



# The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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### **Re-Nom Party on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Mon., 6:30pm at the Lucky Labrador on 7675 SW Capitol Hwy in Multnomah Village**

Due to a communication break-down, with most Noms not getting the notice in time for April 25th, the Nomination Party has been *rescheduled*. (However the *soirée* was great!) As customary, a few refreshments will be provided, but bring your hard earned cash for any extra drinks or food you might want. Specialties: Pizza, Salads, Lucky Lab Beer and Thomas Kemper Root Beer on tap. Children are welcome. *Charlie Urwyler*, PC Rep from PSU, will be there to answer all your many questions.

### **Soirée, May 30th, 6:30pm, at Lucky Lab Brew Pub, SE Hawthorn St., Portland**

An informal gathering for all persons who have ever been involved with, or are interested in Peace Corps. Kids and Labradors OK.

## **Changes in CRPCA Officers as of May 1<sup>st</sup>**

by *Karen Cellarius*, Hungary, '91-'93

Thanks to everyone who has served in a CRPCA position or helped to coordinate a project this past year. Our group is only as good as its members, and it was great to see everyone come through this year.

Though I will remain as Membership Coordinator, I will be leaving the position of President at the end of April, to be replaced by the very capable *Rich Ireland*. Rich's position as Speakers Bureau Coordinator is being filled by *Victoria Crumpacker*. Everyone else has agreed to continue in their positions for at least one more year.

***Of course, if anyone wants to help them out, they will be more than welcome!*** A complete list of the 2005-2006 CRPCA Officers is included in this newsletter.

## **New Arrival!**

Stepping down as president of CRPCA will now leave *Karen* and *Shak* the time they need as... *new parents!* April 22<sup>nd</sup> brought the arrival of *Zachary*, healthy and rumor says, “*very cute.*” Congratulations, and a special thank you to *Karen* for all her great work as our past president.

## New Speakers Bureau Czarina

by Vicki Crumacker, Turkmenistan, '00-'01

Thank you to Richard Ireland for all of his work to keep the speakers of the RPCV's in the area active in their third Peace Corps goal. I hope to further his efforts in finding venues and more speakers to add to the list. That includes you! Speaking to high school and college kids is fun and invigorating. I plan on having a get together to help with techniques in making your presentation easier and more interesting for you and your audience. Stay tuned for time and place. *Anyone* that is a RPCV can join the speaker bureau. Please e-mail me at [wcrummy@yahoo.com](mailto:wcrummy@yahoo.com) to get on the list. I just need to know where you served, what year, your e-mail address and phone number.

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## CRPCA Membership Report

As of April 13th, CRPCA has *122 memberships*, 20 of which are Family Memberships

### Welcome new and renewing CRPCA members in

#### April:

Joe Gallagher, Ghana, '93-'95

Judy & Kim Beaudoin, Vanuatu, '00-'02

Janet Bennett, Micronesia, '68-'70

Jason Lee, Ghana, '02-'04

Norm & Marge Muilenburg, Ethiopia, '67-'69



CRPCA members surround the sign listing CRPCA as a supporter of the **2005 Cascade Festival of African Film**.

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## Yea, Bobby!

At the April 25<sup>th</sup> Party/Soiree, *Bobby Carrie* officially received the annual *CRPCA Award* for her work as liaison between *Cascade Festival of African Films* and CRPCA in our 2005 Peace Corps calendar sales project. As many of you know, our calendar partner this year was the Cascade Festival of African Films. In addition to being a CRPCA member, Bobbie helps to coordinate that festival. This partnership resulted in the sale of *all 500* calendars well before the end of December. It also increased our visibility in the community by allowing us to have a sponsor's table at each festival film this year as well as to be recognized as a sponsor. Thanks to Bobbie for making this process go so smoothly. And many thanks as well to *Cate Wilcox*, who coordinated the CRPCA side of the project this year, and to everyone who sold calendars and who staffed the CRPCA table at the films.

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## CRPCA nominates Robert Findlay to run for NPCA Western Regional Representative

At the April 10th CRPCA Meeting, the CRPCA members present unanimously named *Robert Findlay* as the group's nominee for the Western regional representative to the board of the National Peace

Corps Association (NPCA). The western region has been newly created and includes affiliated returned Peace Corps association in *Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, California, Nevada, Hawaii and the US Territories*. If elected the board rep would serve for three years.

A resident of Olympia, Washington, Bob has served us well as the NW Regional Representative, a position that is being replaced by the new western regional position. Bob served as a volunteer in Columbia and Peru, and more recently as a Crisis Corps volunteer in the Cook Islands and El Salvador. He has met many of us at the NW Regional Campouts and Meetings, and has represented us well at NPCA meetings and conferences.

We wish Bob all the luck in the upcoming election!

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## Host an International Student with AFS!

Do you remember your first day in your Peace Corps village or town when the people in the community welcomed you in their special way?

Did you know that you have the special opportunity to welcome somebody into your own home and community from another country? **AFS Intercultural**

**Programs** is the world's leading exchange program for high school students. AFS-USA partners with over 40 countries, many of them Peace Corps countries, such as Thailand, Bolivia and Ukraine.

If you are interested in hosting a teenager in your home for a school year or semester, please contact *Stephanie Tolk* (RPCV, Mali '98-'00) at 503-419-9579 or [stolk@afs.org](mailto:stolk@afs.org). This opportunity is not limited to RPCVs, so tell your friends!

## 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).

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Peace Corps Country and Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Peace Corps

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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)

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