



The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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CRPCA Calendar

Saturday, 4/02. CRPCA Spring Service Day. Stock the Pantry at Oregon Food Bank. 9:00am-12:00pm. 7900 N.E. 33rd Dr., Portland. **RSVP to:** anne.kimberly@reed.edu, 503-234-4094

Sunday, 4/10, 5:00 pm. CRPCA Potluck Meeting at the home of Rosemary Furfey, [7022 SW 33rd Ave](#) in Portland, 503-245-0819. Selection of [CRPCA's 2005-06 officers](#) will begin at 5:00, and we'll break bread with our new leaders at 6:00. Please bring food, drink, and your enthusiasm for CRPCA (as a candidate and/or voting member).

Monday, 4/25, 6:30 pm. Nom Party and Soirée 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 will also be presented at this event.

Peace Corps Funding Alert!

Your help is needed over the next two weeks! The five RPCVs serving in the U.S. House of Representatives have issued a sign-on letter for their colleagues, calling for Congressional support of the President's \$345 Million funding request for Peace Corps for Fiscal Year

2006. We need your help to make sure your Congressman/woman signs the letter. Please go to: <http://www.rpcv.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=1130>

Award Nominations

Two prestigious national awards will be given to selected RPCV's who have shown a demonstrated commitment to Peace Corps' third goal.

April 8th Deadline

The *Lillian Carter Award* will be presented personally by President Jimmy Carter to an RPCV *over the age of 50*. It was received in 2003 by Tony Gasbarro of Fairbanks, Alaska—part of the Western Region. Contact: John Eaves, Atlanta Peace Corps Office. (404) 562-3471 [www.jeaves@peacecorps.gov](mailto:jeaves@peacecorps.gov)

April 11th Deadline

The *Franklin H. Williams Award* will honor 12 RPCV's of *Color* on June 23, in Washington D.C. This award was presented in the past to one of our own! Contact: Wayne Blackwelder, Region Manager. [www.wblackwelder@peacecorps.gov](mailto:wblackwelder@peacecorps.gov)

All expenses to be paid by Peace Corps and the recipient must be present.

Refugee Wish List

Kurdish Human Rights Watch is sponsoring 2 families from Uzbekistan. They speak Turkish and Russian. They are in need of the items listed below. If you have anything to donate, please call Shakhawan at 503-246-6166. The first month's place to live is no longer required. All other kinds of personal help and resettlement assistance is welcome.

- Dining room chairs
- Stroller
- Clothes for a one year old girl
- Help with paying their phone bill
- Television
- Single beds and sheets
- Highchair
- Dressers
- Coffee tables
- Blankets

Also, if you are interested in sponsoring a family, please call Hillary at *Lutheran Family Services* 503-347-6142

Harambee Returns!

Harambee Centre announces its Spring Harambee on **April 19th**--an African celebration of community. The theme will be life transforming stories. It will be from 5:30-8:30pm at *Portland State University Ballroom*. Tickets are \$50.00 and the proceeds will support Harambee Centre programs and projects in Africa. Contact Jackie Goldrick at jdgoldrick@comcast.net for more info.

Persian Studies Celebration

April 9th 8:00pm *Hoffman Hall, PSU*
Although it's too late to rsvp for the big banquet, there are a limited number of free seats for the 8pm program. Call (503)725-4074 to RSVP. Keynote speaker, *Ambassador John Limbert*, will give a presentation titled: *U.S.-Iranian Relations: The Long View*. In addition to having been a Peace Corps Volunteer in Iran (64-66), he also has the distinction of having been their hostage for 14 months.

Global Debt Relief Event

April 26th-30th The *Jubilee Global Connections Tour* is to raise public awareness of the human cost of debt in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and to make links between global and local issues, and to advocate for public action to cancel 100% of the debt. This month in

Portland the two countries featured will be *Zimbabwe* and the *Philippines*. For more information visit: www.jubileeusa.com

Chuukese---anyone?

Flexible, well-paid work that lets you draw upon your Peace Corps experience: The *Court Interpreter Services* unit of the *Oregon Judicial Department* is recruiting court interpreters for work in the Oregon courts. There is a high need to find and train interpreters of *rare languages* (languages other than Spanish). Payment begins at \$25 per hour, and is adjusted depending on the demand for and rarity of the language, as well as the interpreter's experience. Court interpreting requires a high level of fluency in both English and the target language, professionalism, high ethics and a desire to make a positive impact on society. Returned Peace Corps volunteers have been among some of our outstanding interpreters, as they have the cross-cultural and interpersonal skills to be effective. Does this sound like you?! Quarterly training is offered to bring interpreters up to quality, professional standards. For more information, please contact Kelly Mills, Other Than Spanish Interpreter Liaison, kelly.mills@ojd.state.or.us, 503-986-7004 or 503-910-1338.

New RPCV Blog Site

Have PC stories you want to share with other RPCV's? Trying to reconnect with past places and volunteers? Just want to rap with others about the your PC experiences, great and terrible? Anonymous, free blogging is the new way to go! Jason Pearce (service history not stated) has just started www.thirdgoal.com. Lots of links to stories and articles from around the planet. Check it out.

CRPCA New and Renewing Members

As of March 18, 2005 we have 130 current memberships, 19 of which are families. Welcome new and renewing CRPCA members!

Carol & Dan Freedman, Kenya 88-90
 Chris Hagerbaumer, Palau 89-91
 Donald A. Watne, Venezuela 70-72
 Edward & Mary Warmoth, Dominican Republic 85-87
 Erica Hougland, Senegal 01-03
 Gabriella Maertens, Niger 64-66
 Gita Tanna-Howard, Jamaica-Ecuador 89-92
 Jeanette Swenson, Guinea 1997-2000
 Kathleen Buckley, Bulgaria, 03-04
 Marilyn Badurina, Togo 72-76
 Nicole Black Letha, Ecuador 03-04
 Paul Goodrich, Togo 90-92
 Robert Thornhill, Latvia 96-98
 Stephanie Tolk, Mali 98-00
 Terry Vetter, Dominican Republic 81-83

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

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Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

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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