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Mission Statement

To serve Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and the community by providing service to others and fostering appreciation of cultural diversity.

Peace Corps Recruitment in the Twin Cities

by Ryan Kattner

If you are not yet aware, the Minneapolis Regional Recruitment office recently closed and its recruitment region (MN, WI, IA, ND, and SD) was absorbed by the Chicago Regional office. I began working for the Minneapolis office as a recruiter in August 2005 (I also served as a Youth and Community Development PCV in Yap, Micronesia from 2001-2004, where I helped establish a library, taught English and computer classes, and worked with the Yap Women's Association) and I continue to recruit in and around the Twin Cities to this day as a Field Based Recruiter. My transition from "Regional Recruiter" to "Field Based Recruiter" happened when the Minneapolis office closed on January 2, 2009. There are two others, like myself, recruiting in the Denver area since the Denver Regional office's region went through the same transformation that Minneapolis did by merging with the Dallas Regional office. The Field Based Recruiter position is a pilot program for Peace Corps and all three Field Based Recruiters are currently working out of their homes.

As a Peace Corps Recruiter, I am often looking for guest RPCVs to speak at panel discussions, information sessions, or even occasionally to staff a Peace Corps table at local career fairs or other various recruiting events. The presence of an RPCV at an event will add not only another perspective for prospective PCVs, but it also gives you an opportunity to relive your Peace Corps experience through stories and/or a photo slide show. I value very much having other RPCVs at events and welcome you to contact me at any time if you would be interested in participating (Peace Corps events are typically listed at www.peacecorps.gov under "Find Local Events").

I would also be able to send materials (small brochures, pamphlets, etc.) to you if you have planned your own event, such as through a high school or community center. Peace Corps week recently concluded and RPCVs nationally contributed to third goal activities by giving presentations, staffing booths at fairs, participating in panel discussions, and reading Peace Corps stories at a bookstore or coffee house, to name just a few of the activities. The web site is also full of resources not only for prospective PCVs, but RPCVs (www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=resources), former), educators (www.peacecorps.gov/wws/), kids (www.peacecorps.gov/kids/), and teens (www.peacecorps.gov/teens/loud/index.cfm).

I am fortunate to be in a position where I talk daily about how I value my own Peace Corps experience and encourage you to do the same whenever and wherever possible! I appreciate very much the contributions RPCVs make to recruiting new Volunteers and again, I would be happy to assist in any way possible.

Ryan's contact information: rkattner@peacecorps.gov; 612.221.5541



*A special THANK YOU to the RPCVs who have recently participated at Peace Corps events in the Twin Cities area:
Alison Spaulding - Paraguay
Alison Moore - Ecuador
Rachel - Madagascar
Tom Harrigan - Benin
Mary Jo Morgan - Korea
Amy Coltart - Republic of Macedonia
Brit Guild - South Africa
Laurie McGinley - El Salvador

*Ryan Kattner, Micronesia 2001-04
Peace Corps Field Based Recruiter*



The Third Goal

Jane Bardon (Turkmenistan 2003-05)

During the past few months I have had many inquiries about the MNRPCV Speakers' Bureau. MNRPCV has always encouraged our members to take advantage of every opportunity to promote Peace Corps and to give presentations about their Peace Corps experiences. This is just as important as ever, but there have been some changes that you should know about. We used to get a payment from the Minneapolis Regional Peace Corps Office for every qualifying presentation that we reported, but this stopped during 2008. The Regional Office was closed at the end of 2008 by the Peace Corps administrators in Washington, DC. Now we have one local Peace Corps staff member (see Ryan Kattner's Corner Board on the cover of this issue) who will still need MNRPCV Members to give presentations or help with recruiting events and send-offs.

The MNRPCV Board of Directors wants to acknowledge all of you who are actively working on the Peace Corps' Third Goal. As you will see from this issue of the NEWS, we are beginning to include reports from members about their Third Goal activities. Hopefully this will inspire other members to plan their own presentations, teaching and anything else that helps to tell the Peace Corps story.

The good news is, Gary Bank (Kenya 1995-1997) has agreed to add the Speakers' Bureau to his other Community Service responsibilities. You can contact Gary at gtbank@msn.com. Gary will have information on when and where speakers are needed. Let him know about your Third Goal activities so we can share your ideas with other MNRPCV Members.

Join Peace Corps Connect

Jane Bardon (Turkmenistan 2003-05)

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers around the world can now be linked through Peace Corps Connect, the National Peace Corps Association's (NPCA) new networking site. This new site replaces the NPCA website, www.rpcv.org.

You can join NPCA and pay membership dues through Peace Corps Connect. Individuals can have a page and invite friends in the same manner as social networking sites such as Facebook. You don't have to be a paid NPCA member to get involved. Any RPCV group can also have a page on Peace Corps Connect.

To check out the site go to www.peacecorpsconnect.org. To sign up and create your own page, choose "Connected Peace Corps," click on "Sign Up," and follow the instructions. You can also sign up on our own MNRPCV page and any other RPCV group page that interests you.

Embracing the Third Goal in Wayzata

Carri Anderson (Kenya 2002-04)

I was recently invited to present information on "Africa" to the kindergarten classroom at The Blake School in Wayzata.

There were three stations: a "Food/Kitchen" station where the students could touch, smell, and handle items traditionally found in (East) African kitchens; a "Music" station where the students could play traditional skin drums and had the opportunity to make their own drum; and an "Arts/Crafts" station where the students handled different carvings and tried on traditional jewelry. They looked at many photos and discussed similarities and differences between what the students saw in the photos and what they know in their lives in the USA.

The class is studying "shelters around the world," specifically learning about homes and schools. There was a question and answer session, and the teaching of a Swahili song. The students, teachers, and I all enjoyed ourselves! What a great way to engage youth and spark questions at a time when they are very impressionable and care about the world around them.

Third Goal: The Peace Corps Web Site

Did you know that the Peace Corps website has a page dedicated to the Third Goal? At www.peacecorps.gov/thirdgoal, you can "Learn how Returned Volunteers and Currently Serving Volunteers, as well as Friends and Family of the Peace Corps, can plan and participate in Third Goal activities. Get the latest 'How To' Kits for suggestions and best practices." You can also share videos and photos, and find out about upcoming events.

What happened to Spring?

Miriam Krause (Samoa 2000-02)

Astute readers of the MNRPCV NEWS may observe that our previous issue was the "Winter" issue, while this one is "Summer." So, what happened to Spring? Minnesota weather jokes aside, we on the editorial staff of the NEWS just got tired of the newsletter's seasonal labels not matching the publication dates. Over the years, our publication cycle has settled into a February-April, May-July, August-October, and November-January pattern; but the issue names were left over from an earlier time. So, starting with the current issue, we are rebooting the system with the May-July issue as "Summer."



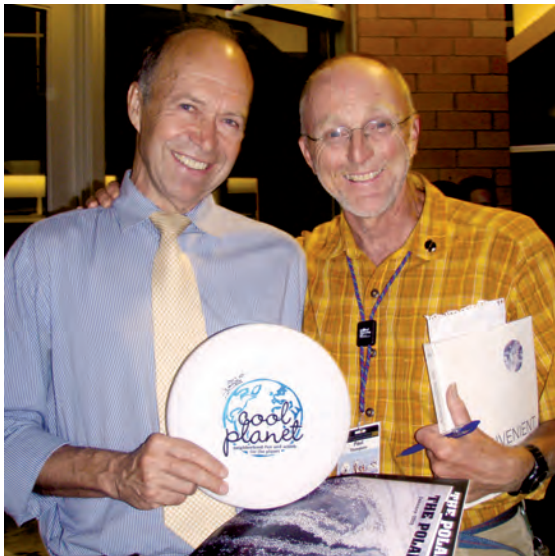
Community Service Call To Action - MNRPCVs Green Alert: Take Action on Climate Change

Carol Fairbrother (Romania 2002-04) and

Paul Thompson (Malaysia 1971-73)

We're all aware of the global climate crisis facing our planet. People around the world are finding unique and innovative ways to mobilize themselves and others to address this crisis. MNRPCV would like to do their part as an organization to educate and inform people of climate action activities and initiatives occurring in Minnesota and invite you, your family and friends to get involved in community service efforts and MNRPCV sponsored Green Events.

Paul Thompson, RPCV Malaysia 71-73, has volunteered



to be the MNRPCV contact person regarding information, ideas and events in response to the climate crisis. Paul is an Edina resident and a member of the Edina Energy and Environ-

ment Commission, as well as a Minneapolis Public School teacher on leave to develop a program called "Greening Our Schools." He is a member of the new NPCA Climate Change/Clean Energy RPCVs Minnesota Group.

Join the NPCA Climate Change / Clean Energy RPCVs Minnesota Group

Connect with others around the nation and the world to share information and take critical action to combat climate change and promote clean, renewable energy. Act on behalf of many in Peace Corps countries being disproportionately impacted. Go to www.peacecorpsconnect.org, and click on Groups. Click on Climate Change/Clean Energy RPCVs Group; and click on Minnesota to join. You can also visit other state groups for additional information.

Paul was also appointed by the NPCA as the National Coordinator for RPCV events for the 350.org event, **The International Day of Climate Action on October 24, 2009**. 350.org is an international campaign dedicated to building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis – the solutions that justice demands. (Visit www.350.org.)

org for information, action ideas, resources, and a nine-step organizing plan.)

According to research, 350 ppm (parts per million) of CO₂ in our atmosphere is the safe maximum level for the continuation of life as we know it on our planet. The bad news is that we are at 388 ppm and heading up quickly (2-3 ppm per year). With urgent energy conservation and rapid mobilization towards 100% renewable energy we can still avert the worst aspects of the Global Climate Crisis. What's needed is rapid deployment of public education and action towards a new energy ethic and an equally rapid education of our elected officials to know that we have NO time to waste.

Bill McKibben founded 350.org and is the author of *Deep Economy – The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future* and *The End of Nature* (www.billmckibben.com). Van Jones is President Obama's Special Advisor for Green Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation at the White House Council on Environmental Quality. He also wrote the New York Times best seller *Green Collar Economy*. These distinguished individuals join NASA's Dr. James Hansen, 1984 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Will Steger, renowned polar explorer, as key 350.org leaders, thinkers and doers at the cutting edge of climate change.

On October 24, 2009, six weeks before the world leaders gather in Copenhagen, Denmark to craft a new global treaty on cutting emissions, events all over the world will be held to sound the alarm. **The problem is, the treaty currently on the table doesn't meet the severity of the climate crisis—it doesn't pass the 350 test.** The International Day of Climate Action will celebrate the number 350 as the place we need to return to, for our air, our water, our children and our future.

As MNRPCVs we have the opportunity to do our part and make a difference.

MNRPCVs of Minnesota are taking up the 350 challenge and invite you to participate: at your work place, neighborhood, faith community and special events just for MNRPCVs, their families and friends.

For more information, contact Paul Thompson, 952-920-1547, ptflydisc@aol.com



Grant Award Announcement – April, 2009

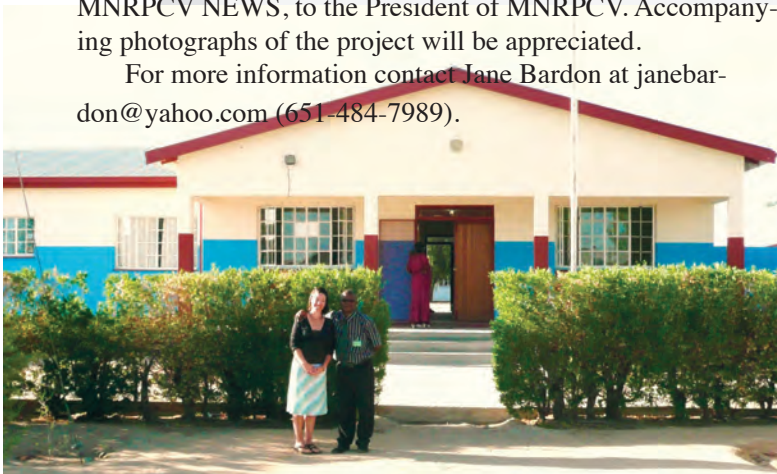
The MNRPCV Board of Directors is pleased to offer a new round of small grants for Minnesota PCVs and RPCVs and local organizations nominated by one or more RPCVs). Projects must be appropriate to the Purpose and Mission of MNRPCV. The amount of each award is limited to \$750 per PCV, RPCV, or organization.

Complete guidelines for the 2009 grant applications are posted on the MNRPCV website (www.mnrpcv.org) and on the homepage of the [mnrpcvEmailList](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mnrpcvEmailList/files/) listserv (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mnrpcvEmailList/files/>).

The deadline for applications is May 25, 2009.

Grant recipients will be chosen by a special committee headed by the MNRPCV President. All grantees will be expected to submit a written report, suitable for publication in MNRPCV NEWS, to the President of MNRPCV. Accompanying photographs of the project will be appreciated.

For more information contact Jane Bardon at janebardon@yahoo.com (651-484-7989).



Beth Tomlinson at Petrus Ganeb School, Namibia

Grantee's Report: MNRPCV Grantee Returns to PCV Site

Email from RPCV Beth Tomlinson

Hello, my name is Beth Tomlinson and I was the Namibian PCV that received your 2001 grant to rebuild the Petrus Ganeb Secondary School buildings. My husband and I just spent some time visiting my PC site last year and I'm happy to report that the administration block is finished and that the laboratory is more than half way finished! I've attached a photo of the new admin block.

Thank you for helping Petrus Ganeb Secondary School! It's hard to explain how different the school is now that the buildings are repaired. When I was a volunteer, the charred and crumbling buildings at the entrance and back of the compound made it such a depressing site. Instead of a healthy school, it truly looked like a war zone. The new, clean and freshly painted building has certainly helped the mood within the school. The students and teachers have a noticeable change in attitude towards the school and academic possibilities! Since construction, the students are passing the 10th grade exams in such numbers that the school will be adding a senior high school program this year.

4 Thank you again for your help!

Beth Tomlinson

MNRPCV P.O. Box 6413, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Grantee's Report: Bilingual Health Education

Doris Rubenstein (Ecuador 1971-73)

Walking into the lobby at the Clinic in the Cedar Riverside People's Center (CRPC) is almost like a trip back to Africa for RPCV Cheryl Champion (Kenya 1974-77), a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker. Over half of the patients are from Somalia and Ethiopia. Their Third-World medical conditions would be familiar to staff members Doris Rubenstein (Ecuador 1971-73), and Connie Diercks (Guatemala 1969-72). Thanks to these three RPCVs, the CRPC received a \$500 grant from MNRPCV for Bilingual Health Education for these refugees who call the People's Center Clinic their "medical home."



Connie Diercks, Cheryl Champion, Doris Rubenstein

The grant supports the work of the CRPC Bilingual Outreach/Patient Educator, Nimco Abas, a Somali refugee herself. Nimco works closely with health professionals at the Clinic to educate patients on how to manage and improve their conditions. She joins the Clinic's registered dietitian on group trips to the grocery store to explain to patients how to use healthy foods that are strange to new arrivals from Africa; she explains the meaning of test results for hypertension and translates recommendations so that patients can use free local resources to get healthy.

RPCVs will appreciate that this is all done with respect to the culture of those served and regardless of their ability to pay. Nimco says, "Mahadsanid, RPCVs!"



Nimco Abas at CRPC with infant

<http://www.mnrpcv.org>



Membership

Carri Anderson (Kenya 2002-04)

We Want YOU...to fuel the fire for the MNRPCV Group Membership drive!

Given the state of the economy and the uncertainties that challenge us daily, isn't it nice to belong to an organization that continues to seek opportunities for socialization and networking with like-minded individuals?! That is just ONE of the benefits of being a member of MNRPCV.

MNRPCV has seen dwindling membership numbers over the past few years. It is upon us - all of us - to build back the strength of our group and create the type of organization needed to make a difference in our community.

Because we do not have access to a "list" of newly returned volunteers, it is up to us to seek out new members. As you meet people in the community and hear of RPCVs that aren't in our group, reach out and educate them about the benefits of our group.

These benefits include (but are not limited to): a plethora of social events, networking opportunities, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, grant donations, and eligibility for both the "member appreciation" event and voting at the annual meeting. Additionally, being involved in this group may present opportunities to more easily fulfill the third goal of Peace Corps, outlined by President John F. Kennedy: to "strengthen Americans' understanding about the world and its peoples."

Thank you for helping fuel the fire!

MNRPCV Membership Application/Renewal

NAME _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

RPCV? (yes/no) ____ Current/former Peace Corps Staff? ____

Country and years of service _____

Membership is FREE for any RPCV for one year after his/her COS date. **Please fill out the form and mail it to MNRPCV anyway**, so we can send you MNRPCV NEWS and put you on our mailing and contact list. Membership is \$15.00 per year for all others. RPCVs or former Peace Corps staff members are eligible to be Active Members, others may join as Associate Members.

Payment Enclosed \$ _____. Please make checks payable to MNRPCV.

Send this form with your payment to:

MNRPCV, PO Box 6413, Minneapolis, MN 55406 – Attn: Membership

If you prefer to join through NPCA (National Peace Corps Association), go to www.peacecorpsconnect.org. NPCA membership is \$35 per year plus \$15 to choose MNRPCV as your member group.

Царь Сбора средств

Ву Джейн Бардон

MNRPCV offers grant awards to PCVs, RPCVs and local humanitarian organizations each year. These grants and the expenses related to our local volunteer activities are supported by product sales and the proceeds from our fundraiser dinners. We also plan to undertake one or more major projects to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the U. S. Peace Corps in 2011. This will require additional funds and increased fund-raising efforts.

The MNRPCV Board is seeking a Царь Сбора средств (Fund-raising Czar) to coordinate our product sales and other fund-raising. The main products we have for sale now are the Peace Corps International Calendar and MNRPCV Tote Bags. We need someone to keep records of inventories, sales, and income and to reach out to MNRPCV members and friends to find people to sell these products. We are also open to new types of products to sell or other fund-raising ideas. If you are interested in helping MNRPCV continue to support our grant program and to move forward with our 50th Anniversary plans as the MNRPCV Fund-raising Chair, or in helping in any other way, please contact Джейн Бардон (Jane Bardon) at janebardon@yahoo.com.

MNRPCV Financial Report (Apr. 10, 2009)

Treasurer Edward (Jack) Bardon, RPCV Turkmenistan 2003-05

Income

National Peace Corps rebate (members # 2)	\$30.00
Calendars	\$25.00
Fund Raising Dinner	\$235.00
Checkbook interest	\$0.07
Membership (# 12.66)	\$190.00

Total Income \$480.07

Expenses

Newsletter	\$190.37
Newsletter postage	\$102.19
Postage	\$16.65
Jeremiah	\$45.03

Total Expenses \$354.24

Beginning Balance US Bank 3/11/09 \$9,554.55

Ending Balance US Bank 4/10/09 \$9,680.38

Balance at CCFCU \$5,797.25

Balance at Microenterprise **\$3,185.54**

Grand Total \$18,663.17



Mali Night

Cindy Jurgensen (Kiribati 1981-83)



On April 4, MNRPCVs Curt Rahman and Cindy Jurgensen

hosted a potluck evening for anyone in the MNRPCV group to view Fatoumata and Steve Wensman's recent home videos.

The back story:

For the month of February, 1999, Fatoumata lived with us in St. Louis Park. She had recently arrived in America to attend graduate school but didn't have a place to stay. Her mother in Mali spoke with the Peace Corps Director there who relayed the message to the Peace Corps office in D.C. That office contacted the Minneapolis office, which contacted the MNRPCV group, then an email message was put out to the local group. Whew!!

Shortly thereafter, our family picked up Fatoumata from the Minneapolis bus station, a beautiful young woman from Mali who had never seen snow or felt such cold. And that happened to be a rough February. Buying boots and a winter coat,

hat, mittens, and scarf was the first order of business, along with obtaining a space heater from RPCV Judy Marcouiller. We needed that to boost the temperature of our guest room, which had no heat vent. Since we had recently moved into this house, we didn't have a lot of furniture. That meant no bed frame for Fatoumata so she had a mattress on the floor. She was so open to jumping into life here, a very brave woman pretty much on her own.

She got along great with our boys Eric and Michael, ages nine and ten at the time. One of my favorite memories was the trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Art: Fatou and the boys played mancala together in a room with a touch and feel exhibit about Africa. When Fatoumata left our house to be closer to her classes at The University of St. Thomas, she lived for a time with RPCV Jane Hamilton.

It's been wonderful to have Fatou as a friend, attend her wedding to Steve and see them build their family with son Malik and daughter Aisha.

Answering an email message about a young Malian woman needing a place to stay and those others that helped felt like living out the third goal of Peace Corps, bringing the world back home. And what a fun way to do that!



Community Service Recent Activities Update

Gary T. Bank (Kenya 1995-97)

We have been invited to participate in "Cinco de Mayo" festivities as volunteers. In addition, we are invited to do volunteer work at 'World Affairs Challenge' (I went to the training for judges today and it promises to be very interesting.) As for recent events, on April 18 we (I'm not sure how many total) did a clean up at Fort Snelling State Park. It was great fun to walk in the woods (I saw 2 deer). The Jeremiah Program/Cook for Kids on April 7 was a success as usual, with a good many new mothers enjoying the meal we prepared.

Storage Needed

Jane Bardon (Turkmenistan 2003-05)

The MNRPCV Board of Directors is in need of a centrally located storage facility. We have several containers with dishes and flatware for our Fundraiser Dinners, boxes of archives, the 20 large framed photographs from our photo show, miscellaneous Peace Corps brochures, and odd items we inherited from the Minneapolis regional Peace Corps office. In addition, each year we have a new supply of calendars to sell as well as the MNRPCV tote bags we produced. We need a closet or other space with a floor area of (guesstimated) about thirty square feet. Any hints or suggestions where we might find an appropriate storage space would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jane Bardon at janebardon@yahoo.com if you have any ideas.



Upcoming Social Events Summer 2009

Maggie Kozak (Burkina Faso 2004-06)

Monday, May 4th, 5:30-7pm

World Fair Trade Day: "Resonating Change: Connecting Communities Through Fair Trade" (sponsored by Peace Coffee, Partners for Just Trade, and Green America).
Location: Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), 2104 Stevens Avenue S., Minneapolis

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Annual Slideshow & potluck (see p. 8 for details)

Saturday, May 16 at 6:30pm

Metro Dinner
Location: Mediterranean Cruise Restaurant, 3945 Cedarview Dr, Eagan, MN 651-452-5991.
Contact people: Jack Conrad (jackgconrad@earthlink.net) or Michael Smith (wmichaelsm@yahoo.com)

Friday, May 22 at 6pm

Walk around Lake Calhoun
Meet at the boat house, at 3000 Calhoun Parkway.
Contact person: Maggie at maggiekozak@yahoo.com

Sunday, June 7, 2009, noon to six

Grand Old Day Open House at Elsa and Bernard's
Location: 669 Summit Avenue
All are welcome. Take a break from the Grand Ave action and sit in the shade for a bite to eat and a chat with friends. Watch your email for a reminder.

Thursday, June 11 at 6pm

Metro Dinner at Tiger Sushi 2 (Happy Hour until 7:00!)
2841 Lyndale Ave. S, Minneapolis
Tel. 612-874-1800
RSVP by June 8 to Maggie at maggiekozak@yahoo.com.

Thursday, June 25, 7 - 9pm

Member Appreciation Event
For the first time ever, MNRPCV is hosting a special evening of Member appreciation! Join us for appetizers and a beautiful exhibit of Minnesota Peace Corps photography at the Frank Stone Gallery.
Location: 1224 2nd St NE, Minneapolis, 55413; www.frankstonegallery.com
Look for your official invitation to arrive soon. And if you are not a member yet but would like to attend, it's not too late to join up!
Contact person: Miriam at mok4747@yahoo.com or 763-412-9315.

Thursday, July 16 at 6pm

Latin American Metro Dinner at Cafe Ena
Location: 4601 Grand Ave. S, Minneapolis, 55419
Tel. (612) 824-4441, <http://www.cafeena.com>
RSVP host Maggie at maggiekozak@yahoo.com by July 13.

Plan an MNRPCV Event

Do you have fabulous ideas of fun and exciting social and/or community events? If so, we invite YOU to host an event! Please email maggiekozak@yahoo.com or call 651-387-7581 for more information.

Stay up to date on the latest MNRPCV Community Events and Social Events by checking the [mnrpcv yahoo listserv calendar](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mnrpcvEmailList/cal) (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mnrpcvEmailList/cal>), Facebook page, or website (www.mnrpcv.org).

Thank You to Elsa and Bernard

Jane Bardon (Turkmenistan 2003-05)

There is a delightful home on Summit Avenue in St. Paul that is well known to MNRPCV members and friends. The warmth and hospitality are evident even before you enter the door. Also evident is the creative touch throughout the house. Intriguing fabrics hang on the walls. Clocks are made of unexpected materials. Figures of animals and humans are combined with other objects to make "sculptures". Every horizontal and vertical surface has something to catch your eye and engage your interest. Children are especially welcome here. Bernard always has a novelty of some kind to share with the young folks.

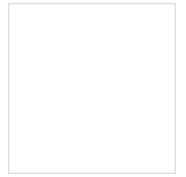
It is here, at the home of Elsa Frettem (India 1968-1970) and Bernard Gonzalez, that we hold our Fundraiser Dinners, prepare the NEWS for mailing, store calendars and tote bags, and always have a "home" for our group. We bring our food for potlucks, our supply of plates and flatware, and invade the kitchen. Somehow drinks and other additions to the menu mysteriously appear, thanks to our hosts. We all enjoy the great social and networking aspects of these Fundraiser Dinners. We also know how much their success adds to MNRPCV's ability to continue to finance our group activities and offer grants to PCVs and RPCVs.

In March we again took advantage of Elsa and Bernard's hospitality to hold our Latin American Fundraiser Dinner. This seemed an appropriate time to try to say "Thank You" to this wonderful couple who do so much for MNRPCV. What could we do? The Board decided to bring humorous gifts to add to the eclectic atmosphere of the house. Our gift box included an inflatable insect, lightning balls, wheels, propellers, a furry ice-scraper, and even Girl Scout cookies. We wanted a "fun" way to show our heartfelt appreciation. Thank you, Elsa and Bernard, for laughing with us. Thank you for everything. We love you both.



Elsa Frettem and Bernard Gonzalez at this year's Ski Weekend

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Check your mailing label for
your MNRPCV Membership
Renewal Date.



MNRPCV Annual Slide Show and Potluck
Saturday, May 9, 6:00 pm, Minneapolis

Location: The beautiful space provided by Padilla Speer Beardsley,
1101 West River Parkway, Suite 400, Minneapolis, 55415

Be sure to attend this year's annual slideshow!!!

Please bring a large dish to pass for the potluck!

Email up to 5 slides to maggi kozak@yahoo.com by May 5th.

Or bring your "old school" film slides and we'll hook up the slide projector!



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