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August Picnic

Hello there.

You, your family, and friends are cordially invited to Washington

Park for the August Picnic on

Sunday the 19th from 1-5 p.m.

Covered picnic area "D" is reserved for us near

the Archery

Range on

SW Sherwood

Blvd. Please

refer to the map on

the last page for directional

details and note that Area "D" is a short way down the hill from the Rose Gardens and Tennis

Courts. Both barbeque grills (I think we must

provide our own) and alcohol beverages are

permissible, although, if we use charcoal, we

must take the ashes and coals with us when we

leave! No planned entertainment has been

arranged; Show and Tell is postponed until

September. So, please bring games and toys with

you, such as croquet, frisbee or badminton

Let's eat about 2 p.m.

We had hoped to hire a caterer for this event and

had hoped to eat caviar and cherries jubilee from

fine bone china on white Irish linen tablecloths

but, alas, needed the phone book to prop up the

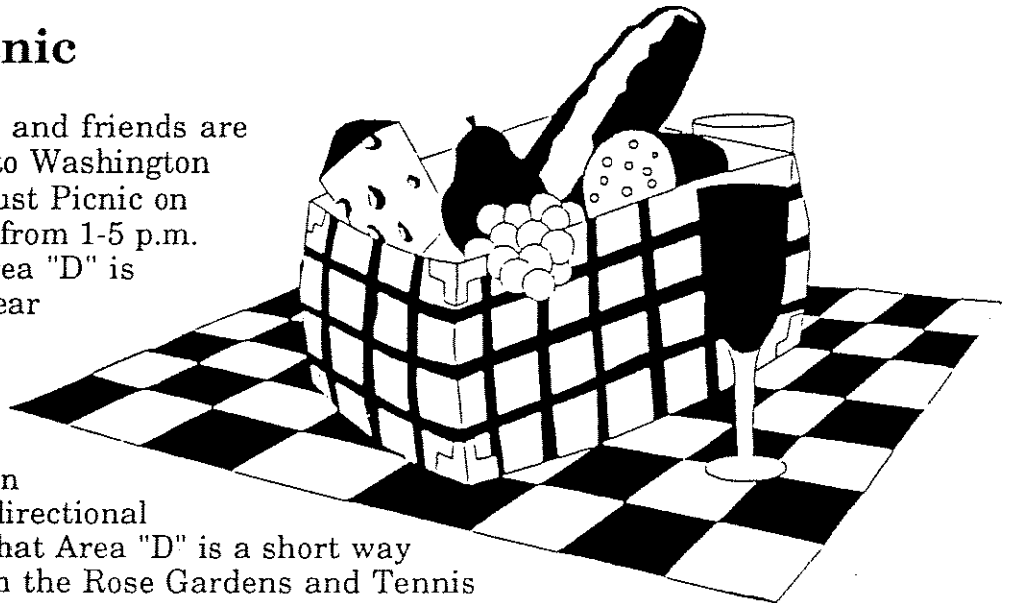
fan. Bring a dish or two to pass. Or, bring your

own complete picnic. Or, bring both. Or, don't

bring anything at all but yourself and your toys.

Whatever you bring is fine.

The End, Brenda Michel.



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September Meeting

When: Sunday, September 16th at 6 pm for potluck and 7 pm for meeting followed by program.

What: Potluck, meeting and program. Missed the NCRPCV Conference in Eugene? Excited about the conference and would like to share with those who are interested? Then come to our September meeting. We will also begin a regular feature called "Show & Tell" so that you can share something of your Peace Corps experience with others in our group.

Where: If you would like to host this meeting, please call me at 254-5161. I hope to see you there!

Your Program coordinator,
Gabriella Kotubetey

Speakers' Bureau Training

A training session will be at World Trade Center One in late September to help make us more effective in sharing our Peace Corps experience with others. If you have ideas or experience to share, please plan to attend. If you have hesitated to become a member of our Speakers' Bureau, come learn some techniques to give you confidence and help you give a good presentation. The training session is being sponsored and coordinated by World Affairs Council and our local RPCV group. I would appreciate your ideas and suggestions.

Your Speakers' Bureau Coordinator,
Gabriella Kotubetey

Date for Festival has Changed

The Oregon Peace Initiative, a Portland-based, non-profit organization which promotes world peace, cross-cultural understanding, and education about international issues, has postponed their annual Peace Festival until October 6, 1990. The location has also been changed, to inside the Galleria. Fifty organizations, including RPCVs of Oregon, will run information booths during the day, followed by an evening benefit of music and fun. While the daytime events are free, tickets for the benefit are \$20. Anyone interested in helping to hand out pamphlets on Peace Corps and RPCVs of Oregon, should contact Douglas King, at 235-7178.

Board Meeting

The RPCV board met on July 25th to further refine our "vision" for the coming year.

1) We discussed the upcoming Oregon Peace Festival and planned to have information about the RPCV group, the Speakers' Bureau, and Peace Corps in general at the booth.
2) Gabriella brought up the issue of how the RPCV Speakers' Bureau can best work with the World Affairs Council. We want to expand our "bank" of available speakers from our current 30, up to 50, and decided to target those with flexible work schedules (possibly recent PCVs or retirees) since many of the speaking requests are during the work week.
3) Ed Warmouth, Development Education Chair, initiated a brainstorming session for possible projects/activities in the coming year. We came up with a long list of ideas and are excited about the possibilities.
4) Brenda reminded us that we should be thinking about the Starlight Parade for next year. We need some sort of theme or gimmick, such as music (live or recorded), dancing, banners, a float, marching with a huge globe.... We'd welcome your ideas to make this happen.

Our Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 22, 1990, 7:30 pm
At Douglas King's residence,
2730 SE 16th Avenue (near Division St.)
235-7178. Everyone is invited.

Calendar

RPCVs of Oregon

August 22: RPCV Board Meeting, 7:30,
Douglas King's, 2730 SE 16th Ave.

August 25: Picnic & Games, 1-5 pm,
Washington Park (See map).

September 16: Potluck & Program, 6:00.

October 6: Oregon Peace Festival, RPCVs
information booth

Language Meetings

August 9 & 23: La Cercle Français,
Standard Plaza Cafeteria, 1100 SW 6th.
Info: 654-6208.

August 10 & 24: El Circulo Espanol,
Standard Plaza Cafeteria, 1100 SW 6th.
Info: 224-9124.

August 21: Le Cercle Italien, Delphina's,
2112 NW Kearney. Info: 289-6108.

August 4, 11, 18, & 25: La Matinée
Française, Riverplace Cafe, 10:30-noon.

Letter from the Editor

Oh, no! Although I have put it off for three months now, I feel it is finally time to introduce myself. I am the new editor of this newsletter. That means that I assemble, correct, rearrange, alter, and highlight what others have written.

In order to do my job, however, I need articles and letters to assemble, correct, etc. PLEASE write to me. Let me know what inspires you, or what angers you. Tell me about your work, or some organization you are involved with. Tell me about books you have read, or exotic recipes you have tried out. If you feel too boring, tell me about someone interesting whom you know. I will share these with our readers. My deadline is usually the last weekend of the month. For example, August 28th is the deadline for the September 1990 newsletter.

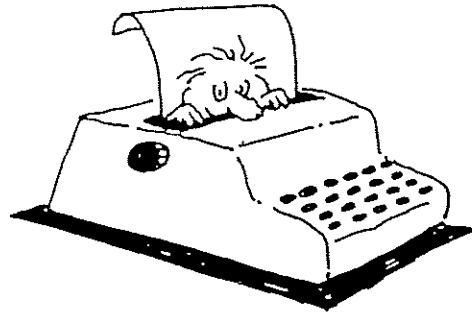
Those of us who attended the 1990 National RPCV Conference have been in a daze from the overwhelming amount of information, new friends, old friends, and inspiration which washed over us while in Eugene. Let's ride this wave of enthusiasm as far as we can, and get a lot accomplished. Several projects have been proposed by our members. At the next couple of meetings, we will be able to exchange ideas and reactions to the conference.

One note from the NCRPCV is that members who received the premier issue of *RPCV magazine*, should not expect any more issues. In fact, due to the financial crisis of the NCRPCV, all of its publications are in danger, although it appears that *World View* is the most likely to continue. We'll see.

In closing, I am delighted to welcome three new members to our group. Paul Koehler and Jinx Faulkner were volunteers in Fiji. Donna Raynalds served in Swaziland, 1987-89. Welcome. I will do my best to welcome new members as they come. Our membership has already grown from about 140 in late May to 155 in early August, and at least 10 people at the conference expressed interest in joining our group.

Please write soon.

Your editor, Douglas King



News from across the country

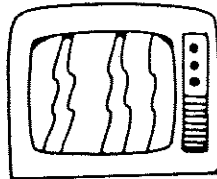
Chicago. On June 10th, RPCVs here provided the public with information about the Peace Corps, using a booth at a local blues festival. Upcoming events include a Third World Picnic at a park near Lake Shore Drive, and a Canoe Outing and Cook-out on Sugar Creek.

Boston. In addition to organizing a chicken barbecue on August 12th, RPCVs here are getting ready to play hosts for the Foreign Volunteer Intercultural Program, in which foreign graduate students volunteer their time to help Boston. Membership in Boston's RPCV group totals 550, and the 15 committees range from the International Book Club (which meets to discuss various literature) to the new Environmental Committee (which just held its first program, on global warming).

Cleveland. The Northeast Ohio Returned Volunteers Association is once again raising money by parking cars and watching admission gates at the 3-day Cleveland National Air Show. The group recently sponsored an International Month at the local Children's Museum, and they are currently helping Habitat for Humanity build or restore at least 3 or 4 homes.

RPCVs on TV

On July 18, 1990, three RPCVs were interviewed on *Community Concern*, a general interest program on channel 11, Cable Access Network. Doug Browning, a reporter from Hillsboro, questioned Debi Bauder (Honduras), Anita Donahue (Solomon Islands) and Douglas King (Central African Republic) about life in the countries where they served. Topics discussed included working, living, and sanitary conditions, host country's attitudes towards Americans, and the various pleasures and problems of living overseas. The trio displayed many artifacts from their countries, and explained how to find out more about the Peace Corps and RPCVs of Oregon. A video tape of the half hour show may be shown at an upcoming meeting.



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Host-country groups

The following "Friends of..." groups welcome RPCVs who served in these countries. Many of the groups listed publish newsletters, some have annual meetings and many offer updates on the country or group fares for travel to the host country. Those with astericks are affiliated to the National Council by having more than nine members pay dues to the National Council. We urge you to become active in the affairs of your old host country.

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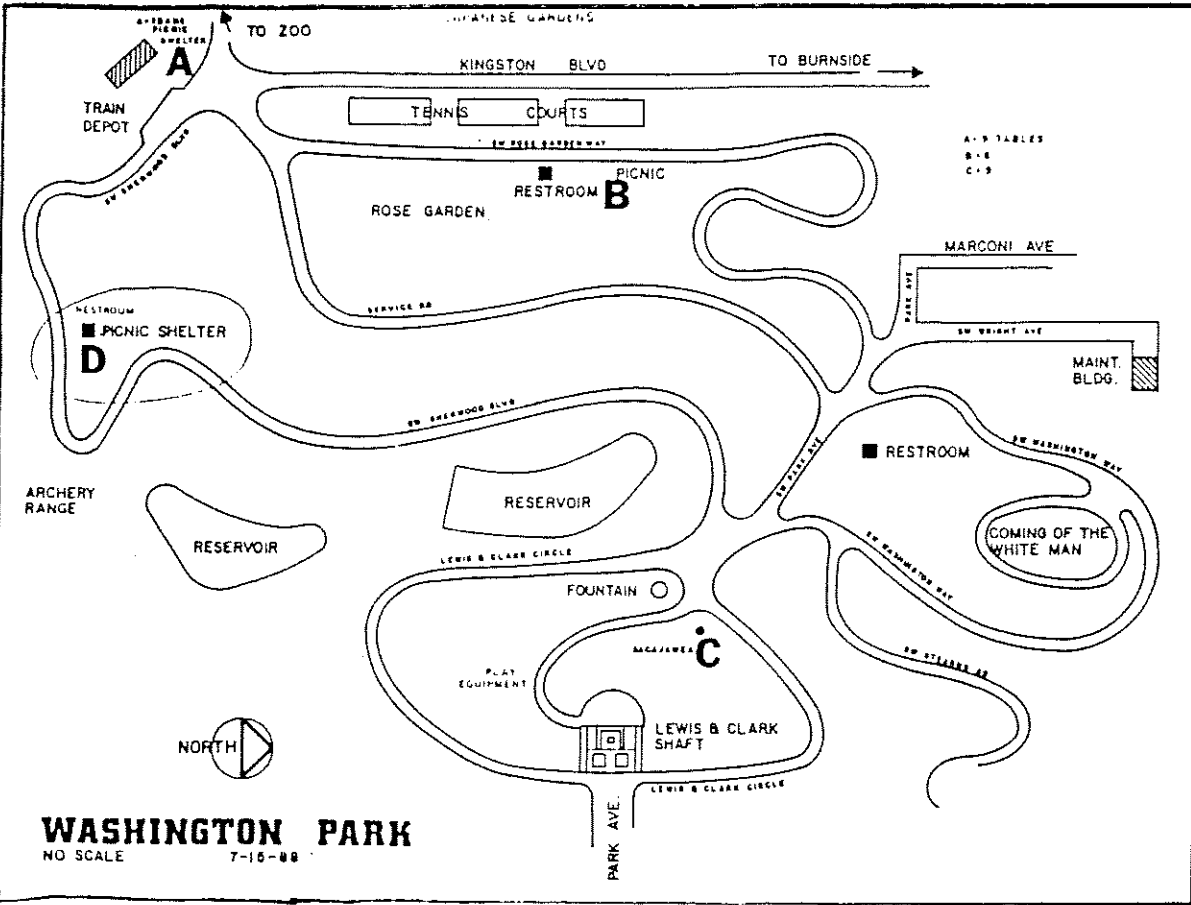
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Don't Forget the Picnic!

When: Sunday, August ~~26~~¹⁹

1-5 pm (Eat at 2:00)

Where: Washington Park
Area "D"



WASHINGTON PARK
NO SCALE 7-10-88

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