



The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

Volume 24, Issue 9 "Bringing the World back Home" September, 2005

In This Issue:

President's Corner
Report on recent BBQ
Speaker's Bureau
CRPCA membership
CRPCA Annual Planning Meeting (Important!)
Niger Fundraiser
Letters

Events Calendar **September, 2005**

Saturday, 9/11 *Global Fest (see President's Corner)*

Thursday, 9/15 *Speaker's Bureau get-together (see article this issue)*

Sunday, 9/18, 2:30-4:30pm, *CRPCA Calendar Planning Meeting*, Multnomah County Central Library (801 SW 10th Ave.) Light refreshments provided (see *President's Corner*)

Tuesday, 9/20, 6pm-8:30 *Benefit for Niger Famine Relief (see article this issue)*

Monday, 9/26, 6:30 pm, *Soiree* at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, SE 9th and Hawthorne.

President's Corner

Put on your calendar for *September, 18th*. We will be having our *annual planning meeting* at the central library. During this time we will set the schedule of events for the *entire year*. We will decide on who our partner will be for Calendar sales, *eat pizza* and have a generally good time.

One of the decisions will be about whether to have our annual banquet. We have had good food and fun in the past, but recently have had little time it seems to put it together. Last time we raised money for "causes"

through a silent auction. I have had little response to making this happen. If you think it is a good idea you might e-mail me, or better yet, come to the *September 18th* meeting.

September 11th we are co-sponsoring a table at *Global Fest*. *We need volunteers* for shifts between *noon* and *6 pm*. This is a huge multicultural event to celebrate diversity, especially in light of September 11, 2001. If you don't want to sit at the table and talk with people, consider coming to the event.

Be sure and check out our web site periodically, as we post changes and new events there. *Bill Stein* has been doing great work at keeping it up to date. In addition he has done a great job getting the annual Campout together at Honeyman State Park in the dunes. Beautiful Place! I hope to meet you at one of our events or the *Potluck on October, 9th*.

Na we pita ("I will see you later"-Haitian Creole)
Richard Ireland, President

BBQ Report

For those who missed the "*BBQ, Pacific Style*", hosted by *Laura (Kiribati, 97-99)* and *Steve Montez*---Well, you Missed it! Some 30+ people showed up, many wearing Polynesian style shirts or wraparounds, bearing some of the best potluck to ever grace a very large table.

There were also several guests who were actually *from* the Island nations of the Southern Ocean, lending an authenticity lacking in us wannabes. After a terrific dinner, an informative video of the area culture could be watched, or one could just converse with those native to Kiribati itself. (You would quickly learn, for instance, that it's pronounced "*Kiri-boss*.)

Let's hope this event will spark interest in more area-of service BBQs in the future. Kudos to the Hosts!

Speaker's Bureau Get-Together

Victoria Crumpacker has scheduled a gathering "to discuss and learn how to give good presentations." For those who might be a bit unsure of themselves in public speaking, this could prove to be just what you've been looking for!

September 15th, 6:30 pm at Portland State Univ., 1950 SW 6th on College Street, Room 121. (kitty-corner from the Cheerful Tortoise.) Ring bell on the outside for entry.

RSVP wcrummy@yahoo.com

CRPCA Membership Report

*130 members, 20 of which are family memberships .
Welcome new and renewing members in July and August:*

Blake Schmidt, Mozambique
Anne Kimberly , Sierra Leone
Bill and Jenny Stein, Niger
Frank Eugene Williams, Kazakhstan
Jerry Healy, Dominican Republic
Walt and Sandy Rivers, Ethiopia and Mongolia
Jack Fones, Tonga
Mark Bowder, Thailand
Hope Wall, Guyana
Todd and Stephanie Stevenson, Papua New Guinea
Jenny Tsai, Fiji
JoAnn Gaasland, Jordan, Armenia
Kathleen Ellen Shea, Romania
Heidi Spaly, Namibia
Barbara A. Pugh, Brazil
Julia Williamson, Guatemala
Kara Lynn Rankin, Brazil
Anita Donahue, Solomon Islands
Jennifer Mead, Niger
Karen Cellarius, Hungary
Thomas R. Anderson, Ghana
Sue Murray, Estonia
William Hammel, Oman
Tom Argent, Swaziland, CAR
Victoria Crumpacker, Turkmenistan
Dane Pikkola, Swaziland
Anne Lucke, China
Debbie Deetz-Silva, Marshall Islands
Stan Withee, Brazil
Melissa M. Stewart, Turkey

CRPCA Annual Calendar Planning Meeting.

Please join us on **Sunday, September 18th** from 2:30-4:30pm as we meet to review our accomplishments over the past year and to plan next year's activities. This meeting is a great way to get to know the group and get involved. The meeting will be in the large meeting room just inside the entrance of the *downtown Portland Central Library* (801 SW 10th). We've got a lot to cover in 2 hours, so we will start promptly.

Agenda

.Welcome
.Brief Officers Updates: (President, Treasurer, Membership, Speakers Bureau, Webmaster, Newsletter, Restaurant, Advocacy)
.Calendar Sales: Choose sales partner and percent of proceeds, Coordination of Sales
.Create 2004-2005 Calendar of Events
.Other business?
.Adjourn

Niger Fundraiser

Tues., Sept. 20, 6:00-8:30p.m.

Niger is the Sahelian country in West Africa that has suffered a severe drought as well as a locust infestation this year. Our event will benefit Mercy Corps' efforts in Niger, so come enjoy live storytelling, music, wine and hors d'oeuvres. On display will be photos, cloth and art brought back by those of us (at least *nine*) who at one point called Niger "home."

The location for the event is *Ciao Vito*, owned by RPCV (Niger) *Vito DiLullo*. This fabulous Italian restaurant is at [2203 NE Alberta](#). Tickets are \$20/person and additional donations to Mercy Corps will be gladly accepted at the event. If unable to attend, check out the Mercy Corps web site at: www.mercycorps.org to make an on-line contribution, or contact *Shari Exo* for more information at shariexo@verizon.net
Hope to see you there!

Letters

Hello:

I am looking for information on a school that was built in 1972 in *Gipo, Liberia* by Peace Corps. The money to build the school came from Joseph Azevada Elementary students in Fremont, Calif. It took the school two years to raise the funds to sponsor the construction. On your website you have someone who knows about Liberia for the years 1970-72. (I cannot even find Gipo on any web searches.) I am a grandparent of a student at Azevada, and would like to do a follow-up on the school built by the funds raised by many of the current student's parents.

Thank you for any help you can give,

Flo Moscon

fmoscon@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.crpga.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: crpga_nl@yahoo.com

OFFICERS

President: Richard Ireland (Haiti '98-'00)
503-246-0479, rireland88@yahoo.com

Secretary: Cate Wilcox (Micronesia '87-'89)
503-777-3578, cwilcox@teleport.com

Treasurer: Anne Kimberly (Sierra Leone '86-'88)
503-234-4094, anne.kimberly@reed.edu

Newsletter Editor: Dane Pikkola (Swaziland '92-'94)
971-544-1727, crpga_nl@yahoo.com

Speakers Bureau: Victoria Crumpacker
(Turkmenistan '00-'01) wcrummy@yahoo.com
Membership: Karen Cellarius (Hungary '91-'93)
503-289-3964, karen@cellarius.org
Webmaster: Bill Stein (Niger '90-'93)
503-235-9637, garba@aracnet.com
Restaurant Coordinator: Jenny Tsai (Fiji '90-'92)
503-806-6275, jenn_tsai@hotmail.com.
Advocacy Coordinator: Martin Kaplan (Somalia '62-'64)
503-699-9833,
martinkaplan@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS CHANGE RENEWAL FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

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? _____

Please check one of the following membership options:

Preferred / Encouraged

Membership in the National Peace Corps Association with CRPCA as your free affiliate.

_____ \$50 CRPCA and NPCA (Individual)

_____ \$65 CRPCA and NPCA (Family)

_____ FREE CRPCA and NPCA (if you closed your Peace Corps service in the last year)

Low Income / Living Lightly

Membership in CRPCA only.

_____ \$15 CRPCA only (Individual)

_____ \$22.50 CRPCA only (Family)

Please make checks payable to: Columbia River Peace Corps Association, and mail to:
CRPCA, PO Box 802, Portland, OR 97207

Columbia River Peace Corps Association
PO Box 802
Portland, OR 97207
www.crpca.org