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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER POTLUCK
Saturday, Sept. 12
6:00 pm at Dave Beans' place, 1521 S. 6th West

OCTOBER POTLUCK
TBA

JUNE 11, 112 & 13!!!!
2010!!!!!!!!!!!!
Goat Chase Retreat
Flathead Lake!!!!



Jamaican Rum Bar under a Missoula Rainbow

From the President

Dennis C. Bangs, (Ecuador 70-72)

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Thanks to a couple of our members, we have had some nice gatherings this summer. In July Tony Hoyt (Liberia 67-69, Guatemala 74-75) and Michelle hosted a wonderful afternoon on the banks of the Jocko River. In August Heidi Halversen and Steve Toroletti (Jamaica 84-86) hosted the event in the above picture. Even though it was cool and rainy for August the clouds parted for our event.

In September Dave Beans (Sierra Leone 67-69) will be hosting a potluck and the fall schedule gets kicked off. Hopefully, the new campus Peace Corps Representative Amy Quandt (Tanzania 07-09) will be there. On page 5 you can read her introductory letter to our group. As was discussed at the Goat Chase Retreat, we would like to get a few more new members involved in our group as well. So for the potluck at Dave's let's all invite at least one new person who is either not in our group or who hasn't been involved for awhile.

And don't forget the calendars from Wisconsin are here and waiting for you. If you haven't picked yours up yet, just let me or Mary know and we will get them to you.

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All newly returned volunteers will receive two free copies before they are requested to join.

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WMRPCV WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

Julie Garon from Hamilton who was in Namibia.
Courtney Halley from Great Falls.

UGANDA NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM!!!

The following letters are referring to the \$200 donation that we were able to make through our calendar sales. Check out page 4 for more details on getting your calendars this year.

To the Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers:

Thank you so much for your donation in support of the health education program I am conducting through Soil and Promote Agriculture. We are putting your funds to good use by following up the Nutrition Program with HIV, TB and Malaria prevention programs. So far, volunteers from TAPA have educated over 100 households in their community on improved nutrition and will follow up with a home garden and hybrid maize distribution in July. We will be sending you updates on the work we do, but in the meantime we would like to thank you for your generous support.

*Sincerely,
Laura Cocoran
Peace Corps Volunteer
Kasule, Uganda*

*The Treasurer
Mary J. Younger*

Dear Mary,

Thanks for the donation of \$200 to our organization to support nutrition education, through Luara Cocoran. We are grateful for the support and we believe these funds will assist us a lot. We shall be able to keep you informed about the progress of our interventions.

*Sincerely,
Nathan Rwabulemba
Director Soil and Promote Agriculture (TAPA)
Uganda*



Aaron Williams Confirmed as Next Director of Peace Corps!!

RPCV Aaron Williams (Dominican Republic 67-70) has been confirmed to become the 18th Director of the Peace Corps. The United States Senate unanimously confirmed his nomination today in one of its final actions before a five week recess.

"The Peace Corps community is thrilled with Aaron Williams' rapid confirmation", said NPCA President Kevin Quigley. "We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Aaron and eagerly look forward to working with him to build a better and bolder Peace Corps that realizes much more of its promise."

During a non-controversial hearing on July 29th before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT) - also a Dominican Republic RPCV - indicated his hope the confirmation could come before the August recess and said on several occasions he is excited at the prospect of working with Williams. That sentiment was echoed by Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA) who told Williams "I commend the President on your appointment."

Harris Wofford introduced Williams during the hearing, drawing comparisons to Peace Corps founder Sargent Shriver, adding "I am sure he would recognize Aaron Williams as the kind of leader the Peace Corps needs today."

Saying "Peace Corps is a cost effective way for the United States to expand its humanitarian presence", Williams said he looks forward to working to strengthen, reform and grow the agency.

Aaron Williams is Vice President for International Business Development and responsible for representing RTI's international consulting practice in the Washington DC office. He leads the representational efforts, working with RTI's senior management team and other staff in expanding RTI's involvement in the international development community's dialogue regarding policy and programs concerning the USG and other multilateral donor assistance programs. Related to these efforts, he provides leadership in the development of strategic partnerships with other international organizations and global corporations involved in international development activities.

Mr. Williams has over 25 years of experience in policy formulation, strategic planning, and the design and implementation of development assistance programs. Mr. Williams has directed a broad range of development assistance programs in the areas of economic policy development and economic growth, trade and investment promotion, banking and finance, democracy and governance, education, housing and urban development, and public health.

In his role as a senior USAID manager, where he attained the rank of Career Minister in the US Senior Foreign Service, Mr. Williams provided policy and program leadership to major government organizational units, both in headquarters and field assignments (e.g. Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, and a \$1 billion bilateral assistance program in South Africa). Mr. Williams has led project design teams in several countries, working in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), Africa, and Asia. Both at USAID and subsequently as Executive Vice President at the International Youth Foundation, he created and managed innovative public-private partnerships between global corporations, government entities (USG and host country), nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and international foundations.

He was awarded the USAID Distinguished Career Service Award in 1998 and the Presidential Award for Distinguished Service in 1992 and 1988. Mr. Williams is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the Board of Directors of the Cisco Learning Institute (Cisco Systems Corporation), a member of the Intel Corporation's Clubhouse Advisory Panel, a Board member of the Institute for Sustainable Communities, a Board member of the Pan American Development Foundation, and a board member of the Society for International Development- Washington D.C. Mr. Williams was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic (1967-70) and was the Coordinator of Minority Recruitment and Project Evaluation Officer for the U.S. Peace Corps (1970-71). Mr. Williams is a graduate of Chicago State University, and has an MBA from the University of Wisconsin.



Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
Help plant the seeds for peace 365 days a year...

The funds raised from the sale of the International Calendars developed by the Madison, Wisconsin RPCV group are directly donated to a variety of local and International humanitarian endeavors. If you have a project you would like considered, please contact us at wmrpcv.com.

Cost is \$12 per calendar – shipping and handling included. Please complete the order form below and send it with your check payable to “WMRPCV” to:

Mary Younger, WMRPCV treasurer
100 Erika Court
Missoula, MT 59803
2010 International Calendar Order

Name _____

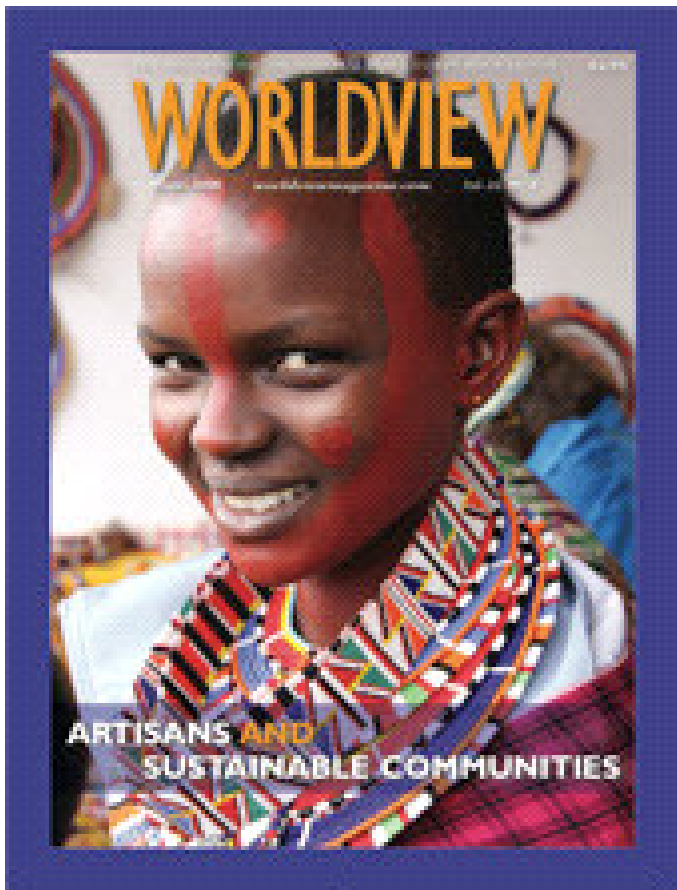
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Please send me ____ calendar(s) @ \$12 each (shipping included)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____, payable to “WMRPCV”.



For those of you who are not NPCA members and don't get the WORLDVIEW magazine, I wanted to share the following with you. The whole summer 2009 issue is dedicated to micro financing and sustainable development. The Kiva organization is one of the ones that really caught my attention. You can learn more at their website <www.kiva.org>

We Let You Loan to the Working Poor

Kiva's mission is to connect people through lending for the sake of alleviating poverty.

Kiva is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs around the globe.

The people you see on Kiva's site are real individuals in need of funding - not marketing material. When you browse entrepreneurs' profiles on the site, choose someone to lend to, and then make a loan, you are helping a real person make great strides towards economic independence and improve life for themselves, their family, and their community. Throughout the course of the loan (usually 6-12 months), you can receive email journal updates and track repayments. Then, when you get your loan money back, you can relend to someone else in need.

Kiva partners with existing expert micro finance institutions. In doing so, we gain access to outstanding entrepreneurs from impoverished communities world-wide. Our partners are experts in

choosing qualified entrepreneurs. That said, they are usually short on funds. Through Kiva, our partners upload their entrepreneur profiles directly to the site so you can lend to them. When you do, not only do you get a unique experience connecting to a specific entrepreneur on the other side of the planet, but our micro finance partners can do more of what they do, more efficiently.

Kiva provides a data-rich, transparent lending platform. We are constantly working to make the system more transparent to show how money flows throughout the entire cycle, and what effect it has on the people and institutions lending it, borrowing it, and managing it along the way. To do this, we are using the power of the internet to facilitate one-to-one connections that were previously prohibitively expensive. Child sponsorship has always been a high overhead business. Kiva creates a similar interpersonal connection at much lower costs due to the instant, inexpensive nature of internet delivery. The individuals featured on our website are real people who need a loan and are waiting for socially-minded individuals like you to lend them money.

New Campus Peace Corps Representative

Hi. My name is Amy Quandt and I am the new UM Peace Corps Campus Representative for the 2009-2010 school year. I just wanted to contact you and introduce myself to the Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. I went to a nomination party back in 2007 with the WRPCV. I am a graduate student in the Master's International program through the College of Forestry and Conservation finishing my second year. I just returned a month ago from my Peace Corps service in Tanzania as an environment volunteer. I am looking forward to working with the WMRPCV over the next year and please keep me updated on any events. Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon!

Best regards,
Amy Quandt

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

*****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 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

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