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CRPCA Back in the 20th Century

by Bill Stein, CRPCA President

Many big initiatives are underway as CRPCA closes out the first decade of the 21st century. Our website now features the start of an on-line newsletter archive, on-line registration for our big fundraiser/celebration coming up November 14, and images of the 2010 International Calendar we're selling this fall. The website will henceforth be managed by Scott Eckert, our newest board member.

We awarded \$2,500 in grants at our October potluck meeting: to the Cascade Festival of African Films, the Museum of the Peace Corps Experience, and the Makindu Childrens Program in Kenya for a rainwater catchment system. Madeleine continues to line up excellent speakers for our programs. I want to offer a special thanks to Amy, Courtney, Jenn, and Rich for organizing what promises to be our biggest event in years. Yes, this is the second of three reminders that we'll be celebrating Peace Corps with a dance party and silent auction on November 14!

Here's where I'm asking for help this month: Are there any history buffs among you with a scanner and some free hours to devote to a special, one-time project for which the rest of us will be forever grateful? Each CRPCA President is handed a box with three binders containing our organization's history. I'd like to see all our newsletters instead archived at <http://www.crpca.org/news.html> for all to examine. Please contact me at president@crpca.org if you're willing to help.

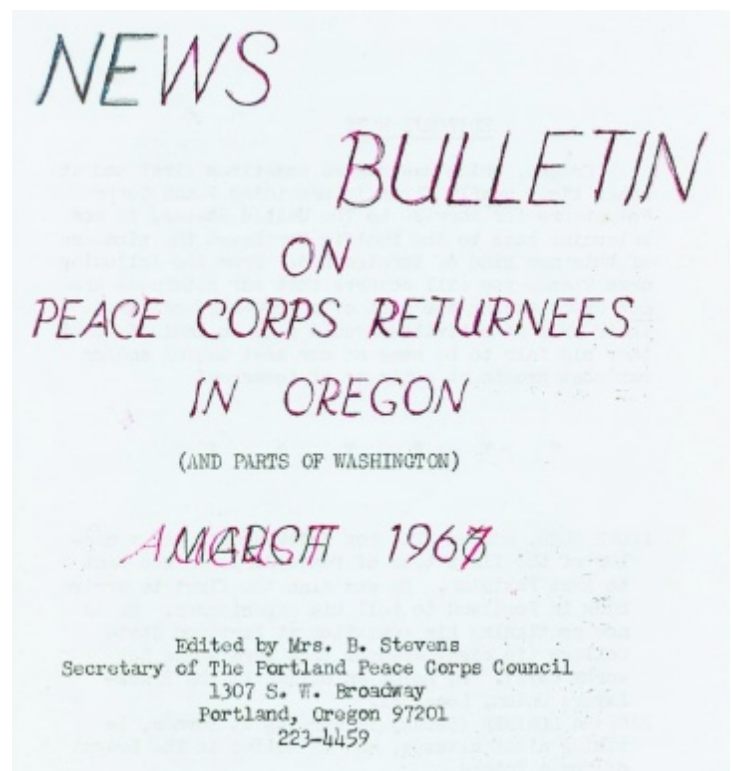
To give you an idea of what's in store, I'm offering here a summary of CRPCA's 20th century activities. The earliest item in the binders is a News Bulletin of the Portland Peace Corps Council, dated March 1966. Composed primarily of a list of RPCVs' whereabouts, it contains the following editorial:

Oregon, which has ranked sometimes first and at other times nearly first in providing Peace Corps Volunteers to The United States, is now

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welcoming back to the Pacific Northwest the pioneers of this new kind of foreign aid. From the following news items, you will observe that our returnees are not experiencing too much of a "re-entry crisis." Their present activities would seem too indicate that they bid fair to be some of our most useful and/or our most prominent citizens of tomorrow.

If that reads like it was written by a Peace Corps parent, it's because it probably was. Three of the four 1969 officers in the Portland Peace Corps Service Organization were Peace Corps parents. One of those was Florian Schmitz, the mother of Rosalie, a still-active member of our group who had just returned from Tunisia! In all, there are just four newsletters from the late 1960s, and there's just one from the 1970s (though perhaps Rosalie--the 1972 Membership Secretary--has more). Dues in that era were \$1.



In case you've been wondering why our newsletters are now up to volume 29, the newly-formed Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Oregon produced their first newsletter in April 1982. From the very beginning, we had a potluck meetings and a Speakers Bureau. As the 1980s progressed, there were picnics and restaurant gatherings. There was perhaps our first African Extravaganza, "Go Go Go to Togo," in 1982. Programs tackled tough issues such as the war in Lebanon, the fight for freedom in South Africa, human rights in El Salvador, the role of women in Afghanistan and Sudan, and a Palestinian perspective on the Israeli-Arab conflict.

The 1990s began with what people around the country still call the greatest Peace Corps conference ever, in Eugene. The host of almost all our 1990s potlucks was Charlene Holzwarth, in a bungalow just north of Grant Park. The big annual event was Founders Day, occurring in May each year. The regional campouts that are still going strong began in 1991 at Mt St Helens. Mike and Mary Lynn Waite's "West African Pigout" began its long run as an annual tradition in November 1991.

There's a gap in the binders between June 1993 and October 1996 (perhaps one of you can help track down the missing newsletters?). By that October 1996 newsletter, we had our current name, The Columbia River Peace Corps Association. CRPCA sponsored Kurdish refugees in 1996-97. Our logo was designed in 1997 by Les Hopkins. Anne Kimberly spoke of her medical relief work in East Africa at a 1997 potluck. These were my first memories of CRPCA, as I moved to Portland in June 1996.

In the December newsletter, I'll summarize our accomplishments this decade through 2008. Then the January newsletter will contain our annual report for 2009. But before all that, I look forward to seeing you--and your donations to the Food Bank--on November 14!

The Columbia River Peace Corps Association Newsletter is published monthly by the CRPCA for the benefit of its members. The CRPCA serves Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and others in Oregon and southwest Washington who share an interest in serving the cause of peace and global development.

To join CRPCA and, or, the National Peace Corps Association, please visit www.crpca.org. Newsletter submissions are due by the 25th of each month. Send by mail to P.O. Box 802, Portland, OR 97207, or e-mail to: newsletter@crpca.org.

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Silent Auction at the CRPCA Fundraising Event

Please join us on Saturday, November 14th for a fun-filled evening listening to great music by local band Chervona, refreshments, and a silent auction with the following great products and gifts, restaurant and food gift certificated, etc. For more information on the event, see the Events Calendar on p. 4 or visit our website <http://www.crpca.org/>.

- Goorin Hats- Certificates for two hats , www.goorin.com/
- Kiehl's - Unisex skin care product basket, www.kiehls.com
- PGE Park - 4 tickets to a Timbers & Beavers game
- Rogue Brewery – Gift basket with one free night at Bed & Beer location in Newport, 3 Rogue shirts and 5 large beers
- Whimsical, framed, animal art (elephant and zebra) for kids room by Portland artist Emily Pritchard - Bill Stein
- World Market - Slipper/Robe Set
- Crystal Glass Bowl
- Weekend vacation condo on the coast – Elizabeth Samuels
- Afternoon of Sailing on "Sunshine" on the Columbia River– Joel Salter
- 1 Hr. Massage and Massage Class – Rich Ireland
- Thai massage – Anne Kimberly
- 2 hours Mac tutoring - Jim Maddry
- Various items from Paraguay – Linda Centurion
- Coffee table books (Nelson Mandela and Oregon 150th Birthday)– Bobbie Carrie
- Batiks from Tanzania – Marta Hansen
- Escape from New York Pizza
- Kornblatt's Delicatessen
- Kabobi Afghan Cuisine
- Mio Gelato
- Dave's Killer Bread
- Widmer

Peace Corps' Core Expectations

intro by Bill Stein

In late October several members of the CRPCA board shared an evening with Peace Corps' former Deputy Director, Jody Olsen, who also served as Acting Director of Peace Corps for the first half of 2009. Jody lives in Portland part of the year and has promised to join CRPCA. Listening to stories from her long Peace Corps career, which began with a volunteer stint in Tunisia (1966-1968), was hugely inspirational. We hope to have her speak to our whole organization at our first big event in 2010. Perhaps she'll speak of her travels in Pakistan and Kazakhstan, of recently closing PC-Mauritania and recently reopening PC-Sierra Leone. For now I want to share with you the Core Expectations of Peace Corps Volunteers. Under Jody's leadership, this set of previously-unwritten guidelines has become a contract between Peace Corps and its Volunteers. While this won't be news to our most recent returnees, it may be very interesting to the rest of us. Enjoy!

1. Prepare your personal and professional life to make a commitment to serve abroad for a full term of 27 months.
2. Commit to improving the quality of life of the people with whom you live and work; and, in doing so, share your skills, adapt them, and learn new skills as needed.
3. Serve where the Peace Corps asks you to go, under conditions of hardship, if necessary, and with the flexibility needed for effective service.
4. Recognize that your successful and sustainable development work is based on the local trust and confidence you build by living in, and respectfully integrating yourself into, your host community and culture.
5. Recognize that you are responsible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for your personal conduct and professional performance.
6. Engage with host country partners in a spirit of cooperation, mutual learning, and respect.
7. Work within the rules and regulations of the Peace Corps and the local and national laws of the country where you serve.
8. Exercise judgment and personal responsibility to protect your health, safety, and well-being and that of others.
9. Recognize that you will be perceived, in your host country and community, as a representative of the people, cultures, values, and traditions of the United States of America.
10. Represent responsibly the people, cultures, values, and traditions of your host country and community to people in the United States both during and following your service.

Grants Program Update

CRPCA is pleased to announce that it has funded the following projects through the CRPCA Grants Program. All projects were voted on during the general meeting at the October 11, 2009 Board Meeting and Potluck. Thank you to all members that participated in the meeting and provided your valuable feedback!

20th Anniversary of the Cascade Festival of African Films

Total award: \$1,000

Submitted by CRPCA member Bobbie Carrie

The goal of the CFAF is to bring together diverse audience members, treat them with respect, and create an environment in which high-quality cinematic art sets the context for dialogue and cultural understanding. The Festival's intended outcomes are to educate and enlighten people about Africa through films by Africans and to build community and understanding by bringing people together to view African films, meet African filmmakers, and discuss issues of personal and global significance in a forum where open and honest dialogue can flourish.

50th Anniversary Peace Corps Exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society Museum

Total award: \$750

Submitted by CRPCA member Martin Kaplan

The Committee for a Museum of Peace Corps Experience was founded to establish a Museum in the Portland area and fulfill the 3rd goal of Peace Corps, bringing the world home. The budget for this portion of the exhibit will help the committee with returned Peace Corps volunteers from the Northwest and from around the country. It will require printing costs, mailing costs and storage costs for collected exhibit items.

Makindu Children's Program

Total award: \$750

Submitted by CRPCA member Steve Randolph

The goal of the organization is to provide opportunities for growth and development of orphans and vulnerable children in Makindu Division, Kenya by supporting their access to basic needs through community collective action. The funds will be used for purchasing, delivering and installing materials as part of a Rainwater Catchment Project at the Makindu Children Center.

Reminder!! The next deadline to submit grant applications is in January.

Submitted by: Courtney Martin & Jenn Dederich

NPCA News



On August 24, Aaron Williams, who was a member of the NPCA board was sworn-in as Peace Corps Director. Aaron was a volunteer in the Dominican Republic (67-70) and has extensive experience in international development. See: (www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=resources.media.press.view&news_id=1473)

During the October 5th board meeting, Chuck Ludham resigned as the Asia/Pacific representative on the NPCA board. This is an elective position (ie not board-elected) so Chuck's position will be up for election in the spring. The NPCA board-elected seat vacated by Aaron Williams was filled by Susan Solomon (RPCV Sierra Leone)

The NPCA hired a new Development Director, Khalsa Jacobs, who will work closely with the NPCA's Business and Development Committee in fundraising strategies for the Peace Corps 50th Anniversary in 2011. The number of affiliated member groups is now 137.

The NPCA is in discussion with Peace Corps to convert WorldView into a digital publication for PCVs. (It is as yet undecided if a hard copy of the magazine will be published for the rest of its subscribers).

The Peace Corps Connect website continues to grow with over 16,000 members. The Africa Rural Connect collaborative website was launched in July and has nearly 4,000 profiles.

Budget-wise, the NPCA remains on stable ground. Income is down, but so are expenses.

The More Peace Corps campaign is seeking input from all members of the Peace Corps community (applicants, PCVs, family of PCVs, RPCVs, staff) on how to best improve and embolden the Peace Corps to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The results of a survey taken between October 9th and 22nd, will help determine the direction of the More Peace Corps campaign.

Submitted by: Joe Hindman, NPCA Western Rep

Events Calendar

November 2009

Monday, 11/02, 6:00 pm - Restaurant Gathering (and possible Movie Night). [Wild Tiger](#) Thai-Laotian cuisine, [4160 NE Sandy Blvd](#) in Portland. Dinner prices range \$10-15; credit cards accepted. Plenty of room; no RSVP necessary. After dinner (around 7:30) there will be the option to walk to the [Hollywood Theatre, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd](#), for their Kung Fu movie festival or their more typical selection of artsy films. It's \$4 movie night!

Saturday, 11/14, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm - CRPCA Fundraising Event, featuring Chervona! \$12 for CRPCA members, \$15 for non-members, \$5 for kids ages 6-16, 5 and under FREE. Please bring 2 non-perishable items to support the current CRPCA non-profit partner, the Oregon Food Bank. Small plates will be available for sale from The People's Sandwich of Portland (sandwiches and antipasti) and PK Thai. Support these great local restaurants! Buy your tickets early! Make checks payable to CRPCA, PO Box 802 Portland, OR 97207. Or [register online](#).

Tuesday, 11/17, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm - Service Activity at the Oregon Food Bank in NE Portland. Please see our [Service page](#) for location and additional details. RSVP by Tue 11/10 to service@crpca.org or call Tom at 503-267-3943, as the Food Bank needs a head count.

Monday, 11/30, 6:30 pm - Soirée. An informal gathering at the [Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd](#) in Portland. This is a great way to link up with other RPCVs, hear interesting stories from around the world, and grab a beer and a bite to eat among good company. You can usually find us in the front room. Kids welcome until 9pm.

December 2009

Saturday, 12/05, 9:00 am to 11:00 am - Service Activity at the Oregon Food Bank in NE Portland. Please see our [Service page](#) for location and additional details. RSVP by Sat 11/28 to service@crpca.org or call Tom at 503-267-3943, as the Food Bank needs a head count.

Sunday, 12/13, 5:00-8:00 pm - Business Meeting, Potluck and Program. Location TBA; e-mail Madeleine Mader, networking@crpca.org, if you're willing to host and could accommodate a turnout of 25-50. All are welcome to the 5pm CRPCA business meeting, dinner will be at 6pm, and the program will begin at 7pm.

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2010 Activities

We have made several changes to the CRPCA event schedule for the first three months of 2010. Changes since the October newsletter appear below in **red**.

January 2010

Saturday, 1/09, 6:00 pm - Post-Holiday White Elephant Party. Lucky Labrador Public House (Multnomah Village), [7675 SW Capitol Hwy](#) in Portland.

Monday, 1/25, 6:30 pm - Soirée. An informal gathering at the [Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd](#) in Portland.

Sunday, 1/31, 5:00-8:00 pm - Business Meeting, Potluck and Program. Location TBA; e-mail Madeleine Mader, networking@crpca.org, if you're willing to host and could accommodate a turnout of 25-50. All are welcome to the 5pm CRPCA business meeting (where we will determine which grants to award for the winter grant cycle), dinner will be at 6pm, and the program will begin at 7pm.

February 2010

Saturday, 2/06, 9:00am-noon - West Regional Meeting of RPCV Group Leaders, hosted by CRPCA. Location at Portland Community College's Cascade campus in North Portland. More info to follow.

Monday, 2/22, 6:30 pm - Soirée. An informal gathering at the [Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd](#) in Portland.

March 2010

Sunday, 3/14, 6:00-8:00 pm - Potluck and Program. Location TBA; e-mail Madeleine Mader, networking@crpca.org, if you're willing to host and could accommodate a turnout of 25-50. There will be no pre-dinner business meeting; the 6pm dinner will be followed by a 7pm program.

Monday, 3/29, 6:30 pm - Soirée. An informal gathering at the [Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd](#) in Portland.

Welcome to New Members

Ryan Adams, Niger 2010 - 2012; Shoshana Cohen, Senegal 1996 - 1998; Michelle Helman (Peru 2006 - 2008; Brian Newhouse, Cape Verde 2007 - 2009; Maya Rao, Niger 2010 - 2012; Nigel Williams, Gambia 1997 - 1999.

Thank you to our renewing members!

Stefanie Avery, Aron Borok, Susan Fofana-Dura, Rosemary Furfy, Anne Kimberly, Elaine Kohnen, Amanda and Roger Marcus, Kara Lynn Rankin, Rosalie Schmitz, Andrea Vargo, and Everette Williams.

World AIDS Day – Portland

On December 1, around the world and throughout the United States, communities will come together to mark the 21st annual World AIDS Day. To commemorate the day and raise awareness throughout the Portland Metropolitan area, local and global HIV/AIDS service organizations have collaborated to launch the 9 1/2 Minutes Campaign. It is estimated by the Centers for Disease Control that one new infection occurs every nine and a half minutes in the United States. The goal of the campaign is to mobilize schools, faith-based organizations, businesses and community-based organizations to become involved in raising HIV/AIDS awareness.

Local area AIDS organizations have come together to create a website that will serve as a hub of information for World AIDS Day in Portland. Visitors to the site can view the events calendar, sign up to publicize their event, download a toolkit to help with event planning and even read and share personal stories. Visit the website at <http://www.worldaidsdayportland.org>.

Nearly everyone in the United States is touched by HIV/AIDS. On December 1, 2009 we can all do our part to help make people aware and help stop infections from occurring every 9 ½ Minutes.



NPCA Board Opening (Asia-Pacific COS)

The National Peace Corps Association is seeking nominees for a vacated seat on the NPCA board. The vacancy created by Chuck Ludlam's resignation as the member-elected Asia and Pacific Regional Representative until 2011 will be filled in the next election in spring 2010. Formal nominations will be opened in early spring, but groups in the region may recommend candidates at any time to the staff liaison to the Board Governance Committee, Anne Baker at anne@peacecorpsconnect.org. The countries-of-service represented by this board position are Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Cook Islands, East Timor, Fiji, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyz Republic, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Niue, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, and Yemen.

The Pangaea Project

You are invited to The Pangaea Project's Fourth Annual Final Celebration on Friday November 6th, 6-9pm at the Melody Ballroom.

We will be celebrating the completion of Pangaea's eight-month leadership development program by giving participants the opportunity to use their leadership skills and share what they have experienced with the broader Portland community.

Tickets are on a sliding scale, \$20-50, and are available through The Pangaea Project website www.thepangaeaproject.org

Free Events

[Tapestry of Tales](#) is the Multnomah County Library's annual storytelling festival. This year's events (most free) are scheduled between October 26 and November 21, with the greatest bulk of them the weekend before Thanksgiving. This is an awesome opportunity to hear master storytellers from many cultural backgrounds.

Portland's [Japanese Garden](#) is free on Veterans Day, November 11 (10am-4pm).

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2010 International Calendar Order Form

If you would like your calendar(s) mailed to you, please send in the order form below with a check **payable to: CRPCA** as indicated on the order form. If you have any questions, call Pat Russell at (503) 284-2874 or email her pats.cats@comcast.net.

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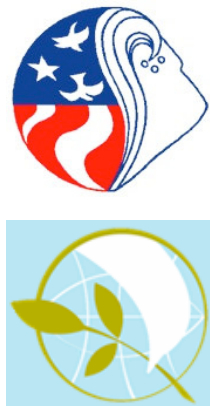
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MEMBERSHIP - ADDRESS CHANGE - RENEWAL FORM

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. Note that most communication with our members is over the Internet.

	Member #1	Member #2
Name	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____
City, State, & Zip	_____	_____
Home Phone	_____	_____
Work Phone	_____	_____
Cell Phone	_____	_____
E-mail Address	_____	_____
Peace Corps Country & Years of Service	_____	_____
Peace Corps Job/Sector	_____	_____
Current Occupation	_____	_____

CRPCA Annual Dues: \$20 per household
 or check here for 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. Currently-serving Peace Corps Volunteers from our geographic area are also welcome to free membership for the duration of their service.

NPCA Annual Dues: \$35 for Member #1 \$35 for Member #2
 or check here for FREE membership in NPCA. One free year is offered to all RPCVs who closed their service within the last year. Please name your COS month & year: _____

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

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WHEN: Saturday, November 14 from 7 to 10 pm

WHERE: First Unitarian Church – Buchan Hall
1011 SW 12th Ave, Portland, OR

COST: \$12 for CRPCA members; \$15 for non-members;
Ages 6-16 \$5 and 5 and under FREE
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