W. Bush, 2002, State of the Union Address**

"*We're the America that sends out Peace Corps volunteers to teach village children.*" **Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, 2004, Republican National Convention**

"*The Peace Corps is the most powerful symbol of non-military service in our history. If there was ever a time when everyday people in the most deprived countries, cities and villages of the world need to see idealistic Americans working to help them, it is today...*"

**Presidential Candidate John Kerry, Speech at New Orleans, May 2004**

"*To me, one of the best faces America has ever projected is the face of a Peace Corps volunteer.*" **Teresa Heinz Kerry, 2004 DNC**

### What Was Done...

On Sept. 16, '04 the **Senate Appropriations Committee on Foreign Operations** (the source of Peace Corps' budget) increased the budget for Fiscal Year 2005 by less than 1%.

Even though the president himself had proposed \$401 million, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted to recommend \$351 million, with the House of Representatives supporting \$330 million...the Senate Appropriations Committee only authorized an increase from last year's \$308 million to \$310 million this fiscal year...less than half of annual inflation. For the latest update visit: [advocacy@rpcv.org](mailto:advocacy@rpcv.org)

**From the editor**

Recently CRPCA acquired its very own computer through a generous grant from *FreeGeek.org*. (P-3, 17" monitor, etc.) However the present editor, being totally inept at electronics, could use some help to plug it all together, switch hard drives, get it hooked to the outside world, etc. Anyone out there willing to come over to my place (NW) and help set this thing up? (I promise to take good notes.) Afterwards, my treat-- your choice. Dane, ed. (971-544-1727)

**Letters**

CRPCA Member **Leigh Knox** writes:

"Is it possible to get the word out about a timeshare trip I have scheduled and paid for? (My planned travel partners have had to cancel)

From Oct.13 to Oct.20th it's a canal boat trip in England (has to be 3 of us) and from Oct.30 to Nov.6 the trip is in the hills of Wales. (To see the places go to RCI.com and Resort Directory, numbers 6073 and 2035.) Someone could use the weeks for free or contribution...if for the whole trip we'd plan on renting a car for the last 2 1/2 weeks and B'n'Bing it. I'd love it if someone wanted to come!"

Leigh Knox

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**About us**

**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 (RPCVs) and others in Oregon and southwest Washington who share an interest in global development issues. To join CRPCA (and/or the National Peace Corps Association) and have the newsletter delivered, please see the back page or visit *www.crpga.org*. **Newsletter submissions** are due by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send by mail to P.O. Box 802, Portland, OR 97207, or e-mail to *crpga\_nl@yahoo.com*

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## CRPCA Calendar of Events 2004-2005

All events take place in Portland, OR unless otherwise specified.  
(Current as of 9/24/04. Check [www.crPCA.org](http://www.crPCA.org) for most current version)

### New this year!

- **Movie Night:** First weekend in November and December, then every other month after that.
- **Hosted Soirees:** Join CRPCA at the Soiree and get a free beverage.

### October

Oct 03-Feb 04, Peace Corps Calendar Sales. Contact: Cate Wilcox at 503-777-3578. Proceeds to benefit the African Film Festival.

Sunday, 10/17, CRPCA Potluck Meeting, 5 pm Meeting, 6 pm Dinner.  
Location: (see page 1, this issue)

Mon., 10/25, 6:30 pm, Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne. (Soirees are informal gatherings the last Monday of each month at the Lucky Lab. Look for us in the front room.) Host: Cate Wilcox.

### November

Fri-Sun, 11/5-7. Movie Night! Refreshments provided. Movie, time and place:TBD. Contact: Jenny Tsai 503-806-6275

Wednesday 11/17, CRPCA Restaurant Gathering. Location:TBD. Contact: Jenny Tsai 503-806-6275

Mon., 11/29, 6:30 pm, Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne. Host: Karen Cellarius.

### December

Fri-Sun, 12/3-5. Movie Night! Refreshments provided. Movie, time and place:TBD. Contact: Jenny Tsai 503-806-6275

Early December: OPB Fundraiser Dress in clothes from your country- of service to answer phones on the air during the OPB TV fundraiser.  
Contact: Dane Pikkola 971-544-1727

Sunday, 12/19, 5 pm, CRPCA Potluck Meeting, 5 pm Meeting, 6 pm Dinner.  
Location:TBA

No Soiree in December, but look what's happening on January 8th!

### January 2005

Saturday, January 8th, 6:30 pm. CRPCA Post-Holiday Party at the West Side Lucky Lab. (7675 SW Capitol Highway) We've rented out the front room! Bring that gift from Cousin Maude for the white elephant exchange.  
Contact: Karen Cellarius 503-289-3964.

Thursday, 1/20, 6:30 pm, CRPCA Restaurant Gathering, Location: TBD.  
Contact: Jenny Tsai 503-806-6275

Monday, 1/31, 6:30 pm, Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne. Host: Cate Wilcox

### February

Fri-Sun, 2/4-6. Movie Night! Refreshments provided. Movie, time and place:TBD. Contact: Jenny Tsai 503-806-6275

Feb 3-March 5: African Film Festival (our calendar sales partner). Every Thurs, Fri, Sat.

Sunday, 2/13, 5 pm, CRPCA Potluck Meeting, 5 pm Meeting, 6 pm Dinner.  
Location:TBD

Monday, 2/28, 6:30 pm, Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne. Host: Your name here

### March

Feb 28-March 4. Peace Corps Week. RPCVs speak in local classrooms. RPCVs and teachers contact Richard Ireland (Haiti 98-00) at [rireland88@yahoo.com](mailto:rireland88@yahoo.com) or 503-246-0479 if interested. Register for a free presentation kit at [www.peacecorps.com/rpcv/peacecorpsday](http://www.peacecorps.com/rpcv/peacecorpsday)

Wednesday 3/16, CRPCA Restaurant Gathering. Location:TBD. Contact: Jenny Tsai 503-806- 6275

Monday,3/28, 6:30 pm, Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup>/ Hawthorne. Host: Your name here.

### April

April 2, Spring Service Day. Contact: Anne Kimberly at 503-234-4094 (Replaces Movie night. Get out and move!)

Sunday, 4/10, 5 pm, CRPCA Potluck Meeting, 5 pm Meeting/Selection of new officers, 6 pm Dinner. Location:TBD

Monday, 4/25, 6:30 pm, SW Portland LOCATION! Nom Party and Soiree at West Side Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, 7675 SW Capitol Highway. Meet newly nominated Peace Corps Volunteers as they prepare for their great adventure. CRPCA Annual Awards are also presented.

### May

Sunday, May 1. New CRPCA Officers take office.

Thursday, 5/12, CRPCA Restaurant Gathering, Location:TBD. Contact: Jenny Tsai 503-806-6275

Monday, 5/30, 6:30 pm, Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne. Host: Your name here.

### June

Fri-Sun, 6/4-6. Movie Night! Refreshments provided. Movie, time and place: TBD. Contact: Jenny Tsai. 503-806-6275

Sunday, 6/19, 5 pm, CRPCA Potluck Meeting, 5 pm Meeting, 6 pm Dinner.  
Location: TBD

Sat-Sun, 6/25-26 (Tentative) Salem World Beat Festival. Sign up to help staff the CRPCA table for 2 hours. **Would you like to organize this event? Contact Karen at 503-289-3964**

Monday, 6/27, 6:30 pm, Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne. Host: Your name here.

### July

Sunday, 7/17: CRPCA Picnic, Location:TBD. Contact: Linda Oh 503-645-8825

Monday, 7/25, 6:30 pm, Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne. Host: Your name here.

### August

Fri-Sun, 8/5-7. Movie Night! Refreshments provided. Movie, time and place:TBD. Contact: Jenny Tsai. 503-806-6275

Fri-Sun, 8/5-7. NPCA Event ([www.rpcv.org](http://www.rpcv.org))

Fri-Sun, 8/19-21, NW Regional Campout on Southern Oregon Coast. Hosted by CRPCA. Contact: Bill Stein. 503-235-9637. Want to help with Saturday dinner? Contact Jenny Tsai 503-806-6275.

Monday, 8/29, 6:30 pm, Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne. Host: Your name here.

### September

September 10th, Fall Volunteer Day. Time and location: TBA. Contact: Anne Kimberly at 503-234-4094

Sunday, 9/18, 2:30-4:30 pm, CRPCA Calendar Planning Meeting, Multnomah County Central Library (801 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave). Light refreshments provided

Monday, 9/26, 6:30 pm, Soiree at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne. Host: Your name here

## MEMBERSHIP \* ADDRESS CHANGE \* RENEWAL FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Newsletter form: Electronic (by e-mail)\_\_\_ Paper (by USPS mail)\_\_\_ Both\_\_\_ .

Peace Corps Country and Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Peace Corps Job/Sector: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Membership Type (Check one): \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

Are you available at times to speak with groups about your Peace Corps experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Association(s) you wish to join (Check one):

 CRPCA and NPCA (\$50 individual/\$65 family) **Only one form necessary** CRPCA only (\$15 individual/\$22.50 family) NPCA only (\$35 individual/\$42.50 family)Please make checks payable to: Columbia River Peace Corps Association, and mail to:  
CRPCA, PO Box 802, Portland, OR 97207**2005 Peace Corps Calendars for Sale: \$10/each**

These calendars make great holiday gifts for your friends, relatives and office mates. This year's calendar sale benefits the **Cascade Festival of African Film**.

To purchase calendars, contact Cate Wilcox (Micronesia '87-'89), 503-777-3578, [cwilcox@teleport.com](mailto:cwilcox@teleport.com)