



# The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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## Nom Party---Coming Up Soon!

Monday, May, 7th, 6:30 pm. , WESTSIDE Lucky Labrador Public House, 7675 SW Capitol Hwy. Meet newly nominated Peace Corps Volunteers as they prepare for their great adventure. Family and friends welcome. Co-sponsored by the Seattle Peace Corps Recruiting Office. RSVP to [peacecorps@pdx.edu](mailto:peacecorps@pdx.edu) so we know how much pizza to order. (the \$8 buffet is all-you-can-eat, and there's a no-host bar).

## CRPCA Events Calendar

April, 2006

**4/9, Sunday, 5:00pm.** CRPCA *Potluck* at Jenny Tsai's, 2944 NW Raleigh St. Portland. 503-806-6275. 2006-07 Officers will be selected at the business meeting.

**4/24, Monday, 6:30pm.** *Soirée* at the Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, 915 Hawthorne Blvd., Portland. Look for the CRPCA sign in or near the front room.

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*Note from the editor: This will be my final effort putting together our newsletter. Beginning two years ago, with no experience and few skills for the job, it's become a monthly challenge I've enjoyed and glad I took on. Now it's time to make a place for the next editor and get on with a few unfinished projects of my own. See ya at the next event. Dane.*

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## RPCV's and Local Libraries

Portland Peace Corps RPCV's are invited to participate in a pilot project involving our local Multnomah County Library system. We have been asked by NPCA to help "expand and support global education activities reaching the general public through libraries nationwide."

The Multnomah County Library is onboard and excited about this project that will be focusing on school age children and adults. They will work with us scheduling programs and dates, then promoting them through their expansive marketing systems. They plan quarterly, a quarter ahead. So we will be working on fall soon with them. Time frames will be fall and winter months and the programs will be at the various satellite libraries around town. Programs will be 1-2 hours long weekend days or week nights.

Examples of programs can be:

- story telling
- art projects
- cooking dishes
- music

Also themed display cases around the above events. We are going to see if any RPCV authors from Oregon and Washington can come for book readings and signings. The ideas are endless and you are invited to participate. We are asking you to respond and let us know if you would like to be involved. We will be planning over the next few months for the fall and winter and will be asking for input. We need a coordinator for this project. Please let me know if this is something someone would like to become involved with. Thanks very much. Vicki  
[wcrummy@yahoo.com](mailto:wcrummy@yahoo.com)

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### **Invisible Children**

Can a story change the world? In the spring of 2003, three young Americans from California left in search of such a story. What they found was a tragedy that both disgusted and inspired them. *Invisible Children* is a film about the horrors the youth of Uganda face every single day. Please join us, educate yourself, and get involved. You can help make a difference.

**When:** Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm

**Where:** The PSU 5th Ave. Cinemas, 510 SW Hall St. (corner of 5th & Hall) **Free.** visit [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com)

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### **Regional NPCA Meeting**

May 20th in Seattle there is a regional meeting of the NPCA. It is always a fun gathering. I work on Saturdays and cannot make it. Is there anyone interested in going? We provide gas money for one car going up. Rich.

Contact me at: [ireland88@yahoo.com](mailto:ireland88@yahoo.com)

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### **Encore, Encore!**

Looking for ways to serve overseas again? A new nonprofit has been formed that has *short term* volunteer activities. This is not a group affiliated with US Peace Corps or the NPCA., but still requires applicants to be RPCV's. For more information go to: <http://www.peacecorpsencore.org>

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### **English Tutors Sought**

*IRCO*, the *Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization*, provides employment training and job placement for all new refugees arriving in Oregon. As part of this effort, we match many refugees with community volunteers who provide individualized English instruction. Tutoring for IRCO is an exciting and challenging way of putting your teaching and cross-cultural communication skills to use. Our tutors work one-on-one with their students, in the student's home. The students are adult refugees and represent a huge range of English abilities. At the extremes, a few are college students who need help with their academic writing, while some are not literate in their native language and struggle with the concept of phonics. They come from a wide variety of countries, but most are from Eastern Africa, the former Soviet Union, Cuba, and Southeast Asia.

We provide tutors with an orientation, observation classes, a teaching manual, and ongoing support. We also provide general teaching materials, but expect tutors to plan lessons specific to their students' needs.

Volunteer tutors commit to 3 1/2 hours per week (1 hour of lesson planning and 2 hours of tutoring, plus transportation) for 4 months. It is usually necessary to have a car. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact: *Michael Handley* at 503-234-1541 x114 or

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## Letters

Dear CRPCA

We felt that former Peace Corps volunteers might be interested in our Portland based organization, as we have an international scope. The *American Domestic Violence Line*, established as a non-profit in 1999, is toll free *internationally* to serve American women and children living in foreign countries suffering with domestic violence and child abuse. Through our crisis line, we are able to provide families with crisis intervention, domestic violence advocacy, case management, safety planning, information and referral. We are also able to relocate families back to the USA who are fleeing violence and provide them with emergency housing and legal retainers. In addition we have a one year transitional housing program here in the Portland metro area. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about becoming a *Volunteer Crisis Line Advocate*. Our next thirty hour training session will begin May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Paula Lucas

Founder/Executive Director

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## 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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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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