



INLAND NORTHWEST PEACE CORPS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2011

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PEACE CORPS COMMEMORATES 50 YEARS IN 2011! OFFICIAL CELEBRATION KICKS OFF IN MARCH

INPCA celebrates the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Peace Corps as part of the **March 4 First Friday Art Walk 5 to 8 p.m. at the Express Employment Professionals office/gallery at 331 West Main Street.** Amidst the display of folk art from the Asian Pacific region of the world, the group is hosting a birthday party as part of the worldwide commemoration.

Folk art from the Asia Pacific region includes artwork from Bali, batiks from Malaysia, saris from India, teak carvings from Thailand, a Thai benjarong porcelain bowl, a framed temple rubbing from Thailand, cloisonné vases from China, baskets from Vanuatu, selected weavings from the Hmong peoples as well as multiple artifacts and pictures from the Philippines. Several native costumes will be displayed as part of the exhibit. There will also be an ongoing video showing meal preparation in Vanuatu.

These exhibits focus on the third goal, to present through the visual arts, examples of the cultures in which Peace Corps Volunteers have worked. This exhibit continues through mid April 2011 in the gallery of Express Employment Professionals, 331 W. Main St. It is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2011 Peace Corps calendars are available.

There is also information available for those who are interested in applying to the Peace Corps.

For more information, please visit <http://inpca.net> or contact Kay Dixon at (509) 868-0302 or by e-mail at kay.dixon@yahoo.com.

PEACE CORPS FACTS

Established March 1, 1961. Nearly 200,000 have served in 139 countries.

Today 8,655 Volunteers and trainees serve in 77 countries. Volunteer Profile: 60% female, 40% male; 93% single, 7% married; 19% are from a minority group; the average age is 28, with 7% over 50.

Areas of service by program sector: Education: 37%, Health & HIV/AIDS: 22%, Business Development: 14%, Environment: 13%, Agriculture: 4%, Youth Development: 5%, Other: 5%.

Areas of service by geographic region: Africa: 37%, Latin America: 24%, Eastern Europe/Central Asia: 21%, Asia: 7%, The Caribbean: 5%, North Africa/Middle East: 4%, Pacific Islands: 3%.

Figures are based on data as of September 30, 2010.

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PEACE CORPS 50TH ANNIVERSARY KICK OFF EVENTS

SPOKANE AREA

Friday March 4 6:00 P.M. at Express Employment Professionals— 331 West Main; in conjunction with the Downtown First Friday Art Walk 5:00-8:00 P.M.

PULLMAN-MOSCOW AREA

Tuesday March 1 Potluck 6:00-8:00 PM at the 1912 Center in Moscow, ID. 412 East Third Street between Adams & Van Buren. Bring a dish to share, your own table settings (plate, silverware, drinking cups) and a non-perishable food item to donate to our one of our local food banks. Please RSVP to robin@ohlgren.com

BOARD DONATES FUNDS TO TWO PROJECTS

At the last INPCA board meeting in January, the decision was made to donate \$100 to the **Village Bike Project** which ships donated bikes and bike parts to Ghana and other countries. \$100 was also donated to the **Paraguay Children's Fund** run by RPCV Cyle Nielsen who lives part time in Paraguay and part time in Spokane.

Cyle says, "Currently, we are getting ready to print beginning readers for 1st graders and some second grade readers. We are printing books for 20 to 30 rural schools. They don't have anything that's at their level to read. There are almost no library books here and no emergent or beginning level readers - and then they wonder why many students don't learn to read! Anyway, we are printing books that will touch the lives of over 1000 children this year and continue to serve the needs of students for a few more years. Most teachers take good care of the books and use them for 3 - 6 years (until they fall apart!). They are just paperback but very useful. We also have printed the kindergarten emergent readers, designed by Paraguayan teachers in the reading project and me. Some of you have seen this book. I have 250 more to buy and distribute. I don't know if we'll need to print more or not. What I receive in donations can be used for these books. The students are excited to have something they can read. Many learn to read almost on their own with the emergent reader we designed. Most of the books cost around \$2. each and are used by one group of students in the morning and another group in the afternoon.

We are also just beginning a "Parents as Teachers" project in the town I live in. We will be looking for funds to make toys - simple things like rattles, stimulation blankets, blocks, hand-made dolls, colored balls, etc., for children ages 0-3. Children here rarely have toys. The project is designed to help parents learn how to play with and stimulate their children - the importance of being parents. Children in rural areas (most of the country) are way behind developmentally because of lack of stimulation."

We are proud to support these two projects. If you would like to donate funds individually to either of these projects, you can send the a check to our treasurer specifying which project. We will look at making donations in the future so let any of the board members know your ideas for this. Sue Bracken sbrckn@comcast.net.

SPRING NW RPCV REGIONAL MEETING Saturday April 30, 2011

INPCA will host the next NW RPCV regional meeting Saturday, April 30th in Spokane. This will be at the home of Kay and Kevin Dixon, 619 East Martingale Court, Spokane 99224. We will host a potluck at noon. Meeting to follow. We can all go out to dinner together afterwards. We have a variety of ethnic restaurants to choose from. We can discuss preferences prior to that date, so we will have reservations. The western region includes CA, NV, MT, AK, HI, OR, WA, ID, and US territories in the Pacific. Contact Sue Bracken sbrckn@comcast.net for information.



VILLAGE BICYCLE PROJECT

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E-mail: info@VillageBicycleProject.org

www.VillageBicycleProject.org

In 2010 we sent 7500 bikes to Africa! This is a good time for anyone who feels inspired to collect bicycles for Africa!

Since 1999:

-50,000 bikes have been sent to Africa, shipped in 111 containers from our partners around the world.

-10,000+ people in Africa have trained in basic bike repair, each receiving their own discounted bicycle.

In Ghana- Women's programs will be re-energized, as Liz Bageant spends a year in Ghana to strengthen our programs that get women riding and repairing bikes. Liz has been working with our instructors to evaluate and improve current programs to meet the needs our bike recipients.

480 village residents got bikes and bike repair skills last fall, thanks to the help of PCV's! Trainer George Aidoo led programs for 360 students in the Upper West region, with Peace Corps Volunteers in Nanvili, Wechiau, and Weila. Trainer Samson Ayine is taking 120 bikes to Atiavi, a village near the coast east of the capital. PCV's are a huge part of the success of VBP!

Sierra Leone- Thanks to Mike's Bikes Foundation, we have shipped out first container of bikes from San Francisco to Sierra Leone. Nearly 500 girls ages 6 to 19 have learned to ride since 2009 when volunteer Brittany Richardson started VBP's women's program in Sierra Leone. Many of these young women will get their own bikes in the coming months.

VBP continues to get bikes from our generous partners around the world. We are grateful to Bicycles for Humanity of Kelowna, BC, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op, Bike Works/Boise Bicycle Project/VBP, Bikes Not Bombs, Re-Cycle, and Bikes for the World. Thanks to everyone who has helped send bikes to Africa!

Keep In Touch with VBP (It's Easy!)

- Visit our website at www.VillageBicycleProject.org and join our email list.

- "Like" us on [Facebook](#) (link through the website).

Help Support Us!

VBP is an entirely volunteer organization in the USA, and all donations support Africa programs. We need your bicycles, but we also need your financial support to continue to deliver bicycles and programs that change lives and empower women and girls in West Africa. Visit our website to donate.

Village Bicycle Project was founded by RPCV Dave Peckham (Gabon 1983-1985)

HAVE IDEAS OR KNOW OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT RPCV'S WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR THAT INPCA SHOULD BE SUPPORTING?

Please contact Sue Bracken, sbrckn@comcast.net

R. SARGENT "SARGE" SHRIVER: 1915 - 2011



On Monday, January 18, the Peace Corps community was deeply saddened to learn that Robert Sargent "Sarge" Shriver, Jr., beloved founder of the Peace Corps, had passed away. He was 95 years old.

"The Peace Corps has not only lost its founder, but our country has lost one of its most inspiring leaders of the twentieth century," said Kevin Quigley, President of the National Peace Corps Association. "Long before the term was invented, Sargent Shriver was a social entrepreneur, creating innovative institutions and programs that made a real difference in the lives of tens of millions at home and abroad."

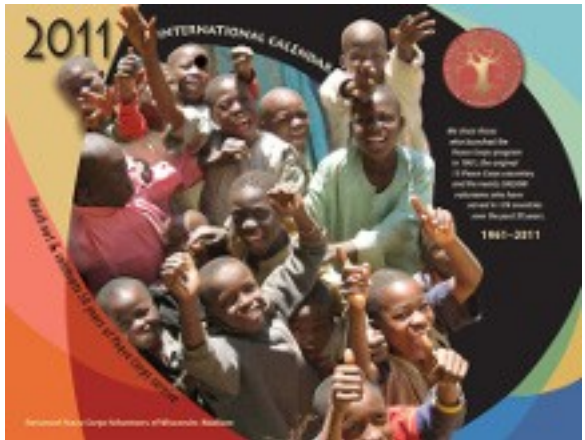
Additional information about Peace Corps' first director can be found at: www.peacecorpsconnect.org/2011/01/r-sargent-shriver-1915-2011 and at www.sargentshriver.org

- ⇒ INPCA's goal is to provide information about programs and events of interest to all RPCV's (and prospective PCV's) in the eastern WA and northern ID region, whether or not they can be active, or contribute.
- ⇒ We rely primarily on e-mail, electronic editions of the newsletter (Adobe PDF document) and our web site (<http://inpcanet.net>) to accomplish this.
- ⇒ Print materials (newsletter, post cards) can be postal mailed to those without e-mail access, or who prefer.
- ⇒ **If you received this issue by postal mail (and hadn't requested that), it means we don't have a valid e-mail address for you.**
- ⇒ Please contact Bob Hager RNHager@comcast.net to be added to the e-mail contact list (and please include your country and years of service).
- ⇒ Check the web site **inpcanet** (NO www in front) for the latest listing of events.

INPCA is offering the **Returned Peace Corps Volunteer International Calendar** again. The 2011 edition celebrates 50 years of Peace Corps Service and the countries that have hosted us. Photos this year are from the first 13 countries to host volunteers: Nigeria, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, Chile, Thailand, Philippines, Tanzania, Malaysia, India, Colombia, Ghana, Pakistan and Brazil. The calendar commemorates important Peace Corps dates as well as the (un)usual celebrations and holidays.

A suggested donation of \$10.00 (\$12.00 if mailed) is asked. 100% of the net proceeds will be donated to projects within our community and around the world.

Available at Express Employment Professionals, 331 W. Main St. Spokane, WA. (509) 747-6011.



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PEACE CORPS WEB SITES

Peace Corps Official Site www.peacecorps.gov
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National Peace Corps Association www.rpcv.org
Peace Corps Online www.peacecorpsonline.org
Peace Corps Worldwide www.peacecorpsworldwide.org
Peace Corps Wiki www.peacecorpswiki.com

REGIONAL GROUPS

Inland Northwest <http://inpca.net> (no www)
SEAPAX (Seattle) www.seapax.org
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www.peacecorps.gov

Click on "Find Local Events" for a listing of Peace Corps information and recruitment events.

KSPS PLEDGE DRIVE

INPCA continues to volunteer to work the pledge drive at KSPS around the first of March each year in celebration of the anniversary of the start of Peace Corps. This year being the celebration of the 50th year of Peace Corps we want to really do a great job to help the station raise the funds it needs to continue with it's great programming. We are looking for 12 great folks, RPCV's and their families and friends, to work **Sunday March 6 from 3 to 6 pm**. When we are done, we can go out to dinner somewhere nearby. If you can't do the pledge drive, you can join us for dinner. If you are able to do the pledge drive, please contact me at sbrckn@comcast.net or call at 924-3903. This will be great fun as usual. Thanks.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

As the weather starts to tease us about spring we are anxious to put some outdoor activities on our INPCA calendar. Please let us know what you'd like to see happen - hiking, biking, camping, etc. For those who don't mind a little mud on their boots we are hoping to get out hiking in March. Meanwhile, put the west regional campout on your schedule for August 5-7 near Boise. Send suggestions to either Jane Swiatek (swiatek@hotmail.com) or Delores Schwindt (delschw@msn.com)

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



YOUR MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION TO INPCA HELPS WITH THE NEWSLETTER, PROJECTS WE SUPPORT, AND PEACE CORPS RECRUITMENT IN THE AREA.



INPCA CALENDAR 2011

March

Look for a copy of the Fig Tree Magazine for article About 50 Years Peace Corps and INPCA participation
Read on-line thefigtree.org

- 4th First Friday PC Exhibit, Asia Pacific; Peace Corps 50th Birthday Party - *Bring a Friend*; Express Employment Professionals - 331 West Main - 6:00 p.m.
- 6th KSPS Phone Bank Service - 3-6 p.m. 3911 South Regal - Group will go out to dinner after event. Sign up with Sue Bracken at sbrckn@comcast.net

April

- 1st First Friday PC Exhibit, Asia Pacific; Express Employment Professionals - 331 West Main - 6:00 p.m.
- 10th INPCA Board Meeting and potluck - noon; Home of Bob and Trisha Hager 104 West 40th Ave.
- 17th Spring Peace Corps Send Off Party 1:00 p.m. (potluck); Home of James and Maria Beebe, 1249 S. Wall; Go to website for details inpcanet.net
- 30th Spokane Hosts Regional PC Meeting and noon potluck; Home of Kevin and Kay Dixon, 619 East Martingale Court; Group will go out to dinner after event

May

- 1st Bloomsday
- 6th First Friday Night Out - meet 5:30 p.m. Happy Hour 4-7 at Ghibliano Brothers Lounge - 718 West Riverside Suite 104, One of Spokane's newest night spots
- * 21st Lilac Parade (evening).

June

- * 3rd First Friday Night Out 6:00 p.m.

July

- 10th INPCA Picnic at Home of Lynn and Mike Noel, Long Lake - mileage marker 21 - 1:00 p.m. potluck; Home on the lake for swimming, boating, fun
- 17th INPCA Board Meeting Home of Bob and Trisha Hager 104 West 40th - 1:00 p.m.

August

- 5 - 7th West regional RPCV campout at Grayback Gulch, Idaho (about 40 mi N of Boise) hosted by IdahoRPCV's. info at <http://web.mac.com/twopats/PeaceCorpsCampout2011>
- * 14th INPCA Potluck 1:00 p.m..

September

- 3-4-5 Spokane Indian Powwow Wellpinit, Wa. Details on INPCA group gathering on website inpcanet.net

October

- 16th INPCA Board Meeting 1:00 p.m. - details to

follow. Nomination of Candidates for 2012 Officers.

November

- 19-20 Fall Folk Festival - PC Information Table at Spokane Community College. Sign up with Chair Kimberly Potter kimberlyp@spokaneschools.org

December

- 11th INPCA Holiday Party 1:00 p.m. - details to follow; Election of Officers
- * Event or participation of INPCA in the event is contingent upon a volunteer chair to organize the activity.

MOSCOW, ID / PULLMAN, WA RPCV EVENTS

January/February articles on the five decades of PC by the Moscow-Pullman Daily News www.dnews.com

March: There will be three month-long exhibits at: University of Idaho Library, BookPeople of Moscow, and Neill Public Library in Pullman.

March 1: 50th. Anniversary Potluck 6:00-8:00 PM at the 1912 Center in Moscow, ID.

March 5: University of Idaho "Cruise the World," which highlights exchange students, and is giving us in Peace Corps a high profile. It will be in the SUB ballroom, across from the book store, from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM, and we will be in shifts talking to students and interested visitors about our experiences. There will be a map of where we have all served, and brochures. Maps, photographs, and artifacts will all be in the secured display locations.

April 9: Empty Bowls event at the Moscow 1912 Center; to pair with PC's national emphasis on food security

April 18: A potential Palouse recruiting event with RPCV involvement.

April 23: Possible RPCV participation in A CommUnity walk.

Through the summer: There will be a table at the Moscow Farmer's Market.

August / September: A potluck picnic for RPCV's and students; date/place TBD; maybe with host country foods

September 9-October 12: A photos and bios only exhibit at the Moscow Food Coop.

September / October: An exhibit with the traveling professionally created free-standing panels from Boise's big bang in March at the Idaho State Historical Museum. They will travel during the summer and fall and will be at the University of Idaho Library in September and at Washington State University Holland and Terrell Library in in October. There will also be Palouse RPCV artifacts and photographs at these venues.

University of Idaho Homecoming parade, October 22 - TBD.

Contact Louise Barber (Ukraine 08-10) at louised.barber@gmail.com for more information on **Palouse area events.**

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all. I would first like to acknowledge the past officers of the Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association. Ira, Vickie and Martha did an excellent job keeping the organization alive and active in the world. In addition, Kay Dixon working with Ira created our participation in "First Friday" downtown. I am sure Kevin had a large behind the scene part in this also. Sue Bracken and Debbie Kutsal also deserve acknowledgement for their efforts over the year as do many others who contributed to a successful 2010.

2011 is here and we have a new board as follows:

Bob Hager, President
Vickie Scott-Woodley, VP/Secretary
Cara Preuss, Treasurer cpreuss@wsu.edu

What we accomplish this year will be a result of time spent by the board and volunteers to head up several areas of effort. So far, the following folks have graciously volunteered:

Sue Bracken, KSPS telephoning
Kimberly Potter, Folk Festival
Delores Schwindt and Jane Swiatek, Biking, Hiking, Camping
Kay Dixon and Tana Dugan, First Friday exhibits
Debbie Kutsal, Speakers Bureau
Maria Beebe, Website
Mike O'Neil, Newsletter
Ira Armstadter, Advocacy

Each of these folks need you to participate. Choose what area you find to be the most appropriate for you and contact that person. If there is an area not listed here, let me know and we will support you in getting it going. Each of us cannot be active in all of these arenas and, for the matter, do not choose to be. However, there should be one or two areas you can contribute that will demonstrate the value you gained from this life altering experience of the Peace Corps. Let's have a mind boggling 2011!

Bob Hager (Tanzania 1997-1999)

FROM THE TREASURER

As your new treasurer, I would like to say thank you for those of you who have given your annual membership contribution. For those of you who have not done so yet and would like to do so, I suggest one of the following:

1. Send a check in the mail to INPCA (local membership \$15). You can also join or renew with the National Peace Corps Association (\$35) through INPCA. Please use the form on page 3 of the newsletter.
2. Drop by an event (like First Friday in downtown Spokane), check out the artwork, and bring your check.
3. Visit the NPCA web site <http://peacecorpsconnect.org>. Click "JOIN TODAY" to join or renew. National dues are \$35 per year, and you may join one or more affiliate groups (including INPCA) for an additional \$15 each.

There is an advantage to INPCA if you join us directly,

rather than as an affiliate group through NPCA, as we don't have to wait for the \$15 rebate from them. However, we are appreciative of your support, however you join!

As of 12/31/2010 \$1,046.59 was on hand. At their January 23, 2011 meeting the INPCA Board approved donating \$100 each to the Village Bike Project and the Paraguay Children's Fund, authorized \$44 for the annual Post Office Box fee, and set a policy to maintain a \$500 reserve for operating expenses.

Respectfully yours, Cara Preuss (Azerbaijan 2003-2005)

INPCA COMPLETES FOLK ART EXHIBIT FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PEACE CORPS

With the presentation of the Asia Pacific folk art exhibit, INPCA completes its series of folk art exhibits from the countries in which Peace Corps has worked around the world. The series was INPCA's initiative as part of the worldwide celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps.

Beginning in September 2010, with the initial exhibit focusing on Africa, INPCA has successfully presented folk art from around the world drawing attention to the countries in which local returned Peace Corps Volunteers have served or traveled.

The 2010 calendar shows that the African exhibit was available through September and October, followed by the Middle Eastern and European exhibit in November and December. Latin American and the Caribbean countries were the focal points for January and February 2011. This concluding Asian Pacific regional exhibit will be available until the end of April 2011.

The exhibits were part of Spokane's First Friday Art Walk events as well as available to the public during the normal business hours of the Express Employment Pro offices. It is estimated that several hundred people viewed at least one of the exhibits. During the First Friday Art Walk events, there were always Peace Corps Volunteers available to discuss their experiences as well as answer questions about the artwork and items on display. During normal business hours, when the exhibit was open to the general public, Ira Amstadter, owner of the Express Employment Pro business, was available and responded to questions from visitors.

The exhibits were as diverse and eclectic as the total Peace Corps experience, offering attendees a snapshot of the local Returned Peace Corps Volunteers' experiences. RPCVs hosting the First Friday exhibits included RPCVs from the early days of Peace Corps as well as more recently returned PCVs (one who had just returned within a month of the First Friday event). Multiple stories were shared, not only about the items displayed but also about the work and living experiences within our host countries.

Special appreciation to Kay Dixon (Colombia) and Tana Dugan (Turkey / Nepal) for curating the exhibits!

INPCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2010 - 2:00 p.m. Home of Debbie Kutsal

Present: President Ira Amstadter, Vice President Bob Hager and Trish, Secretary Vickie Woodley and Barry Woodley, Treasurer Martha Haynes, Kay and Kevin Dixon, Tana Dugan, Debbie Kutsal, Sue Bracken, Gert Douglas, Cara Preuss Meeting started at 2:00 pm, following the potluck. Vice President Bob Hager officiated the meeting, starting with conversation regarding issues and questions that have come forward leading into the planning session. Bob offered an invitation to all the membership to let us hear if there are any questions about decisions made or direction of this Board.

Brain Storming on the question of what would we like to see INPCA doing. Here is the list:

Support Refugees, Support PC Recruiters, Newsletter, Advocacy (consider more frequently First Friday Exhibits), Writing (What is Your Peace Corps Story), 50th Anniversary recognition, Data Base Website and Blog Communications (email Support NPCA, complete directory), Promote PC Senior Prospects to serve, Community Service (Bike Project, Hiking, KSPS), Share PC experience thru presentations, Support Candidates going to PC, Service Projects Overseas (Cyle Nielson, World Relief) Social Network Support for RPCVs.

Discussing these suggestions the group created 5 Categories for Implementation. The names following the individual endeavors indicates individuals who have shown an interest in facilitating, or who are already chairing these events. The

* asterisk shows tasks that needs someone to take on the responsibility.

I - Social

Hiking (Jane)

* First Friday after 6 month commitment to Exhibits

* Potlucks

* Special Events

II - Special Projects

* Fund Raising

First Friday Exhibits (Kay and Tana)

Writing PC Experience Stores (Vickie)

Making Philanthropic Contributions (Board)

III - Internal Communications

Newsletter (Mike O'Neil)

Data Base (Bob Hager and Debbie Kutsal)

Website and Blog (Maria Beebe)

IV - Community Service

* Support Refugees

World Relief (Vickie)

Bike Project (Mike O'Neil)

* Food Bank

KSPS (Bob and Sue)

V - External Communications

* Support NPCA and NPC

Speakers Bureau (Debbie Kutsal)

Fall Folk Festival PC Table (Kimberly Potter)

Promote PC Service with Seniors (Bob Hager)

The next step in "Making It Happen" is to identify the

Board Member who will provide oversight for each

category. The oversight person needs to identify a person

to handle the task (*) and reaffirm that the person shown at this time will continue to assume these responsibilities.

I - Social - Vickie Woodley

II - Special Projects - Vickie Woodley

III - Internal Communications - Martha Haynes

IV - Community Service

V - External Communications - Bob Hager

At our next membership meeting we will have sign up sheets for members to become a part of one of the committees.

Next meeting is the Holiday Party at the home of Kay and Kevin Dixon, Sunday December 5th at 1:00 p.m. Vickie will send out details to entire membership.

Vickie passed out a rough draft of a policy document to define responsibilities of officers and INPCA established policies. There will be further dialogue and work on creating guidelines for future activity.

Bob named an Election Committee of himself, Vickie Woodley and Martha Haynes to create a slate of candidates.

Motion to have a donation container at the Fall Folk Festival for First Harvest Food bank by Sue Bracken unanimously approved.

Special Appreciation to all those who participated in this important exercise and the leadership of Bob Hager in conducting this process.

Exceptional kudos to Kay and Tana for the wonderful exhibits at Express for the past 3 First Fridays. Ira said at least 50 people have come in during the week to also view these treasures. It would not have happened without the generous support of our members who have shared their mementos.

Most sincere appreciation to Ira our President who spearheaded the 50th anniversary exhibits and provided his beautiful location for this event. He successfully managed the new banner design and we have a great showpiece for INPCA.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Recorded

Vickie Scott-Woodley, Secretary

NOTES FROM THE SUMMER NW RPCV REGIONAL MEETING

Hosted by CRPCA August 14, 2010

Joe Hindman (West Regional Representative on the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) Board) updated all of us on the NPCA plans for the 50th anniversary celebration. From **June 30 to July 11, 2011**, Peace Corps will be featured at the [Smithsonian Folklife Festival](#) (SFF) on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. This free event is open to the public and historically draws over one million visitors. The 2011 SFF celebration will have three themes: Peace Corps, Rhythm & Blues, and Colombia. As the largest annual cultural event in the U.S. capital, the Folklife Festival receives considerable publicity, typically reaching 40 million readers and viewers through print and electronic media. ~ Other key dates to note are: **October 13-14, 2010**, commemorating JFK's speech at 2:00 a.m. on Oct. 14, 1960: Senator Kennedy addressed students on the steps of the University of Michigan Union proposing volunteer service to the country and the world via the Peace Corps. **March 1, 2011** is the official birthday of Peace Corps and birthday dinners and parties are planned all around the nation and world. **September 22-25** in Washington, DC will see various activities, including a Day of Service where there will be many opportunities to help/volunteer at local organizations, Member Group events/meetings, an Advocacy Day, a flag ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery and a formal Gala to celebrate PC's 50 years. ~ Joe said the NPCA is experiencing a downturn in revenues this year and has a negative balance in revenues vs expenses to date for 2010. However the bottom line (net assets) is still about two hundred thousand dollars in the black. ~ Joe mentioned that there's discussion about offering free NPCA membership for current PCVs and to any RPCV who's never been a member before. ~ Joe told us that there is a proposal afoot for an Amtrak Peace Train traveling from the West to the East for the PC celebrations in Sept. in DC.

PEACE TRAIN TO DC SEPTEMBER 2011

Objective – To gather en route via Amtrak trains, western state's Returned Peace Corps Volunteers to attend the Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary celebration in Washington DC, September 23-26, 2011.

Timelines and Schedules – (Example Only) Depart from Eugene, Oregon on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 9 AM on the Amtrak Cascades, transfer in Portland, OR or Seattle, WA to the Empire Builder, change trains in Chicago to the Capitol Limited, and arrive in Washington, DC at 1 PM on Thursday, September 22, 2011. Return departure from Washington, DC on Monday, September 26 at 4 PM using mainly the same trains and routes with an arrival in Eugene, OR on Thursday, September 29 at 5 PM.

Options – California RPCVs can board the Coast Starlight in Los Angeles, Oakland and Sacramento as well as other stations for an even longer trip; northern tier RPCVs can board in Spokane, St. Paul-Minneapolis,

Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh as well as other Amtrak stations.

Roundtrip Travel Costs – (Senior Example) For the 10 day trip, excluding all Washington, DC expenses, the cost for a 62+ Senior with 3 nights each way in a sleeper with meals included is \$1,990.95; the sleeper is a suggested option for the Empire Builder and Capitol Limited portions of the trip.

Amtrak Information – All train routes, schedules and cost worksheets are available at www.amtrak.com Each of the 4 trains have online brochures with detailed descriptions of their route as well as an outline map listing local stations besides those in 'Options' above.

Gonzaga U. Ranks No. 3 Nationwide for Alumni Peace Corps Service

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SPOKANE, Wash. – Gonzaga University moved to rank No. 3 in the nation among small colleges and universities whose alumni serve in the Peace Corps. There are 23 Gonzaga undergraduate alumni currently serving .

Since the Peace Corps was founded, 285 Gonzaga alumni have served as volunteers. Gonzaga consistently places in the Peace Corps' Top College rankings. The category of small colleges includes schools with 5,000 or fewer undergraduates. Gonzaga, which ranked No. 7 in the agency's 2010 rankings, shares the No. 3 spot with Portland, Ore.-based Lewis & Clark College and the University of Portland; both schools also have 23 undergraduate alumni serving .

Other schools in the state of Washington that placed on the Peace Corps' 2011 Top Colleges rankings are University of Washington (Seattle), No. 3 in large category; Western Washington University (Bellingham), No. 3 in medium category; University of Puget Sound (Tacoma), No. 8 in small category; The Evergreen State College (Olympia), No. 11 in small category; and Seattle University (Seattle), No. 23 in small category.

Nationally, University of Colorado at Boulder outpaced other universities by providing 117 undergraduate alumni currently serving overseas. Before this year, University of Washington held the top spot for four consecutive years. Historically, University of California at Berkeley maintains the top all-time rank with 3,457 Peace Corps volunteer alumni.

Rankings are based on fiscal year 2010 data as of Sept. 30, 2010.

<http://multimedia.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/stats/schools2011.pdf>

PEACE CORPS THREE GOALS

1. To provide technical assistance;
2. To help people outside the United States to understand United States culture;
3. To help Americans understand the cultures of other countries.