



# Columbia River Peace Corps ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## From the President

DEBRA DEETZ

Mike and Marylynn Waite are moving to Mississippi this month due to an employment opportunity they couldn't pass up. Over the years Mike has been President, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. Mike and Marylynn together have been Pigout and Campout Coordinators, Project Leaders, and party go-ers and givers. A small group of us presented Mike and Marylynn with a going away token of appreciation from all of us in the form of a travel book of the Deep South at the Overlook Park picnic on Sept. 20. They will be GREATLY missed by this group.

If you have an opportunity to call or e-mail Mike and Marylynn before they leave in mid-October am sure they would love to hear from you. Thanks Mike and Marylynn for friendship and contribution to the CRPCA and "Bringing the World Back Home".

There are lots of events coming up including the usual Restaurant Gatherings, Soiree, and the PIGOUT is not too far away! We will need lots of help this year with the Pigout so if you are interested give me a call or e-mail.

We are using an extended calendar format. We hope this will help people more in planning and volunteering in activities during the holidays and into next year. So, update your Planners! ☺

Debra Deetz

## Calendar of Events

October 5-7, 1998 (see article)

**Peace Corps Recruiting Presentations**

October 17, 1998 - **Restaurant Gathering** with  
**Business Meeting** 1-1/4 hour prior to Meal Time.

October 19, 1998 - **Soiree**

Lucky Labrador Brew Pub, 9th and Hawthorne,  
6:30 - ?

October 20, 1998 (see article)

**Peace Corps Recruiting Presentations**

November 14, 1998 - **AFRICAN PIGOUT**

Details in the next Newsletter

December 13, 1998 - **Holiday Potluck**

Time and Place TBA

January 23, 1999 - **Restaurant Gathering**

Time and Place TBA

February 21, 1999 - **Potluck** Time and Place TBA

March 2, 1999 - **National Peace Corps Day**



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### Checking the Records

A couple of people have reported that their "Country of Service" is incorrectly recorded in our database. So, in order to correct and update the records, we have used a new label for this month's newsletter with all the database information we have for you on the label. In addition to your mailing address, the labels contain the following information: 1) CRPCA subscription due date, 2) NPCA member (yes or no), 3) Home phone, 4) Work phone, 5) email address, 6) Country of Service, 7) Peace Corps Assignment, and 8) current occupation. Phone numbers include only the four last digits for your privacy. If we do not have information from you for a particular field, it is marked xxxx (i.e. if you have not provided your work phone number, it would be marked "W-xxxx"). So, if any of your data have been recorded incorrectly, or if information needs to be updated, you can respond in the following three ways listed in order of preference:

- 1) via email to [seanrose@efn.org](mailto:seanrose@efn.org)
- 2) Postcard to CRPCA
- 3) Call & leave msg at 503-301-9677 after Oct. 5

Having this information will help us to be more effective as an organization, being able to provide you with last minute information, and helping future volunteers find a source for advice. Please take the time to respond.

Thank you,  
Sean Rose

### CRPCA RESTAURANT GATHERING

Saturday, October 17 at 6:00 pm  
Rendezvous Cafe 816 N Russell St, Portland

[Please call (503) 223-6670 to reserve no later than Monday, Oct 12.]

Come savor a delicious Ethiopian dinner with the Peace Corps crowd! Rendezvous Cafe is located in the Albina community of North Portland, between Albina and Mississippi on North Russell

St. There are two ways into the area, from the east on Russell or from the north or south on Interstate Ave (see the star on the map).

From NE MLK seven blocks north of Broadway, go west on Russell. Pass Emmanuel Hospital and go under I-5. The restaurant is a few blocks down on the left.

Or go north on Interstate Ave from the first light at the east end of the Broadway Bridge. Russell Street goes off to the right after the slight S-curve, and the restaurant is less than two blocks up on the right.

Tri-Met's #5 Interstate runs along Interstate Ave from downtown Portland and Rose Quarter every 15-20 minutes. There are also bike lanes along Interstate Ave north from Rose Quarter and the Broadway Bridge.

We've arranged to share five dishes with plenty of injera (bread) for \$7.00 a person; the suggested tip would bring it to \$8.50, and drinks are extra. They have asked us to give plenty of notice of the number of attendees, so please leave a message with Bill Stein at (503) 223-6670 no later than Monday, October 12 if you want to come.



Map to the restaurant meeting



**AFRICAN PIGOUT***Mark your calendars: NOVEMBER 14, 1998*

So you wonder what will happen with the African Pigout this year with the Waites skipping town! We are changing things a bit and teaming up with a local group called SANA (Society of Africans in North America). We have set a tentative date for November 14, 1998 and provided we can find a location (any ideas?) we will do our best to organize a new generation of Pigouts.

We will need some help with set-up, clean-up, entertainment and food preparation so if you are interested in helping out please contact Debbie Deetz (284-4842, debberd@aol.com). We are also looking for interesting donations for the "Silent Auction". The articles will be displayed for people to bid on during the Pigout. If you have any interesting and unique items let me know. The place and times and further details will follow in the November newsletter.

**New Seattle Regional Manager**

Joshua Fliegel is the new Regional Manager in Seattle. Joshua has a Masters from U of W in Public Administration and comes with an extensive Peace Corps background including Training Officer and Country Director. There will be an opportunity to meet Joshua at the next Soiree on October 20th at the Lucky Labrador. Joshua, along with Brian Zoeller from the Seattle Recruiting office will join our Soiree to "grab a beer and hang with you cool Portland RPCVs"!

**NEW WEBMASTER NEEDS HELP!***(WWWhat's an isp?)*

Mark Morton has graciously (if not reluctantly) volunteered to be our new Webmaster however, he is in a learning mode. If anyone can offer Webmaster tutoring sessions for Mark give him an e-mail at: markmpc@teleport.com.

**New PSU Campus Recruiter  
and Recruiting Activities**

Jerome Armstrong has been hired to be the new Portland State University Peace Corps Campus Recruiter. Jerome was a volunteer in Sierre Leone and Costa Rica 91-93. Jerome will be working toward his Masters at PSU in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies along with PC recruiting. Jerome and folks from Seattle will be hosting some recruiting presentations and RPCVs are welcome to come and share their experiences with potential Peace Corps candidates. The dates and times are as follows:

6:30 PM, October 5, 1998 Reed College - CC 120

6:30 PM, October 6, 1998 Lewis and Clark College Templeton Student Center, Thayer 3

3:15 PM, October 7, 1998 Willamette University (Salem), Autzen Conference Room

12 Noon, October 8, 1998 Warner Pacific College, McGuire Auditorium

6:00 PM, October 20, 1998 Portland State University, Smith Memorial Center RM 292

**El Porvenir Event**

El Porvenir means "the future." El Porvenir is a small nonprofit organization based in California and dedicated to sustainable development in Nicaragua. Simple potable water projects are their #1 priority. Laura Power and Errol Comma will present a slide show and talk about their projects and work (and nonwork) trips. El Porvenir also provides two-week work project trips for North Americans with a trip scheduled for January, 1999. For more information on El Porvenir you can attend the presentation or visit their website at [www.elporvenir.org](http://www.elporvenir.org) or by phone at 916-736-3663.

El Porvenir Presentation October 22, 1998, 7:00 PM St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church 2136 NE 39th Ave, Portland



**TEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH:**

Marie Hermanson provided me with a historic perspective of the CRPCA through a stack of old newsletters. The following are highlights from the "Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Oregon Newsletter" dated September, 1988:

- Marilyn Badurina and Gabriella (then) Kotubetey provided a "Focus on Togo"
- Maggie Miller gave a summary of the National Council of RPCV's Conference
- Journals of Peace were requested in remembrance of John F. Kennedy, the founder of Peace Corps. RPCVs were requested to submit a passage from a letter or journal that crystallized the PC experience.
- Jerry Porter reported that the 200 lbs of books sent to Akosombo, Ghana arrived.

***NPCA Conference 1999***

The National Peace Corps Association and the Minnesota RPCVs announced July 31 that the national conference of returned Peace Corps volunteers will be August 12-15, 1999 at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Information on program and registration will be available in membership mailings, the newsletter 3/1/61, the magazine WorldView and the newsletters of our affiliates. Save the dates and tell your country of service group leaders to begin planning training group and country- wide reunion activities for that event.

***Hispanic Benefit Dinner***

The First Annual Kermesse, an authentic Mexican dinner to benefit Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF), a new non-profit which lends support to Hispanic/Latino families dealing with domestic and sexual violence.

The dinner features homemade tamales, enchiladas, roasted beef, chicken, rice and beans and includes beverage

Saturday, October 10, 5:00-8:00 PM at Augustana Lutheran Church, NE 15 & Knott, Portland. Adults \$10. Children (ages 5-12) \$5. To order tickets, please call 823-0184.

**VOLUNTEERS****ESL Teachers**

Lutheran Family Services is looking for 3 volunteers to teach English once a week beginning at the end of September. These classes are taught to recent refugees and non-native speakers who need to pick up English skills. The classes are provided at no charge to them. Classes are 90 minutes long once a week (schedule is similar to PSU's). The curriculum and materials are all developed- they just need someone to teach the classes! If you are interested you would be a big help!

Please call Debbie Fisher at 731-9553 if you are willing or have any questions. Thanks much for your time!

**Sierra Club, Volunteer Opportunity & Hike**

**Saturday, October 17.** Wilson River Trail Construction from Kings Mountain Trailhead to Elk Creek Campground. Help dig a new trail for hikers, horses, and mountain bikers. Assignments based on your desires and abilities. Wear boots, long pants, and gloves. Meet at 9 a.m.

**Sunday, October 18.** Salmonberry Native Fish Hike. 7 miles round-trip (shorter hike available for those with families) Easy. 100 feet. After a spectacular drive in with ridge-top views of the forest, hike along the pristine Salmonberry River Canyon in a wild, rugged area of the Tillamook Forest. We may see fall Chinook! Bring extra shoes for one river wading. Meet at 9 a.m.

**MEETING PLACE:** All Tillamook outings meet at the US Bank in the Fred Meyer parking lot on SW 158th and Schendel Road in Beaverton, directly across from the Tualatin Hills Rec Center. From US West 26, take the Cornell Rd. exit. Turn south on 158th and go about 1/2 mile to the US Bank. **FOR RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION:** Call Aaron Rappaport at 238-0156 or Kristi DuBois at (503) 429-8029.



30 Years Later...*by Everette Holt Williams*

When I returned to Concepcion, Chile, 30 years after Peace Corps service there, I was amazed by the progress made in virtually every sector of the economy and society. Actually, I had returned once before – in 1970 when I followed the Presidential Election campaign as Marxist Salvador Allende emerged victorious over two other candidates. This had been the summer of Chile's discontent, when conditions in the country were especially difficult.

From Oct. 1965 to Nov. 1967 I was a PCV at the politically volatile University of Concepcion during the riotous days when a Soviet line Communist was considered right of center. I lived in a Kafkaesque university area roominghouse full of students who had visited Cuba, China, and the USSR on various lengthy scholarships and two year programs. They were always at odds with each other and often relentlessly sought to persuade me as to the superiority of their revolutionary point of view over the others.

The entire region was staunchly leftwing. Marxist candidate Salvador Allende, victorious in the election of 1970, carried the metropolitan area in this zone of over 500,000 by a margin of more than 2 to 1. The only real weakness of his coalition in its ambitious attempt to build a Marxist state was its tendency toward internal divisiveness. Allende forces were also often oblivious to the fact they won at the national level with only a 37% plurality which did not give them sufficient mandate to completely redistribute the wealth of the society.

Concepcion in the 60's was grim and gray. Around the university area were slums full of barefoot, snot-nosed kids who coughed up blood at night. The temperature averaged 45 degrees during the four months of drizzly winter, and heating was virtually nonexistent except for a few small electric space heaters in the better houses and offices. Summer rarely warmed up much either. Southern Chile gets chilly!

When I arrived early this summer in Concepcion I immediately began to look up old colleagues and friends. The woman who was my counterpart professor in the psychology department of the education school at once invited me and my travelling companion (Rosalie Schmitz – PCV Tunisia 66-68a) to lunch at her apartment where she has recently retired. Later we visited my former department chairman, now retired in a ranch town a couple of hours north. When we visited the university, the chemistry department staff helped us look up the Chilean family of a Peace Corps friend for whom I was best man for when he got married in 1967. An engineer friend took us to dinner at the best restaurant in town. We found my old law student buddy, Hector, who is now an administrator at his former high school in a nearby town. It was really great to strike it up again with people as though I had only been gone for a weekend.

My humble old neighborhood near the university barrio had been almost completely urban-renewed. It now

looks like a pleasant residential area in western Europe in contrast to the gloomy group of apparently haunted, gritty houses and apartments that existed there before. The university has expanded and modernized. I was particularly impressed with the new library. There used to be a stark hillside slum area just behind the university. The once forested area stretched up a steep slope which appeared like scenic poetry but in reality was an ecological disaster in the making. As the slum dwellers cut down the trees, the muddy access roads up the hill became increasingly impassable. I recall how consternated Chilean huaso men would screech profanity and crack their whips in frustration over the scarred backs of their enormous oxen as they became hopelessly bogged down with their giant loads in the oozing mud as they struggled in vain up the steep, denuded hillside. Needless to say, mudslides would often engulf the ramshackle callampa dwellings. Now the roads up this Aguita de la Peris (Water of Paradise) slum area are paved or at least graveled, and the housing, though still poor, is much more sturdy.

Progress in the Concepcion area has come at quite a cost. I heard various horror stories of the aftermath of the 1973 coup when the military deposed the Allende government, dispensed with democracy for over a decade, and relentlessly persecuted real and alleged leftwing extremists. The military completely took over the University of Concepcion campus. Many students and professors were immediately incarcerated incommunicado. Some disappeared never to be seen again. The most famous Concepcion student leader was killed during the coup in Santiago. His successor blew himself up in an accident. Many others were executed while some managed to flee to the USA or Europe. Yet, in spite of this ignominious collapse of democracy, most everyone will admit that the resulting order was certainly preferable to the chaos of the last year of the Allende government.

Concepcion is now full of excellent restaurants, both old and fine. Consumer goods are in abundant supply. Local markets and grocery stores are well stocked. The highway northeast to Chile's productive central valley of agricultural abundance is much faster than the old road. The level of employment is much higher than in the past; and extreme poverty is no longer noticeable. The region no longer seems like a simmering backwater of discontent – and the local empanadas are still cheap and tastier than ever!

*Everette Holt Williams, PCV Chile, 65-68  
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## 1999 International Calendars are Here!

It is calendar time again! The 1999 International Calendars developed by the RPCV's of Madison are now for sale. The CRPCA group continues to be one of the most productive in calendar sales and we would like to keep it up! So order your calendars now!

We have made some changes since last year. Calendars will cost \$10 each with postage costing \$3, this postage charge will be for 1 or more calendars. There will be many ways to get your calendars- you can complete the order form below, call and place an order, or buy a calendar at CRPCA events. The calendar committee will also be calling the membership to see if they are interested in purchasing calendars. You may have your calendars mailed to you or pick them up, so far we have committee members in SE Portland, NE Portland and Hillsboro/Beaverton for pick-up points. We will try to make it as convenient for you as possible.

We have selected the Bradley-Angle House to receive the 1999 calendar sale profits. The Bradley-Angle House addresses the special concerns and needs of victims and survivors of domestic violence. Bradley-Angle House's Philosophy and Goals include "That all individuals have the right to be safe from the threat or use of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. In a non-judgmental, supportive atmosphere, we address the special concerns and needs of women and children affected by domestic violence, supporting the right of individuals to exercise informed choice regarding the direction of their lives. We educate the community to the causes and effects of abuse, and encourage the public to help prevent abuse by changing conditions that perpetuate it."

This year's calendar committee includes Bill Andrews, Thrina Parent, Lesly Sanocki, Angel Nawrot and Nicole Apelian. Anyone interested in helping is more than welcome. If you would like to call in an order you may call Lesly at 690-3391 or e-mail [sanockile@chr.mts.kpnw.org](mailto:sanockile@chr.mts.kpnw.org)

Thanks for your support!

## 1999 International Calendar

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### Order form

Name

Address

City, State, and Zip

Number of calendars  X \$10 = \$

Postage and handling **\$3.00**

Total \$

Make checks payable to **CRPCA**. Please send your order and payment to:

Thrina Parent  
2526 NE 43rd Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97213



## Backpage Flashbacks

Follow up on the Ogoni tribe and a call to boycott Shell Oil (from a story in the newsletter earlier this year).

### Nigeria Frees 20 Detained Ogoni Activists

*By Dulue Mbachu Tuesday September 8*

LAGOS, Nigeria (Reuters) - A Nigerian court has freed 20 Ogoni minority activists detained since 1994 on charges of murdering four pro-government chiefs. They said the youths, who had been facing the same murder charge for which author Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others were executed in 1995, had been freed by a court in the southeastern city of Port Harcourt Monday. An international outcry followed the 1995 execution of Saro-Wiwa and his colleagues ordered by late Nigerian dictator Sani Abacha in defiance of worldwide pleas for clemency. Nigeria was subsequently suspended from the Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies while Western countries imposed limited sanctions to force the pace of democratic reforms and respect for human rights under Abacha's iron rule.

### Long lost Photos, Starlight Parade '98



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Newsletter submissions are encouraged. Please send them via e-mail or regular mail to the above address **by the 25th of the preceding month**. Submissions on 3.5" disk or through e-mail (call for email address).

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