



MNRPCV News

*Minnesota Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
Serving RPCVs and the Community since 1980*

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MNRPCV Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps

Three Great Years, or An Unexpected Family

Jane Bardon, (Turkmenistan 2003-05), MNRPCV President

When I returned from Peace Corps Service in 2005, I discovered that I had a new family that I didn't expect. The RPCV group in Minnesota was ready and eager to offer friendship to a newly returned RPCV and to listen to the stories that I was bursting to tell. It seemed only fair that I should do what I could to maintain and promote this group and welcome other RPCVs as they come back home to Minnesota.

My first jobs on the MNRPCV Board were editing the newsletter and coordinating a bylaws revision. In 2008, I became president, and now I'm near the end of my third term. It has been a rewarding and challenging three years. I've worked with wonderful Board Members and met RPCVs who have served from the 1960s to the present. These great people are not just friends, but my new and unexpected family. Now it is time for another RPCV to be President of MNRPCV. This is a good time to share some of the high points of the work of the Board the last three years.

Membership: Membership numbers are going up! There were 135 members in July 2008 and we are up to 243 now. We offer free membership to new members for one year and to PCVs during their service. All RPCVs who come to events are invited to join the MNRPCV listserv and to become members. Consistent renewal reminders have helped retain members.

Special Events: The "Membership Appreciation" night in 2009 with a showing of the MNRPCV photo exhibit "Peace and Freedom" was attended by 60 RPCVs. In 2010 we celebrated the 30th Anniversary of MNRPCV with a crowd of 120. We created two new MNRPCV banners for this event and for future use. The MNRPCV Toastmasters marked their 10th Anniversary in 2011. Metro dinners (at least a month), museum visits, ice skating and other events offered something for everyone. Both the number of events and the number of participants has increased.

Peace Corps 50th Anniversary: The opening reception of the "50 Years of Service - Minnesota Peace Corps Volunteers" exhibit at the U of M's Humphrey Forum was a great success with 160 attendees. We collaborated on a PC-50 Weekend with local Peace Corps recruiters that included a service project, baseball game, and PC Expo. RPCVs wore their specially designed MNRPCV PC-50 T-shirts to these events.

Fund-raising and Grants: We maximized our profit from the sale of 2010 and 2011 calendars by monitoring our supply to limit the number left unsold. 2011 Calendar proceeds reached \$2000. Our three Fundraiser Dinners this year netted \$1235 and we received \$215 in donations from members. MNRPCV awarded \$2805 in grants in 2011, \$2500 in 2010, and \$1850 in 2009.

Expansion: MNRPCV is reaching out to newly returned RPCVs through our new Connections Committee. This year we had our first employment and resume workshop, "Job Shop 101". We supported the successful applications of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and St. Catherine University to initiate the first Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Programs for RPCVs in Minnesota.

Service: New community service options this year included packing food to send to developing countries and planting trees at a local park. This year RPCVs can record their volunteer hours on a "MNRPCV PC-50 Service Passport" and possibly win a \$50 award for a humanitarian cause.



Jane Bardon



Corner Board: Farewell from NEWS Editor

Miriam Krause (Samoa 2000-02), Communications Chair

I've been an RPCV for almost nine years now, and I've been fortunate to serve on the MNRPCV board for seven of those years. I showed up at the Annual Meeting and Picnic in 2003 and was immediately embraced by this wonderful MNRPCV family. I wanted to get involved, and for a few years I served as Social co-chair; more recently I have been Communications chair and editor of the NEWS. These past few months, as I worked on finishing up my dissertation at the U of M, others (especially our esteemed President Jane) shouldered a lot of my duties, and I want to publically say "thank you" for that! As we go to press I am preparing to defend my dissertation, and in a few weeks I will move to Ohio to take a faculty position at Bowling Green State University, in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Needless to say, this is a very bittersweet time for me. I am excited to move on to the next phase, to begin new adventures and meet new people and take on new roles. But I am going to miss my life here terribly, including the wonderful people of MNRPCV. Thank you all for the opportunity to get to know you and to work alongside you toward our mission of serving RPCVs and the wider community. I am proud to have been a part of this group, and I can't wait to hear what you accomplish next!

Speakers' Bureau Report

*Jack Bardon (Turkmenistan 2003-05),
Speakers' Bureau Coordinator*

March through June 2011 has been an active period for Peace Corps speaking by our group. Ruth Alliband gave two different Peace Corps presentation during March: one for Campfire and one for Toastmasters. Jack Conrad spoke to first graders on Swaziland, and Gregory Hochstetter spoke on Peru at the E. Lake Library. Julie Chiasson organized a 50th anniversary Peace Corps event at Winona State University involving six RPCVs, reaching over 90 students and community members. Jack and Jane Bardon presented on Turkmenistan to the White Bear Lake Women Voters.

The eight week Peace Corps course conducted through the Osher Lifelone Learning Institute was successfully held during this period and involved 12 of our members. Speakers put considerable effort into giving outstanding presentations, at times including food and artifacts from their country of service. Marianne Midwinter spoke on Kazakstan and recruiting, Gregory Hochstetter and Angela Tapper presented about Peru, Cindy Jurgensen and Curt Rahman about Kiribati, Deb Most about Latvia, Christi Williams about Poland, Jack Conrad about Togo and Swaziland, Elsa Frettem about India, and Jack and Jane Bardon about Turkmenistan. Thank you to all who help us promote the Third Goal through this type of public speaking.

Treasurer's Report

Gregory Hochstetter (Peru 2007-09), MNRPCV Treasurer

I hope everyone is staying cool during this hot and sticky summer. Some of our major expenses this summer were the grants that we awarded this year:

- International Book project - Ukraine (\$700)
- African Sky - Mali (\$1000)
- Why Try - St. Lucia (\$755)
- Moldova Project - (\$350)

In the summer months our checking account lowers due to the payment of grant awards and the purchase of calendars for the calendar sale. In the fall and winter we reach a high with our fundraising dinners and calendar sales before the next round of grants in the spring.

Recently, we prepaid for the St. Paul Saints game to reserve enough tickets for those who responded with interest and sent in payment. Thanks to everyone who sent in payments for the game in advance.

We still have our Wings Financial certificate of deposit and our NPCA Microenterprise Investment Note through the Calvert Foundation, which will stay locked up for a while.

I will be leaving the board as Treasurer and I encourage others to volunteer for the board. The board helped me when I returned from the Peace Corps service to assimilate to the States, and they have been a great support for me in the past two years.

NOTE: The MNRPCV fiscal year is September 1 to August 31. A financial report for the 2010-2011 year will be available at the MNRPCV Annual Meeting on September 11.

"Nunca es tarde para bien hacer; haz hoy lo que no hiciste ayer."



*MNRPCV's remarkable treasurer,
Greg Hochstetter throws the first
pitch at the Saints game*



Two Peace Corps Fellows Programs Open in Minnesota

Rebecca Hawthorne, Ph.D., MAOL Program Director and Fellows Program Coordinator, St. Catherine University

St. Kate's Fellows Program in Business and Leadership: Applications Welcomed!

Have you been considering graduate school? Are you interested in leveraging your Peace Corps experience into a satisfying career? Launching this fall, St. Catherine University's Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program provides rigorous academic training and professional field experiences to prepare effective, ethical and enduring leaders for an array of professional work in for-profits, non-profits and the public sector. The Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MAOL) degree provides strong business education through the lenses of ethics, leadership and a global perspective. Areas of concentration include strategic management, ethics and leadership, dispute resolution, healthcare leadership, information services and technology, and a dual MAOL/JD degree (in partnership with Hamline University School of Law). To complete their degrees, Fellows engage in a Leadership Action Project, either a research-based project focused on an underserved target community or an action-based internship option offering hands-on professional experience within a community organization. Current community partners include Greater Twin Cities United Way, Advocates for Human Rights, Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services, WomenVenture, and the Minnesota International Center. In addition, opportunities for placement in several global companies may be available.

For information, please contact Dr. Hawthorne at 651-690-6838 or rkhawthorne@stkate.edu

2012 International Calendars

Jane Bardon (Turkmenistan 2003-05)

MNRPCV has received a preliminary supply of 2012 International Calendars. All of our profit from calendar sales goes to the MNRPCV Grant Program. It is also good to remember that our neighbors in Madison WI who produce the calendars also use their proceeds to support PCVs and RPCV projects and events.

Last year we met our goal of making a profit of at least \$2000 and hope to do even better this year. It is not too early to start thinking about new and creative ways to sell calendars this year. If you have ideas for increasing our sales, please contact me at janebardon@yahoo.com.

Julie C. Lund, Director of Communications, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

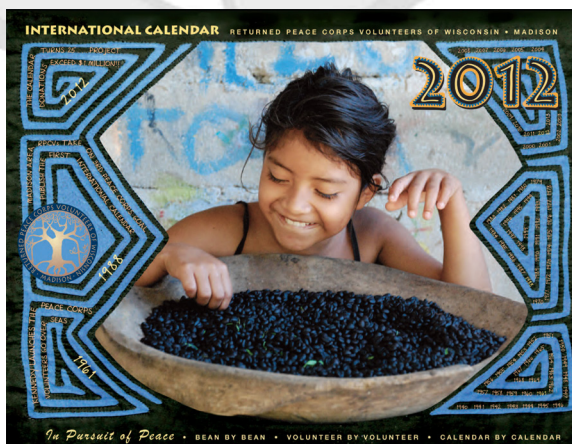
Humphrey School to offer graduate training to returned Peace Corps volunteers

As the result of a recent agreement between the University of Minnesota and the Peace Corps, the Humphrey School is one of the newest sites for the Coverdell Fellows/USA program, a special program for students who already have completed their tenure abroad with the Peace Corps. While earning degrees in such fields as regional planning, environmental policy, and public affairs, fellows at all participating universities apply the experience they gleaned as Peace Corps Volunteers to internships in underserved American communities.

The University of Minnesota has a strong historical connection with the Peace Corps, both as one of the largest sources of Peace Corps Volunteers and also as a place to which many returned volunteers come to continue their education and service. The University currently ranks 17th on list of large universities to produce Peace Corps Volunteers.

"Peace Corps Fellows will be wonderful assets in the classroom," says the Humphrey School's Julie Harrold, who served as a volunteer in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica and helped to create the Peace Corps program in Mozambique.

For more information about the Coverdell Fellows/USA program at the Humphrey School, contact hhadmit@umn.edu.





Social Calendar Fall 2011

Andrea Trowbridge (Armenia 2008-2010, Kenya 2007-2008) and Liz Ward (Costa Rica 1997-1999), MNRPCV Social Co-chairs
Monthly

TOASTMASTERS: 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Improve your public speaking skills with Toastmasters. Location: Roseville City Hall, NW corner of Lexington and County Road C. See the receptionist in the main building for room number.

Contact: Brian Ahern at 651-497-7168 or BJA85@hotmail.com

August

INDOOR/OUTDOOR POTLUCK PICNIC II: Saturday, August 6, 5 p.m.

Join your fellow MNRPCVs for a Minnesota Potluck Picnic. Location: Home of Jack and Jane Bardon, 11 Pheasant Lane, North Oaks, MN, north of Saint Paul near Highways 35E and 96. There will be an outdoor fire for roasting hotdogs and the Bardons will have marshmallows, soft drinks and beer ready for you to enjoy. Please bring your favorite outdoor-eating dish to share.

RSVP to the Bardons at travelfolks@yahoo.com.

METRO DINNER - BAR LA GRASSA: Thursday, August 11, 6 p.m.

Join your fellow MNRPCVs for fabulous Italian food and great conversation. Location: 800 North Washington Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55401. www.barlagrassa.com.

RSVP to Liz Ward at liz@co-culturesolutions.net or 651-235-2919

September

MNRPCV ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC: Sunday, September 11, 4 p.m.

See back page for details.

METRO DINNER - GIAPPONESE SUSHI: Tuesday, September 20, 6 p.m.

Come for a yummy Japanese dinner and stay for the socializing. Location: 10060 Citywalk Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129. www.giapponesesushi.com

RSVP to Liz Ward at liz@co-culturesolutions.net or 651-235-2919

October

METRO DINNER - SHISH: Thursday, October 6, 6 p.m.

Join us for an evening of Mediterranean cuisine and comraderie. Location: 1668 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. www.shishcafe.net

RSVP to Liz Ward at liz@co-culturesolutions.net or 651-235-2919

Community Service Report

Laura Hoffman (Bulgaria 2007-09)

Our latest project was on May 14 at Crosby Farm Regional Park in St. Paul. In recognition of Arbor Day, our enthusiastic group of RPCVs planted trees as part of an ongoing effort to restore woodlands along the Mississippi River.

Remember to fill out your blue PC-50 Service Passports in celebration of Peace Corps 50th Anniversary. Completing 50 hours of community service (beginning in January 2011) makes you eligible for the drawing at the MNRPCV Annual Meeting on September 11 (see page 8). There will be ten winners of the drawing, and MNRPCV will donate \$50 to a humanitarian organization specified by each winner. If you don't yet have a Passport, it can be downloaded from www.mnrpcv.org/ or directly at this link: <http://www.mnrpcv.org/Documents/passport2.pdf>. For more details, you can contact me at laura.r.hoffman@gmail.com.

Our next event will be held at Lake Como. The City of St. Paul and Como Community Council are conducting a shoreline weeding event Wednesday August 17 from 6 to 8 PM at Lake Como. Neighbors from around the lake and St. Paul Parks personnel will be on hand to weed a section of the native plantings on Lake Como's shore. No experience is necessary as we will be trained as to what we should pull and what we should not pull. The City will provide some tools and gloves but you can bring your own. This is a low key and fun event (really it is). Please contact Mike MacDonald (RPCV) so we know how many people maybe coming - mrmacpc@yahoo.com or 952-201-2845.

Join the 2011-2012 MNRPCV Board

Jane Bardon (Turkmenistan 2005-07), MNRPCV President

The Minnesota Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Board of Directors has set the 2011 Annual Meeting and Potluck Picnic for Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The business meeting will include reports from the 2010-11 Board and the election of the Board of Directors for 2011-2012. Board candidates do not have to be present at the meeting. We have an "open board" which means that the general membership elects directors without specifying the position they will hold. Board positions will be determined at the first meeting of the new board. Meetings are held monthly, usually on a Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The term of office is one year.

To be an MNRPCV Board Member, you must be an RPCV and a registered member of MNRPCV with your dues paid. If you are interested in being a candidate for the MNRPCV Board of Directors, please submit your name, contact information, and Peace Corps country of service and years to Jamie Hopkins, MNRPCV Secretary at jamiehop@gmail.com. For further information about the MNRPCV Board contact Jane Bardon at janebardon@yahoo.com (651-484-7989). You can review the MNRPCV Bylaws and the list of MNRPCV board positions at www.mnrpcv.org/about.



Toastmasters Report

Ruth Alliband (India 1966-68), Charter member of Toastmasters

This quarter's MNRPCV Toastmasters Report is devoted to a service project initiated by club member Brian Ahern (RPCV-Federated States of Micronesia). This is the first of a series of service project stories from MNRPCV Toastmasters.



March 31, 2011: Mary Adams and Brian Ahern congratulate Youth Leadership graduates Alex Li, Jeffrey Hu, Alistair Tang and Clara Wang.

Brian is an elementary teacher at two schools in the St. Paul Public School District. His circle of friends includes Chinese parents involved in the Shoreview Chinese School. Brian remembers, "We were talking about the upcoming classes in my living room last summer—these parents were hoping to add new skills to the curriculum. I suggested public speaking, and the seeds of my project were sown." From November through March Brian led a Youth Leadership program on Saturdays for 5th-8th graders. The Youth Leadership program is a public speaking and leadership short course with lesson plans developed by Toastmasters International. Brian recruited five other Toastmasters club members to teach the focal lessons for each unit and to assist in organizing group activities. At the end of the 5-month session, the young students were invited to a group meeting with the MNRPCV club; and were paired with club members as they fulfilled meeting roles. Many supportive parents were part of the audience. One of them, Jie Lin, reflected on the experience, "I can really see the students' progress. They have become much more confident." Should the club decide to sponsor the service project for a second year, classroom support roles could be open to others in the MNRPCV community who are not members of the club.



Jason Papp (RPCV Bolivia) and Chinese School student Jeremy Liu giving a team evaluation of Ruth Alliband's speech (RPCV India).

PC-50 Service and Saints Weekend

Jane Bardon (Turkmenistan 2005-07)

Minnesota RPCVs and pre-PCVs enjoyed a special weekend celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps (1961-2011). Plans for the weekend were initiated by our local Peace Corps Recruiters, Marianne Midwinter (Kazakhstan 2007-09) and Janice McInerney (Ukraine 2002-04) with the help of Rok Teasley from the Chicago Peace Corps Office. The MNRPCV Board supported the weekend. Andrea Trowbridge (Social Co-chair) coordinated the tailgate potluck and Greg Hochstetter (Treasurer) managed the St. Paul Saints game reservations. The Minnesota four-part PC-50 Weekend celebration included:

Service Project Thirteen people come to volunteer at People Serving People family shelter on Saturday morning -- doing kids' activities and painting murals in the dining center.

Tailgate Potluck MNRPCV members, future PCVs, and families of PCVs gathered at Midway Stadium in Saint Paul on Saturday for a tailgate potluck featuring cold drinks, watermelon, chips, beans, chicken and other goodies. Rosa Werthwein (Ukraine) was there to sell PC-50 T-shirts.

Saint Paul Saints Game We had a total of 47 people at the ballgame Saturday evening – many of them sporting our bright red MNRPCV PC-50 T-Shirts. We were honored by the Saints in many ways: Peace Corps was featured at an information table at the stadium entrance; Peace Corps was recognized on-field before the game by the announcer; Greg Hochstetter threw out a ceremonial first pitch; Our group led the crowd in singing "Take Me Out to The Ballgame" during the seventh-inning stretch; Recruiter Janice McInerney was interviewed on the radio broadcast of the game.

Peace Corp Expo Sixty plus people including RPCVs parents of RPCVs and participants from newly interested to nominated attended the Sunday recruiting event at Brookdale Library. A table manned by the PC Recruiters offered general PC information. RPVCVs and parents displayed artifacts from Peace Corps service and shared information on health, education and business/technology assignments and the special needs of parents of PCVs and married and over 50 PCVs. The group gathered to hear stories from the field by local RPCVs: Jennifer Nelson (Kyrgyzstan 2004-06), Bjorn Betzler (The Gambia 2007-09), Rosa Werthwein (Ukraine 2003-05), Mary Donovan (Jamaica 1981-84), Ruth Alliband (India 1966-68), Brian Holte (Tanzania 2008-10), Julia Meyer (Tanzania 2008-10), Jack Bardon (Turkmenistan 2003-05), Gary Bank (Kenya 1995-96), and Roxanne Denysiuk (Ukraine 1995-96); and Saul Stensvaag, parent of Emma Stensvaag (Mozambique 2008-10).

Note from Recruiters *Thank you so much to MNRPCV for everything this weekend. These events really depended on RPCV's who came out in force. I hope everyone had a great time. I certainly did and I hope we can make these annual events!*

Janice



Three Great Years

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Communications: In 2009, we moved our website to a new hosting service that costs 40% of our previous fees and offers significantly more storage space. We have gradually re-created our website, www.mnrpcv.org, with new menus, text, member forms, photos, up-to-date event information and archives of past issues of MNRPCV NEWS and Geography Quizzes. The website has new options to pay dues, purchase PC-50 T-Shirts, or donate online. We added Facebook, Twitter and Peace Corps Connect to our Yahoo listservs to extend online communications. The quarterly MNRPCV NEWS is now available to registered members in either print or electronic form.

Traditions: We continue to maintain MNRPCV traditions with the annual holiday party, annual meeting and picnic and ski weekend. We are known as one of the most active RPCV groups. We earn that reputation by our schedule of special events, and informal gatherings throughout the year.

The Movers and Shakers: MNRPCV's programs and activities are made possible by the hard work and dedication of Board Members, event hosts and coordinators, and many others. Thank you to everyone who supports the work of MNRPCV in any way. Take a look at the sidebar on the first page with the names of the current board members. This board and the preceding boards have made MNRPCV an active and vital group – a group that is well prepared to continue to serve RPCVs and the community for many years to come.

Grant Recipient Report

Karin Jones (PCV Ukraine)

Karin recently posted a Facebook message on the MNRPCV page:

I would like to thank the MNRPCVs for the grant you recently awarded to me. Because of your generosity I am able to bring over a great number of English language books to the library where I work in Ukraine. If you are interested in the library where I work, I have a FB page and also have created a blog for it - the Kirobohrad Window on America Center. <http://www.facebook.com/l/cdf5e-tRLyRbpAhnZQsgbt7R7Ug/kirovogradwoa.wordpress.com>.

DONATE TO MNRPCV

The Minnesota Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has been serving Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and the community since 1980. You can help us continue to fulfill our missions at home and abroad, by making a tax-deductible donation. Please make your check out to "MNRPCV" and send to:

MNRPCV
P.O. Box 6413
Minneapolis MN 55406

Thank You, the MNRPCV 2010-2011 Board of Directors

MNRPCV 50th Anniversary T-shirts

Tammy Truong (The Gambia 2007-08), Fundraising Chair

Celebrate the Peace Corps 50th Anniversary in style. Carefully selected to ensure sustainability and support global causes, this Edun Live organic cotton shirt is produced by small, local enterprise in Uganda. But it doesn't end there. Proceeds from



your purchase of a Peace Corps Anniversary shirt go to support volunteer projects funded by MNRPCV grants. And thus we continue to celebrate and support our brothers and sisters around the globe, even



as we reside here in Minnesota.

Printed using windpower and non-toxic water based inks by a local printer, you can be sure that your purchase is a socially and environmentally conscious decision. Reserve your shirt now by emailing truong.tammy@gmail.com, or pick one up at the next MNRPCV Event. See the PayPal box at mnrpcv.org to buy your shirts online. These very special shirts sell for just \$15.00 each (\$18 with shipping/handling). Get yours now and a few extras for your family and friends.



MNRPCV PC-50 T-shirts at the SaintPaul Saints game



MNRPCV NEWS: Electronic Edition

Miriam Krause (Samoa 2000-02)

MNRPCV NEWS is trying something new: electronic delivery! Approximately 50 people have already chosen to switch from receiving the paper version of the NEWS in the mail to getting a PDF version via email. If you would like to try the e-edition, just email Rosa at rosa_werthwein@yahoo.com. You can always switch back if you change your mind!

<http://www.mnrpcv.org>

MNRPCV Membership Application/Renewal

NAME _____ Today's Date _____

Current PCV (yes/no) _____ RPCV (yes/no) _____ COS Date _____

Host Country and service dates _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Has your contact info changed? _____

Home Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell or other) _____

Email: _____

Membership in MNRPCV and NPCA is FREE for all currently serving PCVs. Free membership is also offered to all RPCVs for one calendar year from the time they first join MNRPCV and/or NPCA. Please fill out the form and mail it to us anyway so that we can put you on our mailing and contact list. Members in the US may receive the MNRPCV NEWS by postal mail or email. Please indicate your choice: Postal Mail _____ Email to: _____ PCVs in the field will receive newsletters via email.

Membership is \$15.00 per year for all others. RPCVs or former Peace Corps staff members are eligible to be Active Members of MNRPCV. Others may join as Associate Members. Donations gratefully accepted. MNRPCV is a 501(c)3 organization.

Membership: \$ _____

Donation: \$ _____

Payment enclosed: \$ _____

(Make checks payable to MNRPCV)

Send this form with your payment to:

MNRPCV

PO Box 6413

Minneapolis MN 55406

You can also join through NPCA (National Peace Corps Association). NPCA membership is \$35 plus \$15 to list MNRPCV as your member group: www.peacecorpsconnect.org/membership

Membership Update

MNRPCV is pleased to welcome 24 new and returning members.

We want to thank you for your membership and for your great responses to our barrage of email and phone calls as you join the group or renew your membership for another year. You get more than a newsletter: you get a connection to a great group of people with shared values and history.

When you first join MNRPCV or NPCA, you get a year of membership for free. After that it costs \$15 to retain membership in MNRPCV. Check out the date on your newsletter mailing label and you'll see when your current membership runs out. Just fill out the member form on this page, send it along with your check, and we'll be happy to extend your membership. If we don't receive a renewal, we'll send one more newsletter before removing your name from the newsletter list. You'll never go completely off our database – we'll keep you on our email listserv and keep all your data so it is easy to add you back in if you re-join.

If you have a question about your current membership status, email Rosa at rosa_werthwein@yahoo.com.

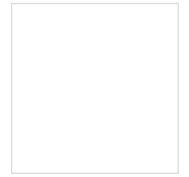
New and Returning Members: Welcome!!!

- Julia Ekeberg (PCV Senegal, 2010-12)
- Amy Eilts (Azerbaijan, 2008-10)
- Jeff Erickson (Thailand, 1984-87)

Rosa Werthwein (Ukraine 2003-05), Membership Co-Chair

- Daniel Falknor (Moldova, 2009-11)
- Mark Forsberg (Guatemala, 2009-11)
- Liz Galbrecht (Mozambique, 2008-10)
- Angelica Getahun (Costa Rica, 2005-07)
- Nicholas Halbert (Nicaragua, 2009-11)
- Sean Hart (Paraguay, 1984-86)
- Brian Holte (Tanzania, 2008-10)
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- Rebecca Savoie (Tanzania, 1996-98)
- Andrew Sterioff (Cameroon, 1990-92)
- Barbard Waldschmidt (Thailand, 1969-72)
- Alexis Watts (Mali, 2006-08)

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*Check your mailing label for
your MNRPCV Membership
Renewal Date.*



2011 MNRPCV Annual Meeting and Potluck Picnic **Sunday, September 11 at 4:00 pm**

Who: Minnesota RPCVs and other interested parties

Where: Rhoda Brooks' house: 859 Excelsior Blvd., Excelsior, MN 55331.

Directions: Go out Hwy 394 to 494 south. Take 494 to Hwy 7 and go west. Pass the intersection of 7 and 101 and keep going west on 7 for 3 more stop lights. Go right at the Christmas Lake Road intersection and immediately left on Excelsior Blvd. Go about two blocks. Rhoda's home is on the right across the street from a cemetery. It is a green house at the top of a driveway going up. If you go past Adele's Frozen Custard, you have gone too far.

How: Bring a dish to share! A grill will be available for your use.

Why: To join your RPCV friends and participate in the MNRPCV Annual Meeting. Business will include reports from the past year and the election of the 2011-12 Board of Directors. If you have questions about Board positions please contact Jane Bardon, MNRPCV President, at: janebardon@yahoo.com.

If you have completed your 50 hours of service and recorded it in your PC-50 Service Passport, be sure to bring it to the meeting. There will be a drawing to choose 10 Passports for the \$50 awards to humanitarian causes. For details, contact Laura Hoffman at: laura.r.hoffman@gmail.com

For general questions about the event, please call Andrea at: 612-210-4764.

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