



The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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JUNE Events Calendar

Sunday, 6/11, 5 pm. Potluck Meeting,
4261 SE Alder

Saturday, 6/17, 6:30 pm. Beaver's Baseball Game
PGE Park. 1844 SW Morrison

Monday, 6/26, 6:30 pm. Soirée at *Lucky Labrador Brew Pub*, 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd in Portland.
Last Monday of every month.
(Look for the CRPCA sign or a group of people who look like they've spent a couple of years using outhouses and/or washing their clothes by hand)

From the Program Coordinator

POTLUCK MEETING!

Please join us Sunday, June 11 at 5pm for our potluck meeting. Our board meets at 5pm, and all are welcome to listen in and give their input. This is followed by a delicious potluck dinner, so bring your best or favorite dish to share! At 7pm, we will have our guest speaker, Paula Lucas, talk about her organization that assists women and children living overseas who are victims of domestic violence. She is very excited about speaking with our group, so let's show our support in NUMBERS!!! Location: Anne Kimberly's home, at 4261 SE Alder, in Portland. Phone number 503.234.4094.

Hope to see you all there!

SECOND ANNUAL PACIFIC ISLAND BBQ POTLUCK

If you missed it last summer, this is your chance to check out one of last year's top attended events! If you were there, well, we are going to try and make it even better! Put it on your calendar, search for your most colorful Pacific Island dress/attire, and bring a favorite dish! Our second annual Pacific Island BBQ Potluck is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 19th, 2006, starting at 6pm, and ending when the last person walks out the door. Location: Laura and Steve Montez' place, in Gresham. Formal address to follow, pending finalization of date.

Potluck assignments, to ensure a plentiful variety, are as follows: African and Eastern European RPCV's will bring a main dish, America's and Carribean RPCV's will bring a salad/fruit dish, and Asia/Pacific Island RPCV's will bring a dessert. We will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda. It is open to alcohol, BYOB. Garden burgers will be available for vegetarians, but you must RSVP with that request so we know how many to buy. Everyone is highly encouraged to wear Pacific Island attire, and please wear slip-on shoes, as this is a shoe-free home. Island music will be heard in the background, and hopefully, we will have some live entertainment from local Kiribati people (my country of service). Kids are welcome, plenty of toys downstairs! This gala is open to all RPCV's, friends who have served in

some capacity overseas, or anyone with any connection to those already mentioned. We look forward to making this party a memorable event for all people, coming from all locations, in order to educate people about the small islands of Kiribati and its peoples and customs. Please RSVP to Laura, at 503.674.3584. See you all there!

Laura Montez RPCV Kiribati '97-'99
CRPCA Program Coordinator

Take Me out to the Ballgame

Join us in our first-ever CRPCA expedition to a Portland Beavers baseball game. We will meet Saturday, June 17

Please RSVP to sally021@centurytel.net or (503) 694-1148. There's no deadline on RSVPing, and we will gather at the box office at PGE Park (1844 SW Morrison) at 6:30 to buy tickets together - probably general admission tickets, which are \$8 each.

CRPCA Picnic and Nom Party Sunday, July 16 (12-4pm)

This year's picnic will be held at the Washington Park Elephant House in SW Portland. Again this year we're inviting local RPCVs, your families and friends, and Peace Corps nominees in coordination with the Seattle recruiting office.

Food: It's a potluck; we're asked to bring food according to the first letter of our last names.

- **A-M:** please bring a main dish
- **N-T:** please bring a salad
- **U-Z:** please bring a dessert
- **Beverages:** please bring your own (personal alcohol is permitted)

Directions: Find your way to Washington Park's International Rose Test Garden, then take the one-way street heading downhill (Sherwood Blvd) for a short distance. There is ample parking alongside the playground, and the Elephant House is just downhill from the playground. TriMet's Washington Park Shuttle (from the Washington Park MAX station) provides service every 15 minutes to the playground stop. [Click here](#) for a map of Washington Park.

Activities: Socialize with other Peace Corps returnees/nominees/families, eat yummy food, and play outdoor games. For the little ones Portland's finest playground is a short walk away. Questions? Contact [Linda Oh](#), 503-645-8825.

West Region RPCV "Summer of Peace" Campout

Each summer Returned Peace Corps Volunteers from throughout the West gather for a weekend of fun times in nature. Here's the info on the 2006 campout, which will be hosted by the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Idaho.

- **Location:** [Dworshak State Park](#) near Orofino, Idaho. Dworshak Park is a reservoir location offering boating, swimming and fishing; the campground has hiking, biking, showers, flush toilets, dump station, volleyball, horseshoe pits and a playground. We have reserved the Camas Loop (sites 95-105) in the Freeman Creek Campground.
- **Dates:** Thursday-Sunday, August 3-6, 2006.
- **Fees:** \$15 per adult, \$8 per teenager, free for children 12 and younger. These fees cover camping for up to three nights, Sunday breakfast, and charcoal for the Saturday evening cookoff.
- **Meals:** All food and beverages will have to be brought in. There is not a store on site, though firewood and ice are available for sale in the park. Saturday evening there will be a Dutch Oven cookoff (for details/recipes, see the [Idaho State University Dutch Oven page](#), the [International Dutch Oven Society](#), and/or [justdutchovenrecipes.com](#)). Sunday morning the breakfast will be prepared by our Idaho RPCV hosts: Hot cakes (with huckleberry syrup), sausage (chorizo or beef), fruit, juice and coffee.

DIRECTIONS

- **From Portland (410 miles):** Take I-84 to exit 179 (Hermiston), I-82 to exit 113 (Kennewick), US 395 north past Connell, WA 26 east to Colfax, US 395 south to Pullman, WA 270 east to Moscow, ID 8 east

9 miles to Troy, ID 99 south 13 miles to Kendrick, county road P1 (Cavendish Road) to Dworshak turnoff (15 miles), then turn left to the campground (10 miles).

- **Notes for all travelers:** Plenty of scenic alternate routes exist if you've got a good road atlas; only the quickest routes are listed here. Note that the last two miles into the campground is a narrow, paved two-lane road with about a dozen hairpin turns. You may end up behind or meeting trailers that are using the outside lane to make their turns; heed the 10 mph speed limit, and please be sure to yield to these trailers.

RSVP

Sam Greer of [Idaho RPCVs](#) has begun accepting reservations. [Send Sam an e-mail](#) with the following information, then mail a check for the appropriate amount to **Charles Greer, 2648 Gourley St, Boise ID 83705-4026**.

- Names of all persons in your party
- for each RPCV in your party: Country and years of Peace Corps service
- for each child in your party: Age
- RPCV group(s) of which you are a member
- Your e-mail address and city of residence
- Expected date of arrival

Nearby Attractions

Idaho RPCVs have provided a list links to help you plan your trip. You can find details at <http://www.crpc.org/campout.html>

(Note that northern Idaho is in the Pacific time zone)

- [Lewis and Clark in Idaho](#) (travel and historical info)
- [Orofino Chamber of Commerce](#) (local services)
- [Riverdance Lodge](#), Syringa ID
- [Three Rivers Rafting](#), Kooskia ID
- [Appaloosa Museum](#), Moscow ID
- [Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute](#), Pendleton OR

Keep updated on local activities at
www.crpc.org

Recruiting New Officers

We are seeking people for three officer positions, all of which are key to the work of this organization. We encourage all interested members to read over the position descriptions in [CRPCA's bylaws](#), then contact [Rich Ireland](#) (503-246-0479) with any questions or to express interest. Terms run through April 2007.

- **Events Coordinator:** Coordinates CRPCA's Annual Fundraising Dinner and organizes other special events such as the annual picnic.
- **Fundraising Coordinator:** Coordinates CRPCA's annual Calendar sale and the Annual Fundraising Dinner's charity auction.
- **Service Coordinator:** Coordinates CRPCA's service events and advocacy for Peace Corps issues.

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.crpc.org. Newsletter submissions are due by the 25th of each month. Send by mail to P.O. Box 802, Portland, OR 97207, or email to: crpc_nl@yahoo.com

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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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