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# RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF OREGON/PORTLAND

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## Breakfast With Carol Bellamy, Peace Corps Director

Carol Bellamy, National Peace Corps Director, is planning a stop in our fair city to meet with interested RPCVs during a no-host breakfast meeting. You are encouraged to take advantage of this rare opportunity to meet with the first Returned Peace Corps Volunteer to head the agency. Come share your thoughts and learn about her vision for the future of the Peace Corps.

**WHEN:** Wednesday morning, January 12th

**TIME:** Promptly at 7:00-8:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** The Mallory Hotel  
729 SW 15th Avenue  
(between Morrison and Yamhill)  
There is plenty of on-street parking;  
meter-readers don't appear in the  
area until 8:45 a.m.

**COST:** \$7.75 per person plus 15% tip.  
Bacon and eggs, hash browns,  
muffins, OJ, coffee.

**CALL:** Brenda Michel at 236-5838 by  
January 10 to make a reservation.

Let's give the new director a warm welcome to the City of  
Roses and show her some support.

## From the President

*The morning glory which blooms for an hour  
Differs not at heart from the giant pine,  
Which lives for a thousand years.*

-Zen poem

Happy New Year, my friends. Welcome to 1994. We didn't have a business meeting during the month of December so the news is less extensive this month. You're probably breathing a big sigh of relief, huh?! From the past looking toward the future:

Our holiday celebration and dinner at the Amrani's in Boring the evening of December 12th was well exceedingly attended and well received. The food was spectacular, wonderful, incredible, simply superb. Piles of gifts and donations were collected for our "adopted" family from Sudan. And perhaps most importantly, we decided to give proceeds from our calendar sales to The Community Energy Project.

The Community Energy Project assists low-income and immigrant people with home insulation and weatherization. The project's director is an RPCV. In addition to our financial contribution, we agreed to lend our bodies and souls as well. A sign-up sheet was passed around; approximately two dozen people will donate their time and talent some day in the near future. We'll be calling on you to help, too. It's the best gift you could give your neighbor.

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*From the President, continued from page 1*

Fifty or more parade banner order forms with color photo were mailed to every major RPCV group in the nation during the month of November. We'll keep you updated. If we get any return from our efforts to sell Peace Corps parade banners like the one we had made for ourselves last spring, we'll be pleased as punch. Keep your fingers crossed.

Peace Corps Director, Carol Bellamy will be in Portland town on Wednesday morning, January 12th. She is making a stop here, on her way from Seattle to Eugene where she is the guest of honor at a big reception at the University of Oregon (hosted by West Cascade). She will formally announce a new Peace Corps Fellows Program at the U of O. A breakfast is planned for her here at 7 a.m. Wednesday morning (details on page 1). Please call me with your reservation: 236-5838 by Monday the 10th of Jan. If you are at all inclined to attend, please do join us. It would be nice if we turned out to meet and greet her. She is, after all, the very first RPCV to hold the office.

The U of O reception will be held in the ERB Memorial Union Ballroom from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Her keynote address is entitled simply, "Peace Corps Directions for the 1990's". There will be music, refreshments, and friends. Interested in carpooling? Call me or Mike Waite ASAP at 206-574-7455.

We have a *grrreat* sweatshirt design in our possession, kids! It's gotten rave reviews from everyone. Next steps to get it printed will be discussed at the business meeting at Charlene's house just before the Potluck in Jan. Come early and share in the decision making process. It's relatively painless.

The next Pacific NW regional meeting will be held in Eugene on Saturday, February 19th.

### **Potluck Meeting and Presentation**

The first potluck of the year will feature Bob Chaples, executive director of the Community Energy Project, an agency that weatherizes homes, provides workshops that instruct participants on how to weatherize, and evaluates the effects of homes that have been weatherized. Started in 1980 and incorporated in 1987, the CEP concentrates on low income neighborhoods. Ten workshops are reserved for groups with special needs, such as Hispanics, Asian and Russian-speaking people. These workshops are conducted in their native languages. Other workshops concentrate on single parents, Native Americans, seniors, and disabled people.

**Trees are our friends...**We will meet on some gorgeous winter Saturday morning, SPECIFICALLY THE 26TH OF FEBRUARY. The air will be exceedingly crisp. Your very soul will yearn to be set free within the boundless limits of the plaids on your flannel shirt. Your thermos will be filled with the hot beverage you like best. You know primevally, primordially, fundamentally and spiritually what a tree does for life on the planet. You know you'll have to clean the garage if you don't do this instead. I have offered us up to THE FRIENDS OF TREES.

We will gather together in one of Portland's neighborhoods and plant trees for them and for us, for the Earth, for our very souls. You'll call me or leave a message on my machine letting me know you'll be there, with a friend or lover, in work clothes, with gloves and a shovel, and a thermos full of the hot beverage you like best to plant trees for the neighborhood, for us, for the Earth and for our very souls. [236-5838]

We will plant about 150 trees in the Piedmont neighborhood in north Portland. Our friends at the Friends of Trees, Richard and Terri, are again very excited about our participation. Let's show them what we can do.

You will need to wear warm work clothes, boots and gloves. Bring a shovel if you own one or can borrow one. The holes for the trees will be pre-dug but you'll need a shovel to fill the hole after you put the tree in it, if you know what I mean.

Saturday, February 26th, 1994. 8:45 a.m. to noon.  
*The 'staging area' will be announced next month.*

Peace.

Brenda

Before working with the CEP, Bob Chaples developed quite the international resume. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Thailand (68-71). After returning he gained experience in the construction trade before going to work for CARE. With CARE he moved around the world working in Nigeria, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Korea, Indonesia, and Sudan.

RPCVs of Oregon/Portland donated \$300 from calendar sales money to this project. To increase the benefits of the \$300, we will be volunteering to work with the CEP. Eighteen people attending the Moroccan dinner last month have already signed up to assist. If you would like to participate, come to the potluck or contact Brenda Michel.

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## Peace Corps loans staff

Jill Diskan, former chief of Peace Corps operations for Eurasia and the Middle East, became assistant to the president of the NPCA in late September. This is a new position. Diskan, who is on loan from the federal agency to the NPCA, will be responsible for coordination with the 1993 conference host group, RPCVs of Atlanta, and for assisting Chic Dambach, the NPCA president, in a variety of new programs. "She has already enabled us to leap some previously insurmountable hurdles," Dambach said.

# NATIONAL NEWS FOR RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

from the National Peace Corps Association

## Dodge Foundation offers teacher project funding

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation recently awarded a \$20,000 challenge grant to the National Peace Corps Association to create a national teacher network supporting teaching about other countries of the world.

"We're thrilled with the opportunity that the Dodge Foundation has given us to help teachers in U.S. classrooms to educate young Americans about the diversity of peoples and issues on our planet," said Chic Dambach, president

## Peace Corps links with AmeriCorps

The National and Community Service Act President Clinton signed in a White House ceremony on Sept. 21 calls for leadership from the returned Peace Corps volunteer community in building the program. The method for RPCV involvement is still being determined.

The NPCA and the Peace Corps are working with White House on the program, known as AmeriCorps. During the ceremony, attended by Peace Corps and NPCA officials, many speakers described the Peace Corps as a model for AmeriCorps. Vice President Gore spoke at length about the day his sister, Nancy (now deceased), announced to her family that she had volunteered for the Peace Corps. President Clinton borrowed from Sargent Shriver the pen President Kennedy used to sign the Peace Corps Act for this ceremony.

of the association. "This is exactly what the Third Goal is all about and we strongly believe in its mission of bringing the world back home." Implementation of the project now depends on the NPCA finding matching funds.

The Teacher Project will host small

regional U.S. conferences to design and operate the network. The project will share information about effective global education materials and techniques and offer a framework for program planning and the increase of cross-cultural and international experiences for students and teachers. Topics and techniques may include teaching about all foreign countries, but will focus primarily on less-accessible materials about the less-developed nations of Latin America, Africa and Asia.

The project initially seeks participants among the estimated 30,000 former Peace Corps volunteers who now teach in America's elementary, secondary and college and university classrooms. The network will utilize newsletters, electronic mail and periodic distribution of bibliographies of recommended teaching materials to strengthen the resource base of classroom instructors. Eventually, the project may expand to include teachers who are not RPCVs.

## RPCVs begin childhood immunization

The federal government's domestic volunteer agency, ACTION, awarded the National Peace Corps Association a \$50,000 grant to operate a pilot community-based volunteer program among the nation's RPCVs to assist in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's new national early childhood immunization program.

Immunization rates for children under the age of two lag behind most of the developed world and much of the developing world. U.S. rates are drastically low in low-income communities with substandard educational facilities and language difficulties. The result is a high risk of disease among America's young.

Peace Corps alumni represent a logical resource for this domestic initiative: 17 percent of the 140,000 RPCVs served in health projects overseas. HHS Secretary Donna Shalala (Iran, 1962-64) has taken a personal interest in RPCV participation in the program.

The grant will provide for a part-time project coordinator. The NPCA will soon hire a half-time coordinator who

will work with five sites to develop pilot programs. Three sites - already part of a Bureau of Primary Health Care pilot program - have been identified: El Paso, Texas; Washington, D.C.; and Peekskill, New York. Returned volunteers will receive training in these communities. Participating groups will receive plans and guidelines for program development. Two additional sites will be selected by the NPCA. Affiliated groups can bid for selection as pilot program sites.

## PETITION

Returned volunteers can show support for the Treaty on Consumption and Lifestyle, one of 46 treaties on environment and development issues proposed by citizen-action groups at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. NPCA board of directors and RPCVs attending the general meeting at the Berkeley conference voted to make the treaty available to members.

The treaty confronts the northern way of life based upon unlimited growth and the pursuit of profits, and lists principles upon which individuals and groups must conduct themselves to ensure a sustainable future; it proposes we restructure, redistribute, reduce, reuse, recycle.

To receive a copy, write Katy Hansen, Box 246, Orange City, Iowa, 51041, or call 712 737 2700. If you support the treaty, sign it and she will send your signature to a Consumption and Lifestyle committee in New York, for use in efforts to implement the treaty's principles.

# AID FOR PEOPLE OR FOR PROFIT?

How does this sound as the purpose of the all-new, post Cold War foreign assistance bill?

"To promote the prosperity and security of the United States by supporting bilateral, multilateral and people to people partnerships for the enlargement of market economics and democracy at home and abroad."

A foreign aid bill to promote the prosperity and security of the United States? What happened to alleviating poverty and hunger? To protecting the environment? To providing equal ac-

cess to education, opportunity and resources? To giving women and girls the support they need? To doing the right thing?

Meeting these goals would create political stability which means less military intervention by the U.S., more opportunity for international trade, better markets for U.S. goods. And they also put people first.

The Clinton Administration has appointed some good people to oversee the foreign aid program. Brian Atwood, Administrator of the U.S.

Agency for International Development, Dick McCall, Chief of Staff at A.I.D., and Secretary of State Warren Christopher all say exactly what we want to hear when it comes to grass roots sustainable development. But somewhere between saying the right thing, and doing the right thing, there appears to be a problem.

According to a well-positioned administration official, the problem is that the Clinton Administration has not decided whether the purpose of foreign aid is to promote sustainable development abroad, or whether it is to bolster the U.S. economy and serve as a tool of U.S. political interests abroad.

This will be a long battle and your help is needed. Join the Constituency for Sustainable Development, by returning the coupon below.

## CONSTITUENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Advocacy Supplement from the Constituency for Sustainable Development

### ACTION UPDATE

#### Great News: RPCV as Director

Thanks for your help! A nearly year-long grass roots lobbying effort has resulted in the first former Peace Corps volunteer being appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate to head the Peace Corps. Carol Bellamy (Guatemala 63-65) was nominated by President Clinton on July 2, and sworn into office in October.

Many individuals and National Peace Corps Association President Chic Dambach lobbied the Clinton Administration from all sides about the necessity of having the agency headed by one of its own alumni.

#### Good News: Peace Corps Budget

Peace Corps emerged relatively unscathed from the budget process. President Clinton signed the appropriations bill giving Peace Corps \$219.7 million for FY 1994, which began on October 1. This is a less than one percent increase from FY 93, miniscule in the face of 10 new country entries in 1993.

#### Bad News: Aid Cuts

On the other hand, most programs in the foreign aid bill took deep cuts. Overall, foreign operations appropriations were cut by \$1 billion from FY 93 to \$13 for billion for FY 94. The general development assistance account

was cut by \$184 million. Development assistance for Sub-Saharan Africa was cut by about 13 percent.

Earmarks for the World Food Program (\$3 million in FY 93) and support for the role of women in economic development (\$11 million) were dropped. But other programs remained protected. Israel will receive \$3 billion in economic and military assistance and \$2.1 billion will go to Egypt. A total of \$5.4 billion was set aside for military and security assistance.

#### Worse News: Deeper Cuts for 1995

As if these cuts weren't serious enough, it appears that the budget for FY 95 will be worse. Preliminary reports indicate that aid to Latin America, for example, may be cut by up to 50 %.

The Constituency is the advocacy network of the National Peace Corps Association to:

- Promote policies and programs that encourage sustainable international development
- Educate the public and public officials on development issues
- Help network members to be effective grass roots lobbyists

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Targets the alleviation of poverty and hunger
- Protects the environment
- Is based on grass roots decision making.
- Supports the economic contributions of women

I want to take action for friends in my country of service.

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Mail to Nat'l Peace Corps Association, 2119 S St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20008

## RPCV Seeks Input for "PC Legacy" Book

Dear RPCV:

JFK sent the first volunteers overseas with the injunction to "come back and educate us." How to realize the potential of the volunteers' experience abroad has always been, and remains today, the central riddle of the Peace Corps.

Now, thirty years later, Peace Corps' third goal is beginning to be achieved. RPCVs and former staff members have acquired political influence. There are several members of congress, including one senator. RPCV Paul Tsongas ran for president and Donna Shalala is the Secretary of Health and Welfare. Some 300 RPCVs are staff members for congress. More than 1000 RPCVs work in the State Department and USAID. Several are ambassadors and 12 percent of each new foreign service class are RPCVs. But what really gives the program its staying power are the 137,000 returned volunteers who live in every American community.

This project, The Peace Corps Legacy, intends to study the impact and influence of RPCVs on the USA. We will document, analyze, and compare the motivations, careers, life-styles, political beliefs, and philosophical orientations of RPCVs from the '60s through the '90s. It will also identify established RPCVs and host country groups in a directory.

Completing this book is very important to me. Publication was originally planned for 1991, but I became critically ill with a parasitic infection I acquired as a volunteer in Turkey (1966-68). I was hospitalized and this delayed the research. Now, I'd like to complete the research and publish the book for the 35th anniversary in 1996.

If you wish to participate in this project, please send a stamped, self-addressed, long envelope to : The Peace Corps Legacy, 1639 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14305. You will receive a questionnaire. Please complete it and mail it back to me.

Please help me with this research. No one has ever looked at what happens to volunteers after they return home. If you have any questions or comments, you may call me at 716-282-1820 between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. EST, or write to the above address. Thank you, and live in peace.

*Roseanne Allexenberg,  
RPCV Turkey 1966-1968*

## International Women's Day March 6, 1994

Looking for yet another volunteer opportunity? How does helping to organize Portland's International Women's Day Celebration grab you? International Women's Day (IWD) is set aside to honor and acknowledge the work, words, struggles and victories of all women. Portland area women are gearing up for this year's celebration and volunteers are needed.

This year's theme is "Beyond Barriers." Workshops and panel discussion topics include Families & Parenting, and Discovering Our Similarities and Learning From Our Differences. Throughout the day there will be live entertainment, food and craft booths, workshops, etc.

The IWD Committee needs help with public relations (notifying the media of IWD happenings and getting media coverage); workshop/panel discussion facilitators; entertainment coordinators; and organizing the raffle (including obtaining donations of raffle items). If you can help with any of these tasks or have some other area of interest or expertise you want to share, you are needed. The IWD Outreach Coordinator likes to see volunteers doing what they enjoy, so duties are flexible and generally self-defined.

Many hands and minds are needed in January and February to get things organized. More hands (not necessarily more minds) will be needed the day of the event. Join in on the fun. Call or come to the next organizational meeting for more information.

For more information, contact:

Jessica Duke (RPCV)

Phone: 295-6272

I won't have all the answers but I can give you the phone numbers of the appropriate answer women.

Next organizational meeting:

Monday, January 10, 1994

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

10th floor, Portland Building  
(corner of SW 5th and Main)

Thanks. Awanu. Zikomo.

*Jessica Duke,  
RPCV Benin, Malawi*

## "Reclaiming Our Democracy" Presentation and Mini-Concert

Many of us don't believe we play a part in the decisions made by our government and, worst of all, don't believe we could play such a role. This feeling of impotence had led to years of public apathy which has turned more recently to public anger. The United States faces a crisis of democracy which *Reclaiming Our Democracy* author Sam Harris says will not be solved until ordinary citizens come off the sidelines and assume their role as citizen leaders.

*Reclaiming Our Democracy* is the story of teachers, doctors, homemakers, insurance salespeople, and others who've realized the role each of us can play. It is told through the inspiring action of RESULTS, an international grassroots citizens' lobby focused on ending world hunger and poverty, but its methods could be used to address any issue.

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*"For its size, RESULTS is one of the best advocates the world's children have. I have frequently been impressed with their work and imaginative approaches. Reclaiming Our Democracy spells out in beautifully moving detail how they do it. Read it. Then follow its directions and help make your democracy work."*

*James P. Grant, Executive Director  
U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)*

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The evening also features Don Eaton, nationally respected singer/songwriter, who focuses on personal and social transformation and on peace and justice. He will give a mini-concert at the ROC presentation.

**Friday, January 14, 7 - 9 p.m.  
Morrison Center BreakThrough  
3390 SE Milwaukie Ave., Portland**

For more information, contact the Richey's with RESULTS at 244-2187.

## RPCV Groups Can Lobby Congress Without Jeopardizing Non-Profit Status

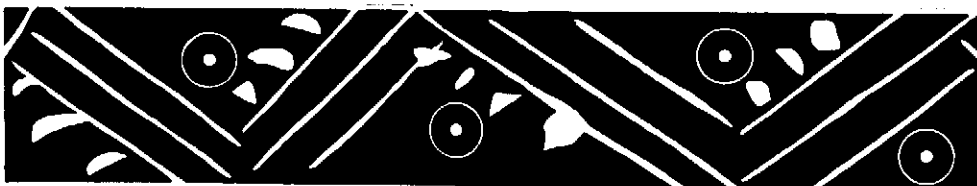
Many charitable organizations believe that any lobbying they perform will result in forfeiture of their tax-exempt status. This is not true. Lobbying is not only legal for non-profit organizations including the National Peace Corps Association and its 501(c)3 affiliates, it is implicitly encouraged by a 1976 tax law and its accompanying regulations. Expressing opinions to elected officials is the right of American citizens and their associations, both for-profit and not-for-profit.

Because of their special tax status, non-profit organizations have some limitations on their absolute right to lobby the Congress, but the privilege is guaranteed. The primary limitation is on how much money non-profits can spend on lobbying in one year.

Lobbying by your RPCV organization will never jeopardize your 501(c)3 non-profit status and privileges, as long as you stay within the Internal Revenue Service regulations. There are two facts to remember:

1. Lobbying occurs only when there is an expenditure of funds, according to the 1976 lobby law. If your organization doesn't spend money on lobbying, you have not lobbied in the eyes of the IRS. Any significant amount of an organization's spending must be reported to the IRS on the 990 tax form.
2. A 501(c)3 organization can spend an "insubstantial" amount (sometimes interpreted to be five per cent) of its expenditures on lobbying, or up to 20 percent of its budget if it has filed IRS Form 5768 and elected to come under the provision of the 1976 lobby law.

*Excerpted from **How to Reach Washington**,  
a manual on sustainable development,  
by Doug Siglin, William R. Singleton and  
Cheryl Bartz for the Constituency for  
Sustainable Development*



• Calendar of Events •

January 12	Breakfast with Carol Bellamy, PC Director
January 16	Potluck & Program Meeting @ Charlene's
February 19	Regional Meeting, Eugene
February 19	Restaurant Meeting, Jarra's Ethiopian
February 26	Friends of Trees Planting Project
Aug. 20-21	Regional Campout
July 1994	National RPCV Conference, Atlanta, GA



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*Potluck, continued from page 2*

The potluck format will stay the same. Business meeting at 5 p.m. (open to all), potluck at 6 p.m., and presentation at 7 p.m. Potlucks are unstructured and always delicious. Just bring food!

**WHERE:** Charlene Holzworth's home,  
2524 NE 34th Ave., Portland

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 16

**DIRECTIONS:**

From I-84 eastbound, take the 33rd Ave. exit and go north on 33rd Ave. From I-84 westbound, exit at 43rd Ave, get on Broadway and go to 33rd Ave, and turn right. On 33rd Ave. go past Grant Park to Knott Street. Turn right, & turn right again immediately onto 34th Ave. This is a dead end street. Charlene's house is orange.

*Mike Waite*

## February Restaurant Meeting

The restaurant choice for February is Jarra's Ethiopian Restaurant. Since they're closed on Sunday we've decided to try a Saturday evening for dinner.

Jarra's has been in Portland for well over five years. Expect to eat with your fingers — helped along by a very unique bread. Hot and spicy or mild — your choice. They've moved to SE Hawthorne Street at 15th and parking is available in their lot or on the street.

We'll make arrangements for a reasonable fixed-price meal (about \$10 including tip), vegetarian or not. Plan to visit Jarra's to feel the warmth of these gracious and talented restaurateurs.

The date is set for **February 19th at 6 p.m.** Please call in your reservations to Joan Swee 252-2295. Look for more details, including menu choice, in next month's newsletter.

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**Apr 1, 1994  
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