



Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

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Service Activities Resume



Anita Donahue (Solomon Islands 1983-86) sorted Books for Kids along with CRPCA's new Service Coordinator Sharlot Hart and fellow volunteers Jennifer Mead, Dane Pikkola, and Doug Yarrow at our first service activity in some time on the morning of St Patrick's Day.

We hope more folks will join us pulling ivy at our April 14 service event (see right). Stay tuned for news of our upcoming partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

April Events

Saturday, 4/14, 9:00 am. Service Activity pulling English Ivy from [Tryon Creek State Park](#) (in SW Portland, off Terwilliger Blvd between Boones Ferry Rd and Lake Oswego). Help remove this invasive species from the trees in the park. Wear good shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. RSVP if possible to [Sharlot Hart](#), 602-653-5492.

Sunday, 4/15, 5:00 pm. Potluck Meeting at the home of Linda Centurion, [3940 SE 47th Ave](#) (between Powell and Holgate) in Portland, 503-788-7366. It's that time once again to meet, eat and greet! Please help us select CRPCA's 2007-08 officers at the 5pm business meeting. Our always delicious potluck dinner will begin at 6pm; please bring a favorite dish to share. Our 7pm program will feature our most important guest: **YOU!** Dress in host country clothes/jewelry/headaddress, etc, and bring an album of pictures from your Peace Corps service. We will spend the hour sharing stories.

Thursday, 4/19, 6:30 pm. *RPCV Maite Uranga will speak about her experience in Mauritania in 2003 working with women using microcredit. Portland State University, [Smith Memorial Center](#) (SW Broadway & Montgomery) room 296. This free community education event is organized by the Portland chapter of [RESULTS](#), a grassroots citizen lobby dedicated to creating the public and political will to end hunger and poverty.*

Monday, 4/30, 6:30 pm. Nom Party at Lucky Labrador Public House, [7675 SW Capitol Hwy](#) in Portland. Note the Multnomah Village location; we've reserved the upstairs room in partnership with the Seattle Peace Corps recruiting office. This event, which replaces the April Soirée, is our biggest annual gathering of people who served in Peace Corps and those who await their Peace Corps assignment.

May Events

Saturday, 5/05. Northwest Regional RPCV Meeting hosted by the [Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association](#) in **Spokane, Washington**. Contact Sue Bracken (sbrckn@comcast.net, 509-924-3903) for details. INPCA is offering lodging in their members' homes to meeting attendees. That's a good thing because many hotel rooms are booked for Sunday's [Bloomsday Run](#), which sounds like an awesome community event. CRPCA had a great turnout from the RPCV groups in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington when we hosted the January regional meeting in Portland. Please [let us know](#) by our 4/15 potluck if you're interested in representing CRPCA in Spokane.

Saturday, 5/12, 6:00 pm. Restaurant Gathering at Chez José East, [2200 NE Broadway](#) in Portland. "Fine Mexican cuisine," kids menu, vegetarian specialties, moderate prices. RSVP by 5/11 to [Dane Pikkola](#), 971-544-1727.

Monday, 5/28, 6:30 pm. Soirée at Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, [915 SE Hawthorne Blvd](#) in Portland. Yes, we'll be there on Memorial Day.

Teasers for Summer Events

The guest speaker at CRPCA's **June 10 potluck** (location TBA) will be noted author and Niger RPCV Peter Chilson regarding his travels in the borderlands between Burkina Faso and Mali.

The [West Cascade Peace Corps Association](#) has announced the location for the **August 2-5 West Regional RPCV Campout**: Diamond Lake in southwest Oregon, situated beneath spectacular Mt Thielsen and just north of Crater Lake National Park. WCPCA has reserved a large group campsite (Loop J) at [Broken Arrow Campground](#) in the Umpqua National Forest. More details to follow.

Update on CRPCA Initiatives

The **2007 International Calendar** sale raised \$1,826 for our partner organization, the [American Domestic Violence Crisis Line](#). Thanks to all who helped with the sale!

Thanks to a late surge as this newsletter went to press, the [CRPCA AdHoc Events](#) list-serv is already up to 30 subscribers, over 1/6 of our membership! This means we're ready to begin inviting each other to spontaneous activities of one sort or another. Subscribers can e-mail event info to [CRPCA AdHoc Events@yahoogroups.com](mailto:CRPCA_AdHoc_Events@yahoogroups.com), and those members who haven't yet subscribed just need to send an e-mail to [CRPCA AdHoc Events-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:CRPCA_AdHoc_Events-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

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, please visit <http://www.crPCA.org/join.html>. Newsletter submissions are due by the 20th 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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VOLUNTEER AGAIN!

[All 12 positions on the CRPCA board](#) will be up for election at our April potluck. Most of our current officers are willing—if asked—to continue through April 2008, but we seek eager new volunteers to fill...

- the following soon-to-be vacated positions to maintain current services: Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Education Coordinator
- the following open positions to expand our activities: Events Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator

Please come to the 5pm meeting on 4/15 or contact [Richard Ireland](#) to learn more or to place your name in nomination.



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MEMBERSHIP - ADDRESS CHANGE - RENEWAL FORM

CRPCA's \$20 dues confer full membership on one or two named adults sharing an address. NPCA's \$35 dues are per individual. CRPCA urges you to support both organizations. Membership is open to all, and your contributions are tax-deductible.

Member #1

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Willing to talk about your Peace Corps experience?	<input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau	<input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau

CRPCA Annual Dues: \$20 Please check newsletter form: E-mail Paper
or check here to request **FREE** membership in CRPCA. One free year is offered to all Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) residing in our geographic area who were never previously members of CRPCA and who agree to receive e-mail newsletters.

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or check here to request **FREE** membership in NPCA. One free year is offered to all RPCVs who closed their service within the last year.

Please mail this form with a check to CRPCA for the total of the boxes you checked.

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*We expect to hear soon whether CRPCA was selected to march in the [2007 Starlight Parade](#).
In any event, we had fun posing for the photo that accompanied our application!*

