Summer 2012

Upcoming Events 2012

June, July, August 2012

June 26th, (Tuesday) 6:00- 8:00pm

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August 2-5, 2012, Pacific Northwest RPCV Camp Out Sunset Bay State Park, Coos Bay, Oregon
Hosted by West Cascades RPCVs –Eugene, Oregon. More info at (541) 294-4143, sam2coast@live.com and reserve space at: http://www.westcascadepca.org/campout-2012.php

(See Complete 2012 Event and Planning Calendar pg.6)

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING IDAHO MEMBERS

Chris Aronen - Suriname 10-12

Terry Gladwin - Kenya 67-69

Warren Barrash - Malaysia 70-72 & Ethiopia 73-74

John Adkins - Philippines 63-65 Melody Lenkner - Columbia 64-66 Larry Crowley - Bolivia 67-71

Glenn Jeffery - Lesotho 69-71

Mike & Sharon Bixby - Jamaica 68-70

Kristi Brumley - Bulgaria 98-00 Loreen Todd - Thailand 10-12

Doug Clegg & Patricia Duncan - Vanuatu 98-00

Matt Anders - Kazakhstan 95-97 Anna Almerico - Bolivia 96-98

Sharon Morrison - Central African Republic 85-89

Annette Hanson - Costa Rica 80-82

Ray Barnes - Afghanistan 71 & Liberia 71-75

Karen Barbee - Mali 2012

John & Linda Hammond - India 66-68

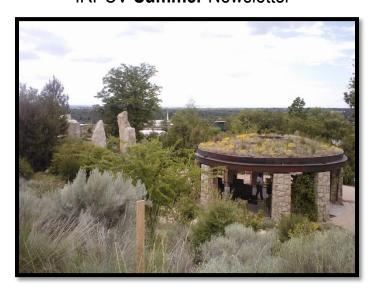
Mike Weiss - Albania 09-11 Catherine Emard - Albania 09-11

Myrna & Bob Stahman - Liberia 68-70

Amy Mercer - Paraguay 03-05

Gail LeBow - Bolivia 69-71 Kevin Laughlin - Belize 69-71

IRPCV Summer Newsletter



Idaho Botanical Gardens in May

Spring Highlights

<u>IRPCV ANNUAL DONATIONS AWARDED</u> - Idaho RPCVs attending the annual meeting on April 14th were presented with requests for donations from the following four organizations:

- 1. **One World Football for Suriname** Purchasing soccer balls for children at a cost of \$15 each (incl. shipping from the US), nominated by Dan Broockmann (RPCV Haiti);
- 2. Interfaith Sanctuary Housing Services, Inc. Providing emergency shelter & support services to homeless people in Boise, nominated by Trish McKernan (IRPCV Treasurer);
- 3. **Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program** Providing legal services & education to low-income Idahoans including the refugee population, nominated by Anna Almerico (RPCV Bolivia);
- 4. **Good Samaritan Home in Boise** Since 1942, providing a home for those who would otherwise be homeless, nominated by Julie Zicaro (RPCV Honduras).

After consulting with Treasurer Trish McKernan, the group voted to make 3 separate donations of \$250 each. IRPCVs whose dues are current voted via secret ballot and chose the 3 local nonprofits (#2, 3 & 4).



Bon Voyage Party the Idaho Botanical Gardens:



Peace Corps Bon Voyage at the Botanical Gardens:

A note of sincere thanks for all partners in this Peace Corps / IRPCV event at the Idaho Botanical Garden on Friday May 25th. Over 58 RPCVs. PCVs and returning volunteers gathered at the Garden to say welcome home and bon voyage to Peace Corps community members in the Gem state. Kevin Laughlin did a wonderful job hosting the program which included distribution of RPCV pins to newly returned volunteers by Walter Kaiser and IRPCV t-shirts and buttons to those heading out soon. Families came with nominees to check in with RPCV's and newly returned volunteers also brought their families. It was a wonderful potluck with fellowship and sharing about the world and building peace in many ways. The garden was beautiful and roses were at their peak during the event. Many participants wandered in the garden and enjoyed the sunset, while others took the tour of the Garden (thanks again Kevin). Special thanks to Kevin Laughlin (tour guide extraordinaire!), Walter Kaiser, and Helen & David Dean (RPCV Kenya) who helped with directions set-up, take-down, and clean-up. Kudos to all of the planners and participants in this IRPCV tradition. It is certainly one worth keeping.



School Supplies for the ESL students:



Here is a picture of Julie's class showing off their new binders gathered from the IRPVC school supply donation drive back in February. These students also wrote thank-you notes that they decorated with their countries' flags.

2011 Financial Audit

On May 20, 2012, the audit committee of Susan Mason and Lila Cabrera completed the 2011 financial audit. They found the books to be in order and appreciated Trish McKernan's attention to detail and careful records.

Thank you to Lila and Susan for performing this task for the IRPCV group. It is our attention to detail and tasks such as this that keep our Idaho, and anticipated Federal, non-profit standing in good order.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Idaho Food Bank service project

We have contacted the **Idaho Food Bank** and they would like us to help sort and repackage food on **Tuesday June 26**th (this is in place of our service for Habitat for Humanity, which we were not able to schedule). If you are interested in volunteering that night, please go to the Idaho Food Bank Calendar for that day and register for the **6PM IRPCV** slot:

 $\underline{\text{http://www.idahofoodbank.org/?page=vol\&action=calendar\&gridMont}}\\ \underline{\text{h=07\&gridYear=2012}}$

The food bank can only take a certain number of volunteers for each slot and this will help us track our numbers. Please print and fill out the volunteer information form and read through the policies, also on that site. If you forget we'll have extras to fill out when you get there. An added bonus is that our contact Kathy Scott and her husband are both RPCV's and Kathy may be able to join us that night.



July 4th Parade and Barbeque

Carolle Skov has agreed to Captain our taxi team for the annual "We the People" parade in Boise. Please consider helping unload, assemble, decorate, disassemble and load the taxi. Meet at 8:15am

near the corner of 12th and Bannock to set up, then join Idaho RPCVs to celebrate 51 years of Peace Corps Service by marching in the parade. This annual event is always lots of fun and a great



way to make the Peace Corps visible to the community at large. Bring friends and family - dress up in country attire or bring the flag of your country. Afterwards, join the Bar B-Q at Fern VanMaren's house (208) 433-0556. Call Carolle Skov if you can help and/or plan to participate. Phone 208-344-5218 | E-mail: carolle40@aol.com

PEACE CORPS PREP PROGRAM

In 2011, the U.S. Peace Corps partnered with The University of Montana's IDS program to offer the first Peace Corp Preparatory Program (PCPP) at a public university. Peter Koehn and Tenly Snow, then Peace Corps representative on the UMT campus, negotiated partnership details. Under the agreement, UMT students completing all academic requirements for the IDS minor can elect to receive a PCPP certificate from the campus Peace Corps representative. UMT students also have the option of completing specialized coursework that prepares them for service in one or more of the Peace Corps' special assignment areas. For program details, see www.cas.umt.edu/ids/



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NEWS RELEASE

ATTENTION ALL THAILAND RPCVs - Peace Corps Thailand will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in Bangkok this coming July. Friends of Thailand (FOT) is trying to locate ALL the Peace Corps Volunteers/Staff who served in the Kingdom. (If you are already on FOT's mailing list, please pass this message along to your friends who served in Thailand.) Contact Friends of Thailand c/o Carolyn Nickels-Cox (Thai 34), 1418 Striped Bass Street, Unit D, San Francisco, CA 94130 or carolynnickels@earthlink.net. For more information on Friends of Thailand, go to friendsofthailand.org



Careers in Public Service

The University of Colorado Denver, School of Public Affairs, offers graduate programs in Public Administration.

Traditional, Accelerated, and Online Classes are Available

Concentrations in Nonprofit Management, Local Government, Environmental Policy, and Emergency Management.

An MPA is a foundational degree for careers in:

- · International Development Organizations
- Federal Government (Use your Non-Competitive Eligibility)
- Nonprofit Organizations
- State and Local Government



Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Scholarship:

Financial assistance to RPCVs who pursue graduate studies. Accepted applicants will receive a \$3,000 scholarship renewable for two years and a paid internship. Other service-oriented scholarships are available

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Denver, CO 80217
Call: +001-303-315-2227

To continue getting this great news....

Have you paid your dues?

IRPCV dues may be paid directly to our Treasurer. Make your \$15.00 check payable to IRPCV and send it to: Trish McKernan, Treasurer, 5349 North Glen Lane, Boise, ID 83714. Spouses and friends are welcome to join our organization. Any RPCV who has never been a member of IRPCV can join for one year for free. You can also pay online by visiting our web site: www.idahopeacecorps.com

Are you on our IRPCV e-mail/mailing list?

If you are not on our e-mail/mailing list or have recently moved please submit your current email/mailing address/phone to: Trish McKernan, IRPCV Treasurer, 5349 North Glen Lane, Boise, ID 83714. 208-853-1051 | twopats@mac.com Thanks

Regional Campout reservations continue....Hurry!

Registration will close Sunday July 15th or when we have 50-55 paid campers

What's Happenin' at the Sunset Bay Campout

The 22nd Annual West Region RPCV Campout sponsored by the West Cascade Peace Corps Association, Eugene, Oregon is August 2 – 5, 2012 (Thurs. PM through Sun. AM). The campout is at Sunset Bay State Park, Oregon Coast, 12 miles southwest of Coos Bay/North Bend on Cape Arago Highway, just 3 miles south of Charleston Harbor. The weekend cost is \$20/adult or \$10/teenager.

Online registration is available at http://www.westcascadepca.org/campout-2012.php



Our very active weekend schedule is -

| Thursday, August 24 | PM Arrive and check in with Sam Greer for site location | |
|---------------------|---|-----|
| | Set up camps and get to know your neighbors | |
| | 7 PM Low Tide in the Bay | |
| | 8 PM Welcoming bonfire on the Bay under the Full Moon | |
| | 10 PM Off to bedtime with the sounds of the surf | |
| Friday, August 3 | 7 AM Awaken to the barks of seals and sea lions | |
| | All day Wade, hike, bike, sightsee, volleyball, crab, fish, golf | |
| | Visits to Charleston Harbor, Shore Acres Park, Cape Arago Park, Bastendorff Beach, Sunset | Bay |
| | Golf Course | |
| | 2:30 High Tide in the Bay | |
| | 4 PM Wine tasting at Charleytown – Hosts Donna & John Kaiser | |
| | 8 PM Campfire singing , drumming , 'bay'ing at the Moon, Low Tide | |
| Saturday, August 4 | AM More coastal and recreational activities including swimming, kiting, sand castle building, and | |
| | surfing | |
| | 12 Noon – Regional meeting of group leaders at the Gazebo | |
| | 3 PM West Cascadians begin dinner preparation; High Tide | |
| | 5 PM Social Hour - BYOB and snacks at the Gazebo | |
| | 6 PM Traditional/ethnic seafood dinner with Eugene hosts | |
| | Awards and recognition ceremony | |
| | 8 PM Seaside sunset campfire and smores; Low Tide at 9 PM | |
| Sunday, August 5 | 9 AM Low Tide in the Bay | |
| | AM Take down, pack up and say your 'Alohas' | |
| | 1 PM Checkout by this time, please. See you next summer! | |
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The WCPCA campout coordinator (also the Club Camp Wagonmaster!) is Sam Greer, Coos Bay. Inquiries are welcome at sam2coast@live.com or by calling Sam at 541-294-4143.

Common Ground



Register Now - Prices go up June 18th:

We are less than a month away from the first annual gathering of "Peace Corps Connect!" June 28, 2012-July 1 2012. Peace Corps Connect: Minneapolis 2012 will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center (1301 2nd Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55403).

REGISTRATION RATES: Find out more here. (Register here)



Even if you aren't interested in the full registration there are three great ways to still participate.

Friday, June 29 River Cruise on the Mississippi

Depart from Boom Island Park - 700 Sibley Street, NE, Minneapolis at 6:45 pm for a three hour dinner tour of the river. A keynote speaker will speak about Minnesota perspectives on the Peace Corps. Buffet dinner with unlimited beer and wine. This event is limited to 125 people. Register here.

Saturday, June 30 Malamanya Concert

Cuban inspired Malamanya is a local favorite. Join us at the Minneapolis Convention Center for sounds from this spectacular island. If you haven't seen them perform yet here's your chance to do so with RPCV friends. We'll have a cash bar and great conversations. Register here.

Speed dating anyone? We'd like to offer the opportunity to make love connections among the RPCV community. But we can only do so if lots of you would like to try. Please fill out this quick two question questionnaire about speed dating. Answer questions <u>here</u>.

Free activities

We now have over 20 exhibitors signed up for the Exhibit Hall. The RPCV exhibitors range from travel programs, to graduate programs to non-profits. Please come out Friday, Saturday or Sunday to support these individuals who care about our community: Access 2 Tanzania, AFS - USA International Exchange Program, American University - School of International Service, Baylor College of Medicine - Chloroquine and Breast Cancer Study, Blue Silk Travel, Books for Africa, Farmer to Farmer, Colorado State -

Center for Sustainable Enterprise, Concordia Language Villages, Peace Corps Friends of DR Congo, Discover Corps, Friends of Lesotho, Madecasse, RPCVs of Wisconsin - Madison, Mano a Mano, Minnesota RPCVs, Friends of Morocco, Mountain Laurel RPCV Group of Northeast PA, One Village, Partners of the Americas, Peace Care Senegal, Peace Corps Response, St. Catherine University, Youth for Understanding

Now is the time to be a part of some exciting short-term
international development opportunities available for Returned
Peace Corps Volunteers and other skilled professionals through the Farmer to Farmer program.

The <u>National Peace Corps Association</u> is connecting its two innovative programs - <u>Africa Rural Connect</u> and <u>Encore Service</u> <u>Corps International</u> - to benefit rural smallholder farmers.

As an Encore volunteer, **you will live in East Africa for 6 weeks** and collaborate with and mentor entrepreneurs, NGO colleagues, farmers and others while working with International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC).

Then, you will continue communication with your colleagues in Africa for up to 6 months while sharing project successes and challenges with the broader Africa Rural Connect community.

All of the positions will emphasize 'bringing to scale' - increasing the number and size of agribusiness clusters, strengthening the role of the private (farm and firm) sector contribution in cluster activities and enlarging the impact on food security by tripling the number of smallholder farmers involved.

The National Peace Corps Association and the Peace Corps are kicking off the next 50 years of Peace Corps by focusing on the "Third Goal": bringing the world back home. One way we are doing this is through a series of four Third Goal Expos – free events open to the Peace Corps community, educators, and the general public. Designed in collaboration with local NPCA member groups and Regional Recruitment Offices, these expos will showcase the countries and cultures where Peace Corps Volunteers have served, highlight Volunteers' experiences and projects, and introduce educators to free resources to bring the world into their classrooms via the World Wise Schools program.

Save the dates on your calendar to attend exciting Expos: June 23 – Nashville, TN

July 1 – Minneapolis, MN (immediately following NPCA's Peace Corps Connect: Minneapolis 2012)

September 22 - Providence, RI

September 29 – Los Angeles, CA

Complete Expo details and free registration will be available shortly on the NPCA website.

Update your current Address on the Peace Corps Site:

Please stay in touch with the Peace Corps by updating your contact information on the Peace Corps website. Please visit www.peacecorps.gov/rpcv for the details.

Future 2012 Regional Dates for Your RPCV Calendars:

IRPCV 2012 Planning Calendar



June 8-10, 2012, RPCV Goat Chase Retreat,

Flathead Lake, Montana; Hosted by Western Montana RPCVs—Missoula, MT. More information from Dennis Bangs 1729 North Ave. West, Missoula, MT, 59801 | 406-549-1631 wmrpcv@yahoo.com

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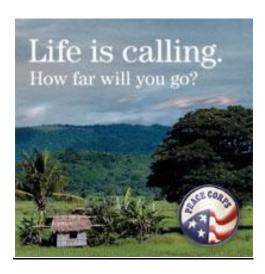
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August 26, Sunday IRPCV night at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival: A Winter's Tale: In a land of myth and adventure, a princess is lost, a queen is banished, an oracle clouds the future, and that old "green-eyed monster" – jealousy – wreaks his havoc. Only by solving the oracle's riddle, and though a miraculous act of forgiveness, can friends, families, and lovers be reunited. In Shakespeare's the most beautiful and romantic fairytale, thieves, clowns, shepherds (and one hungry bear) celebrate the comedy of life and the changing of the seasons. Suitable for all ages. Cost for members will be \$16.50. For details, contact Harriet harenco@msn.com 208-283-7511

- September Book Club begins; organized by Kristi Brumley
- September –Women's Fitness Celebration IRPCV Team Organized by Lila Cabrera
- October Octoberfest and Pub Night Organized by Andy Long – andyjlong@hotmail.com
- November –Book Club Meeting; Thanksgiving Holiday
 Parade; Rake-Up Boise, and International BSU Week
- December Christmas Party at the Bixby's (208) 336-5425

2013 Events

- January –Ethnic Brunch hosted by Meg and Dale Stephenson
- February Restaurant gathering and Board Meeting
- March –Regional Meeting Peace Corps Week Book Club Meeting
- April –Annual Meeting and Potluck



PEACE CORPS CALENDARS - We are in the process of ordering the 2013 calendars. This is our main fundraiser for the year so please buy them from us rather than directly from the Madison group. They make great gifts. We will let you know as soon as they arrive. Thanks.

Find us on Facebook visit our Face book Page:
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers – Idaho

(Cut out this Calendar and Post)

From Our IRPCV President-

New Opportunity for IRPCV's by Jennifer Rogers

Just before Tom Trail finished his last session with the Idaho Legislature John Hooper and I had a chance to meet with him and Lt. Governor Brad Little to talk about how Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers can better serve Idaho. We presented both of them with Peace Corps calendars as a thank you for their support during the 50th celebration and throughout their service. We also gave Lt. Gov. Little copies of our last two newsletters so that he would have up-to-date information on our community activities. After that introduction Tom helped create relationships with Laura Johnson, Section Manager for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Jeff Sayer, Director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, and Roger Madsen, Director of the Idaho Department of Labor. The message presented to them went something like this (from Rep. Tom Little):

We have many returned Idaho Peace Corps Volunteers located throughout the state who bring with them a rich experience of overseas service, language skills, professionalism, and community service work. The idea that we talked about with the Lt. Governor is that the core of IRPCV's that we have in the State could be utilized as a resource for our State Agencies when groups or individuals from other countries visit us on state business. Two examples come to mind-we have many trade missions, for example, that visit Idaho with business and trade issues with the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce. A number of foreign visitors also come to conduct business with the Idaho Department of Education, and other agencies as well.

We are just in the initial stages of developing this proposal, but the basic thrust would be to develop a data base of IRPCV's personal data, skills, and experience. This data base could then be utilized by state agencies when the appropriate opportunities arose. We are also trying to find out if your agency has any returned Peace Corps Volunteers on your staff. Would you please let us know if you have any returned volunteers and let us know how to get in touch with them.

This message met with positive responses and several state agencies are eager to collaborate with IRPCVs as the need arises. Over the next several months we will be developing the database needed to respond to requests quickly and accurately. No one will be included in the database without their consent or without their approval as to what information is included. I would love to have additional input from the group on this new project. We may need database software or other vehicle to make this happen and it certainly wouldn't hurt if someone wants to be the lead information gatherer.

President's Message:

Summer is upon us and full of a myriad of activities, including vacations, outdoor gatherings, and of course bicycling. We have several IRPCV events planned including the 4th of July Parade. It's in the middle of the week this year, which means Walter and I will be able to attend. We haven't had this opportunity for several years, and when else do you get to have a BBQ in the middle of the week without taking a vacation day? We could still use some help loading, assembling and unloading the taxi, so please contact me if you can help out.

Many of you have expressed interest in more refugee support related activities. With that in mind, I am looking for someone to act as the IRPCV / Refugee Liaison. We need a person to act as a liaison between the Idaho Returned Peace Corps group and the refugee community. The way I see it, there are several different aspects of the Boise refugee community. There are the garden groups, housing advocates, language / ESL classes, centers, and maybe clubs. There are IRC and similar groups that support refugees, etc. We need someone that will actively put us back in touch with these groups, act as a contact person, provide updates for the newsletter. If they so choose, this person could also coordinate or find coordinators for volunteer opportunities, and involve those interested from the IRPCV group. That is what I envision...it can be more or less depending on what the person wants to make it. If you are interested in taking on this task, please give me a call (208) 484-7511.

I also think it would be nice if we had a formal Campout Coordinator. Sam has been sending information and we've been passing it along in the newsletter, and all of it is available on their web site. There are several people going, some of whom may want to car pool or caravan. We could also coordinate shared meals or activities in the area. If you would like to help us be more organized, call me and I'll pass along what I have so far.

As you remember from your service – "Many hands make light work" – be more than a member, truly join in with IRPCV activities and projects. Your friends are here! Check out the web site calendar for opportunities: www.idahopeacecorps.com

Jennifer Rogers, Bolivia 1998-2001 Creating New Opportunities for Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

Jennifer K. Rogers Idaho RPCV President 2012-13 Bolivia 1998 - 2001 Cell: (208) 484-7511 **IRPCV:** | IDAHO RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Idaho in 1990. | The registered office of the Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (Idaho RPCVs) shall be in the City of Boise, State of Idaho, or such location as determined by the Executive Board. | **Its purpose is to promote educational, cultural and social activities for its members through the following goals:**

- 1. Provide a statewide communication network of RPCVs.
- 2. Increase the awareness in Idaho of the peoples and cultures of developing countries and of the Peace Corps.
- **3.** Support Peace Corps and contribute to its policy making process.
- **4.** Extend Peace Corps idealism and the spirit of volunteerism into local community activities.
- **5.** Inform RPCVs of opportunities in education, employment, and social activities.
- **6.** Assist Peace Corps in recruitment, the volunteer in the field and returnee in reconnection.
- **7.** Helping refugees, immigrants and visitors in the same generous spirit with which we were received abroad.

There are currently 27 enrolled NPCA members and 44 associate members of IRPCV. We have about 424 RPCVs that are on our e-mail and/or mailing list that attend one or more of our functions during the program year.

IRPCV Executive Board (Committee) Contact Information 2012-2014:

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