Next Meeting

Sunday, February 6th
at the Willamette Center
downtown, First and Salmon

7 - 7:30 wine, cheese and crackers
(please bring one of above)

7:30 - 9 SLIDE PRESENTATION:
WORLD HUNGER PROJECT

March Meeting

Let's Dine Out....

.....more info in next newsletter.................

Corazon

The Latin Heart in Poetry and Song

Saturday, February 5th ... 8 pm
a benefit for
El Salvadore Political Refugees

The program includes "Latin American
Political Poetry" presented by Rose Leopold and William Tate,
"Sandunga" by Latin American musicians,
and guitar music by Hector de la O.

Tickets ($4.50) in advance (246-6324)
or at the door
First Congregational Church
1126 S.W. Park Avenue
Recruitment in Portland

Peace Corps applicants now have the opportunity to be recruited through our own Portland-based representative, rather than having to depend on long-distance phone calls or for a visit from the Seattle recruiting staff. Janina Fuller (Philippines, 1978-1980) has been working since October as a Peace Corps strategy coordinator (that's fancy for "part-time recruiter") at Portland State University through their Career Planning and Placement Services office. Currently enrolled in PSU's pre-med curriculum, Janina is recruiting on a half-time basis and spends time each week at Reed and Lewis & Clark colleges, as well as PSU. So far her recruitment efforts have included letters to seniors at all 3 campuses, posters and campus newspaper display ads, information tables, and a slide show about her experiences in the Philippines. She is always looking for recruiting ideas, people to assist her with speaking engagements and information tables, RPCV faculty members at any of the 3 schools, and new Peace Corps applicants. Janina welcomes your input, suggestions and referrals, and she may be reached at PSU Career Planning & Placement Services, 229-4613.

Future NEWSLETTER items to Marilyn Badurina 1751 N.E. Junior St., Portland, 97211, 285-4373

Other People to Contact


RPCV Publications

National Council RPCV
P.O. Box 1404
Omaha, NE 68101

Membership includes subscription to quarterly newsletter. $12 Individual; $6 if affiliated with a local RPCV group

Peace Corps Times - published by The Peace Corps, Washington DC 20526

cfax - Community Foreign Affairs Exchange
705 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02135

News & information about the non-western world and the US relationship to it. 1 year subscription - $17.

HOTLINE - Available free for those COSing in 1981 or later, minimal fee if you COSed in 1980 or earlier. Send a postcard to RVS, Peace Corps, Room M-907, Washington D.C. 20526, Attn: HOTLINE

SUBSCRIPTION
President Gives His Renewed Commitment

President Reagan has renewed his personal commitment to the Peace Corps as a major instrument for policy in his Administration’s pursuit of world peace. He first announced this commitment in a meeting he held in late July with Peace Corps Director Loret Ruppe. The current Peace Corps meets these following policy criteria:

World Peace and Friendship. Peace Corps provides a human face to foreign policy promoting peace through development and mutual understanding on an individual basis.

Foreign Policy with Broad-Based Support. Peace Corps has widespread public and bipartisan Congressional support and a reputation as foreign aid well spent.

Caribbean Basin Initiative. Peace Corps has 861 Volunteers in Caribbean Basin countries, and has developed new programming initiatives in income-producing and technical capacity projects—such as Prime Minister Seaga’s HEART (Human Employment and Resource Training) program, to which Peace Corps is devoting Volunteers and staff.

Economic Self-Sufficiency. Peace Corps Volunteers train others to help themselves and to improve productive capacities without continued or increased dependence on external aid. Projects are designed to have a multiplier effect providing for long-term self-sufficiency. Peace Corps now emphasizes projects promoting competitive enterprise.

Voluntary Action. American Volunteers work at the grass-roots level overseas, and then return home to help broaden American understanding of developing nations’ problems. Older Americans and minorities are being recruited actively.

Private Sector Initiatives. Peace Corps policies now involve extensive, growing collaboration with private voluntary organizations and increasing opportunities for private sector support and involvement.

Efficient, Cost-Effective Federal Programs. The cost of keeping a Volunteer abroad by Peace Corps is approximately one-tenth the cost of a U.S. company’s overseas representative.

From NCPRCV Newsletter

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATE STUDY: Former Peace Corps and VISTA volunteers interested in graduate study are being sought by Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville’s Graduate Urban Affairs and Policy Analysis Program, for their one year, M.S. program outside St. Louis. The Program focuses on training in program design and evaluation, planning, and budgeting, and studies these approaches by working on projects for nonprofit and government agencies. Free tuition and stipends are available. Write Prof. Mark Drucker at the Program, Box 32, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL 62026, or call collect (618) 692-3762.

Self-Reliant Development In China

A Study Tour
The People’s Republic of China for
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
October 1 - 26, 1983

In October, 1983, a delegation of returned Peace Corps Volunteers and others who have worked in developing nations on a grass-roots level will visit the People’s Republic of China to study the Chinese model of self-reliant development and to exchange ideas about strategies for modernizing developing nations.

The theme of the tour is China’s self-directed development since the Revolution of 1949 and its reemergence into the international community.

The organizer and leader of the delegation is RPCV Gloria Levin who was a Peace Corps Selection Officer (1965-1966) and Volunteer (Peru, 1966-1968).

For details and applications contact Gloria Levin, 7327 University Avenue, Glen Echo, MD 20812, or call (301) 320-5068.
Supported by Local Group

To the Editor:

After serving for 3 years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cameroon, I returned home to Nebraska in September. In just 2 weeks I had the opportunity to participate in the Peace Corps Fair sponsored by the Nebraska Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers on Oct. 1-3 in Omaha.

Peace Corps Volunteers (NARPCV) on Oct. 1-3 in Omaha.

The Peace Corps Fair was an excellent opportunity for me to talk to the public about Cameroon and to meet fellow returned volunteers. Because the Fair attracted many individuals who are considering joining the Peace Corps, I was able to give them first-hand accounts of my own experiences as a trainee and volunteer. I also learned about current developments in Peace Corps and about the National Council.

I realize that I am fortunate to have an active, organized group of returned volunteers in my area. When I joined Peace Corps in 1979, I expected that upon my return I would as an individual contribute in some way to Peace Corps’ third goal of increasing American awareness of other peoples. Even though as an individual I currently talk to others both formally and informally about Peace Corps and Cameroon, I find that I am now supported by the structure, organization, and momentum of the NARPCV.

Local and regional groups of returned volunteers are a practical means of making the Peace Corps’ third goal more tangible. The Peace Corps Fair is an example of how such a group can make a volunteer’s return to his/her community more meaningful and effective.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped to establish the NARPCV and ask that all members work to realize the value and potential of our organization.

Mary Ann Bruns
Cameroon ’82.

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TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS will be offered to a substantial number of RPCVs interested in pursuing the Master of Arts in International Affairs.

In addition, GRADUATE STIPENDS in the range of $3600 to $4000 are available for qualified applicants. Application for financial aid must be made prior to February 28, 1983.

The Southeast Asia Studies Program probably will have available several language scholarships.

The CENTER offers the following areas of specialization: African Studies, Development Studies, International Administrative Studies, Latin American Studies and Southeast Asian Studies. The Master of Arts in International Affairs may be started in any quarter at Ohio University.

For further information and application forms, write to:

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