



The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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December 2005

Saturday, 12/3, 6:00 pm. CRPCA *Scrabble Night* at the home of Jim Maddry, 4053 NE 16th Ave in Portland, 503-288-3046. Over a wonderful feast (the November CRPCA restaurant gathering at Ya Hala), we came to the realization that one thing many RPCVs share is a love for the game of Scrabble. So we're organizing the first CRPCA Scrabble Night. BYOB and \$5 to contribute to the pizza fund; RSVP to jmaddry@mindspring.com so we know how much to order. After dinner, we'll split attendees into several 3-4 person games. We may or may not have a championship competition, but the games will go on until people choose to go home.

Sunday, 12/11, 5:00 pm. CRPCA *Potluck* at the home of Rosemary Furfey, 7022 SW 33rd Ave in Portland, 503-245-0819. All are welcome to the 5pm group meeting. Dinner will be at 6pm; please bring a favorite dish and drink.

Remember: No Soirée in December (replaced by post-holiday party on January 7.)

January 2006

Saturday, 1/7, 6:30 pm. CRPCA *Post-Holiday Party*, WESTSIDE Lucky Labrador Public House, 7675 SW Capitol Hwy in Portland. (see article page 2).

Saturday, 1/14. Northwest Regional Peace Corps meeting in Eugene. Meet members of other RPCV groups around the Northwest. Contact Beryl Brinkman.

Saturday, 1/28, 7:00 pm. CRPCA *Restaurant Gathering* at Swagat Indian Cuisine, 2074 NW Lovejoy St in Portland. RSVP by Jan 27 to Jenny Tsai, jenn_tsai@hotmail.com or 503-806-6275. Dinner may be followed by an international movie depending on group interest.

Monday, 1/30, 6:30 pm. *Soirée* at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd in Portland. (Look for the CRPCA sign in or near the front room.)

Join us for the CRPCA Post-Holiday Party!
Saturday, January 7th at 6:30 pm at the Lucky
Labrador Public House on SW Capitol Hwy.

This year: Pizza and Salad buffet. RSVP to:
Karen@Cellarius.org or 503-289-3964

Once again, we have rented out the large upstairs room at the *Lucky Lab Public House* in SW Portland for our post-holiday shindig! Bring your good cheer and a white elephant gift to exchange. We've been doing this for a few years now, and it is always great fun and children are welcome. This year, there will be an all you can eat pizza and salad buffet. CRPCA is subsidizing the cost for CRPCA members. Pay at the door: \$5 for CRPCA members (and kids age 3-7), \$8 for non-members. Free for kids under age 3. (Drinks are extra.) So the Lucky Lab has an idea of how much pizza and salad to make, please RSVP to Karen@Cellarius.org or 503-289-3964 by December 31st.

Location: Lucky Labrador in SW Portland,
7675 SW Capitol Hwy

Highway Directions: From downtown Portland
going south on I-5: Take the MULTNOMAH BLVD. exit- EXIT 296B. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SW MULTNOMAH BLVD. Turn RIGHT onto SW 31ST AVE. Turn LEFT onto SW CAPITOL HWY. End at 7675 SW CAPITOL HWY, PORTLAND, OR.

From Salem/Woodburn, going north on I-5:
Take the BARBUR BLVD. exit- EXIT 294. Stay straight to go onto SW BARBUR BLVD/PACIFIC HWY W. Turn RIGHT onto SW HUBER ST. Turn LEFT onto SW CAPITOL HWY. Turn LEFT to stay on SW CAPITOL HWY. End at 7675 SW CAPITOL HWY. PORTLAND, OR

Bus from downtown Portland: Take **#44** or **#45**. Get off at first stop, going *into* Multnomah Village.

Questions? Contact *Karen Cellarius* 503-289-3964

Welcome new and renewing CRPCA
members in October and November:

Brian Hobbs and Lani Horowitz, Ukraine 03-05
Carol McCormac Wild, Senegal 86-89
Carol K. North, Micronesia, 67-69
Cindy Fletcher, Russian Far East 97-00
Cira Endsley, Senegal 98-00
Jennifer Vomaske, Kenya 03-05
Katie Miller, Malaysia 67-69
Leigh M. Knox, Kenya 84-86
Marjorie Lemieux, Kazakhstan 93-95
Mark and Sarah Axness, Ghana 99-01
Maurice Anderson, Iran 64-66
Michael Colombo, Sierra Leone 69-70
Pat Russell, Western Samoa 90-92
Shelley Bedell, Fiji 82-84
Teri Kaliher, Venezuela 74-76
Walt and Sandy Rivers, Ethiopia and Mongolia 98-99, 99-00

Christmas Gifts!

Yes, CRPCA *collapsible* duffel bags are still available! They come in navy with white letters and are made of durable lightweight nylon. Perfect for an extra bag to throw in your suitcase for traveling or for many other uses. "Peace" is printed on one side in many different languages, along with the Peace Corps logo. Thanks to those of you who contributed languages to the duffel bag!

Proceeds benefit CRPCA projects. The bags are available for \$18 through Karen Cellarius (cellark@pdx.edu: 503-289-3964) until gone.

And now, a few words from our new Program Director...

Thank you to all who attended October's potluck meeting. Bill Stein's family's hospitality was greatly appreciated, and everyone shared such delectable dishes and lively conversation. Best of all, we were pleased to have *Molly Ola Pinney* come and talk to us about her growing project in Ghana, entitled *Global Autism Project*. What started out as a private job taking care of an autistic American child in Ghana, became a major undertaking to address the needs of local autistic children. Molly has helped train others to run the *Autism Awareness Care and Training Centre*, and in just her short time there, it is evident what a positive effect she has had on so many local autistic children.

Though Molly returns to Columbia University to complete her degree in behavioral neuroscience, her project continues forward under the direction of a former RPCV. The *Global Autism Project* is continually looking for financial donations, that can be made by visiting their website, www.globalautismproject.org, or by calling Molly at 206.850.9265. Thanks again to Molly for sharing with us her amazing international project, as she continually makes a positive impact on children with special needs.

Please join us for our next potluck meeting in December. I am still trying to line up a speaker, but so far, we have a few people who are interested in speaking sometime this next year. If you know someone who may fit the bill, please contact me at neiroora@hotmail.com, or call me at 503.313.9421. Have a happy holidays!

Laura Montez , Kiribati '97-'99

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our heart and we are never, ever the same."

Letters

Dear CRPCA:

"I am hoping you would be willing to circulate an email to CRPCA members about this fundraiser.

One of my secondary projects as a Peace Corps Volunteer in *Guyana* escalated into developing a nation wide program offering free surgical repair of cleft lip and cleft palate defects and repair of other facial deformities for economically disadvantaged children and youth. The program was named the *Wishbone Project* - in part because it was launched shortly before Thanksgiving 2004. The program is supported by St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Georgetown, Guyana , South America.

<http://www.mercy.hospital.org.gy/> -(click on the Wishbone Project)

The project is funded by some local businesses, the Diplomatic Spouse Association and other small donors in Guyana and several private donors in the US, and we were recently notified that we have been awarded a sum from the US based Smile Train. Although this sounds as though we have accessed substantial funding sources - the need exceeds the funding. So we are having :"

The Wishbone Project Benefit Studio Sale WHEN

Friday, December 2nd - 6pm - 10 pm

Saturday, December 3rd - 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday, December 4th - 10 am - 4 pm

WHERE: 3535 Corbett #106

Lair Hill, Portland

Goods on sale by local artisans:

Jewelry; wood; photography; metal work; ceramics and much more!

40% of proceeds go to the *wishbone Project*.

This sale coincides with the annual Print sale at Inkling Studio located across the street. It is an excellent opportunity to start your holiday shopping and to support an excellent program.

Thank you kindly for your support.

Hope wall, Guyana '03-'05

Hopetogo2000@yahoo.com

Dear CRPCA:

“Hello, my name is *Judy Schwartzer* and I am an old timer who served in Malaysia from 1977-80. Recently, I was forced to evacuate from my home in New Orleans due to Katrina/Rita. I stayed in Central Louisiana for 7 weeks and have now returned to my damaged apartment. I have lived in New Orleans for a total of 15 years and, although I love my adopted home, I no longer feel safe staying here. The rebuilding plans to me are much too precarious and dysfunctional.

As far as what kind of work I do, well, I used to be in Social Services, but I left that to work on my own for awhile. I also worked with preschool children. For the past few years, I had to serve as personal case manager for my ill parents. My father has since passed away but I still supervise my mother's care, being that she has severe Alzheimer's disease. I have also done office work, and, community gardening. I know that this may sound flaky but family etc. needed my energies. Now, I am looking for work in the kinds of areas that I mentioned above. I am versatile and can do or learn just about anything. Thank you for your consideration”

Judy Schwartzer
bennycin@bellsouth.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*. 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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2006 International Calendars

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR CALENDARS!! THE ARE GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS AND ARE SELLING FAST! Calendars are **still only \$10 each**, plus \$4 postage if mailed to you. This postage rate applies to 1-5 calendars, with an additional \$4 postage for each 5-calendar increment. You may pick up calendars at our various pick-up points or to purchase them at CRPCA events. You may also complete the order form below and have them mailed to you.

Proceeds go to support the **Pangaea Project** and the **Niger Famine Relief Effort**

You may get calendars from the following people: *Richard Ireland* (503-246-0479, SW Portland), *Thrina Parent* (503-288-7231 NE Portland), *Lesly Sanocki* (503-690-3391, Beaverton/Hillsboro), *Bill Stein* (503-235-9637, SE Portland), *Stephanie Tolk* (stephanietolk@gmail.com, North Portland) and *Cate Wilcox* (503-777-3578, SE Portland). If you would like to have them mailed to you, send in the order form with a check as indicated on the order form. If you have any questions, call or email Cate (cwilcox@teleport.com).

Thanks for your continued support!

Cate Wilcox (Micronesia '87-'89)

2006 International Calendar

Sold by Columbia River Peace Corps Association www.crpca.org

Order form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, and Zip _____

Number of calendars _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Postage and handling \$ 4 (1-5 calendars)

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to **CRPCA**. Please send your order and payment to: Cate Wilcox, 4609 SE Mitchell St., Portland, Oregon 97206
503-777-3578

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)

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