



The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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CRPCA Events Calendar

October, 2006

Sunday, 10/8, 6:00 pm **Potluck** – (Business mtg at 5:00) see article

Monday, 10/30, 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.)

Saturday, 11/11 – **Restaurant Gathering**,

Location TBD

Sunday, 12/10, 6:00 pm **Potluck** –

Location TBD

President's corner:

We had our annual planning meeting which was a wonderful reconnecting with our goals and purpose. We run on where the energy is. We have several positions that are unfilled and so activities that do not happen.

One is our Service Coordinator. Not a big job, organizing community service activities like manning telephones for OPB or working at the food bank.

Another is a fundraiser for projects other than our Calendar sales.

Next month we will publish our calendar for the year. It is a rare delight to serve you. Stay in touch.

Rich Ireland, CRPCA President
Haiti, 98-00



Talent Night / Game Night

The Board is considering a Talent Night and Silent auction sometime in March. Email Rich Ireland at rireland88@yahoo.com or call 503-246-0479. If this is something you would attend, and if you have a talent to display. If we do not get enough responses we will not do it.

We've had a successful game night in the past (Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, etc.) If anyone is interested in hosting another, please contact Rich Ireland.



CRPCA Positions Available

The CRPCA Newsletter Editor and database manager positions are available immediately. If you are at all familiar with Microsoft Word and Excel (or Access) the position would take some 6-10 hours per week. The editor and db manager positions may be divided between two people, and has often been done so in the past, but for a little extra effort for one person, a lot of time is saved that is otherwise spent coordinating between two people.

If anyone is interested in this position, please reply immediately to crpca_nl@yahoo.com so I can get you the necessary files and spend an hour or so going over basics. I can give will be unavailable to offer any help after October 7, but you can still receive the database and newsletter template at any time.



CRPCA Resumes Potluck Season Oct. 8

CRPCA's first potluck of the fall will be Sunday, October 8 at the home of Bill & Jenny Stein, **3322 SE Brooklyn St** in Portland. Take Division (TriMet bus 4) or Powell (bus 9) to SE 33rd Avenue. From Division turn south on 33rd Avenue (not Place), or from Powell turn north at the 33rd Avenue light. From either direction, turn east onto Brooklyn Street at the second stop sign, and the blue house is the third one on the right. If arriving late, you may have more luck parking on 33rd. Call 503-235-9637 if you need help finding the location.

All are welcome to the 5pm CRPCA business meeting. The potluck dinner (please bring a favorite fall dish and drink) will begin at 6pm, and the program (10,000 Villages) will begin once everyone has had enough to eat.

Message from Your Program Director

Hello CRPCA members! We're getting geared up for more potluck dinner meetings, and ALL are encouraged to attend. Our upcoming meeting is Sunday evening, October 8th, at Bill Stein's home. Address: 3322 SE Brooklyn St, off of SE 33rd between Division and Powell Blvd. Our speaker will be Karen, from 10,000 Villages Store in Portland. She will talk to us about her store and her mission. Please bring your favorite dish, and enjoy the company! The board meeting, open to everyone, starts at 5p, then dinner is at 6p, followed by our feature presentation at 7p. Hope to see you all there!

Mark your calendars for future potluck meetings: Sundays, December 10th, February 11th, April 15th and June 10th. We are looking for hosts, who can accomodate a group of people and hopefully are centrally located with adequate parking. Please contact me at neiroora@hotmail.com, or 503 674 3584, if you are interested in hosting. Also, if you or anyone you know are interested in talking about a certain subject that may be of interest to our members, feel free to contact me as well.

Hope to see everyone October 8th!
Happy Fall!

Laura Montez
M.S. PA-C
Physician Assistant
RPCV Kiribati '97-'99

Get some Hioliday Shopping Done Early

Pat Russell is this year's calendar coordinator. As usual, the RPCV group in Madison, Wisconsin has put together a fantastic collection of Peace Corps' photographs and made everyday a holiday. You can see the photos at <http://www.rpcvmadison.org/> and you can contact Pat at (503) 284-2874 or patr88@renaissancemedia.com to buy them.

CRPCA Board Chooses Calendar Partner

At the Annual Planning Mtg on September 24th, the officers voted for the Portland based American Domestic Violence Crisis Line as the calendar partner for this year. This organization will make an effort to sell 200 calendars at the Northwest Women's show, being held October 20-22. This event is expected to draw some 20,000 participants and the calendars will serve to remind a lot of people the worlds that Peace Corps Volunteers serve.

The Board also gave a grant of \$500 to the Cascade Festival of African Films.



African Movie Night

A Fund raiser for
African Children's Libraries

Saturday, September 30, 2006, 6-10:00 PM

St. Clare Church, 8535 SW 19th Street, Portland
Enter Fellowship hall in basement of the school
from the parking lot.

6 PM Nigerian film first showing

7:30 Discussion and dessert

8:15 Nigerian film second showing

Donations are tax deductible
Individual \$20 Couple \$35 Family \$50

Each \$50 contribution will send 4 boxes of books to
Liberia

RSVP Ann Easterly
2221 NW 12th Street Corvallis, Oregon 97330
541 757-2467 www.africanchildrenslibraries.org

American Domestic Violence Crisis Line Seek Volunteers

ADVCL, a 501(C)(3) nonprofit based in Portland, operates the only international toll free domestic violence crisis line in operation in the USA that serves battered American women and their children in foreign countries. The line is currently toll free from 175 different countries and serves the American civilian and military populations overseas.

The deadline to apply for training is October 18th. If you are interested, please call 503-203-1444 or email whitneyz@866uswomen.org.

More information can be found at the website:
<http://www.866uswomen.org/>

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 email to: crPCA_nl@yahoo.com

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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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