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# Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

*"Bringing the World Back Home"*

## EVENTS

### Restaurant Gathering

July 14th, Saturday, 6:00 PM

Lungta: An experience in Tibetan cuisine.

4644 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland RSVP not required. Bring small bills.

### Annual Picnic

July 15th, Saturday, 12:00 to 4:00 Laurelhurst Park site D

### Campout

Diamond Lake, Oregon August 2-5, 2007

**See page 4 for details**

### Pacific Island BBQ Bash, Part III

August 18th, Saturday, 6 PM Address: 2840 SW 24th St, Gresham, 97080. Call for directions and RSVP's: 503 328 8018. BYOB and a potluck dish. **See next page for details**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are thriving with a lot of new energy coming into our group. We have a vital organization. Sharlot has organized three volunteer opportunities. Turn out has been ragged. I hope we get a history of active involvement over time as we participate. I went to the ivy pull and had a great time.

We have decided to contribute \$500 to a volunteer from Oregon who has a water purifying project in Cameroon. (For more information go to <https://www.peacecorps.gov/resources/donors/contribute/projectdetail.cfm?projdesc=694-081&>) This is through the Peace Corps Partners program. We plan on giving another \$500 in the fall, to another deserving volunteer.

The picnic, July 15, 12 pm to 4 pm, has been moved to Section D of Laurlehurst Park, in the north east corner. Bring a potluck dish to share, beverages will be provided (pop and such). We will have Noms there and also the Mentors and Mentees from our pilot program.

We should have up on our Web site the latest information about the camping trip August 2-7 at Diamond lake.

We now have a new Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. We also have created a new position of Matchmaker for matching recent RP-CVs to someone to help them with their transitions. Nicora Gardner will inform you more about



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Thanks to all the hard working people who make this a vital organization



## Pacific Island BBQ Bash, Par III

Find your old Hawaiian shirt or hula skirt, and bring a dish to our Third Annual Pacific Island BBQ Bash!! Scheduled for Saturday, August 18th, starting between 5 and 6pm, this special event will teach you all about the remote islands of Kiribati, in the Central Pacific. Address: 2840 SW 24th St, Gresham, 97080. Call for directions and RSVP's: 503 328 8018. BYOB and a potluck dish. Central/South American RPCV's: appetizer/salad. African RPCV's: main (ie pasta/potatoes). Asia/Pacific RPCV's: dessert. Eastern Europe RPCV's: your pick!. This is a kid friendly event, though alcohol is allowed (please BYOB). Wear slip off shoes, as our home is No Shoes Indoors rule. We will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and soda. GardenBurgers available upon special request only.

We look forward to opening up our home for the third year. So wear your island garb, bring your favorite drink and dish, and be ready to have some good ol' island fun! Please RSVP!!! Thanks!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

We had a very enjoyable potluck meeting Sunday June 10. Thanks to Anne Kimberly for hosting. Also thanks to our new board members and other CRPCA members who attended the meeting and gave us their input.

There are no potluck meetings throughout the remainder of the summer, so our next one will be in October. Stay tuned for more details. And as usual, if you wish to host one in the future, or know someone who'd be interesting as a guest speaker, please contact me at 503.328.8018.

## PEACE CORPS SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR PODCASTS

Social Edge and the National Peace Corps Association have collaborated on a series of interviews of RPCVs engaged in "social entrepreneurship." Podcasts are updated weekly at <http://www.socialedge.org/features/peace-corps-entrepreneurs>

## RPCV HOSPITALITY NETWORK UPDATED

The National Peace Corps Association has updated its directory of RPCV homes around the country/world that are willing to host fellow RPCVs (and in some cases their families). The directory is \$8 for NPCA members, \$12 for non-members. For more information go to <http://www.rpcv.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=17>

## RPCV OBITUARY: CHARLENE HOLZWARTH (1927-2007)

Charlene Holzwarth hosted all of CRPCA's potlucks in her Grant Park home for over five years in the late 1990s and early part of this decade.

As a founding member of the Leach Botanical Garden, and 44-year member of the Native Plant Society of Oregon, Charlene Holzwarth knew a thing or two about the seasons of life. Charlene peacefully passed away on Sunday, March 4, 2007. Because of her tireless volunteer efforts, life continues to grow in the garden.

Born in Beattie, Kan., on April 17, 1927, Charlene Marie McMahan was Martin and Maida's second to youngest of five children: Audrey, Virginia, Martin, her twin, Shirley, and younger brother, Ronald Lee "Mickey," her only surviving sibling.

After graduating from Kansas State University, Charlene headed west to Oregon. She was known for having an adventurous nature, and was well liked during her employment as a caseworker for Marion County's Welfare Department. A Salem co-worker and her husband arranged for Charlene to meet Milbert "Slim" Holzwarth, a World War II vet working for the U.S. Forest Service in Hebo. Between Salem, Portland and the Coast the two fell in love and were married in 1951. Together they raised three children, Patrick, Heather and Benton, and experienced more of Oregon together by living in John Day and Eugene before finally settling back in Portland.

Charlene continued her education at Portland State University, where she received her teaching certificate, and went on to enjoy a 34-year career teaching in Portland elementary schools. She remained a teacher late into life and far after retirement, always embracing opportunities that allowed her to learn and share.

Charlene was active in the Grant Park Neighborhood Association, Geological Society of the Oregon Country, PTA and youth organizations, especially 4-H. The Holzwarth's combined love



of the outdoors and Charlene's natural ability to nurture and teach provided a healthy foundation for her family.

The Holzwarths traveled the United States until Milbert's death in 1982. Knowing the best way to help oneself is to help others, Charlene once again gave in to adventure and nurture, and in 1984 joined the Peace Corps. She served her two-year volunteer mission in Sierra Leone, Africa, teaching the Queen's English and demonstrating teaching techniques to village elementary school teachers. She oversaw projects to repair four remote schools, and traveled out the a motor-

After the Corps, continued travel independent seeing all Scandinavia, Ireland, Madagascar, Australia, Zealand, and

the Galapagos Islands. Her love of nature always brought her back to what she considered one of the most beautiful places on Earth, Oregon, and Portland was always considered her base of operations.

Because of her involvement in the Native Plant Society of Oregon, Charlene became active in helping the City of Portland Parks acquire its legacy: the John and Lilla Leach estate to the southeast of Portland. (Lilla Leach was a pioneering Oregon botanist responsible for the discovery of several species within the state.) Charlene was instrumental in mending the broken down garden and bringing the house to an acceptable standard for public use and continued to tend it throughout her life. In 1995, she gave tribute to the original property owners by co-authoring a book on the Leach's, "The Botanist and Her Muleskinner." Today, the Leach Botanical Garden stands tall as a monument to Oregon's native plants. In 2003, Charlene Holzwarth was recognized as a fellow of the NPSO for her own contributions to Oregon's botanical knowledge.

As an explorer and teacher, Charlene freely shared her knowledge and love for very little in return. As a volunteer, she found time to further her every cause. Charlene asked that if you mark her life with a remembrance, it should be to your cherished cause.

She is survived by her brother, Mickey; three children and their spouses, Pat of Portland, Heather and Steve Stanhope of Summerville, and Benton and Cary of Tigard; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Blossoms fade and drop, only to return to lush life when the ground has been worked with effort and affection. Death is simply one phase of life in a healthy garden. Charlene Holzwarth knew this about life and will be missed.

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## HELP SOLV

Go to SOLV's webpage and send in your e-signature to allow SOLV to get on the Charitable Check-off on the state tax form. It's a large orange-colored box on the home page and you just need to send in your name, address, email and county. You must be a registered voter in Oregon.

<http://www.solv.org/>

## MENTORING UPDATE

After a successful six months piloting the RPCV mentoring program, CRPCA has decided to extend the program! The program will be available to any interested new RPCV re-locating or returning to Portland who wants some friendly guidance, an introduction around town, or simply a listening ear. We are still in the planning phases and encourage suggestions for adapting the program to CRPCA's unique needs. We also greatly encourage those of you interested in becoming a mentor to contact Nicora Gardner to get signed up! She can be reached at 503.548.7674 or [niccispagnolo@hotmail.com](mailto:niccispagnolo@hotmail.com).

# WESTERN REGIONAL RPCV

## CAMPOUT

Each summer Returned Peace Corps Volunteers from throughout the West gather for a weekend of fun times in nature. The 2007 Western Regional RPCV Campout will be held at Diamond Lake, Oregon. Diamond Lake is situated beneath beautiful Mt. Theilson and just north of the magnificent Crater Lake National Park.

There are many types of lodging available to suit your needs. We have reserved a large group campsite at Broken Arrow Campground, Loop J, in the Umpqua National Forest, Diamond Lake Ranger District; otherwise, Diamond Lake Resort offers lodging and a restaurant.



### Directions

Diamond Lake is located 80 miles east of Roseburg on Highway 138, turn right onto Road 4795 (Diamond Lake Loop) at the north entrance to Diamond Lake Recreation Area. Proceed 3.2 miles and turn right at the South Shore. Go 0.5 miles to the campground entrance on the left. Broken Arrow may also be accessed via Highway 230 from Medford, or Highway 97 from Klamath Falls and Bend.

### Fees

\$15 per person - age 13 and older  
\$7 per child - ages 3 to 12  
free for infants

Payments should be sent to:

West Cascade Peace Corps Association  
P.O. Box 5462  
Eugene, OR 97405

RSVP via the website or by sending email to [secretary@westcascadepca.org](mailto:secretary@westcascadepca.org). If you don't manage to pay in advance, please find Evangelina Sundgrenz, our treasurer, immediately upon arrival to pay.

For more information follow the link below.  
<http://www.westcascadepca.org/campout.htm>

# 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](mailto:crPCA_nl@yahoo.com).

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Newsletter submissions are encouraged. Tired of these lame pictures from my country of service? Me too! So please send me your pictures, if you don't you're going to see a lot of Mongolia.



## Columbia River Peace Corps Association & National Peace Corps Association

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	Member 2
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Address		
City, State, & Zip		
Home Phone		
Work Phone		
Cell Phone		
E-mail address		
Peace Corps Country & Years of service		
PC Job/Sector		
Current Occupation		
Willing to talk about your Peace Corps experience?		

CRPCA Annual Dues:\$20 Please circle preferred newsletter form: E-mail Paper  
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.

NPCA Annual Dues: \$35 for each member  
or write FREE to request your initial 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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