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Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

"Bringing the World Back Home"

EVENTS

Silent Auction

Saturday April 26th
5:30-10

Westhills Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
8470 SW Oleson RD

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CRPCA is thriving. It is exciting to see the influx of new energy in our group. The Soiree on Monday had nearly 40 people. Our Potlucks have been packed. Presentations have been thought provoking and informative.

We have a busy Spring coming up. There are three Special events coming to put in your calendar. The Silent Auction April 26th. (see Flyer)
The Nom Party March 31st 6-9:30pm
Open House in Seattle May 3&4.

The Nom Party (For those of you new Nom is short for Nomination) where we rub elbows with the new Nominees from our area. Seattle Recruiters will be there Larry Badger from Seattle as well as Cliff Hansen from Portland State. This one is at the NW Lucky Labrador Beer Hall. 1945 NW Quimby. This will take place the usual Soiree at Lucky Lab on Hawthorne. We will have food available to purchase (Sandwich buffet, Humus and Veggie platter). This is a fun evening as we often get parents, noms and wanabees and we can regale them with our stories.

May 3rd there is a Regional gathering in Seattle to discuss with Kevin Quigly President of NPCA and Anne

Baker about how the NPCA can support you. What is happening with the 50th birthday celebration and other topics that they are currently deciding. This is a time to bring your desires and concerns about NPCA and air them. Advocacy will be part of the discussion. If you have the question why NPCA this is the place to find out.

May 4th Peace Corps has an open house which will feature some one (Undetermined at this time) from Peace Corps, Kevin Quigly and others. It is similar to the one held here a couple years ago. The specifics are still being determined. A good way to connect to the leadership of Peace Corps and their vision.

In regards to Peace Corps there is a lively discussion happening on a leaders list serve about how the Peace Corps is interpreting the way they can be involved is affiliates such as ours. In the fear of our times, they have been taking (in my view) a rather hard and inappropriate stance. This has handcuffed our efforts to support them and for them to support us. It is like cutting off an alumni relationship with a University. This is all in **continued on page 2**

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR NPCA'S SHRIVER AWARD

Do you know of a returned Peace Corps volunteer who continues to make a sustained and distinguished contribution to humanitarian causes at home or abroad? Someone who typifies the best

qualities of the Peace Corps community?

If so, nominate him or her for the Sargent Shriver Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service.

The award was named to recognize the tremendous contributions of the first Peace Corps Director, Sargent Shriver, in the founding and development of the Peace Corps.

We welcome your nomination materials by June

2, 2008 to qualify for consideration.

looking

for jobs or practicums. You may want to refer people to it or post

your

own volunteer and job opportunities. The page

tells you how to do

this.

ADVOCACY: PEACE CORPS 101

"101" represents the number of lawmakers who took affirmative action in support of increased Peace Corps funding during NPCA's fourth National Day of Action.

In the United States Senate, 28 lawmakers signed a letter circulated by Senators Chris Dodd (D-CT) and Norm Coleman (R-MN), urging a robust appropriation for Peace Corps in Fiscal Year 2009.

In the House of Representatives, the request was more specific. All five RPCV Congressmen led by Chris Shays (R-CT) circulated a letter urging \$400 Million for Peace Corps in FY 09. Even though this is significantly above President Bush's budget request, 73 Congressmen/women agreed to sign onto the letter.

"This was clearly the largest mobilization yet during and after our Day of Action", said NPCA Advocacy Coordinator Jonathan Pearson, who added the number of signers of House and Senate letters were the highest ever, representing a 43% increase over the number of signatures from similar letters last March.

From Karen Celaarius you can edit it

I just found this page on our PSU Social Work website. It contains

volunteer and paid job listings for social service work in Portland and

internationally. I expect it is viewed by social work students

RESEARCH ASSISTANT WANTED

Ten Speed Press is updating the popular guide-book SO, YOU WANT TO JOIN THE PEACE CORPS, by RPCV Dillon Banerjee (Cameroon, '94-'96). We are seeking a research assistant to help with the revision, communicating with returned volunteers under the direction of the author, who is currently living abroad. Our ideal candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- Returned Peace Corps volunteer, preferably recent
- Contacts within the returned PC volunteer community
- Professional research, writing, or editing experience is strongly preferred
- Familiarity with the guide is a plus!

This is a contract job, with terms and budget to be discussed. The bulk of the work will be happening over the next six months, with a late summer deadline. Note that this is not a full-time position. Please send your resume, as well as any additional information about yourself, to editor Brie Mazurek at brie@tenspeed.com.

We also welcome feedback on the guide from recent volunteers. Please email any updates, ideas, and suggestions to the author at dillon.banerjee@gmail.com. Thanks for your interest!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER CONTINUED

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service of not appearing to support anything that is not directly a governmental activity. This attitude has kept us from being able to collaborate. In my view it also does not support the third goal.

In other news, The NPCA is collaborating with PC to have a huge Peace Corps Bash in 2011 for the 50th birthday. Part of that has been a movement to have an official Peace Corps Day established. If you want to know more go to Seattle May 3&4.

I have been serving as President for 3 years. Officially I must retire in April. So far we have no one who has stepped forward. Consider whether you would want to take on this fantastic job. It is a lively time. I am willing to work with someone for a year to transition into the job. (Presidential job share if you like). Consider it and let me know if you are interested.

It is a pleasure to serve such a wonderful group of people. Each event I meet someone who inspires me. Thankyou

CRPCA

Silent Auction Dinner

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH 5:30 to 10

Please come support CRPCA for a exciting evening of tasty Haitian food and a silent auction.

Auction items currently include donations from McMenamins, Healthy Pets, Rejuvenation Hardware, Oregon School of Massage, and more! CRPCA members have already donated items from Afghanistan and Paraguay. Donated services include a massage and a 2 hour Macintosh computer consultation.

Proceeds to go toward CRPCA donation program (Peace Corps partners and local projects). The silent auction will be limited to 120 people for dinner so get your reservations in early. Please send your pre-registration to Cate Wilcox at 4609 SE MITCHELL, PORTLAND, OR 97206



WHERE:

Westhills Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
8470 SW Oleson RD

Dinner Price: \$12:50 early Reg CRPCA members
\$15 early Reg non members and at the door CRPCA
\$18 non member at the door
\$6 5-11 year olds 5 and under free.



WANT TO HELP OUT? It should be a fun evening. Come dressed in country costume if you like. We also need some help. Specifically 6 people to set up tables chairs etc., 3 more to help set up the auction displays. Both of these would be 4-5:30 on Saturday.

We will also need help with Break down and cleaning etc.

Friday the cook (Elsy Denvil a Haitian friend) will need prep help. She will also need help on Saturday (I am not sure about timing yet). Contact me at rireland88@yahoo.com or 503 246 0479. Learn about Haitian cuisine. Elsy is a delight to be with.

We Need Your Donated Auction Items

Bring your auction donations to the dinner. Please arrive by 5:15 with your item. Be prepared to complete a bid sheet indicating the name of the item, the donor, and the minimum bid amount. Donations can be anything you think people will shell out money for (High quality items preferred. No live chickens, though, please. If you have something to donate, but can not attend the dinner, please call Karen at 503-998-5572 cell or email karen@cellarius.org)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Members

Angela Schug Niger 1999 - 2002 Douglas Urquhart Macedonia 2004 - 2007 Elly Slakie Zambia 2005 - 2007 Eric Wiley Bulgaria 2004 - 2007 Lisa Grandgeorge Tanzania 2005 - 2007 Matthew Craigie Dominican Republic 2005 - 2007 Sara Urquhart Macedonia 2005 - 2007 Sean Keener Kazakstan 1996 - 1997 Shannon Downey Cameroon 2005 - 2007 Stefanie Avery Bolivia 2003-2005 Todd Klumb Nicaragua 1994 - 1997

Renewals

Andrea Vargo Philippines 1962-1964 Bill Saphir Thailand 1967 - 1970 Brian Fassett Bulgaria 2004-2006 Brian Mahoney Kenya 1983 - 1985 Charles Brasher India 70-72 Charles and Family Howard Ecuador 1990 - 1992 Jackie Goldrick Thailand, Kenya 1962 - 1964 Joel Salter Sierra Leone 1986 - 1988 John Goldrick Thailand 1963 - 1965 Judi Mahoney Belize 1984 - 1986 Linda Centurion Paraguay 1988 - 1990 Margery Lemieux Kazakhstan 93-95 Mike Street Tunisia 1970-1972 Sally Carter Malawai 91-93 Shannon Brown Botswana 1976 - 1978 Suzanne Zoller Gabon 1999 - 2001 Tadakzu Kumashiro Namibia 2001 - 2003

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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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
Name		
Address		
City, State, & Zip		
Home Phone		
Work Phone		
Cell Phone		
E-mail address (help us fight spam, please write legibly)		
Peace Corps Country & Years of service		
PC Job/Sector		
Current Occupation		
Willing to talk about your Peace Corps experience?	<input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau	<input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau
I'm interested in participating in the mentor program	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

Columbia River Peace Corps Association

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.

CRPCA Annual Dues: \$20 Request FREE initial year membership
 Please check the box for newsletter form: E-mail Paper

National Peace Corps Association

NPCA Annual Dues: \$35 for each member

or check 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.

NPCA Annual Dues \$35 member 1
 \$35 member 2

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

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