



MNRPCV News

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

2002-2003

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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.

Summer 2003

The Corner Board

by Shannon Skally

Seven years ago I boarded a plane to Rabat, Morocco to begin U.S. Peace Corps service as an environmental educator. Like many other volunteers, I was recruited from my college campus. I recall many conversations with my campus representative, an RPCV from Ghana, during the application process. I heard his stories, looked at his pictures, picked his brain. He interviewed me and helped me to find on-campus resources for my medical and background checks. Once I found out my destination, he helped me to find information about Morocco.



Being the campus representative at the University of Minnesota has allowed me to bring the lessons of my experience back home (the Peace Corps Third Goal). Seven years ago I never guessed that I'd later help prospective volunteers to apply and explore options. So far, I've given class talks to incoming freshmen, spoken with faculty members considering Peace Corps after retirement. I've answered global studies students' questions about whether Peace Corps volunteers act as agents of U.S. cultural imperialism; fashion design students' inquiries about what Peace Corps might offer them. I've given speeches on Islam, Francophone culture, the role of women in Peace Corps, water quality in West Africa, the relationships between humans and animals in developing countries.

A lot has changed since I was a volunteer. Much more information is available via Internet about Peace Corps and the countries it serves. Applicants can tap into country specific "Friends" groups, hook up with regional RPCV groups, earn a graduate degree in conjunction with their service. Once they become volunteers, they can find support through volunteer groups focusing on environment and development, minority or gay, lesbian and bisexual issues. Increasingly common cell phones and Internet cafes in developing countries make communication much easier (though the postman is still awaited anxiously). Peace Corps applicants today have many of the same questions as always: How hard is it to learn the language? Will I have to eat anything weird? How do you deal with homesickness? Isn't two years too long to be out of the country? How can Peace Corps fit into my career plans?

But with recent events, I hear more questions about health and safety. Those concerns seem foremost, with suspended programs in China because of SARS, in Jordan and Morocco because of the Second Gulf War. Applicants want to know about host country nationals' attitudes towards Americans. Families want to know whether Peace Corps guarantees volunteer safety in remote and urban areas. They ask about communication between Peace Corps, volunteers at their posts and families in the U.S. They ask what happens if something goes wrong.

Peace Corps does its best to ensure volunteer health and safety by working with volunteers, host country agencies and the U.S. embassies. But the truth is, nothing in life is devoid of risk. At their sites, or anywhere, volunteers can be affected by auto accidents, food related illnesses, civil unrest, parasites, or crime. The best ways for volunteers to stay safe remain knowing the language, understanding the culture, and keeping close ties to host country family and friends. Usually, that comes with the Peace Corps experience.

I'm looking forward to my last year as the campus representative. If you happen to pass by the U, stop in to say hello. Prospective volunteers can't get enough of the stories from those of us who've been there.



Peace Corps News Update

President Visits Botswana Peace Corps Volunteers

On July 11, twelve Peace Corps Volunteers in Botswana met President George W. Bush, First Lady Laura Bush and daughter Barbara Bush at a game reserve about 15 kilometers south of Gaborone. Earlier in the day, when the President had met with Botswana President Mogae, President Mogae recognized the Peace Corps' work there. President Bush greeted and thanked each of the Peace Corps Volunteers for their efforts. "The President was warm and friendly and spent time talking with each of us," said Volunteer Donna Stanislawski. "The President thanked all the Volunteers for their support and commitment to helping Botswana fight the scourge of HIV/AIDS."

Friends of Liberia Ask for U.S. Peacekeeping Role

In a recent press release, the RPCV Group Friends of Liberia called for immediate United States action to help establish peace and stability in Liberia and the region. The group asked the U.S. government to take a strong, proactive leadership role in the international community. They want the U.S. to help guide the cease-fire and the transition to a democratic government; support for the Ceasefire Agreement signed by the Government of Liberia and ongoing peace talks in Ghana; establish and lead a multinational stabilization force with the United Nations, ECOWAS, and the African Union.

AmeriCorps in Fiscal Crisis

AmeriCorps can only fund half the number of members it had bankrolled in recent years to build houses for the poor, teach reading in the inner city, and much else. Budget cuts were forced on AmeriCorps by a Republican-run Congress that had never been particularly fond of Bill Clinton's national service program. But the real blame for the demise of AmeriCorps—which President Bush had embraced and planned to expand—rests with the man Bush chose to oversee it. As the CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Leslie Lenkowsky committed AmeriCorps to hiring more volunteers than the program was able to pay. While President Bush boasted that AmeriCorps was expanding, recruitment was suspended last year because of a shortfall in the education grant trust for AmeriCorps members.

Peace Corps Funding Below President's Request

The Senate Appropriations Committee cleared an \$18.1 billion foreign aid bill on July 17 in which Peace Corps would get \$310 million, \$49 million below Bush's request. Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the top Democrat on the foreign operations subcommittee, said he will press for more AIDS funding when the bill reaches the floor. Senator Norm Coleman, chair of the Senate Subcommittee that oversees the Peace Corps, had urged his colleagues to approve President Bush's request.

Coleman Wants Peace Corps Accountability

In a speech at Peace Corps headquarters, Sen. Norm Coleman said he will be both a strong advocate and a tough critic for the program, seeking more funds but holding the agency to high standards. "I don't know what the answer is for developing a process for greater accountability - but, we need to be creative and determine what can be done to measure the success of the Peace Corps," said Coleman, who has jurisdiction over the Peace Corps as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotic Affairs. Coleman also said he backs Bush's goal of doubling the number of Peace Corps volunteers over the next five years, to 14,000.

Treasurer's Report

May 1 – July 18, 2003

by Shannon Skally, Morocco 96-98

BALANCE 4/30/03	12,125.65
INCOME	
Calendar Sales	724.00
Fundraising	641.00
Reimbursement	55.34
Interest Inc	2.72
TOTAL INCOME	1,423.06
EXPENSES	
Newsletter Printing	-374.20
Social	-41.59
Happenings-Postage	-130.55
Grant	-1,500.00
Postage and Delivery	-190.97
Uncategorized Expenses	-542.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	-2,752.35
OVERALL MONTHLY CASH FLOW	-1,329.29
BEGINNING	10,544.37
ENDING BALANCE	9,215.08

How do you say Welcome! in your host country?

Whether it's *Wilkommen, marhaba, huan ying, swagatum, vitajte, na atia, sannu da zuwa* or something else, we welcome you to submit it to us at www.mnrpcv.org and we'll add it to our list. Check it out!

Grant Recipients Send Thanks

Friends of Dolpa - "Your generosity is making a huge difference! The local community is proud to be managing such a successful project themselves for their children to stay in school near home." Also, Catherine Inman wrote that she will be at the school in Nepal from June 5 to Aug 5, and will be bringing back lots of photos.

Cottonwood Foundation - "It means a lot to us to be selected as a MNRPV grant recipient, and we very much value this vote of confidence in Cottonwood Foundation's Work" by Executive Director, Paul Moss.

Books for Africa - "Your continued support is the backbone on this work, and on behalf of the children and teachers of Africa, I thank you" by Executive Director Patrick Plonski. Update on the Malawi project (grant 2001), BFA received a \$100,000 grant from Rotary International to begin implementing the Malawi Project, to put a basic reference library in each secondary school in Malawi. Tom Warth, BFA founder, is walking the length of Minnesota to raise money starting next year.



You Don't Have to Choose, You Can Have it ALL!

By Vicki Dilley, MNRPCV membership chair

Setting: A recent Rotary event in Northfield, MN, the home of Cows, Colleges and Contentment.....

"Hi, my name is Vicki Dilley, I am a RPCV who served in Tuvalu. I understand that you were in the Peace Corps too?"

"Yes, I was in Togo, this is my wife, Analisa, she is from Togo." says my new friend.

"I haven't seen you at any of the Peace Corps functions. In fact, we just had an area dinner about 4 weeks ago in Northfield. I am sorry you missed it."

"Well, I never know what is going on, how do you find these things out?"

"You can always check out the MNRPCV website, but are you a member of the MNRPCV group?"

"No, I chose to be a part of the Togo group, you know you have to choose now."

"Well, as the Membership chair for the MNRPCV group I do know that you don't need to choose...you can be a member of as many affiliate groups as you are interested in. The first one is included in your National dues and then each after that is only \$15."

My new friend asked, "What would my \$15 go towards?"

"First it would get you a regular newsletter, but more than that it would go towards development projects that we support such as Habitat

for Humanity, Books for Africa, the Kenya project from Friends of Kenya and Reference Libraries in Malawi, the East African Deaf Connection, Friends of Dolpa and many others. If everyone helped a little bit with their \$15 dues to MN then we could do a lot more and become involved in new projects that we hear about every month."

"Ok, ok, I get it, send me the form and I will send in my dues. Oh, also send the place and date of the next gathering, I'd like to know if there are any other RPCV's from Togo in the area."

Moral of the story:

When your turn comes to renew, do not forget to mark MN as an affiliate group, you certainly get your money's worth from this group!

Vicki Dilley (Tuvalu, 1980-1983)

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Fafetai! (thank you in Tuvaluan)

MNRPCV Toastmasters

meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.

More info on www.mnrpcv.org/Events.html, or contact

Richard Earle 952-929-6943,
Steve Coury 612-870-1091, or
Dan Grundtner 651-487-3068.

JOIN / RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your annual NPCA dues include membership in one affiliate group of your choice [we hope you choose MNRPCV], subscription to Worldview magazine and to the Peace Corps alumni newsletter 3/1/61, opportunities to participate in Global Education, Advocacy, Peacebuilding and Emergency Response programs and scholarship programs, discounts on Peace Corps merchandise, travel and registration for national conferences and other special events. **Find out more, or renew or join at www.rpcv.org.s**

2003 Membership Dues

- \$50 Individual 1-year membership
- \$135 Individual 3-year membership
- \$65 Family 1-year membership
- \$180 Family 3-year membership
- Added 1-year group fees (\$15 individual, \$22.50/couple)
- \$20 Postage for overseas members

Donation \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Name _____

Country _____

Years of service _____

Mail Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Affiliate group choice _____

Added affiliate group(s) at \$15/group _____

Please charge my credit card _____ Exp _____

Please mail to:

NPCA Membership

1900 L Street, NW Suite 205, Washington, DC 20036



Back to Ecuador: Coming in the Fall News

Rhoda Brooks writes about taking her grandchildren on their first visit to Ecuador. She and her late husband Earle adopted two children there while serving as Peace Corps volunteers in the early 1960s, so these grandchildren see the homeland of their parents and meet many relatives for the first time. Although the small coastal town where she served forty years ago has changed dramatically, her family connection only grows stronger with the third generation's visit there. If there is a Peace Corps gene, it definitely runs in her family.



The Brooks family in Ecuador in June, 2003.

2004 NPCA Conference in Chicago

The 2004 NPCA Conference will take place in Chicago, August 5-8, 2004. Please put these dates on your calendar.

Special times are being set aside for COS activities, especially Friday evening, 8/6, for COS events at local ethnic restaurants and Saturday afternoon, 8/7, for COS updates.

Host Families Needed

We are looking for MN families willing to open their hearts and homes to an exchange student for the upcoming high school year.

Boys/girls, ages 15-18, hailing from over 30 countries, including Vietnam, S. Korea, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Brazil, Germany, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Israel, Latvia, Mexico, Japan and many more are arriving in Aug for 10 months. Hosting is an incredible experience and a wonderful way to keep a culture alive in your home or learn about a new one!

For more info on what is involved visit <http://www.globalhostfamily.com>.

To talk to local rep and see pictures/profiles of students please fill out the no-obligation inquiry form online. Thanks for considering!!
marian@globalhostfamily.com

NPCA Advocacy Network

The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) is currently re-emphasizing its efforts to recruit active advocates for the Peace Corps and related issues, including the Peace Corps Charter for the 21st Century, Peace Corps funding, and international development and democracy. In these uncertain times, the Peace Corps is needed more than ever. However adequate Peace Corps funding has not been provided. Today there are only about 6,000 volunteers, compared with 14,000 in the 1970s. The NPCA is developing an active nationwide advocacy effort to encourage Congress to assist with Peace Corps issues and to appropriate additional funds for international development.

The NPCA needs you to become a part of this exciting new effort!!!

If you are not a member of the NPCA, please join. Applications are available at <https://secure.schoolyard.com/rpcv/howtojoin.cfm>. Membership fee is only \$50 per year, which includes affiliate group membership in either a local regional RPCV group or a Country of Service group. Regardless of which group you chose, you are strongly encouraged to participate in this new advocacy effort.

To make our advocacy efforts more effective, we are asking you to please re-register. Please go on-line and complete the form at <http://www.rpcv.org/pages/survey.cfm?id=33>. You won't be advocating alone. We will connect you up with other NPCA advocates in your congressional district so that you can work together as a team.

We have also developed a brand new training guide on the NPCA website to assist you in becoming an effective advocate. You can access the training guide at <http://www.rpcv.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=730>. Since the guide is short and concise, in only a few hours it will teach you everything you need to know to become an effective advocate.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. We know from experience that a few dedicated advocates working on a specific issue can persuade members of Congress to support that issue. We've done it several times. But we need more advocates. Please don't delay, register now. The future effectiveness of the Peace Corps may truly depend on YOU!

(All registrations are held strictly private by the NPCA)

More Host Families Needed

Seeking Welcome Family hosts to students from Indonesia, Turkey and Egypt for 6-8 weeks or for the 2003-2004 school year (August-June). The students are participating in the Youth Exchange & Study Program—a new US State Department Cultural Affairs Initiative. These students were selected in an open, merit-based selection process for their outgoing personalities, academic abilities and excellent English skills. The students will learn about American culture, customs, traditions, history and hospitality.

The Twin Cities area was selected as one of just five pilot programs for the new Partnerships for Learning Youth Exchange and Study Program, (or the P4L Yes program). The initiative is in response to the events of September 11, 2001, to open the minds of Americans, and positively affect the world's perception of Americans.

For more information, contact Sarah A. Morari at 763-503-9512/952-525-2589 or smorari@wellbridge.com or Helen Carney at 1-800-555-6211 x 306, or see www.yesprograms.org or www.pax.org



NEW NPCA President!



Kevin F. F. Quigley was named president of the National Peace Corps Association on Monday, July 14. Quigley succeeds Dane Smith, a former Foreign Service Officer and U.S. ambassador who has served in the position for the past four years. Quigley has more than 20 years of experience working in the not-for-profit community for such organizations as the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Asia Society, and he most recently served as executive director of the Global Alliance for Workers and Communities. He has written for many publications and appeared on various network television programs to discuss civil society and other international issues. A Peace Corps Volunteer in Thailand from 1976 to 1979, Quigley takes office as NPCA president at the organization's annual general meeting and the summer meeting of the board of directors on Aug. 1-3 in Portland, Oregon.

NPCA Board Election Results

The election results for the NPCA Board for 2003 are in and the candidates have been notified of the results, as have the group leaders in the affected regions. The newly-elected board members become official in Portland, OR on August 1, and all have committed to being there. In addition, the three by-law amendments passed with more than the necessary two-thirds of those voting having voted "yes".

The new or re-elected board members are:

MetroDC/Nationwide - Ken Hill re-elected unopposed through 2006
Southeast - Helene Dudley of the South Florida group won in a three-way race through 2006

Heartland - Deb Most re-elected unopposed through 2006 for her second term

Northwest - Robert Findlay of Olympia, WA ran as a petition candidate and is on through 2006

Mid-Atlantic - Bruce Anderson of Charlotte NC was elected unopposed to a two year term through 2005 (filling a vacancy due to resignation).

South Central - David Wessel of the Louisiana group was elected in a competitive race to a two year term through 2005 (filling a vacancy due to resignation).

Great Lakes - Stephanie Arnold of Chicago was elected in a competitive race to a one-year term through 2004 (filling a vacancy due to resignation).

North & East Africa - Jim Solomon of Friends of Ethiopia & Eritrea was elected unopposed to a three-year term through 2006

Central & Southern Africa - Sandra Lauffer of Friends of Malawi (and DC) won election in a competitive race to a three-year term through 2006.

Pete Johnson

NPCA Nominations & Elections Committee

Congratulations Deb Most, re-elected to the NPCA Board for another three-year term!

And, she's been nominated to be the Board Secretary! (elections to be held in Portland in August)

Peace Corps Country Directors Apply Now: application deadline Sept. 2, 2003

The Peace Corps is one of the world's most successful and respected development organizations. Since 1961 Peace Corps Volunteers have worked with people in developing countries in education, small business, health, agriculture and the environment. At the same time, Volunteers strengthen cross-cultural understanding between Americans of many backgrounds and the people of other countries.

Each year the Peace Corps selects Country Directors to lead their programs overseas. The Country Director is the senior Peace Corps official in the country of assignment and is responsible for the management of all aspects of the program. **We seek senior level professionals with extensive and exceptional leadership skills, international experience, administrative expertise and strong cross-cultural facility.** You must be a US citizen but there is no requirement of prior Peace Corps Volunteer service. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

Currently, we are receiving applications for Country Director positions available for the winter of 2004. You may apply on-line through the Website, <http://www.peacecorps.gov>, or request an application via e-mail <mailto:cdselection@peacecorps.gov> or call Peace Corps at 800-424-8580, ext.2114. The deadline for receipt of applications is September 2, 2003.

Community College Grads Wanted

The Minneapolis Peace Corps recruiting staff seeks assistance from RPCVs currently working or teaching at community and technical colleges. Although most Peace Corps assignments require a four year degree, many community college students are not aware that an AA/AS degree can qualify them – often in combination with some experience – for Peace Corps positions in the fields of agriculture, business, community development, the environment, and health. Spurred on by our recent initiative with the American Association of Community Colleges, we are actively recruiting community college graduates for hundreds of positions around the world!

Dave Belina Departs Peace Corps

After serving as Minneapolis Regional Manager for eight and a half years, Dave Belina has left the Peace Corps. Dave reached the statutory limit on Peace Corps service in May. Dave's great understated humor, dignity and extraordinary leadership will be missed by all who knew him and worked with him. While the Peace Corps might be known as "the toughest job you'll ever love," the dozens of former and current employees that honored Dave at his going-away reception all agree that working under Dave's tutelage was "the greatest job and the greatest boss we'll ever have." Peace Corps hopes to announce his successor in the near future.



Community Service Events

by Jared Erdmann, Honduras 99-01

Sat., Aug. 2, 9 a.m. — Come help sort and ship books for Books for Africa, at 253 East 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN.

Contact: Jared Erdmann, 612-824-6732 or jared_erdmann@hotmail.com.

August 15-17 — Paint-a-thon at 2750 Queen Ave. North, Minneapolis. The work day of the 17th is only if necessary. If it's too wet, the rain day is the following weekend. Workers will be painting the garage, the picket fence, and the trim of a one-story house.

Contact: Eric Rahman, 952-925-3118 or elegend@mn.rr.com.

On the weekend before Memorial Day, Maureen Smith hosted the 1st ever MNRPCV Plant Sale, and it was a huge success! Maureen did a lot of the work, and about a half dozen others helped out throughout the weekend. The net result was \$400 for our grant fund. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and sell, to those who donated plants, and to everyone who bought plants. Maybe we'll do this again next year – what do you say?

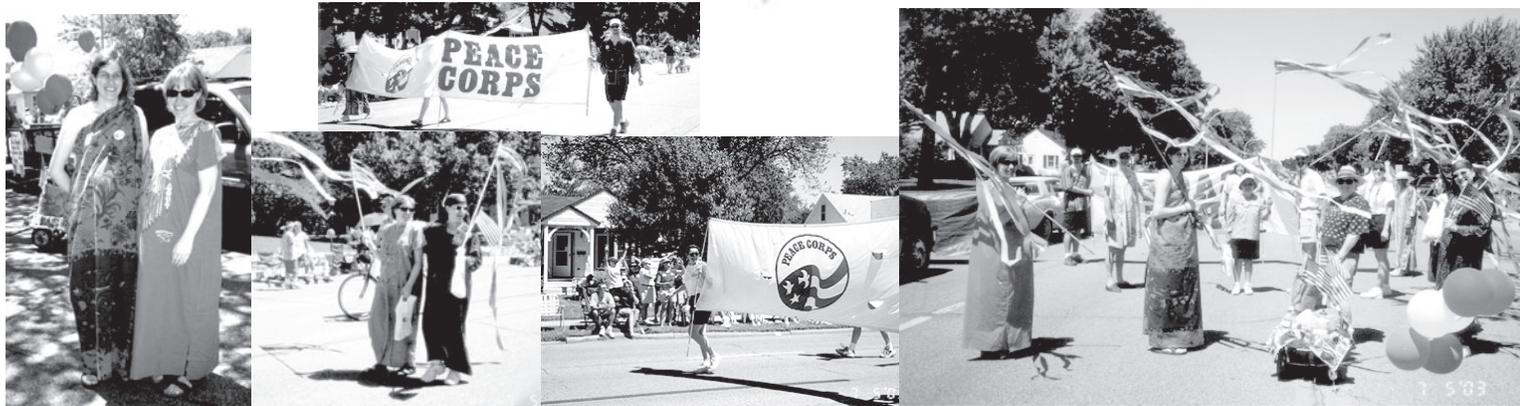
Four MNRPCVs joined a larger group of volunteers, and they made good progress on a Habitat for Humanity house in June. Thanks to the workers, and to those who donated and prepared food for the hungry crowd.

Social Events

Upcoming dinners and happy hours will be announced via the email list and on the website. You can join the email list from the website page www.mnrpcv.org/ContactUs.html

Suggestions for dinner venues are always welcome. If you have a favorite restaurant or bar you'd like to share with 10-20 people, just tell Urbae (urb13@rocketmail.com) and she'll get the word out.

About a dozen MNRPCVs marched in the fourth of July parade recently in Richfield, which hosts one of the largest in the Twin Cities. Many donned the dress of countries they served in despite very hot weather. Even two soon-to-be mothers Christi Williams and Elizabeth Songalia joined the group. Some crowd members thanked the group for having served as volunteers.



Speakers Bureau Update

by Pat O'Reilly, Sierra Leone 67-68

Thanks to all of the MNRPCV Speakers who gave their time and energy to the various groups below. As a reminder, MNRPCV receives \$50 from the Peace Corps for each presentation that is recorded. Notice the Treasurer's report this quarter - we had a negative cash flow, mostly from giving out this year's grants. Anyone who spoke this past year and is not listed, please contact Pat O'Reilly (Home: 651-292-9455 Work: 651-284-0614 or trudyandpat@netzero.net) so we can record your efforts.

MNRPCV SPEAKERS 2002-2003

Oct. 19	MNTeachers Convention	Gary Bank & Deb Most
Oct. 31	Hastings High School	Amelia Spark & Suzan Sheridan
Nov. 11.	Waldorf Middle School (2 groups)	Sally Baringer
	Eden Prairie High School	Kristin Wheeler
Nov. 18	St. Olaf College	Vicki Dilley
Nov. 18	St. Paul Campus	
	Int. Education Week	Chris Romano, Lisa Boyd, & Lee Everett
Nov/Dec.	Alexandria Community College	
	Two groups	Thomas Sibley
Dec. 3	Chaska High School	Patrick Carney
Dec.	Duluth Middle School	Karen Isensee
Dec.	U. of MN, Duluth	Karen Isensee
Dec. 16	St. Anthony High School	Vicki Dilley
	Hopkins High School	Gary Odella
Jan 28	Minnehaha Academy	Jack Conrad
	St. Anthony High School	Vicki Dilley
March 5	Forest Lake High School	Patrick O'Leary
March	South High School (4groups)	Nancy Benson
April	Richfield High School	Lee Ann Wolf
April 15	Emerson Middle School	Ruth Aliband
April 17	MN Youth Hostel Assoc.	Mary Adams
May 2	Valley Middle School	Elizabeth Songalia
May 19	MN Int'l Center	Vicki Dilley, Elsa Frettem



Annual Meeting and Picnic August 24

This year we will be hosted by Joyce and Don Arneson in Prior Lake. Joyce and Don are RPCVs from Jamaica, and Don is the current president of Friends of Jamaica. Joyce says, "We live in a townhome on a bay of the lake. We have a pontoon boat as well as a small peddle boat. Our beach is not very good for swimming, but there is a public swimming beach with a park and playground not very far away." There will also be volleyball, croquet, and bocci ball for you and your guests to enjoy.

Sounds like a party!! Come on down!

RSVP: DArneson@aol.com

or Phone: 952-447-4788 or Cell: 952-944-321

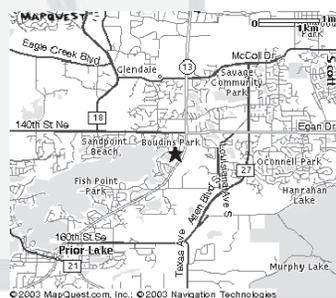
Bring a dish to share. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

This is the annual meeting. **After the potluck dinner, the 2003-2004 Board will be elected.** If you are interested in being on the MNRPCV Board, talk to Mary Adams, President, or to any of the other Board members. Don't know who the Board members are or what they do? Read the following article. You can also find board names, email links and job descriptions on our website: <http://www.mnrpcv.org/WhoWeAre.html>

Directions to 6805 Boudin St. N.E., Prior Lake MN 55372:

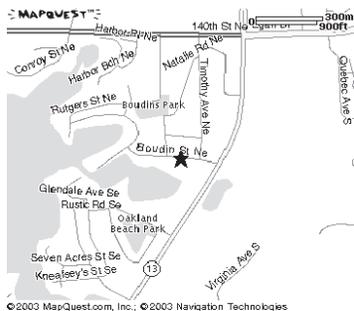
From downtown Minneapolis:

35W south across the river to Co. Rd. 42 in Burnsville (Burnsville Center Exit). West on Co.Rd. 42 about 5 miles (through Savage). At the intersection of Co. Rd. 42 and Hwy. 13 (major construction of new Target), turn left (south) on Hwy.13. In about 2 blocks you will see a sign for Boudin St. (more major construction). Turn right into Boudin St. We are in the first group of townhouses in the first block on Boudin. The address is above the garage door. Some parking is available in the parking lot, others can park on the street.



From the West Metro:

Take Hwy 169 across the river and take the exit to Savage-Prior Lake-Burnsville. Do NOT take the Shakopee exit. You will be going east on Hwy. 169-101. Turn right on Hwy 13 and go South about 2 miles. After the intersection at Co. Rd. 42, continue south for about 2 blocks and look for Boudin St. Follow above directions.



From St. Paul area:

Take 35E across the river to Co. Rd. 42 and go west about 6 miles to Hwy. 13 and Co. Rd. 42. Turn south on Co. Rd. 42 and go about 2 blocks and look for Boudin St. Follow above directions.

2003-2004 Board Members Wanted!

If you now live in Minnesota, served in the Peace Corps and are a member of MNRPCV, you are eligible to serve on the board. Do you have the urge to be more involved with what MNRPCV is doing in Minnesota? Are you a financial wizard? Great at organizing events? Then we need your talents on the board.

Each year at the annual meeting, elections are held for the board. The time commitment is only a couple of hours each month. The positions on the board are:

President - serves as the CEO for the business affairs of the organization (this position is usually filled by a board member who has been on the board for a year or more). **Vice President** - fills in for president with other responsibilities as needed or requested. **Treasurer** - CFO for the funds and securities of MNRPCV. **Secretary** - keeps the minutes of the meeting. **Communications** - newsletter, web site and email list (listserv). **Community Service** - community service events. **Speaker's Bureau** - coordinates the requests from groups who ask for RPCVs to speak. **Social Chair** - coordinates social events. **Membership** - welcomes new members to the organization. **At Large** - help where they are needed.

For more information or to volunteer to run for the board, call Mary Adams at 612-521-0649 or email madams@ccfcu.org.

Free Summer Music

Looking for some cool music this summer? Check out the **free concerts** at the MN History Center in St. Paul. On Tuesdays at 6:30 pm there will be music in the Laura Jane Musser Plaza, located just off Hwy 94 at the Kellogg/Marion exit in St. Paul. For more information call 651-296-6126 or www.mnhs.org On Tuesdays in August, the FREE and Live Outdoor Music is:

- Aug 5 - Bhangra dance music of India
- Aug 12 - Rockabilly
- Aug 19 - American Rural Folk
- Aug 26 - Brazilian

Collecting World Coins

Description: Kurt and Matt have been collecting coins from around the world as a hobby that has been educational for Matt, and a bonding experience for a father and son. Their goal is to get them from an acquaintance, or a friend of a friend, showing that the world is not that big, and they will have learned a little bit about each country through obtaining the currency, and some great stories!

Here are the countries they still need. **AFRICA:** Algeria, Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Libya, Mali, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Saint Helena Island pound, Sierra Leone, Swaziland **ASIA:** Brunei, East Timor, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan **MIDDLE EAST:** Yemen **EUROPE:** Belarus, Northern Ireland pound note **SOUTH AMERICA:** Falkland Islands pound **OCEANIA:** Marshall Islands, Cook Islands, French Pacific Franc (Marquesas Islands, etc.) Please send to Vicki Dilley at 714 Highland Avenue, Northfield, Mn 55057 vdilley@iglide.net



Annual Meeting and Potluck August 24 in Prior Lake

Come to Prior Lake for the MNRPCV Annual Election & Potluck.
Bring something for the potluck and run for an exciting seat on the board!

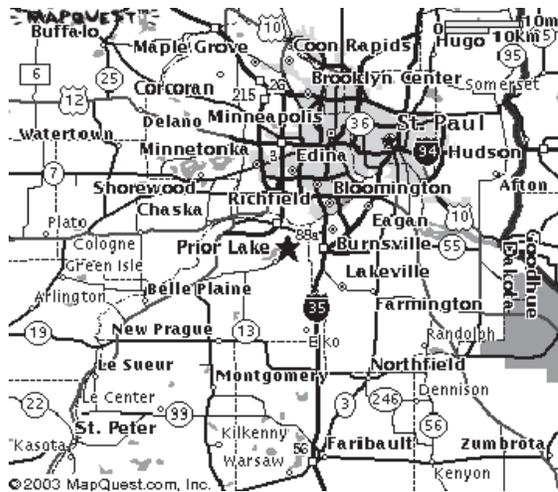
Date: Sunday August 24th **Time:** 4 pm to 9 pm

Location: Don & Joyce Arneson's home, 6805 Boudin St. N.E., Prior Lake, MN (see map and directions on p. 7)

"We live in a townhome on a bay of the lake. We have a pontoon boat as well as a small peddle boat. Our beach is not very good for swimming, but there is a public swimming beach with a park and playground not very far away."

Joyce and Don Arneson

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