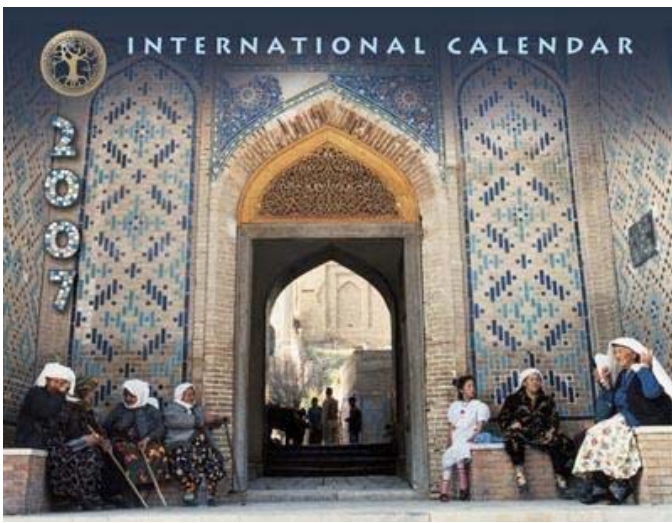




# Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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Calendars will be for sale (\$10) at all CRPCA events this fall—until sold out. See inside for more information. We look forward to seeing you at our remaining 2006 events (listed on the right).

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## November 2006

**Saturday, 11/11, 6:30 pm. Restaurant Gathering** at Arabian Breeze, 3223 NE Broadway in Portland. Share Peace Corps stories or dissect election results with friends old and new over some of the finest Middle Eastern food in town. RSVP to Bill Stein at [garba@aracnet.com](mailto:garba@aracnet.com) or 503-235-9637 by Nov 10.

**Saturday, 11/18, 6:00 pm. Scrabble Night** at the home of Jim Maddry, 4053 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave in Portland. One thing many RPCVs share is a love for the game of Scrabble. So we're organizing the second annual CRPCA Scrabble Night. BYOB and \$5 to contribute to the pizza fund; RSVP to [jmaddry@mindspring.com](mailto:jmaddry@mindspring.com) or 503-288-3046 so we know how much to order. After dinner, we'll split attendees into several 3-4 person games.

**Monday, 11/27, 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.

## December 2006

**Sunday, 12/11, 5:00 pm. Potluck** at the home of Martin Kaplan, 19436 Wilderness Dr in West Linn, 503-699-9833. At 5pm, the CRPCA board will meet (everyone is welcome to attend and give their two cents' worth). At 6pm, we'll share a potluck dinner (please bring a favorite dish and drink). At 7pm, CRPCA members Jackie & Mike Spurlock will present a slide show on their time as PCVs in Iran (1974-76) and how they were affected during their most recent trip back there (2006).

**Remember:** *No Soirée in December (replaced by post-holiday party—and regional RPCV meeting—on Saturday, January 6, 2007).*

## **RPCVs to speak at Woodstock Library**

The CRPCA Speakers Bureau is sponsoring a series of free public talks on "The Peace Corps Experience" at Woodstock Library, 6008 SE 49<sup>th</sup> Ave in Portland, on the next three Sundays from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Feel free to attend if you want to hear friends' stories or get ideas for your own presentations, and please share the word with anyone you know who might be interested in joining Peace Corps.

- **Nov 5:** Erik Vidstrand (Mauritania)
- **Nov 12:** Rich Ireland (Haiti)
- **Nov 19:** Vicki Crumpacker (Turkmenistan)

Contact Vicki at [wcrummy@yahoo.com](mailto:wcrummy@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate in our Speakers Bureau.

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## **CRPCA offices change hands**

Big thanks to Sean Rose (Ghana 1988-90) for serving as our Newsletter Editor and Membership Coordinator this year. Sean is moving out of the country, but we hope he'll be back soon. More big thanks to the following members who volunteered to fill out his terms.

- Our new **Newsletter Editors** will be Brian Hobbs and Lani Horowitz (Ukraine 2003-05). [The newsletter you are reading was edited by Bill Stein (Niger 1990-93)].
  - Our new **Membership Coordinator** is Jim Maddy (Sierra Leone 1986-88).
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## **Volunteers needed**

**Mentoring:** The CRPCA board has placed our group's name in consideration for a pilot project where members of our group would mentor newly returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs). This joint project of Peace Corps and the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) aims to support RPCVs in their first months back in the States, to build a constituency for Third Goal activities, and to strengthen connections between RPCVs and the established Peace Corps community.

Through face-to-face meetings and continued communication for the duration of the program, mentors will offer support and guidance for returning volunteers as they transition from Peace Corps service into educational programs or jobs. The pilot program will take place in three cities from January 2007 through June 2007 and will include an orientation at the beginning of the program for all mentors and mentees.

To support our application, we need at least 15 member RPCVs to express their willingness to serve as mentors if Portland is selected. If you would be interested in participating, please let us know soon by e-mailing [rireland88@yahoo.com](mailto:rireland88@yahoo.com).

**Hosting:** CRPCA will be hosting the regional meeting of Western (mostly Northwest) RPCV groups on January 6, 2007. This event has been held in Boise, Eugene, Olympia, and Seattle since the last time we hosted. RPCVs from those places and perhaps others will descend on Portland, and we're looking for potential hosts for any out-of-towners that need lodging. If you're willing to host a fellow RPCV in your home Friday (1/5) and/or Saturday (1/6) nights, please e-mail [crpca\\_nl@yahoo.com](mailto:crpca_nl@yahoo.com) or call Rich at 503-246-0479.

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## **Let's enhance our CRPCA Newsletter**

If you haven't already selected e-mail-only delivery of the CRPCA Newsletter, we encourage you to do so at this time. The electronic version offers direct links (to websites and e-mail addresses) and greater opportunities to incorporate color images. It's also much cheaper to produce and deliver, allowing CRPCA to allocate more group funds to our charitable activities. To sign up, please e-mail [crpca\\_nl@yahoo.com](mailto:crpca_nl@yahoo.com). Note that we have no intention of abandoning the paper format for those without Internet access.

Please help our new editors, Brian Hobbs and Lani Horowitz, make our newsletters more vibrant. Stories, announcements, and photos that would be of general interest to the local RPCV community are welcome and should be e-mailed to [crpca\\_nl@yahoo.com](mailto:crpca_nl@yahoo.com) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month.

## **NPCA to change membership options**

At the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) meeting in D.C. this past September, RPCV group leaders voted to recommend the following changes to NPCA's membership options. These would still have to be approved by the NPCA board, but they could be implemented in 2007.

- All NPCA memberships would be individual, single-year. The family and multi-year membership options would no longer be available. Dues would remain \$35 per year.
- NPCA and affiliate group memberships would be à-la-carte. NPCA members could continue to belong to CRPCA or another geographic or country-of-service group (for annual dues of \$15 or more, depending on the group), but this would be optional and arranged through those groups.
- In a boon to affiliate group treasurers all over the country, no money would change hands between NPCA and affiliate groups.

We must stress that nothing has changed yet. If your NPCA and/or CRPCA membership is due for renewal, we continue to encourage membership in both groups. NPCA does a great job of advocating for a more effective Peace Corps and its Third Goal initiatives and publications are top-notch. See [our website](#) for more information on membership options. Our membership form is on the back page of this newsletter.

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## **Upcoming CRPCA member benefit**

At our October potluck, CRPCA member Karen McKay (Central African Republic 1983-85), the manager of Portland's [Ten Thousand Villages](#) store, shared her organization's approach to fair trade of handicrafts made by artisans around the world. The store is located at [914 NW Everett St](#) in Portland's Pearl District.

Be sure your CRPCA membership is up-to-date. In early 2007, all current members will be mailed a coupon good for 20% off one item at Ten Thousand Villages (excluding rugs and furniture). Thank you, Karen!

## **Help build the RPCV Podcast library**

I am an RPCV at the University of Denver's Graduate School of International Studies, and I've recently created a podcast featuring interviews with RPCVs from around the world. I conceived of the RPCV Podcast as a way to achieve the Peace Corps' third goal by providing a medium for volunteers to tell their stories.

I would love to share the project with your members because I think you will find the interviews interesting, engaging, and entertaining. But there is another reason: I depend on RPCVs and their willingness to submit themselves to a friendly interview in order to produce an episode for the podcast every two weeks. At the Graduate School, we have over 60 RPCVs, so it is obviously an enormous resource; however, my ultimate goal is to interview RPCVs who have served in every decade of the Peace Corps's existence. I imagine many of your members might fit that description, and I would be thrilled to collaborate with them, if they were so willing.

- Hayden Gore (Guatemala 2002-2004)  
[http://web.mac.com/hayden\\_lisa](http://web.mac.com/hayden_lisa)  
[hayden\\_lisa@mac.com](mailto:hayden_lisa@mac.com)

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## **Member blogs**

It has come to our attention that at least one of our members is maintaining a web log that frequently addresses Peace Corps related issues. If you have such a blog, we will be delighted to publicize it in this newsletter, though at this time we will not be providing links from our website. Some current PCVs now maintain blogs of their Peace Corps service; we'd appreciate knowing of any volunteers from Oregon or SW Washington that are doing this. Please submit blog addresses to [crpca\\_nl@yahoo.com](mailto:crpca_nl@yahoo.com).

<http://ripplefxs.blogspot.com> contains the thoughtful ramblings of CRPCA member Blake Schmidt (Mozambique 2001-03), who is currently working in Johannesburg, South Africa as an HIV consultant.

International-focused organizations and Peace Corps photo sites organized or led by our members are listed at <http://www.crpca.org/members.html>. E-mail [garba@aracnet.com](mailto:garba@aracnet.com) to have your site included.

## **RPCV obituary: Charlotte Utting**

We are saddened to pass along the news of the death of Charlotte Utting, who died peacefully on October 7 with her family around her. In addition to serving twice as a Peace Corps Volunteer (Senegal 1980-82 and Cameroon 1989-90, when she was a so-called "senior PCV"), she was also a Peace Corps recruiter in Seattle, leader of the Washington State Peace Corps Association and Northwest regional leader.

Her memorial will be:

Date: Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Place: University Friends Center

4039 9th Ave NE in Seattle, WA

Time: 3.30pm - 6.00pm

We are inviting anyone who knew Charlotte to come - bring your photos, stories, memories. The memorial will be informal with lots of time for sharing our memories of her - so having friends who understood Charlotte as the active Peace Corps volunteer (and staffer) that she was will be a wonderful thing for us - her family.

-Gemma Utting (daughter in law)

[Editor's note: We were unable to obtain permission to reprint the fine obituary published by the Seattle Times, *Charlotte Utting, 74, "born to be involved."* but it's available on [their website.](#)]

## **Don't forget to vote!**

Ballots are due Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **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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## **Put your name here!**

CRPCA would like to fill the open positions on our board: Events Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, and Service Coordinator. Please contact Richard Ireland (contact info above) to express interest, or come to our next business meeting (12/10 @ 5pm).

About CRPCA board positions: Normal officer terms run one year (May 1 – April 30), with elections taking place at the April business meeting. A single individual may serve up to three years in one position. Officers are expected to perform the duties of their position and to attend our group's business meetings (six per year).

# 2007 International Calendar

Sold by Columbia River Peace Corps Association [www.crpga.org](http://www.crpga.org)

## Order form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of calendars \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postage and handling (1-5 calendars) \$ 4  
City, State, and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Make checks payable to CRPCA. Please send your order and payment to: **Pat Russell**  
2238 NE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., #27  
Portland, OR 97212-4321

### ***2007 International Calendars***

It's time to order your 2007 International Calendars. They 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. We encourage people to pick up their calendars at our various pick-up points or to purchase them at all CRPCA events this fall. Photos of the 2007 calendar can be viewed from a link at <http://www.crpga.org/calendar.html>.

This year the committee selected one partner. **The American Domestic Violence Crisis Line, 866-USWOMEN**, is a unique organization that provides domestic violence intervention and crisis services to American women and their children living in foreign countries who are victims of domestic violence and child abuse. Their goal is to empower these women by helping them make independent decisions to take whatever steps necessary to stop the cycle of violence and support their decisions by offering help and resources. The American Domestic Violence Crisis Line is a Federal 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Please see their website at <http://www.866uswomen.org>.

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)
- Cate Wilcox (503-777-3578, SE Portland)
- Pat Russell (503-284-2874, NE Portland)

If you would like to have them mailed to you, send in the above order form with a check payable to **CRPCA** as indicated. If you have any questions, call Pat Russell at 503-284-2874 or email her ([patr88@renaissancemedia.com](mailto:patr88@renaissancemedia.com)).

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**MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS CHANGE RENEWAL FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Newsletter form: Check if you require a paper newsletter: \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail is preferred)

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

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Association with CRPCA as your free affiliate.

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 CRPCA only (Individual)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$65 CRPCA and NPCA (Family)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$22.50 CRPCA only (Family)

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

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