



# Western Montana RPCV News

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## Upcoming Events

**SATURDAY July 30**  
**Potluck at Tony and Michelle's on the bank of the Jocko River. 3 PM Call 726-3384 for directions**

**Saturday, August 20**  
**Potluck at Jackie's, 445 Livingston. 6 PM**

**Saturday, Sept. 17**  
**Potluck at Russ and Shannon's, 236 Dixon 6 PM**

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Happy campers at the 20th annual Goat Chase Retreat

### From the President

Dennis C. Bangs (Ecuador 70-72)

Happy summer everyone. Finally!!! To begin with I want to share a few things with you about the newsletter and the website. Due to my computer crashing this spring the newsletter and the website are both in different formats because I am now using a Mac instead of a PC. This is part of the reason the newsletter is smaller this issue. If you want news from NPCA or Peace Corps you can go to the website <wmrpcv.com> and go to the corresponding links. The new website is easier to edit and has many more options than the other one did. I am hoping to make it more interactive and would like any suggestions on what you would like to see on it.

Thanks go out to the generous folks who hosted the spring potlucks. Lynne and Otto Koester (Ethiopia-Eritrea/Ghana 68-70/69-70) once again hosted the NOM party in April. Reggie and Scott Spaulding ( Fiji 93-96) hosted a great potluck on one of the few sunny Saturdays in May.

Then, the second weekend in June also treated us to pretty nice weather on the shores of Flathead Lake for the 20th annual Goat Chase. As you can see by the above photo we had a great turnout as well. More about the weekend on the next page.

The July potluck at Tony and Michelle's is going to be later this summer, the 30th and the Jamaican Rum Bar for the August potluck is going to be replaced with Jackie's colorful back yard. Hope to see you all there.

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**The Western Montana RPCVs welcome the following new members:**

**Lori Christensen and Tom Hanson from Mishawaka, Indiana who were in Morocco. Julie and Mike Kelly from Helena who were in Kenya and West Samoa. Julie Nelson from Bozeman who was in Madagascar.**



*The Extravagant International Potluck*

**Goat Chase 2011**

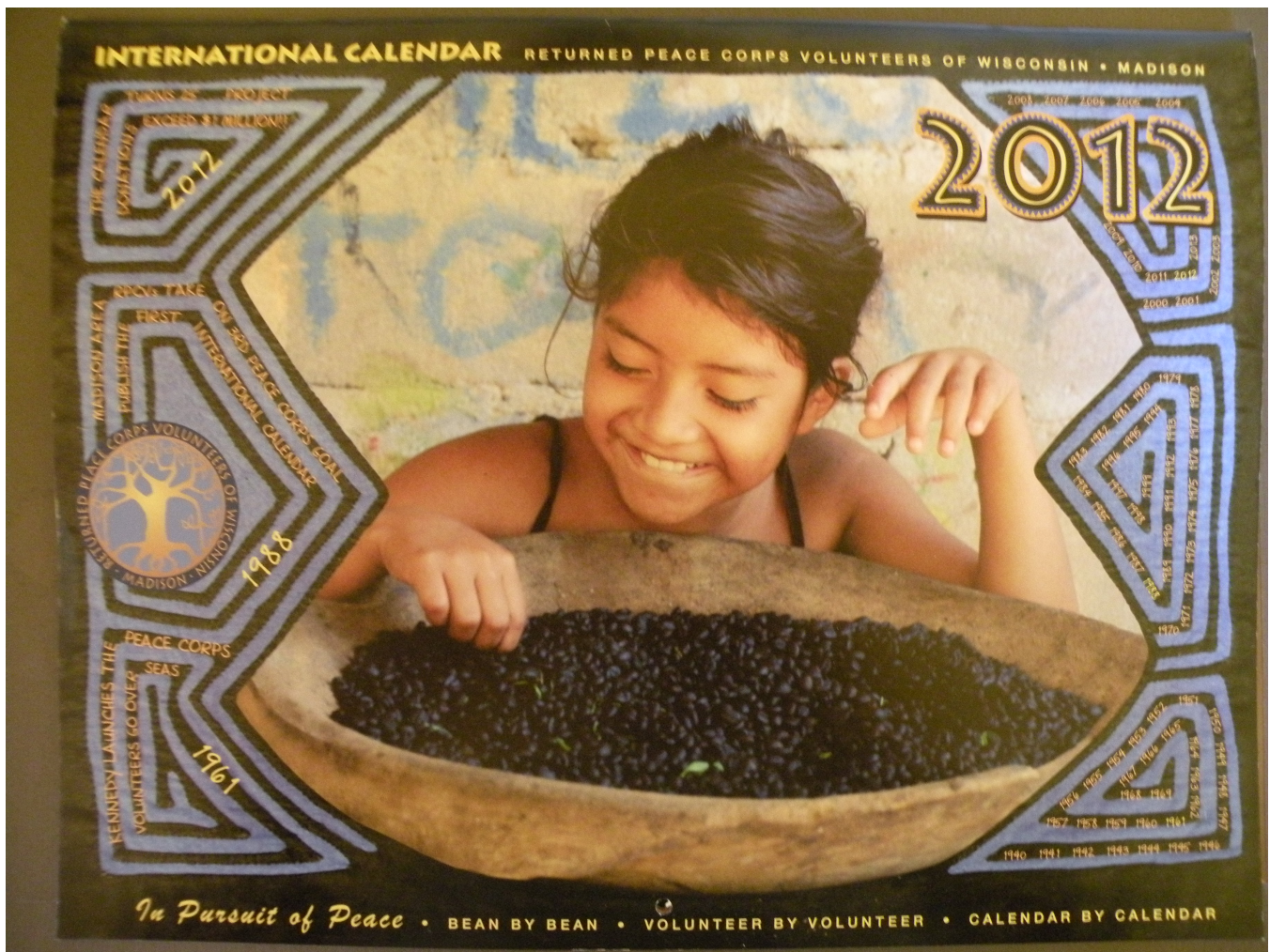
Once again the sun shone on the gathering of the Western Montana RPCVs on the shores of Flathead Lake the second weekend in June. This year that was an even more pleasant gift because of all of the rain and cold weather western Montana has been having.

In addition to the pleasant weather a couple of special highlights added to the special event. Some of the newest members of our group showed up. Pelah and Mark's (Ecuador 02-04) twins of less than a year-old were a hit. Reggie and Scott Spaulding (Fiji 93-96) also brought their new one, of less than a year. Dave and Kathy McGoldrick of Bozeman brought their new addition to their family as well. Amy Lynn is two, but is their newly adopted daughter from China.

While we were welcoming the new additions to the family one of our great friends who hasn't been able to make it the past few years was also welcomed back. Amos Dahn, originally from Liberia but now living in Texas came with his wife Maria. And thanks to the efforts of Dave McGoldrick of the Big Sky RPCVs we had a very nice turnout of people from the Bozeman area as well.

Like always, the international potluck on Saturday evening was one of the highlights. Each year we wonder if the quality, variety and inventiveness of the dishes presented can compare to the year before. Once again we were not disappointed.

The final special event of the weekend was the music. Peter Stoll (Bolivia 67-69) arranged to have Nelson Barahona from Kalispell provide the music to dance to on Saturday night. Nelson teaches Salsa dancing in the Kalispell and Missoula areas and had a great selection of music that our group of former Peace Corps Volunteers of various could relate to and dance to. The rain began to fall about the time the music started so nearly everyone gathered on the dance floor for a festive night of dancing.



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### 2012 International Calendar Order

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**\*\*Membership dues expire in June of each year unless you are an NPCA member through the Western MT RPCVs.\*\***

- \_\_\_\_\_ WMRPCV only, \$15.00
  - \_\_\_\_\_ National Peace Corps Association, includes WMRPCV \$50.00
  - \_\_\_\_\_ WMRPCV Student/Low Income \$7.50
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Free membership to all serving Peace Corps Volunteers – This membership, good for service term plus one year after COS, can be activated online by PCVs in the field.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ First time free - Any RPCV who has never been a member before may join for one year for free.
- TOTAL ENCLOSED:**

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