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Community Energy Project

Make a contribution to lessening the impact of poverty and reducing energy usage. On March 5, we will join with the Community Energy Project to weatherize homes of low income families in the Portland area. We donated \$300.00 of calendar sale profits this year to the Community Energy Project. To make the money go further we are volunteering our labor to weatherize several homes. The work is not difficult or complicated, so don't worry about not having experience. There will also be team leaders to assist and supervise. The tools are very simple: flashlight, gloves, scissors or shears, screwdrivers, and tape measures. In addition you will get to learn some skills that may come in handy for weatherizing your own home.

Bob Chaples, Executive Director of CEP as well as a former RPCV and CARE worker, was present at our last potluck to tell us some of the history and accomplishments of CEP. CEP holds workshops where participants learn to install their own energy saving materials and what changes they can make to save money on their energy bills. The workshop participants receive materials to install in their own homes. People unable to install materials themselves qualify to have the work done by volunteers, like us.

A number of people have shown an interest and have signed up already to assist in weatherization. If you are interested and have Saturday March 5 available call Mike Waite at 206-574-7455. I would like to get several people who could attend a workshop about a week earlier and help coordinate this effort.

From the President

You know, I thought I had gotten my bank statement in the mail but my kitchen table is such a disaster area, I figured it was buried there somewhere under all that junk mail. Now I discover I had taken notes about business meeting agenda items during my phone conversation with Mike Waite on the back of the envelope. I think I need a secretary! There's always LOTS of news, starting with:

TREE PLANTING: Saturday, February 26th, 1994. 8:45 a.m. to noon. 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. Please call me or leave a message on my machine letting me know you'll be there 236-5838.

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. It's FUN! And good for the Earth. Saturday, February 26th, 1994. 8:45 a.m. to noon. The 'staging area' will be in the Holy Redeemer School parking lot on the corner of N. Portland Blvd and Vancouver Avenue.

MONEY and MUSCLE Given To The Community Energy Project. In December, we decided to give proceeds from our calendar sales to The Community Energy Project. The CEP 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. But read on.... The National Peace Corps Association and the Peace Corps Office of Third Goal Programs (a new PC division to focus on the third goal) have announced they are working together to establish an RPCV

International Volunteer Day in early March to celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the executive order which created the Peace Corps. The actual anniversary date is March 1st, but Washington DC is planning the first event for March 5th, the first Saturday in March. Wash. DC is encouraging groups to schedule community service programs and to promote them as part of the international celebration. The plan is to make it a low-key activity this year in order to develop the concept and work out the kinks. We will then have a full year to create a much larger scale program for next year. So.... Our mission for the first ever RPCV International Volunteer Day will be to join up with the Community Energy Project to weatherize homes. The details are on the first page.

We have received word about Chic Dambach's critically ill child and his family's consequential financial difficulties. Chic is the Director of the National Peace Corps Association and has been instrumental in turning the organization around. He entered Johns Hopkins Hospital on Jan. 24th to donate one of kidneys to his two year old son Kai. We decided at our last business meeting to donate \$50 as a token of our love and support for him and his family. You are encouraged to send a little (or a lot) on your own. If each of us gave a dollar, we'd have two hundred to send to add to the fifty. If you can see it in your heart to help out one of our own, please do so. All contributions should be made out to "The Kai Dambach Medical Fund, c/o: Maureen Orth, 3124 Woodley Road, Wash DC 20008". Thank you.

In the near future, you will see a new note on the address side of your news letter. JoAnne von Rohr suggested we add check off boxes: one indicating that the issue received is a complimentary one [and the person should send money]; and the other that your membership's due [and you should send money]. Speaking of the newsletter, our trusty "Processor" Sean Rose is leaving his post and moving to Corvallis to attend OSU. Sean picked up the newsletter from the printer, collated it, stamped it and posted it for us each month. Anyone willing to take on this regular, brief, important job a few hours each month?

Peace Corps Washington has been doing a wonderful job of referring Pacific NW returned volunteers to us. Over the course of the last two or three months I've received a dozen or more phone calls from new people, almost all of whom have joined our group. Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

We are taking all steps necessary to make our new sweatshirt design a reality. The first two dozen sweatshirts are being printed as you read these words and will be ready for sale by Valentines Day. And Lordy! Are they cool.. way, way past cool.

56 people attended the breakfast with the Peace Corps Director, Carol Bellamy on Wednesday morning, January 12th at the Mallory Hotel. She made a stop here, on her way to Eugene where she was the guest of honor at a big reception at the University of Oregon hosted by West Cascade. She formally announced a new Peace Corps Fellows Program at the U of O.

Thank you for turning out to meet and greet her. Speaking strictly for myself, I was pleased with how everything went. Carol Bellamy did say something like this, "You tell me you have an annual beer bash at the Weinhard Brewery every year with all the free beer you can drink. You have an annual West African Pigout that's attracting people from as far away as Guam... and you invite ME to a bacon and egg breakfast? Next time, invite me to the pigout!"

It would be fitting and proper to report the substance of her remarks to you in this issue, but it's late and I'm draggin'. Ya know what? The RPCVs of Oregon/Portland needs some reporters. We need a collection of active members to write for our newsletter so you're hearing more voices and getting more news. How about YOU?

Scott Urbatsch, the PC recruiter at Portland State University has a full plate of fairs, campaigns, informational meetings, nomination parties, speaking engagements, career fairs, etc. to attend, staff, host, organize over the course of the next 4-5 months. His schedule appears elsewhere in this issue. He needs our competent help. If you are available, do let him know so he can put you to good work.

It has been suggested that we change our group's name to The Columbia River Peace Corps Association. It's a name that reflects the fact that many of our members live and work outside the Portland area as well as the fact that one need not be a former Peace Corps volunteer to join our group. Anybody's welcome. Changing our name would reflect these realities. Does anyone object to the new name? Or, have another suggestion to put forward? All the officer's name and phone numbers appear in each issue; call any one of us to speak your piece/peace.

The Annual Founder's Day potluck usually takes place in late May and for years it's been at the Fulton Park Community Center in SW Portland. This year, Mike Colombo and his friend Vicky have invited us out to her farm in the Estacada area for a more open, outdoor picnic and bar-b- que. I understand the river's close by, there are horses to ride, frisbees to throw, cleans air to breathe. What'd'ya think? I know how fond y'all are of Fulton Park, but I suggest it might be time to try somethin' a little bit different. Any objections? Any ideas about "entertainment"? We change officers at that time. Somebody will be taking over for me then.

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Portland Area RPCV News

Portland Recruitment News

Thanks to everyone for attending Carol Bellamy's breakfast, it was very exciting to see the new Peace Corps Director, and live off of her energy for a while. If anyone sees any reference to her visit or the Peace Corps in any of the local media, please send me a copy:

Peace Corps @ PSU
PO Box 751
Portland, OR 97207

Upcoming Recruiting Events

- Jan 26 University of Portland Graduate Job Fair
4-7pm Pilot House
- Feb 8 Information Table @ PSU
12:00 Presentation @ Smith Mem Center rm 290
6:30 Presentation @ SMC rm 290
- Feb 9 PSU Career Day
11-2 Smith Center Ballroom 2nd Floor
- Feb 16 Oregon Liberal Arts Colleges Job Fair
all day, U of Portland
- Mar 6 International Women's Day
10-6 Montgomery Park, NW Vaughn
- Mar 14 Nomination & RPCV Party
7-9pm Campus Ministry PSU, SW Montgomery
All are invited, an informal gathering of RPCVs
and Nominated or interested PCVs
- Mar 16 Information Presentations
6:30pm King Facility 4815 NE 7th
All are invited to meet interested volunteers, over
60 people interested in PC attended last years
event.
- Apr 7 Oregon Teacher's Career Fair
All day ? Convention Center

I am looking for places to send potential PC volunteers for volunteer opportunities in the Portland area, to strengthen their competitiveness. I have on my list places, such as, Habitat for Humanity, SOAR, Comm Energy Proj; but would like some more.

Also, looking for people who are willing to talk to recently returned volunteers about job possibilities in the Portland area. I get a few recently RPCVs every month.

Peace Corps discussion group on the Internet/Usenet. Send a message to -->

listserv@cmuvm.csv.cmich.edu subscribe PCORPS-L

<firstname> <lastname> <country served>

Zikomo, Scott Born after Carol Bellamy served in the Peace Corps.

Portland International Women's Day

Sunday March 6, 1994

Montgomery Park, Portland

Thanks to those of you who called and offered to help with the International Women's Day (IWD) celebration. March 6 is just around the corner and there is much to be done! The important news for RPCVs is that there will be a **Peace Corps Information Table** set up the day of the event. This will be used to enhance local recruiting efforts and to let folks know about Peace Corps efforts in the developing world. Many thanks to Scott Urbatsch, Portland State Peace Corps Representative, for insuring that we have a table at this event. The focus of the table will be *Women In Development* activities. To make the table a success and to make our efforts worthwhile WE NEED -

Volunteers - to work at the table. A woman must be at the table at all times, so female RPCVs are especially needed though male RPCVs are invited and encouraged to help out also. The event is all day from 10-5. If you can volunteer 2 hours (or more) of your time on Sunday, March 6, Hooray!

Pictures of women - working in the home, farming, learning, nurturing children, etc. Photos that include PCVs will be most helpful. Photos, negatives (if they can be found), and an explanation of each photo can be sent to Jessica Duke. Photos will be returned.

Handicrafts/artifacts (small stuff, no room for statues)-made by women or portraying women in the developing world. Call Jessica to make arrangements.

If you can help out in any way or have any ideas to make the Peace Corps table an especially great one, let me know.

Need more info? Please feel free to contact me. Many Thanks!

Jessica Duke
2136 NW Johnson #203
Portland, OR 97210
(503) 295-6272

International Film Festival

The 17th Portland International Film Festival opens and continues through March 6. More than 60 new films from more than two dozen countries are featured, with showings scheduled at the Portland Art Museum's Berg Swann Auditorium and at ACT III Theatres.

African Film Festival

The fourth annual Cascade Festival of African Films will be held on the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College. The four Thursdays will present African films at 2 pm and 7:30pm. Two Saturday programs are planned, Family Day on February 12 and Documentary Day on February 19. Both Saturday programs will begin at 2:00. All films will be shown in Terrell Hall, Room 122. The Cascade Campus is located at 705 North Killingsworth. All movies are free and open to the public.

Thursday, February 3	Neria (Zimbabwe)
Thursday, February 10	Touki Bouki (Senegal)
Thursday, February 17	Kasarmu Ce (Nigeria)
Thursday, February 24	Guelwaar (Senegal)
Saturday, February 12	Family Film Day: Yeelen/Brightness (Mali) La Vie Est Belle (Zaire)
Saturday, February 19	Documentary Day: Trouble In Paradise (Sierra Leone)

For the many former Sierra Leone volunteers, Trouble In Paradise portrays the current situation as recent changes in the country are moving the country to confront corruption. Directed by Hilton Fyle, journalist and reporter for BBC and CNN.

Easy Money

RPCVs of Oregon are offering the Dine A Mate coupon books as a means of fundraising. The Dine A Mate books are risk free and offer a good way to save money for people that enjoy dining out.

It works like this. The Dine A Mate books sell for \$25.00. We pay the Dine A Mate people \$18.00 for the books. \$7.00 profit. In addition for every 5 books sold we get a free book to sell in which we can keep the entire selling price. To encourage people to try the books we will be selling them for \$22.00. We do not have to prepay for the books and those that don't sell are returned.

There are more than 300 participating merchants in the coupon books, ranging from ethnic restaurants, fast food, health club use, car washes, bowling, video rentals, Avis car rental, and hotel discounts. As with most coupon books the majority of coupons are buy one meal and get one free. An added bonus is that for many of the restaurants you just use a card and don't have to carry the book around.

Here's a list of places that participate. For ethnic cuisine there's Abou Karim, Adonis, Benihana, Bush Garden, Java Bistro, Green Onion, Little Mexico, Thai Little Home, and Yen Ha. There's pizza from Mazzi's, Domino's, Round Table, as well as tacos, burgers, and deli sandwiches. Services include the Oregon Symphony, World Forestry Center, Portland Art Museum, Ski Bowl, Avis, Hertz, National, Alamo car rentals, Ryder trucks, and Carnival Cruises.

For further information call Dick Swee 252-2295 or Mike Waite 206-574-7455. To order contact Dick Swee.

Brunch & Business

The next business meeting will be held on February 13 at the home of Mike and Mary Lynn Waite. To make it worth your while to drive up to Vancouver we will also serve a brunch. Business, brunch or both will begin at 10:00 am. Our last business brunch was fun and so will this one. All are welcome and there's nothing to bring, we provide the caffeine and food. We live at 4711 NE 112th St. in Vancouver, Washington. For directions call 206-574-7455.

Membership List

Off and on for several months I have been working on converting a membership list the Seattle Peace Corps office gave me into a database. I won't go into the high-tech methods I used, but it's finally nearing completion. This list contains over 1400 Oregon names. Once in the database it can be sorted by city, country of service, etc. This will provide some real benefits, we can recruit more members, notify people of activities in their areas, or activities pertaining to the countries they worked in.

The next step will be to check the database for obvious errors or to make sure we don't have people on twice. There are also a number of people that are not on the list and people who we know have moved from the area. This is where we could use some help. We need people to check the database. I've met a number of people who have told me that they would like to participate in some RPCV activities but are unable to make it to the various functions. This is something that would be about an hour to an hour & a half activity. Call Mike Waite at 206-574-7455 if you're interested. This small amount of time will pay big benefits for this group.

Let's Eat Ethiopian

The restaurant for February's meeting is Jarra's Ethiopian Restaurant located at 1435 SE Hawthorne. Please choose either their chicken or vegetarian plate when you call Joan Swee for reservations. The dinner-including tip is \$10.00 per person.

A hot and spicy sauce covers potatoes and a light pancake which is complimented with cottage cheese and greens. You'll find this a rich and filling meal. You can opt for a mild sauce too. The chicken prepared in a spicy sauce also graces this ever-present bread which substitutes for a spoon or fork. Milder sauce is available with this too. Those of you who wish may want to try an African beer.

Remember, the date for dinner is **Saturday, February 19th at 6:00 pm**. Please call Joan at 252-2295 before Tuesday, February 15th.



NEWS FROM ALASKA, WASHINGTON, OREGON, IDAHO, & MONTANA

*Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
of the Pacific Northwest*

*Quarterly Regional Meeting / Eugene, Oregon
Saturday, February 19, 1993*

AGENDA

- Noon — 1:00 Lunch hosted by West Cascade RPCVs. Introductions around the table. Bring one knick-knack or gizmo from your country and explain its use.
- 1:00 — 2:00 Film/speaker/discussion
- 2:00 — 2:15 Camp out logistics. Who's going to do what. Call Mike Waite for information — 206-574-7455. Site will be at the Ogden Group Camp in the Paulina Lake area near LaGrand, Oregon. Date is August 19-21.
- 2:15 — 3:00 Group updates. Brief reviews of recent past events and plans for the future. International Volunteer Day. Starlight parade in Portland. Goat Chase Retreat in Montana.
- 3:00 — 3:15 Break
- 3:15 — 3:45 National Board update. Choosing a regional representative for the National Peace Corps Association Board. (Don Nordin and Beryl Brinkman do not intend to run again.) Will the next regional representative please step forward? Search committee.
- 3:45 — 4:15 1994 Atlanta National Conference. Who's going? Shall we have a regional booth? If so, how shall we decorate it? Shall we perfect the Northwest Regional Manual to have ready for distribution? Workshop by the Northwest region.
- 4:15 — 4:30 ReConnect. Information on "Training of trainers" workshop. Put on by Nedra Hartzell, formerly of Peace Corps' Returned Volunteer Services.
- 4:30 — 5:00 Wrap up — miscellaneous.

Dinner at an ethnic restaurant. Housing provided if needed. Please call 503-345-3504, take advantage of the Northwest Region Housing Network. Your choice of digs.

Directions to regional meeting site: The United Lutheran Church: Follow the map to Eugene city center. Take 18th west to Washington St. — turn south to 2230 Washington. Washington is between Jefferson and Lawrence.

Community Energy Project, Inc.

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January 18, 1994

Mike Waite
President
Returned Peace Corp Volunteers
of Portland/Oregon
P.O. Box 802
Portland, Oregon 97207

Dear Mike:

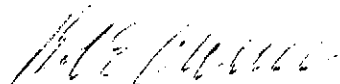
I want to thank you for the donation of \$300 from Returned Peace Corp Volunteers to the Community Energy Project Inc. These funds will be used to purchase energy saving materials that will be installed by volunteers in the homes of low income senior citizens and persons with a disabling condition. These funds will also be used to recruit, train and provide supervision for the volunteers doing this work.

It was my pleasure to meet with the Returned Peace Corp Volunteers during your bimonthly meeting the other evening. I was interested in your agenda and your activities and enjoyed sharing the pot luck dinner with all of you. I was also pleased to hear the Returned Peace Corp Volunteers were volunteering for our senior weatherization project. This way you'll be able to help install some of the energy saving materials your donation helped us to purchase for this project. I understand the day of your volunteer activity with CEP has been selected to be March 5, 1994 with a team leader outing to be scheduled before this date.

We really appreciate the support from Returned Peace Corp Volunteers for this project. Your donation and volunteer support will help our low income senior citizens and persons with a disabling condition have more affordable housing with lower energy bills and will also make their homes more comfortable during our cold season. With ever increasing utility rates your donation and volunteer help is a important resource for our clients in this project.

Thank you again and best regards.

Sincerely,



Bob E. Chaples
Executive Director

Peace Corps Travel Book

What a treat you have in store! Word was just received that author John Coyne (Ethiopia) has collected a series of travel essays from Peace Corps authors. *Going Up Country* will be available in mid-February.

Who knows better than Peace Corps Volunteers about travel? No one. Here is a piece from Senator Harris Wofford's (Pennsylvania) forward: John Coyne, the editor of this volume, was a Volunteer in Ethiopia, tells of the time shortly after JFK was killed, when he stopped his Land Rover in the highlands to give an old man a lift across the high plateau. On the side of the Land Rover the old man saw the Amharic words "Yea Salem Guad," Messenger of Peace—the Amharic translation of "the Peace Corps." The old man asked Coyne if he had known President Kennedy and John told him no, but he had once shaken Kennedy's hand on the White House lawn just before leaving for Africa. For a moment, as Coyne tells the story, the old Ethiopian looked out across the flat brown land at the distant acacia trees and small tukul villages they were passing, and then he grinned and seized Coyne's hand and shook it, shouting happily over the roar of the Land Rover engine, "Yeasalem Guad, Yeasalem Guad." He had shaken the hand that had shaken the hand of John F. Kennedy. Those two—a Peace Corps Volunteer and an old Ethiopian farmer—on the highlands of Africa, and as far away as one could possibly be from Washington and the Rose Garden were, for a moment, connected by history.

Paul Theroux (Malawi), author of *The Great Railway Bazaar* and *Mosquito Coast* adds: *Going Up Country* is a book of marvels, a wonderful collection of Peace Corps memories, it reminded me of some of the best days of my life."

Peace Corps Washington Infiltrated

"The inmates have taken over the asylum at the Peace Corps, judging from the likely lineup of the new directorate. Not only is director-designate Carol Bellamy a former volunteer, but so are nearly all of her top deputies.

"The names of senior officials penciled in so far include: current acting director John P. Hogan to head international operations; Victor C. Johnson, staff director of the House Foreign Affairs Latin America subcommittee, to

No March Potluck

March is a busy month. We have decided that rather than have a potluck we will use the March 14 Nomination Party as the March meeting social event. The Nomination Party will be an opportunity for prospective Peace Corps Volunteers to find out more by talking to those of us that have had experience in Peace Corps. More in the next newsletter.

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run the Latin America region; Aspen Institute program director Fred O'Regan to direct operations in Eurasia (meaning Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union) and the Middle East; Judy Harrington, now White House liaison to ACTION, to run volunteer services; Honolulu attorney Stanley Suyat, is to be associate director of management; Christopher Hedrick, currently a Rhodes scholar and former Hill aide, will head returned volunteer services; Sandra Robinson, now with the African Development Foundation, to run the Africa region; and, Joan Timoney, a former Senate staffer and Clinton transition aide, to be director of congressional relations..."

Al Kamen, the Washington Post

STAMP OF APPROVAL

Fiji became the seventh host nation to honor its Peace Corps volunteers with postage stamps.

The four stamps honor 109 serving volunteers and those who have served in the past 25 years in education and small entrepreneur programs. Other countries with a PC stamp: Tonga, Western Samoa, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, The Gambia and Tuvalu.



New Novel by RPCV Karin McQuillan

Karin McQuillan (Senegal 71) is the author of a mystery series set in Africa. Her latest book, *Elephants' Graveyard*, picks up Jazz Jasper, an animal rights advocate, recovering from a painful divorce and running safari tours. Suddenly, her circle of conservationist friends tightens when Emmert Laird, a crusader against poachers, is found murdered and buried beside the elephant's watering hole.

"(This novel has) everything anyone could want: Suspense, real people as characters, and real untamed Africa out there in the darkness.

Tony Hillerman

Deja Vu Newsletter

If this month's newsletter seems different it's because there's a substitute newsletter editor. I got a call a few weeks ago asking if I'd pinch hit for Robin Teater, our normal newsletter editor. I called Robin, and found out she was going to Malaysia, the next morning, and still had not packed and made all her arrangements. She's planning to be away for a month on a business trip for American Foreign Service. So I'm cutting and pasting the new with the old from the days I was editing the newsletter. Hope to see her back next month.

Peace Corps Numbers

(From Peace Corps Today)

Year Peace Corps was established	1961
People who have served since 1961	140,000
Current volunteers	6,529
Languages and dialects spoken by volunteers	200+
Average PCV age 1961	22
Average PCV age 1993	31
PCVs age 50 and over	579
Age of oldest serving PCV	86
Ethnic minority PCVs 1990	7%
Ethnic minority PCVs 1993	12%
Native American PCVs	21
African Americans PCVs	209
Asian Americans PCVs	210
Hispanic American PCVs	229
Minced heritage PCVs	233
Caucasian PCVs	5,253
PCVs of unstated ethnicity	474
Female PCVs in the 60s	33%
Female PCVs 1993	53%
Current PCV men	3,164
Current PCV women	3,365
Current married couples	242
Inquiries about Peace Corps in 1993	137,000
Applications to Peace Corps in 1993	13,628
Invitations offered in 1993	4,209
Invitations accepted in 1993	3,580
PCVs in Africa	2,451
PCVs in Inter America	1,852
PCVs in Asia/Pacific	1,007
PCVs in Eurasia and Middle East	1,219
Foreign service candidates RPCVs	10%
U.S. Representative RPCVs	6
U.S. Senator RPCVs	1
PCVs - Education	35%
PCVs - Agriculture	15%
PCVs - Environment and Forestry	13%
PCVs - Health	17%
PCVs - Urban Development	3%
PCVs - Business	9%
Acres crop land improved by PCVs since 1961	2.7 mil
People provided fish by PCV fisheries in 1992	138,000
PCVs working directly with small businesses	500
PCVs with at least a bachelor's degree	97%
PCVs with an advanced degree	16%

Regional Campout 1994

This years NW regional campout will be held in Central Oregon at the Ogden group campsite on the Deschutes National Forest. The campsite will be near Paulina Creek and at the trailhead for the Peter Skene Ogden National Recreation Trail. There are numerous recreational opportunities in this very scenic area. Our campsite is one of three and has room for 150 people. There is no truth to the rumors that we are camped between the Hells Angels and the OCA. Mark your calendar for camping on the weekend of August 20.

More on Chick and Kai Dambach

Brenda Michel mentioned that a fund has been set up for medical expenses for Kai Dambach. I'll supply a few more details. The fund was set up by Congressman Sam Farr and is tax deductible. The reason for the fund is the extraordinary medical expenses incurred since the birth of Kai Dambach, the two-year-old son of National Peace Corps Association President Chic Dambach. Kai was born in November 1991 with a birth defect that prevented his kidneys from developing.

Although the cost of the Chic's kidney operation itself is covered by insurance, nonreimbursable medical expenses of \$500 to \$2,000 a month for the two years since Kai was born have taken a toll on Chic and his family. In addition Chic's wife Kay had to quit her job to stay home in order to provide round the clock medical care for Kai. The Dambach family is flat broke and have more bills to come.

Anyone who has kept track of the National Council has seen the change from an organization that was unfocused and in the red financially before Chic came, to an one in the black with the influence that ensured a former PCV became the new Peace Corps director. Once again Tax-deductible donations may be sent to the Kai Dambach Medical Fund, c/o Maureen Orth, 3124 Woodley Road, Washington, DC 20008.

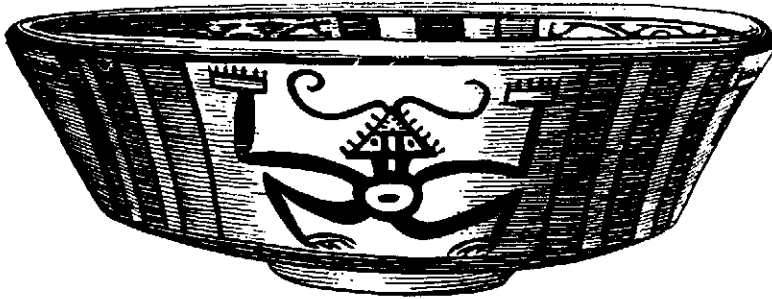
From the President, continued from page 2

The next Regional Meeting is in Eugene on Saturday, Feb. 19th. A number of us are driving down. You are invited. It's open to everyone. The Starlight Parade applications arrived in the mail a few days ago. We hope to make this our fourth annual appearance, but I'm searching for a different kind of entry. Any ideas? Birth them now because time's running out. Mark your calendar, kids. The parade is Saturday, June 4th. That's it. I'm serious. Remember: It was Mae West who so wisely said, "I used to be Snow White. But then I drifted." BRENDA MICHEL 236-5838



New Members		
Christine Egan	Dominican Republic	91-93
Katherine Kimble	Dominican Republic	91-93
Diane Schacht	Botswana	
Kathleen Taylor	Mali	91-93
Constance Zahl	Nicaragra & Honduras	78-80

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MEMBERSHIP • ADDRESS CHANGE • RENEWAL FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE:() _____ hm () _____ wk

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

PEACE CORPS COUNTRY: _____ YEARS: _____

PEACE CORPS JOB/SECTOR: _____

CURRENT OCCUPATION: _____

- New Membership
- Membership renewal
- New address, effective: ___/___/___
- Joining RPCVs of Oregon/Portland and NPCA (\$35 individual/\$50 family)
- Joining RPCVs of Oregon/Portland only (\$15 individual/\$22.50 family)
- Joining NPCA only (\$27.50)

Please make checks payable to : **RPCVs of OREGON/PORTLAND**
And mail to: **P.O. BOX 802**
PORTLAND, OR 97207

CALENDAR

February 3-24	Cascade Festival of African Films. Cascade Campus of PCC. 705 N.Killingsworth.
February 8	Peace Corps recruitment- Information table PSU
February 13	Brunch & Business meeting- Mike & Mary Lynn Waite's home. 4711 NE 112th, Vancouver.
February 17-Mar.6	Portland International Film Festival
February 19	Restaurant meeting. Jarras
February 19	NW Regional RPCV meeting. Eugene
March 5	Weatherization project. Community Energy Project.
March 6	International Womens Day 10-6, Montgomery Park, NW Vaughn. Volunteers still needed.
March 14	Nomination & RPCV party
March 16	Recruitment- Information presentations
May	Picnic
July 29-31	National Peace Corps Association Conference
August 20-21	NW Regional Campout-Ogden Group Camp. Central Oregon.

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