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YEN HA VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 1990 at 4:00 p.m.
6820 NE Sandy Blvd.
Call Brenda, 236-5838,
with your reservations
before Thursday, Oct. 18th.



Our restaurant meeting, Sunday, October 21st, will be held at YEN HA's Vietnamese Restaurant, 6820 NE Sandy Blvd. It is located on the south-ish side of Sandy Blvd. Please phone me, Brenda, at 236-5838 to make your reservations by Thursday, October 18th. I have a message machine so feel free to phone anytime of the day or evening (not after 10 p.m. though, please).

Calendar

- Oct 1, Monday, World Habitat Day.
- Oct 5, International Children's Day.
- Oct 6, Saturday, Oregon Peace & Music Festival, 10am-6pm, free, at the Galleria, 921 SW Morrison. Plus a musical benefit, 7pm-midnight, \$20.
- Oct 12, Friday, **RPCV Happy Hour**, 5:15pm, Greek Cusina, 404 SW Washington, Upstairs.
- Oct 16, World Food Day.
- Oct 18, Thursday, **RPCV Business Meeting**, for officers and anyone, 7pm, JoAnn von Rohr's, 2604 NE 25th
- Oct 18-22, Thurs-Mon., 7th Annual Advocates for Language Learning Conference: The Future of Being Bilingual. Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. Info:(213) 397-2448.
- Oct 20, Saturday, UN Association FOLKFEST, noon-6pm, free at Masonic Temple, 1119 SW Park Ave.
- Oct 21, Sunday, **Restaurant Meeting**, Yen Ha's Vietnamese Food, 4 pm, RSVP.
- Oct 24, United Nations Day
- Oct 31, UNICEF Day.
- Nov 11, Sunday, RPCV Potluck & Program, 6pm, at Charles Holzwarth's, 2524 NE 34th Ave.

Yen Ha
Vietnamese Restaurant
Serving Beer & Wine



- Tues. - Sun.: 503-287-3698
- 10 AM - midnight 6820 - 6828 N.E. Sandy Blvd.
- Closed Mondays Portland, Oregon 97213

Reservations Recommended on Weekends

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM MEETING

About twenty RPCVs and friends attended the September potluck, program, and meeting at Gabriella & Bernard's house for a sharing session on the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Annual Conference held in Eugene in July. Most agreed that when the entire group of 1,200 was gathered together there was an incredible feeling of solidarity. I have not had such a comfortable feeling in a group since I returned to the US in 1978 after fourteen years in West Africa.

We also had our first Show and Tell Session with Rosalie Schmitz sharing about the public baths in Tunisia, and Davy Crockett sharing the origins and uses of the traditional khanga worn in Kenya. We ran out of time so we have to wait until the November meeting for the next Show and Tell. The potluck was especially good, so don't miss our next meeting on November 11th!

NOVEMBER PROGRAM MEETING

Our November potluck, program, and meeting will be held Sunday, November 11th (potluck at 6 PM, meeting and program from 7 to 9 PM). Our guest speaker will be Julie Meyer from the Seattle Office of International Service Agencies. She will share with us what ISA is doing in the world and especially in Oregon. Charlene Holzwarth will host this meeting at her home at 2524 NE 34th AV. Directions and a map will be in the November Newsletter.



THE RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS SPEAKERS BUREAU

This year our RPCV group is working with Jean Campbell, the Schools Program Coordinator at the World Affairs Council, to coordinate our speaking engagements. I have taken the information from the membership application forms to give her a list of our potential speakers, and she will field the calls

and forms that come in from the schools and other community groups. I would like to document the activity of our group, so I would like you to inform me of your speaking engagements even if you are not officially a member of our speakers bureau.

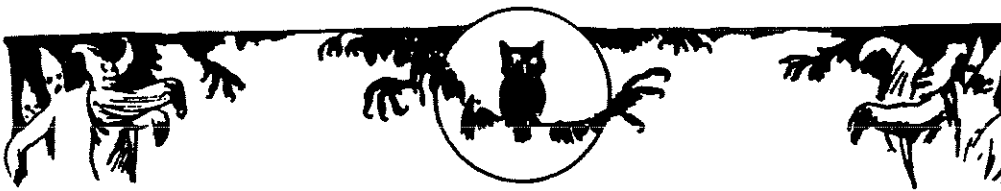
We held our first Speakers Bureau Workshop at Two World Trade Center. Joan Griffis from Portland Public Schools Audio-Visual Department gave a presentation about how to use realia (artifacts) to enhance your presentation. She also had handouts. Jerry Porter and Judy Johndahl, both RPCVs from Mali, showed ways of organizing your slide presentation. Mariana Bornholdt presented ideas to increase audience participation. Twelve RPCVs attended held, and two RPCVs joined the Speakers Bureau. They are:

Judy Johndahl
Pat Greenwood

The following RPCVs have indicated a desire to be members of the RPCV Speakers Bureau on their membership application or renewal form:

Debi Bauder	Lanell Blatner
Rod Boling	Mariana Bornholdt
Josephine Cameron	Anita Donahue
Anne Feldstein	Steve Hursh
Douglas King	Carol McCormac
Brenda Michel	Jerry Porter
Kirsten Radich	Donna Raynolds
Rosalie Schmitz	Jim Shaw
Ken Skach	Jeff Strang
Edward Warmoth	Marilyn Watts
Joann Warlic VonRohr	Bernie & Jo Japs
Joan & Richard Swee	Bonnie & Jim Kiser
Gabriella & Bernard Kotubetey	
Darlene & Duane Lemley	
Mary Lynn & Mike Waite	

If you would like to share your Peace Corps experiences and knowledge of other areas and cultures with people in the Portland area, please join our group. If you indicated a desire to be on the Speakers Bureau, and your name is not listed above, please call me at 254-5161 (home) or 280-5220 (work).



RPCV SOCIAL HOUR RESUMES

We are trying to resurrect an old RPCV tradition which has fallen into disuse. On Friday evening, October 12, at 5:15, Let's meet after work at Greek Cusina, 404 S.W. Washington street, for a time of fun and socializing. Come on and join us!



RPCV Business Meeting

The Officers met this month at Brenda Michel's, and were updated on the various projects that are currently in the works:

****Calendar Sales**** So far over 50 calendars have been sold and several RPCVs are displaying the calendar in schools, businesses, and places of work.

****Peace Festival**** The October 6th event will be held on all 3 floors of the Galleria. About 12 RPCVs will staff our booth throughout the day.

****Development Education Committee**** Ed Warmoth, Donna Raynalds, and Jerry Porter met this month and decided to organize a school development education project sometime in the spring. The half-day event will be "a trip around the world" with learning activities, entertainment, and ethnic food. We need RPCVs to help organize each country's exhibit. Call Ed at 628-3227, to help out.

****Publicity**** Brenda Mich is looking into (inexpensive) publicity for RPCV events.

****Fund Raising**** After brainstorming, we came up with some ideas to focus on. See related article.

Next Business Meeting:
Thursday, October 18th, at 7:00 PM.
JoAnn von Rohr's, 2604 NE 25th Ave,
between Brazee and Knott, 282-1721.
Everyone welcome.

Help Needed for Fund Raising

We need interested RPCVs to get involved in fund raising for development education projects or overseas projects such as the Peace Corps Partnership Program. The Officers did some brainstorming and came up with many ideas. Our focus in the months to come is the following:

1) **Selling T-Shirts...** Other RPCV groups have been very successful in this endeavor and we could be, too. We thought of testing the waters by selling another RPCV group's T-shirt, and if that goes well, we can look to the artists in our membership and create our own design. Perhaps a design party would get those creative juices flowing.

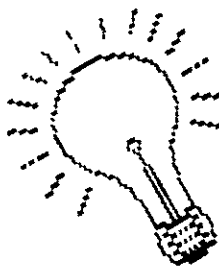
2) **Swahili Dinner...** Davy Crockett is interested in organizing a dinner after the first of the year (perhaps in March), but she needs help. We need, first of all, a hall to have the dinner in. Also need are people to work on soliciting donations of food so that we can keep the costs down, helping with cooking, publicity, etc.

Is there anyone out there interested in helping turn these ideas into successful fund raisers? Call Brenda Michel about the T-shirts, 236-5838, or Davy Crockett about the Dinner, 232-6180.

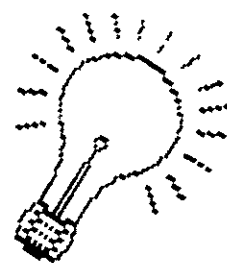
JULIA'S JUNIPER

We are considering selling T-Shirts as a fund-raiser. At the September officers' meeting we debated whether to design our own shirt or purchase another group's shirts for resale.

A dreamer at heart, I imagined a scenario like this: One weekend (or weekday) evening a smallish group of RPCVs gather together at someone's home. We introduce ourselves to each other around the circle. We look at a collection of very fine, artsy, graphic design magazines. We do a relaxation exercise, then a guided meditation. Afterward, we work individually on the ideas/images derived from this-- our own inner process. We come together as a group to share the results. We mix, blend, extract, combine ideas and agree on a design for our shirts. We eat chocolate as a departing/closing ritual. The shirts are extraordinarily beautiful, perhaps powerful and emotionally inspiring, perhaps clever and funny, perhaps a combination of these things. We can't make them fast enough for the demand. We make lots of money. We make new friends. We save the world.



Of course, it could be that you there, already have a great T-Shirt design tucked away in your psyche -- in which case we wouldn't have to go through the above mumbo-gumbo at all. Either way, let me know, won't you? Or, call any officer; our names and numbers are listed on the front of this newsletter. Additionally, if you have a different approach to developing a T-Shirt design you can say so. I'm offering one suggestion...



Hey, what do you think about getting together to discuss our "gimmick" for the Rose Festival Starlight Parade? We have to have a sort of "theme," you know. It's not too early to start planning, playing, organizing, dreaming, designing... We will be receiving an application from the Rose Festival folks in early December.

I've made a phone call to the Blitz-Weinhard Brewing Company for permission to engage their hospitality room. Marsha, the spokesperson for Blitz-Weinhard says it is booked solid until after the holidays. She will accept reservations for 1991 in November. I will call again then to reserve time for us. The hospitality room is located on west Burnside St., somewhere quite near Powell's Bookstore, I believe. We would meet there (at the hospitality room, not the bookstore) to freely consume as much Henry's as we like. I suspect I will have to do a lot of phone calling, coaxing, arm twisting, cajoling, persuasive speaking and humoring to get you to agree to show up. (Just teasing.) I don't need to remind you that Peace Corps Volunteers have a beer drinking reputation to uphold. Those working to uphold this world-wide reputation WILL bring a designated driver with them, OF COURSE. Soft drinks are available and free as well.

So, did "Julia's Juniper" make you want to read this piece? I couldn't think of a clever title at the time. See the help I need with T-Shirt design? Starlight Parade gimmicks? Life in general? Oh, don't you love it? Hug me. Squeeze me. Love me. Tease me. [David Burne (The Talking Heads) said it first.]

Brenda

PHONE TREE SOULS

I've divided up the membership list into sections. A few souls have volunteered to phone all the folks in their section to remind them of upcoming events and invite them to attend. Because many, many of us have answering machines, the task has proven to be easy, quick, painless, fun, and EFFECTIVE. Yes. "Right on!" (...as we said in the '60's.)

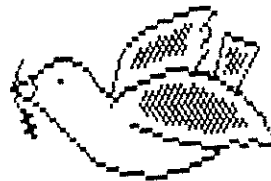
There are a few sections of the mailing list without an assigned calling soul. If YOU are interested, call me. We can discuss which sections are still available, what and how much is involved, and other stuff like that. A section, by the way, is approximately 12-15 people. If you try once or twice and are not able to reach anyone or a machine, then we aren't generally investing more time or energy...but it'd be up to you. You could do it on a one-time basis or for a few months or whatever.

The effort requires only a very small commitment AND is much appreciated, rewarding, gratifying, noble, righteous, politically correct and fun. Consider becoming a phone tree soul today. This offer does not expire but join soon to be cool.

Around the Country

Chicago: RPCVs here have initiated the Chicago Bears Geography Corps. Participating junior and high school classes follow the Bears' game schedule, and learn about home cities of NFL opponents by using Chicago Tribune articles, Rand McNally desk maps, WGN-Radio reports, and RPCV presentations. These businesses donated to the 12-week curriculum.

Sacramento: This past year this group has sponsored Solar Box Cooker Workshops, contributed to earth quake relief, aided the Loaves and Fishes Dining Hall, and helped with the local PBS pledge drive. This month they will have a booth at a children's festival, and are starting a new project to display RPCV photos and artifacts in school libraries.



Welcome to new members
Stephen Mader and Rosemary
Burris, (Nepal, '82-'84).

WAR! "We are building a nation and we will take off our swords and cut out this cancer," said a Malaysian official, banging his fist on the table. "We want to save our children and this country. It is war!"

That war against the drug trade is being pursued with ferocious intent in the tiny nation of 18 million people situated close to the "Golden Triangle" area of Burma, Laos and Thailand, the source of most of the world's heroin production. Active drug addicts have increased there from 711 in 1970 to an estimated 90,000 today -- numbers sufficiently drastic to lead to drastic measures. According to The Washington Times, "Anybody caught in possession of at least one-half ounce of heroin or morphine, 3 1/2 ounces of marijuana or hashish, 2.2 pounds of opium, or 1 1/2 ounces of cocaine is assumed to be a trafficker." People caught with smaller amounts are considered pushers. For convicted traffickers there is a mandatory death penalty, and for convicted pushers mandatory life imprisonment and a beating with the rotan -- a bamboo cane.

Malaysian officials do not apologize for the severity of their laws. "Malaysia is a small country and we want to save it. We will not allow Malaysia to become a second Colombia." Since the mandatory death sentence went into effect in 1983 the number of traffickers has been cut by 50 percent -- from 1,000 arrested each year to about 500 a year. But "some people are so fatalistic that they are willing to die knowing that their profits could still be enjoyed by their dependents," says one official. "That's why a law providing for the confiscation of the assets of convicted drug traffickers has been introduced."

PROJECT PROPOSAL: Saturday Trip around the World

BACKGROUND - This project is proposed by the Development Education Committee of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Oregon, based in Portland. The purpose is to provide broader knowledge about developing nations, the challenges they face for development, and elements of global interdependence.

WHO ----- It is proposed that the project would be conducted in partnership with the faculty and students of a Portland high school or elementary school. Members of the Oregon RPCVs would serve as team or country captains for a series of seven to ten room displays and presentations to be visited on the day of the project. Teachers and students would have the option of serving on a country team, but this would not be required. The team captain would seek input from foreign students and draw upon personal knowledge and input from other RPCVs. Students, parents, families, neighborhood residents, and all interested persons would be invited to see the country presentations.

HOW ----- The Development Education Committee would prepare a list of seven to ten countries to be included. The host school would be given the opportunity to revise and add to the list in accord with special interests and resources. The rooms would be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each would feature six 20-minute presentations starting on the hour and half-hour. Viewers or participants would get a passport form and choose the countries they prefer to visit, recognizing that not all persons would go to all countries. Provisions would be made to stamp the passports.

The country visits would be followed at 1 p.m. by music and dancing from one or more countries, for enjoyment by the persons who cared to stay. It is also proposed that groups or restaurants be invited to serve ethnic foods from 1-2 p.m. Small door prizes are suggested as a further incentive for attendance.

There would be no charge for attendance, however advance registration would be encouraged.

An overall coordination committee would be organized to handle facilities, publicity and promotion of attendance, the 1 p.m. food and music, and linkage with the country team captains.

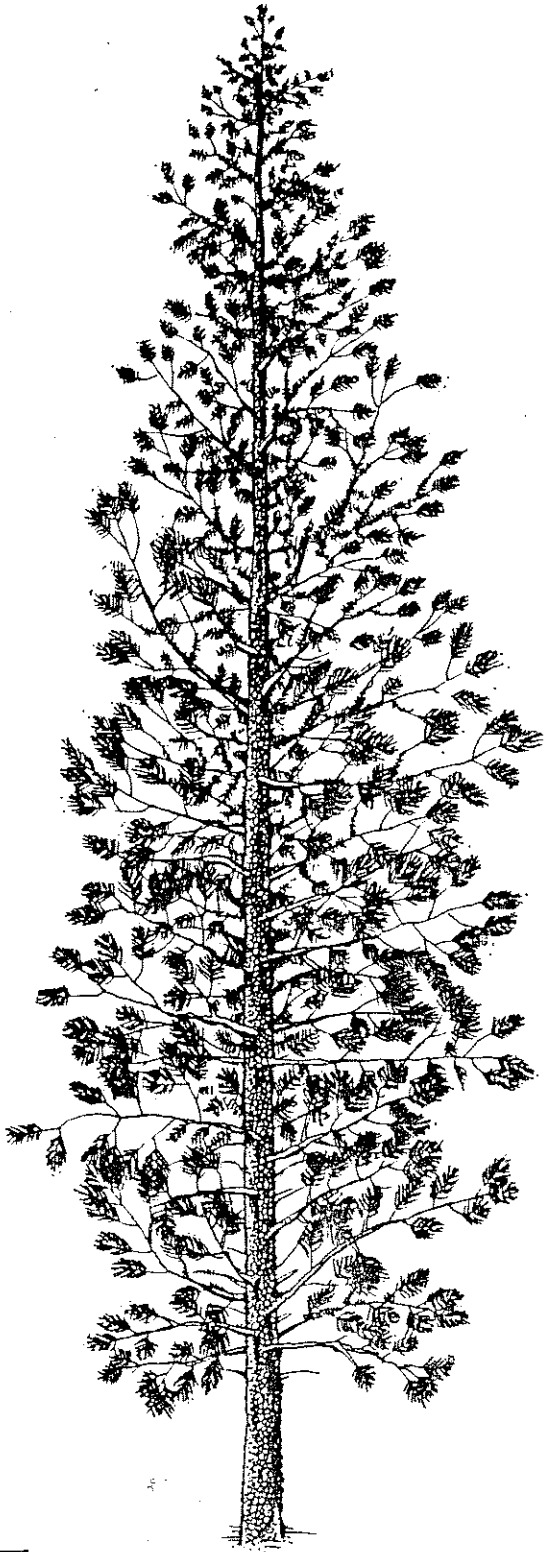
WHEN ----- It is anticipated that the event would be held sometime in the spring of 1991 when weather conditions would facilitate travel and attendance; possibly April. This timing and the date would need to be coordinated with the host school.

The initial step is to confirm a host school.

Contact: Ed Warmoth, RPCV, Chair of Development Education Committee,
9201 SW Line Drive, Cornelius, OR 97113, 628-3227.

FRIENDS!

RPCVs have learned to network in many ways. The creation of over 50 "Friends of ..." groups is another link between former volunteers and their host countries. Please support your appropriate group. Below is the second half of a list of groups. The first half appeared in the August 1990 Newsletter.



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Friends of Lesotho •

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Friends of Liberia

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Friends of Malawi •

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Friends of Mali

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Friends of Marshall Islands •

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