MNRPCV Holiday Party Geography Quiz 2011 **~ ANSWER KEY AND SOURCES**
80 points plus 10 bonus

1.List the 5 most linguistically diverse countries -- 5 points

a. _____**Papua New Guinea**
b. _____**Vanuatu**
c. _____**Solomon Islands**
d. _____**Democratic Republic of the Congo**
e. _____**Tanzania**

Source: See ethnologue...http://www.ethnologue.com/ethno_docs/distribution.asp?by=country

2. What city is going to host the 2016 Olympic games? 1 point
a. **Rio de Janeiro** -right one
b. Paris
c. Seoul

3. What country is closest to 0 degrees latitude and 0 degrees longitude? 2 points
a. Gabon
b. ***Ghana √**
c. Guinea
d. South Africa

4. One of the birth stones for December is lapis lazuli. Name the Peace Corps country where this has been mined for at least 6,000 years. 2 points
Afghanistan (Wikipedia)

5. In the first 7 days of December, Father's Day occurs in this country where Peace Corps volunteers have served since the early 1960s. 2 points
Thailand (Wikipedia)

6. What mountain pass has a name that translated into English literally means "pile of corpses?" It connects two valleys in a country where Peace Corps volunteers served between 1961 and 1976.
2 points
Rohtang Pass, in the Himalyas, in India (Wikipedia)

7. What is the total number of countries in which Peace Corps volunteers have served, as of fall 2011? 2 points(Peace Corps)
139

8. How many countries currently host Peace Corps Volunteers? 2 points(Peace Corps)
76.

9. As a percentage of of total volunteers, on what continent do the most volunteers currently serve? 1 point

Africa (Peace Corps)

10.Where did the first group of volunteers serve and what were they recruited to do? 2 points

Ghana; they were sent to be teachers. (Peace Corps)

11. Of all the countries in the world, only three are completely surrounded by another country. They are all enclaves. Name them. 3 points. (Wikipedia)

1. **Vatican**
2. **San Marino**
3. **Lesotho**

12. Immigration in Minnesota. As of 2008, what were the top five home countries of immigrants to Minnesota, according to a Wilder Foundation Report in Aug. 2010? 5 points

a. ____**Mexico**
b. ____**Laos**
c. ____**Vietnam**
d. ____**Canada**
e. ____**Korea**

13. According to the Wilder Foundation report, in 2009, what percent of the student population in the St. Paul public schools was second language speakers of English? 2 points

1. 25 percent
2. 35 percent
3. **40 percent**
4. 53 percent

Source for 13 and 14: Wilder Foundation:
http://wilder.org/fileadmin/wilder/pdf/research/Immigration_Report_Summary_web.pdf

14. In 1900, most immigrants in Minnesota came from Russia and Europe. As of 2000, in addition to these regions, there were 5 more. List the new regions. 5 points.

1. _____**Canada**
2. _____**Asia**
3. _____**Middle East**
4. _____**Latin America**
5. _____**Africa**

Source NY Times:
http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html

15. U.S. Immigration
What are the top three countries that have supplied workers across all occupations to the U.S. (according to the NY Times)? 3 points

1. ____**Mexico**
2. ____**Philippines**
3. ____**India**

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/04/07/us/20090407-immigration-occupation.html

16.Which country's national emblem is known as the "garuda pancasila"? Peace Corps was there from 1963 to 1965, and returned in 2010. Currently volunteers serve in Education. 1 point
Indonesia (*Sources: Wikipedia, and Peace Corps)*

17. What is the most Northern, Eastern AND Western state of the United States? 1 point

a. _____**Alaska (true)**

Source: http://www.worldatlas.com/aatlas/infopage/nsewusa.htm

18. What years was the Peace Corps in Turkey? 1 point

a. 1962-1971 (*Source: Peace Corps*)

19: What's the leading source of food, world wide? 2 points
Cereals (Wikipedia)

20. What country's flag is the oldest currently in use? 2 point

Denmark (*Wikipedia*)

21. Like Washington, D.C., this national capital was deliberately planned. Peace Corps served in this South American country from 1962-1981. Name the capital and the country. 2 points
Brasilia, Brazil (*Sources: Wikipedia and Peace Corps)*

22: The "Rice Terraces" in mountainous areas this country are an endangered UNESCO World Heritage site. Peace Corps served there from 1961-1990, and has been there 1992 to present. Name the country. *1 point*
Philippines *Sources: UNESCO, Peace Corps*

23. Rivers of the world: Match the rivers to their lengths. 4 points

River	Length (need to be scrambled)
_____ MIssissippi	6,275 km
_____ Yellow River	5,464 km
_____ NIger	4,200 km
_____ Volga	3,645 km

24. Match each country and capital. 8 points

Indonesia	Jakarta
Georgia	Tbilisi
Tanzania	Dar es Salaam
Kazakhstan	Almaty
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur
Turkey	Ankara
Zimbabwe	Harare
Lithuania	Vilnius

25. There are six countries surrounding the Black Sea, list three. 3 points

a **Turkey**
b. **Bulgaria**
c. **Romania**
d. **Ukraine**
e. **Russia**
f. **Georgia**

26. What are two of the five countries surrounding the Caspian Sea? 2 points

a. **Russia**
b. **Kazakhstan**
c. **Turkmenistan**
d. **Iran**
e. **Azerbaijan**

27. Match the countries with their total area, including of all land and water area (largest to lower): 4 points.

Greenland	2,166,086 km
Iran	1.648.195 km
Boliva	1,098,581
Mauritania	1,030,700 km

28. African decolonization -- match the country with the European country that colonized it. 3 points.

Mali	France
Somalia	Italy
Angola	Portugal

29. Match the country with its female president: 4 points

President of Liberia	Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
President of Brazil	Dilma Rousseff
President of Lithuania	Dalia Grybauskaite
President of Kyrgyzstan	Roza Otunbayeva

30: What African country became independent July 9, 2011? 1 point
South Sudan

31. Where did Tanzania get its name from? *2 points*
Tanzania is a combination of the names Tanganyika and Zanzibar, which united to form Tanzania. (*Wikipedia*).

Total points: 80

Bonus question (*10 pts.*):

Name the 9 countries that started Peace Corps programs in 1961

a. **St. Lucia**
b. **Chile**
c. **Philippines**
d. **India**
e. **Colombia**
f. **Ghana**
g. **Pakistan**
h. **Nigeria**
i. **Tanzania**

Source: http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/enewsletter/quiz-50/pc50-answers.pdf