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Upcoming Events

APRIL NOM POTLUCK
Saturday, April 25
6:00 at Lynne and Otto's
84 Brookside Missoula

JUNE 12, 13 & 14!!!!
2009!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Goat Chase Retreat
Flathead Lake!!!!



Merry Hutton (Sierra Leone 1987-89), helping out at the Peace Corps information table during The International Food Fair and Cultural Festival at the U of M.

From the President

Dennis C. Bangs, (Ecuador 70-72) Thanks to all who kept things sailing along while I was out of the country for two months. Especially to Mary Younger (Cameroon 1974-76) who sent me the picture above and the following report.

A special thanks to Teresa Sobieszczyk (Thailand 1986-88) for hosting the recent WMRPCV potluck in Missoula and graciously welcoming us all into her lovely home! It was quite a crowd and perhaps more folks than she had ever squeezed into her space. It was quite well attended and, as usual, the camaraderie, great food (three kinds of homemade ice cream, oh my!), and thought provoking discussions continue to amaze me.

I've attached the information regarding the teacher workshop in Sierra Leone this summer that Jeannie Siegler (Sierra Leone 1968-70) spoke about. The Western MT RPCVs will be sponsoring three teachers. As Chris Siegler (Sierra Leone 1968 -70) pointed out, you could gather a few bucks from a number of friends and sponsor a teacher without breaking the budget. It sounds like a wonderful project.

We'll also be looking forward to hearing from Lynne Koester about progress on a project in Uganda focusing on HIV/AIDS prevention and other health issues. One of her Intercultural Youth & Family Development students who's currently a PC volunteer is working on it and our group is planning to assist.

Thanks to all who contributed to Leigh Torcoletti's efforts to collect old towels and blankets for the Humane Society. Hopefully she was very successful. What a girl!!

Much appreciation to all who have spent their time and energy sharing their stories during Peace Corps Week as well as Tish Herries (Sierra Leone 1964-66) for coordinating the efforts. We also appreciate those who assisted Mike Bradbury (Gabon 2003-05) with the Peace Corps info. table at the International Food Fair (thanks for the pics, J.J.).

As always, you all are fabulous and make me proud to be a part of the Western MT RPCVs! Peace, Mary

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U of M Recruiter's Report!!

Michael Bradbury (Gabon 2003-05)

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Greetings from University of Montana and thanks to all the RPCV's who participated, volunteered, and shared their experiences at our Peace Corps Events during International Week. The "International Culture and Food Festival" was a big success. Ten RPCV's came and assisted with the event, and helped to promote Peace Corps and get the message out to UM students and community members about the good work Peace Corps does around the world. In addition we also had a extremely successful RPCV Question and Answer Panel at the Career Services Office. We had over twenty audience members attend this event, which I've been told was a pretty impressive turnout for international week events this year. Audience members had excellent questions for our panel members and the diverse experiences panel members shared with the audience were a highlight of the event. I'd like to give a special thanks to our 4 panel members who shared their time and experience to make this a successful event. Dan Cahill, Julie Brown, Kelsey Stamm, and J.J. Doherty, you folks were excellent!

So now moving to upcoming events. The next monthly potluck will be the annual nomination party as well. This will be held on Saturday, April 25th at Lynne and Otto's place. Elly Slaykie, the Seattle regional recruiter will be coming out for the weekend, and we will be recruiting at the Educator's Career Fair on Sunday and Monday. We also will be having a book giveaway at Fact or Fiction on Monday evening and Elly has invited any local RPCV's who would like to share some of their experiences, writings, or journal entries to let us know if you would like to participate. In addition, if you have any traditions, activities, or ideas for activities during the Nomination Party to make it significant and helpful for the nominees who will be attending please let me know.

Well I guess that's it for now. I look forward to seeing you all and catching up at the Nomination Party.



**Rebuilding Education in
Sierra Leone**
You can make a difference!
Sponsor a teacher (room, board, materials) at
\$75 U.S./teacher at the
Bo Teacher Workshop
July 13-17, 2009
Bo, Sierra Leone

Goals of the workshop:

- To assist Sierra Leone's teachers with professional development in literacy, science, environmental studies and the production of learning materials
- To empower teachers teaching teachers in Sierra Leone

Sponsored by: Friends of Sierra Leone and Schools for Salone
(Please make checks payable to Friends of Sierra Leone.)

Due: May 15, 2009

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Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers 2008 Financial Report

Submitted by Mary J. Younger, Treasurer (Cameroon 1974-76)

BALANCE: Year End 2007

INCOME: **\$2,585.19**

2008 Retreat Registration	\$1,975.00
Int'l Calendar Sales:	
2009 Calendars	3,773.00
Fiji Water Project Transfer	400.00
NPCA Dues Rebates	82.50
Western MT RPCV Dues	902.50
<u>NPCA Member Dues</u>	<u>385.00</u>

2008 INCOME **\$7,518.00**

TOTAL INCOME **\$10,103.19**

EXPENSES:

Donations	\$2,445.00
Goat Chase Retreat:	
Facility	1,588.00
Food	264.59
Entertainment	500.00
2009 Calendar Fundraiser:	
Calendars	1,600.00
Postage	174.85
Newsletter:	
Printing	221.00
Postage	187.80
WMRPCV Website	146.70
NPCA Individual Dues	385.00
NPCA Affiliation Dues	25.00
Office Supplies & General Postage	290.85
<u>Miscellaneous. Supplies</u>	<u>116.37</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **-\$7,945.16**

BALANCE YEAR END 2008

\$2,158.03

WMRPCV Membership Profile
1-25-09

NPCA: 19 (17 regular + 2 Free)

Western MT RPCV only: 57

TOTAL: 76 Members

Missoula area:	44
Helena area:	10
Western MT:	16
Great Falls area:	3
Bozeman area:	3

2008 Donations - \$2,445

International -- \$1165

Fiji: Raki Raki Water Project

Heifer International: Livestock and training in developing countries

Kenya: Engineers Without Borders (MSU Chapter) - Water/Sanitation Projects

Kenya: Hopes Promise Orphanages

Sierra Leone: Wherever the Need - Sanitary Water System

Zambia: Tiny Tim & Friends – HIV Prevention

Montana -- \$1280

Montana Food Bank Network

Missoula Food Bank

Helena Food Share

Flathead Food Bank (Kalispell)

Garden City Harvest (Missoula)

Habitat for Humanity

Poverello Center (Missoula Homeless Shelter & Food Kitchen)

Various Youth Programs

WMRPCV WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.
Julia Schrader-Lauinger from Missoula who was in Madagascar.

**Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Sixteenth Annual
GOAT CHASE RETREAT
JUNE 12 -14**

This year's Goat Chase Retreat will try to match the amazing turnout and great time that we had last year. We will once again be coming together to celebrate the camaraderie and good work of our group. It will again be held on the shore of scenic Flathead Lake at the United Methodist Camp. The camp is located on the west shore of the lake, just north of Rollins, Montana. Detailed directions and an agenda will be sent upon receipt of the completed registration form.

Rustic cabins, a variety of recreational facilities, and a lakeside bonfire site make a wonderful setting for reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. Everyone must provide their own bedding and no alcohol or pets are allowed on the grounds. There are cooking facilities in the cabins and a large lounge and communal kitchen for the grand international potluck on Saturday night. Friday night's spaghetti dinner and Saturday and Sunday's breakfasts are included in the registration fee. Saturday's lunch is on your own. Saturday night we share an extravaganza of food prepared by each of us in all of the many individual kitchens. We also encourage people to dress in typical dress of the countries in which they served, to add an even more international flair to the evening. Receipt of registration will be confirmed in writing.

The registration fee of \$50 includes the use of the many recreational facilities the camp has, from canoes to volleyball and ping pong. It also includes use of the conference center where we meet and have our meals. For those of you with families you will note on the registration form a detailed breakdown of fees for the separate age groups. The fees and the breakdown of age groups have changed this year to reflect the changes in the charges the camp is implementing.

Once again this year, local Missoula DJ artist, Dylan Valley, will be bringing his passion and energy for music to Goat Chase. Dylan, whose performing name is "Enzymes", produces his own music and is a versatile DJ in the Missoula area. He will be providing a variety of sounds from his own collection of music including electronic, Reggae, African drum beats and everything in between. Dylan welcomes people to make requests or bring their favorite tunes (both CD's and ipods can be played). You can expect a professional sound system, turntables and a plethora of music from around the world, and of course, a whole lot of Peace Corps fun.

Please register by May 30. If you have any questions you can contact one of the following people.

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Dave McGoldrick (Zaire 86-88) 586-2344 *david_mcg@bresnan.net*



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Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Peace Corps country and years of service _____

Peace Corps job title _____

Number Attending: _____ Adults, age 13 and above x \$50.00 _____

_____ Children between 5 & 12 x \$30.00 _____

_____ Children under 5 free _____

_____ Total Registration Fees _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (CHECK YOUR LABEL!!!)

WMRPCV only \$15.00 _____

National Peace Corps Association, includes WMRPCV \$50.00 _____

WMRPCV Student/Low Income \$7.50 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE WESTERN MONTANA RPCVs
and send to: Mary Younger, 100 Erika Court, Missoula, MT 59803**

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Missoula, MT 59801

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To check your
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Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____ E-mail _____
Peace Corps country of service _____ Years _____
Peace Corps job title _____

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