



# The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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## Calendar

- Saturday, 3/19, 6:30 pm. CRPCA **Restaurant Gathering** at Thai Orchid, West Burnside at NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave, followed by TBA movie. Note date change (had been scheduled for 3/16). Contact *Jenny Tsai*, 503-806-6275.
- Monday, 3/28, 6:30 pm. **Soiree** at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9<sup>th</sup> & Hawthorne. One free drink, if you sign up for CRPCA that night. All Welcome!

## 2005 Calendar Sale: Worthy of an Oscar!

After 14 years, the 2005 International Calendars developed by the RPCV's of Madison continue to be a big hit in the Pacific Northwest! This year we sold all 500 calendars before the end of the year. Our success was largely due to our partner organization, The Cascade Festival of African Films (CFAF). They sold more than 200 calendars. *Give them an Oscar!*

Many thanks to all of the distributors: Thrina Parent, Lesly Sanocki, Dane Pikkola, Rich Ireland, Martin Kaplan, Debbie Fisher of Lutheran Family Services and Jesse Jones of Mercy Corps. And a HUGE thanks goes to *Bobbie Carrie* who spearheaded the CFAF sales effort. Her enthusiasm and passion for both the CRPCA and CFAF missions is unending. CRPCA

raised \$3000, 80 percent of which was given to CFAF to support their milestone 15<sup>th</sup> film festival season. In addition, CRPCA gave three \$300 grants of support to the *Friends of Malawi Book Project*, the *Kurdish Human Rights Watch*, and *The World Through My Eyes* project in Mozambique.

Of course, we want to thank each of you who bought a calendar for your support. You made this all possible. We hope you are enjoying your calendars. Let's do it again next year!

*Cate Wilcox* (Micronesia, 87-89)

## CRPCA Potluck Meeting Minutes February 13, 2005

Attendees: Karen Cellarius, Cate Wilcox, Rich Ireland, Dane Pikkola, Anne Kimberly (and Nicky!), Rick and Elizabeth Edwards (thanks for hosting!), Allen Rosendale, Rick (I missed your last name!).

Announcements: Don't forget the *African Film festival!*

Treasurer's Report: We have a current balance of \$2500, and earned \$13 in interest.

Annual Report: It is done for submission to the NPCA. And we are posting it on our website. Portions will be in the newsletter.

Calendars: All 500 sold before the end of the year. Next year, let's order the calendars *after* we select a partner organization. We probably could have sold another 50-100 this year with the great energy of *Bobbie* and the CFAF group!

Starlight Parade, Rose Festival: An e-mail will go out to see if there is interest in participating, and especially if someone is willing to coordinate it. Entry fee is \$150.

March 1: Peace Corps Advocacy Day: See *Martin Kaplan*. We need to advocate with our Representatives for more funding of Peace Corps.

Peace Corps Week: See *Rick* for more details on things to do. Not too much interest from schools, as stated in earlier meetings (needing to “teach to the tests”.)

Spring Service Day: *Anne Kimberly* will help coordinate. We can pull ivy, feed the homeless, etc. Ideas???

Video Night: It is March 19 at *Jenny Tsai’s* house. See newsletter for the restaurant/dinner meeting place before hand.

Nomination Party: April 25<sup>th</sup> at the SW Lucky Lab.

May 1<sup>st</sup>...a day *Karen* is anticipating! ☺ New officers take their seats on this day! Anyone interested? *Rich Ireland* will be President, *Anne Kimberly* and *Cate Wilcox* agreed to stay on as Treasurer and Secretary. *Dane Pikkola* remains newsletter editor. VP any one?? Speaker’s Bureau?? Other grand opportunities???

Awards: Nominate someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help the CRPCA group!

Discussion: Relationship with NPCA; relevance of our group to RPCVs, supporting PCVs with grants—let them know at the Nom party that we are interested in helping support their projects if they propose something to us, once they are at their sites.

*Cate Wilcox, secretary*

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## Host an International Student

Be part of the solution! ASSE Int'l is now looking for American families to host high school students from countries with significant Muslim populations. All these students have received scholarships through the US State Dept sponsored Partnership for Learning Youth Exchange (YES) program and will spend an academic year in the US while living with American host families. This historic program seeks to build on the values in common with Muslim societies as it strengthens voices of moderation and reinforces the United States' commitment to education and opportunity.

ASSE is currently seeking host families to welcome these special students coming from Gaza, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, the West Bank and Yemen. By living with local host families and attending your local high school, YES scholarship students will acquire an understanding of American values, build on leadership skills, and learn about the important elements of American civil society. Upon returning home, YES scholarship students will work together to share what they have learned while in America and make a difference in their home countries.

If you are interested in learning more about the YES Program, please contact *Renee Ross* at (503)829-8920 or call 1-800-733-2773 toll free.

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## CRPCA Membership Update

### ***Welcome to new and renewing members:***

Jim Maddry, Sierra Leone, 86-88  
 Brian and Melissa Ahrens, Vanuatu, 02-04  
 Alan and Eloika Rozendaal, Ukraine, 96-98  
 Tana Saint, Uzbekistan, 99-01  
 Margaret and John Bromley, Uganda, 66-68  
 Karen Merrill  
 Jessica Quarles, Lesotho, 02-04  
 Anne Savage, Mongolia, 01-03  
 Blake Schmidt, Mozambique, 201-03  
 Heidi Spaly, Namibia, 97-99  
 Anita Donahue, Solomon Islands, 83-86  
 Louanne Douris, Peru, 67-69

### **CRPCA Memberships as of 2/23/05:**

<i>Membership type</i>	<i>Total</i>
Complimentary	12
Family	18
Individual	90
Total	120

### RPCVs—Show your Stuff! (*Redux*)

The Committee for a Museum of the Peace Corps Experience (CMPCE) is gearing up for its *Third Biannual Exhibition of Peace Corps memorabilia*. The show, titled, *The Peace Corps Experience: Bringing the World Home* will be held at the Art Institute of Portland from July 7 - 29, 2005. Your help is needed to make this our best exhibit yet.

Become part of this exhibition and lend to the Committee, for *one month*, one or more of the treasures you collected during your tour as a PCV. We are looking for artistic as well as utilitarian objects to display. Brief text descriptions will be presented with each item. The display will consist of high quality and visually appealing objects that exemplify the broad geographical reach of the Peace Corps. They will be chosen from submissions that may include paintings, leatherwork, carvings, furniture, kitchen items, weavings etc.

Please review the *submission form* for details of our procedures. The sooner you get your form in (especially if you can include a photo of the object), the sooner we can let you know if your item was accepted. Please consider making a financial contribution to the CMPCE to help us defray the costs of mounting the show (see our web site for information on how to donate). If you have questions about the show you can contact us at: 503-699-9833 or [pcmuseum@comcast.net](mailto:pcmuseum@comcast.net) or [martinkaplan@comcast.net](mailto:martinkaplan@comcast.net)

### 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.crPCA.org](http://www.crPCA.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 [crPCA\\_nl@yahoo.com](mailto:crPCA_nl@yahoo.com)

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

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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:  
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