



Volume 28, Issue 3 May, 2008

# Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter

*"Bringing the World Back Home"*

## EVENTS

### Board Meeting and Potluck Jerry's House in Mosier Directions

I84 to Mosier exit (5 mi past HR). At the old gas station, go one block away from the river to 3rd St. Turn left; go about 1/2 mile to Mosier Creek Rd. Turn right; go about 2 1/2 miles on this road. Where the road forks, go left over a very low bridge over the creek. Turn left immediately on the private road that parallels the creek. Come to our house which is a log dwelling with big cathedral windows. If lost, call 541-478-3576. Jerry

### June 30th Soiree at the Lucky Lab (Hawthorne)

915 SE Hawthorne Blvd.  
6:30 pm

### RPCV Summer Campout Davenport, WA

Aug 6 - 10

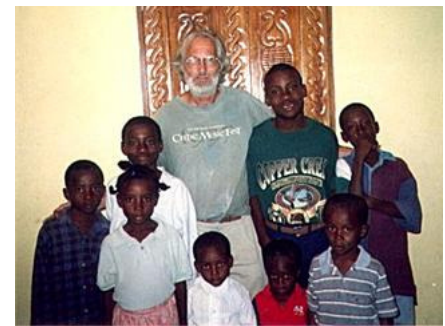
## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our Annual Dinner Auction was a fine time. We ate great Haitian food and raised a bit of money from the auction. Unfortunately we did not have enough people to defray the expense of the venue and food so we had to use auction monies to offset the costs. All in all we raised



around \$350. We have decided after such a great feast to send food relief money to Haiti. Rich Ireland is contacting former Volunteers there and has found one who is still in Haiti who works within the Peace Corps model. They are on the ground at several places in Haiti. The food relief they give is by buying local products and distributing them in the places of most need. We will give \$600 toward their efforts. If you want to know more about their organization go to [www.qifd.org](http://www.qifd.org).

8 to June 15th. This will be held at Jerry Gabay's residence in Mosier Oregon, I hear it is a beautiful setting and Jerry is excited to have people visit. The business meeting will be at 4pm. Pot Luck at 5 and around 6 we will have a discussion about Immigrations issues in Oregon. As you may know there are some ballet initiatives in November designed to effect immigrants. Prior to the meeting Rich Ireland is organizing a hike up Eagle Creek.



We will meet there at 10 am and hike just above high bridge have lunch then wander down to Mosier. (Those who just want to hike are of course welcome too!)

We have openings in our Board. Please consider joining!

POTLUCK Date Changed: The June Potluck has been changed from June

## SENATOR DODD ADDRESSES NPCA DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE WEEKEND

Friday, March 7 (Washington DC) - United States Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT), reflected on his presidential campaign, his call for expanded national service, and his own Peace Corps experience as a volunteer in the Dominican Republic, before members of the National Peace Corps Association's Director's Circle.



Citing the need to "extend its worldwide reach and honor its grassroots past," Dodd called for significant expansion of the Peace Corps as part of an effort to improve U.S. standing in the world. "In the next six, eight, or ten years, we need to aggressively engage the world, or be indicted by history for missing an opportunity."

## PEACE CORPS WIKI LAUNCHED

Peace Corps Wiki is a collaborative project whose goal is to create a free, interactive, and up-to-date source of information about serving as a volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps. Anyone is welcome to edit, add, or change any entry, or start a new one. So far there are a total of 2,495 pages that have been written and edited by (R)PCVs and Friends of Peace Corps from around the world.

Go to [http://www.peacecorpswiki.org/Peace\\_Corps\\_Wiki](http://www.peacecorpswiki.org/Peace_Corps_Wiki)

## PEACE CORPS WINS BEST GOVERNMENT WEBSITE BY THE WEBBY AWARDS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – May 9, 2008 – The Peace Corps Teen Website was awarded the Best Government Website of 2008 by the 12th Annual Webby Awards. During the month of April, online fans around the world cast their votes for the Peace Corps Teen site securing the top Webby People's Voice Award for the Peace Corps.

## MOREPEACECORPS CAMPAIGN

The MorePeaceCorps campaign is a broad and deep public awareness and legislative campaign to tap the energy of Americans who will provide public support for a rejuvenated Peace Corps doubled in size and budget. The campaign was launched in 2008 by the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), a non-profit network comprised of 90,000 Peace Corps alumni supporters.

### Ten things that can be done NOW to grow the Campaign

1. Send a letter of endorsement from your organization supporting the MorePeaceCorps campaign to Rajeev at [rgoyal@mrss.com](mailto:rgoyal@mrss.com).
2. Publish an op-ed in your local paper supporting doubling Peace Corps and send a copy of the published article to the campaign for use in our advocacy.
3. Recruit at least one individual to the NPCA Director's Circle (minimum contribution is \$1,000 per year) to help fund the MorePeaceCorps.org campaign and strengthen NPCA.
4. For country of service groups, find every volunteer that served in that country and update email and phone information, and then share with us.
5. Identify individuals to participate in an upcoming YouTube contest showcasing the meaning of Peace Corps.
6. Compile a list of non-profits, businesses, and other organizations founded by members of your group.
7. Identify several emblematic volunteers who completed particularly inspiring projects, which can be used in videos, brochures, and web-profiles.
8. Hold a house party fund raiser for the campaign.
9. Make phone calls to RPCVs in your network to build support.
10. For country of service groups, help develop aggregate supporting data about the number of volunteers that have served in that country, the number of schools affected, the number of villages affected, the number of wells and water supplies built, the number of people trained in HIV/AIDS, etc...

# Thank YOU - CRPCA

## Our Generous Donors

Global Exchange  
Healthy Pets  
Widmer brothers  
OMSI science center  
Rejuvenation  
Mercy Corps  
New Seasons  
Nature bake thrift  
store  
Detour Café  
Gabriella Maertens  
Richard Ireland

Ben & Jerry's  
Marco's Café  
Artichoke Music  
Fred Meyers  
Portland Nursery  
Food Front  
Jim Maddry  
Sean Rose  
Linda Centurion  
Windhorse Healing  
Arts  
Melissa Maureen  
Rosalie Schmidts

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

## New Members

Elizabeth Elbel Ghana 2005 - 2007

## Renewals

Ann Pfingsten : Peru : 1962 - 1964

Chuck Norris : Moldova : 1998-1998

Jason Lee : Ghana : 2002-2004

Jenny Ferro : Lesotho : 2002-2005

John Beech : Jamaica : 2005 - 2007

Josie Kpobe-Tee : (not yet) : (not yet)

Kara Lynn Rankin : Brazil : 63-65

Lee Norris : Moldova, Republic of : 1996-1998

Leigh M. Knox : Kenya : 84-86

Madeleine Mader : Cameroon : 1984 - 1986

Mari Alexander : :

Mark Morton : Sierra Leone : 1981 - 1983

Mary Lopez : Benin : 1993 - 1995

Minda Seibert : Solomon Islands : 94-96

Sean Rose : Ghana : 1988 - 1900

Shelley Bedell : Fiji : 82-84

# 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).

# OFFICERS

President: Richard Ireland, Haiti 1998-2000  
503-246-0479, [rireland88@yahoo.com](mailto:rireland88@yahoo.com)

Secretary: Position Vacant, Please Apply!

Treasurer: Cate Wilcox, Micronesia 1987-1989  
503-777-3578, [cwilcox@teleport.com](mailto:cwilcox@teleport.com)

Education Coordinator: Mary Lopez, Benin 1993-1995 & Congo 1998, 503-544-1636, [maryklopez2002@yahoo.com](mailto:maryklopez2002@yahoo.com)

Membership Coordinator: Jim Maddry, Sierra Leone 1986-1988  
503-288-3046, [crpca\\_memb@earthlink.net](mailto:crpca_memb@earthlink.net)

Mentoring Coordinator: Nicora Gardner, Mongolia 2004-2006  
503-548-7674, [niccispagnolo@hotmail.com](mailto:niccispagnolo@hotmail.com)

Newsletter Editor: Josh Gardner, Mongolia 2004-2006,  
503-548-7576, [gardnerjs@hotmail.com](mailto:gardnerjs@hotmail.com)

Program Coordinator: Position Vacant, Please Apply!

Service Coordinator: Position Vacant, Please Apply!

Social Coordinator: Dane Pikkola, Swaziland 1992-1994  
971-544-1727, [dane9@yahoo.com](mailto:dane9@yahoo.com)

Webmaster: Brian Hobbs, Ukraine 2003-2005,  
[bdhobbs@yahoo.com](mailto:bdhobbs@yahoo.com)



## 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.

CRPCA  
P.O. Box 802  
Portland, OR 97207

www.crpca.org

Columbia River Peace Corps Association  
PO Box 802  
Portland, OR 97207