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Picnic

Program

Potluck

WHEN: Sunday, July 14th

WHEN: Potluck begins at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Grant Park or Charlene Holzworth's house, 2524 NE 34th Ave.

If the weather is nice, come early and enjoy swimming, tennis, and at 6 p.m. a picnic potluck at Grant Park or at Charlene Holzworth's if the weather is unpleasant. In either case, our potluck will be followed by a short meeting and program.

Charlene will present her slides of Northern Sierra Leone, where she was a primary teacher trainer for ten schools. If you missed our participation in the Starlight Parade, you can see a short video of it.

Directions: From I-84 eastbound, take the 33rd Ave exit and go North on 33rd Ave. From I-84 westbound, exit at 43rd Ave, get on Broadway and go to 33rd Ave, and turn right. On 33rd Ave go past Grant Park to Knott Street. Turn right, and turn right again immediately onto 34th Ave. This is a dead end street. Charlene's house is Orange. At the park look for those friendly Peace Corps faces. They're not hard to pick out.

Calendar:

July 14 Potluck, picnic, and
Sierra Leone presentation

July 18 Business Meeting
Brenda Michels' home. 254 SE
28th Ave. 7:15

July 21 Sabin Multicultural Celebration and Community Resources
Fair

July 23-28 Cultural Showcase, Multnomah County Fair

August 1-4 30th Peace Corps Anniversary Conference, Washington
D.C.

August 17 Regional RPCV Campout, Mt. St. Helens area

September Book reading, with Karen Schwartz, Author of *What
You Can Do For Your Country: An Oral History of the Peace Corps*

September 15 Potluck/program meeting Presentation by Lynette
Hawkes (Kenya 81-85) on fisheries work.

November West Africa Pigout



Local Area RPCV News

SABIN MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

The RPCV's of Oregon have been asked to participate in the Sabin Community Association Multicultural Celebration and Community Resource Fair on **Sunday, July 21st from 1-7 PM**. We can participate by supplying clothes and persons to dress children in clothing from other countries.

West Africa is well-represented by Anne Feldstein, Mariana Bornholdt and Jeff Strang, who have already volunteered. If you have clothing that could be used or you would like to participate call Gabriella at 254-5161 before July 9th, or Diane Meisenhelter of the Sabin Community Association at 284-8870, after July 9th. Also needed are persons who are storytellers, know games, crafts, or songs from their country of service. It sounds like fun.

We also have the opportunity to promote interest in our group by staffing a booth. Brenda Michel, Mike Waite, Jeff Strang and Davy Crockett, have already agreed to help staff the booth. If you can help, call Davy at 232-6180.

WAVERLY MULTICULTURAL SPEECHES PROGRAM

RPCV's of Oregon is participating in an summer-long multicultural speakers program at Waverly Children's Home in SE Portland, on **Wednesdays from 1-1:30**. Slides, visuals, and demonstrations would all be good forms of presentations. There is an emphasis on daily life in foreign countries, especially what life would be like for young people in these countries. If you would like to participate and have not already been called, please contact Jean Campbell at the World Affairs Council 274-7488 or Tracy Arney at Waverly 234-7532.

CULTURAL SHOWCASE

We have also have been invited to participate in the Cultural Showcase that will take place in conjunction with the Multnomah County Fair, July 23-28. Speakers' Bureau type of presentations will be handled through the World Affair Council. The available times are **Tuesday 7/23 from 5-7 PM, Thursday 7/25**

from noon to 5 PM, and Friday 7/26 from 12-2:30. If you have not been called by the World Affairs Council and would like to participate call the World Affairs Council at 274-7488.

A coordinator is needed to organize the staffing of a resource table with Peace Corps recruiting information, and with information about the RPCV's of Oregon. If you are interested in staffing the resource table call Gabriella at 254-5161 before July 9th or Phil Clifford at the Multnomah County Fair Office 248-3790. Staff a booth and see the fair too.

NEW MEMBERS

Linda & John	Liberia	73-77
Roland		
Tom Anderson	Ghana	63-65
Joseph Dunford	Kenya	67-69

GABRIELLA FLEES COUNTRY

Gabriella Kotubetey has certainly been working overtime helping make arrangements for the events the RPVC's of Oregon have been asked to participate in. If you wondered why previous articles ask to call Gabriella before July 9th there's a good reason. After that date she and her husband will be traveling to Togo with a long stop in Paris. They last were in Togo in 1981 are looking forward to returning. They plan to return August 26th to Portland. We wish them well on a much deserved vacation.

KENYA FISHERIES & TRAVEL PROGRAM

Mark your calendar for September 15 for a potluck/program meeting at Charlene Holzwarths' house. Lynette Hawkes (Kenya 81-85) will present slides of her fisheries work, and travel in Kenya including some National Park slides.

THE STARLIGHT PARADE

As the flags passed by a man jumped up and began telling his friends standing near him "I was there! I was there!" A woman proclaimed "A breath of fresh air." Cheers were heard of "Yea, Peace Corps," and "Peace Corps, its a good thing." These were but a few of the responses expressed by observers of the Starlight parade as a small contingent of returned Peace Corps Volunteers marched by. The most powerful emotion that night was the feeling of pride among the RPCV's. The response from the crowd was enthusiastic and was exhilarating to those of us participating. It was a moving experience.

The idea was simple. Returned volunteers dressed up in native attire and carried lanterns and flags of the countries they served in. The lanterns signified a lifestyle of a previous time in countries where electricity was a luxury. The flags were those of the countries we served in. Ours was a small group but we had a great time.

Peace Corps is an organization that makes little news as it does it's work around the world. Many of us returned with enthusiasm only to encounter indifference. We found the adventure, knowledge, and unique encounters we experienced did not necessarily mean others were excited. So we stopped talking and put the experience behind us, feeling that it had little interest to people.

However, Peace Corps and the ideals it represents does mean a lot to people. After fighting a war in the Middle East it means even more to people regardless of the stance they took toward that war.

I have found that most people have a great deal of respect for Peace Corps Volunteers and the job they do. During the starlight parade they took an opportunity to show it.

REGIONAL MEETING

The next Regional Meeting will be a hiking, camping, gathering in the Mt. St. Helens area the weekend of August 17. Campsites have been reserved at Iron Creek Campground, a Forest Service site. The Mt. St. Helens blast zone is near by and is still an awesome site 10 years after the volcano erupted.

There are many other nice spots in the nearby area for hiking, fishing or driving through the forest. All RPCV's and friends are invited. This is the first event of this type and it looks like fun. For further information on the area call Mike Waite 206-574-7455.



AUTHOR COMING TO PORTLAND.

In early September **Karen Schwarz** will be coming to Portland for a book promotional tour. She has just finished the book *What You Can Do For Your Country: An Oral History of the Peace Corps*. Ms. Schwarz who was not a Peace Corps Volunteer has written a book largely through hundred of interviews as well as research from National Archives collections from the Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon administrations. Early reviews indicate that this is not just a one sided story dealing with the Peace Corps mystique or a collection of flattering Peace Corps stories. The book has praise, criticism and recommendations for improvement of the organization.

Dates and places for book readings have not been firmed up although it's almost certain Powells Books will be on the tour.

Arrangements are being made for a welcoming event for Karen Schwarz by local Peace Corps volunteers. A potluck has been suggested. Rosalie Schmitz is working on details.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PEACE CORPS NEWS

POLAND SENDS THANKS

Poland's deputy minister of education, Prof. Andrzej Janowski, recently wrote from Warsaw thanking the Peace Corps for its plans to send 120 teachers of English in June to join the initial 60 Peace Corps volunteers who arrived there last year. "We wish to thank you and your volunteers for believing in our dream and our intentions of bringing the command of English to all educated Poles before the end of this century," Janowski said. "We feel we can create about 10,000 Polish English teachers from the 500 teachers provided by the U.S. Peace Corps." Another 300 teachers will be assigned to Poland next year.

AMERICA 2000

The World Wise Schools program of the Peace Corps provides an excellent example of how better and more accountable schools can be achieved. Betterment of the nation's schools is the key goal of the White House's new America 2000 education strategy unveiled last month. Operating since the fall of 1989, the World Wise Schools program has linked thousands of students in all 50 states with Peace Corps volunteers in more than 70 countries so that the pupils can learn more about the world around them. This month Massachusetts officially endorsed the international education program when Gov. Bruce G. Sundlun signed a similar proclamation saying that "Rhode Island has a great interest in seeing that its young people get a comprehensive education" and Peace Corps' WWS program "will add a personal touch to the international education" students receive.

WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS SAY

The Santa Rosa, Calif., Press Democrat ran a headline declaring: "Peace Corps still going strong at 30." Writing about how the international

experience of returned volunteers is being harnessed as the Peace Corps celebrates 30 years of service abroad, The Sacramento Bee noted: "Upon returning home, some have entered mainstream jobs such as accounting or management but remain active volunteers on the side. Other have chosen careers in teaching, social work or other direct human services."

PC AFRICA

On a recent trip to Africa, Director Paul Coverdell and Chief of Staff Jody Olsen met with the Vice President of Zimbabwe and signed a country agreement with the Minister of Education. Under this agreement, Peace Corps will begin sending Volunteers to Zimbabwe this fall. The Volunteers will begin working in science and technical education in January 1992.

The Director and Chief of Staff also stopped in the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, meeting with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education and agreed to send Volunteers to Madagascar to teach English. The first training group will arrive in October of this year, and will begin teaching in January 1992. While on the island, Director Coverdell and Chief of Staff Olsen met with approximately 25 RPCVs who work for USAID, the U.S. Embassy and various PVOs. The group expressed great enthusiasm for Peace Corps' entry into the country and pledged to help in any way they can.

With the start of programs in Zimbabwe and Madagascar and the reentry into suspended programs, Peace Corps should have more than 3,000 Volunteers in 38 countries on the continent and adjacent islands.

RESTARTS FOR SUSPENDED PROGRAMS

Since June 1990, Peace Corps has found it necessary to suspend programs in eight countries, requiring over 800 Volunteers to leave their assignments

and return to the States. Things are looking up! Re-entry into most of the affected countries is currently underway.

Following is the status of these programs:

Philippines -- Currently negotiations are under way between Peace Corps and the Philippine government to reinstate Peace Corps programs in the Philippines. No firm commitments have been made at this date.

Liberia -- Peace Corps operations in Liberia remain suspended at this time. As a result of civil unrest and instability of the government, there is no plan to reinstate Peace Corps programs in the near future.

Yemen -- Five to ten of the Volunteers who were involved in suspended programs will be returning to Yemen on July 8th.

Morocco -- On June 28, approximately 45 Volunteers will be returning to Morocco. In FY92, 96 trainees will be added.

Tunisia -- About 10 Volunteers will be returning to Tunisia on June 24. The program is expected to expand significantly in FY93.

Mauritania -- In the latter part of May, two Volunteers will return to Mauritania. An additional group of 20 trainees will be leaving in June. It is expected that by June, 1992, 50 Volunteers will be serving in Mauritania.

Pakistan -- Ten to 15 Volunteers will be returning to Pakistan in early July. In FY92, 60 Volunteers will be serving in this program.

Tanzania -- The acting Country Director left for Tanzania April 10th. Ten Volunteers are scheduled to return to Tanzania at the end of May. Twelve natural resource Volunteers are scheduled for training in September. It is expected that a full complement of Volunteers will be reached in 1991.

REHABILITATION CENTER FOR RPCV's

Peace Corps Partners of Flagstaff, Arizona, is proud to announce the establishment of Sky Ranch as a rehabilitation facility for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers with Peace Corps related disabilities. Funding for the acquisition, renovation and administration of Sky Ranch has been provided by Phyllis Manning, Ed George (RPCV Costa Rica) and Dan Anisman (RPCV Sierra Leone). Renovation of the Maning/George International Volunteer Center, located on the grounds of Sky Ranch, is nearing completion. The purpose of this center is to assist RPCVs with Peace Corps related disabilities and to recruit new Peace Corps Volunteers.

Plans are now being made for the establishment of a residential facility (a Peace Corps House) at Sky Ranch and the renovation of another building, which will serve as a conference center and sheltered workshop.

Peace Corps Partners is currently requesting additional ideas and funding for the continued development of Sky Ranch. They would greatly appreciate your assistance in publicizing this free service, as well as any contributions. Please call Dan Anisman, (202) 966-9091, of Ed George, (602) 526-0624, or visit Ed at his ranch house at Sky Ranch, Flagstaff, Arizona.

NOVELS FROM THE PEACE CORPS

A dozen or more Returned Peace Corps Volunteers have become successful novelists and have written books based on their experience overseas. Their work has been awarded the PEN/Faulkner Award and other national and international prizes.

Well known writers who served as Peace Corps Volunteers and have written novels influenced by their overseas experiences include; Paul Theroux, Richard Wiley, Bob Shacochis, Maria Thomas, Mary Ann

Tirone Smith, Norm Rush, R.F. Kluge, Suzy McKee Charnas and Kent Haruf, among others.

John Coyne, novelist and former Peace Corps Volunteer (Ethiopia), publishes a quarterly newsletter, *RPCV WRITERS*, which focuses on authors who served in the Peace Corps. Any graduate students interested in the *Peace Corps Novels* as topic of study for a Master's thesis or Ph.D dissertation are encouraged to contact John at the following address. He will be happy to assist in the identification of novels that have come out of the Peace Corps experience.

John Coyne
99 Reed Avenue
Pelham Manor, NY 10803-2435

Subscriptions to *RPCV WRITERS* are available for \$12.00 for 4 issues, and back issues for \$4.00 each, by contacting:

RPCV WRITERS
c/o Marian Haley Beil
330 Brooklawn Drive
Rochester, NY 14618-2925.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Peace Corps/Vista Alumni of Colorado, P.O. Box 18995, Denver, CO 80218, has reprinted for the third time their *Peace Corps Cookbook* (\$8.00 each) featuring over 100 recipes from over 35 countries. The book includes country descriptions, poetry, excerpts from volunteer's diaries, and of course, recipes contributed by RPCVs. Postage is \$2 for orders up to \$20, \$3 for orders of \$20-30, \$4 for orders above \$30.

ECUADOR TEACHING AID

Friends of Ecuador have finished their "Ecuadorian Culture Boxes." The boxes have been donated to Washington, D.C. metropolitan school districts as a resource for elementary classroom teachers. The boxes contain artifacts, a slide show, music and a manual with information about Ecuador

for teachers. The project was funded through the NCRPCV Biden Pell Grant program for development education projects. The manual and the box are available at cost.

Contact:
Jane Cole
4841 Sedgewick Street
NW, Washington, D.C. 20016
(202) 966-4394
-OR-
Susan Wentworth
15613 Dorset Rd. #102
Laurel, MD 20707
(301) 604-7849.

PCV'S WHERE ARE YOU?

WANTED: The whereabouts of almost 80,000 Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) and Staff of those 125,000 that have served overseas, some missing for more than two decades.

LAST SEEN: Thailand, Lesotho, Bolivia, Philippines, Liberia, and 100 other nations throughout the world.

REMARKS: The volunteers and staff members are considered to be extremely helpful, caring and civic-minded, and have been known to offer their skills to countries and people less fortunate than our own.

REWARD: The National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers would like to include the "lost" RPCVs in their computer listing for receiving updated information and for details concerning the upcoming Peace Corps 30th Anniversary celebrations August 1-4 in Washington, DC.

CONTACT: National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers 2119 S Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008-4011 (202) 462-5938.

ANNOUNCING A FREE MEMBERSHIP...AND OTHER GOOD NEWS!

by Sue Ueberhorst, National Council Membership/Group Liaison

At its February meeting, the Board of Directors of the NCRPCV approved a one-year free membership in the National Council for volunteers who are coming to the end of their Peace Corps service! As a result, we anticipate a big increase in the number of returned volunteers who know about the National Council and a subsequent increase in the renewal rates for membership. We are printing up 3,000 day-glo forms that Peace Corps' Office of Returned Volunteer Services has offered to distribute to all Peace Corps field offices.

FRIENDS OF GROUPS PROLIFERATE

More good news...the number of affiliated groups has jumped to 102!

FRIENDS OF GUINEA

A few RPCVs who served in Guinea are solidifying plans for a "Friends of Guinea" group. The group seeks Guinea alumni who can be a support network for Volunteers currently serving in Guinea and those who are here in the States. Future plans include acquiring funds for in-country projects, establishing a professional network and publishing a newsletter. If you served in Guinea or know of someone who did, please contact "Friends of Guinea"

c/o

Richard Duttlinger
RR1 Box 176
San Pierre, IN 4374
(219) 828-7611.

ETHIOPIA/ERITREA RPCVs

c/o Marian Beil
330 Brooklawn Dr.
Rochester, NY 14618
(716) 461-4954

FRIENDS OF LIBYA AND FRIENDS OF AFGHANISTAN

Stephanie Smock has taken on the job of organizing two country-of-service groups: **Libya and Afghanistan**. Although she has over 1,000 names, many of the addresses are 20 years old and have been returned as undeliverable. If you know of any RPCVs who served in Afghanistan or Libya, please let Stephanie know at: P.O. Box 5462, Eugene, OR 97405, (503) 344-4157.

FRIENDS OF COLOMBIA

Friends of Colombia has a goal of reuniting 1,000 Colombia RPCVs at the 30th Anniversary of Peace Corps. All Colombia RPCVs are encouraged to get in touch with Bob Colombo at (301) 654-3682 with your offers of help and/or suggestions. The address for Friends of Colombia is P.O. Box 9711, Washington, D.C. 20016.

FRIENDS OF MALI

Friends of Mali is trying to assemble a photo album that would illustrate 20 years of cooperation and friendship between Peace Corps Volunteers and Malians. The Malian Embassy has suggested that such an album be placed in their lobby. If you would like to send a photo, include your name, friends' names, your village, region, sector, years served in Mali, and anything else you might like to add, and send to: Ann Bonner, 1502A 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE

Anyone interested in forming/joining a PCVs for Peace organization, dedicated to striving for a better understanding of world problem solving and lobbying for peace should call or write to Tom Hogan, 116 Seaman Avenue, Apt. #3A, New York, NY 10034-2875, (212) 569-1310.

RPCV TRAVEL PROGRAM

There's a new RPCV Travel Incentive Program (RPCV TIP) through WorldTek Travel. RPCV (Columbia)/Travel Agent Shelley Cruz offered to pursue a "commission-sharing" relationship between the travel agency for which she works and the National Council. Now, for every RPCV who used WorldTek to book travel (domestic and international) the National Council will receive a 3 and one third percent commission. So have a great time making some needed funds for your organization by using WorldTek Travel and flying back to your country-of-service -- now is the time!

HUNGER FACTS

Hunger of a chronic nature affects 500 million to 1 billion people around the world. One out of every eight people in the world suffers from hunger.

Undernutrition and malnutrition lead to the deaths of 40,000 children a day (approximately 15 million a year). Crop failures, floods and other natural disasters contribute to hunger, but they are not the root causes. There is enough food to eat in the world, but people cannot afford to buy it. The root cause of hunger is poverty.

Hunger and malnutrition not only kill, but leave physical defects. Each year, 250,000 people, mostly children go blind due to vitamin deficiency. There are 32 million poor Americans in the United States Children account for 13 million.

Information from Heifer Project International.

The preceeding article is from the Chicago Area RPCV newsletter. It appears to be the first of what will be a monthly article. Is there an interest for this in this newsletter? Let me know. I can be persuaded either way. Mike Waite

Alternatives to Pop Fodder by Bird Cupps

Many of the Peace Corps Volunteers I knew in Kenya left that country hoping never to hear Kenyan music again. But once they returned home they realized they'd gained a new respect for what had once sounded like so much screeching and banging. Partly out of a need to stir memory, partly out of real appreciation returned volunteers often hit the international music bin. It was my long-standing interest in the music of the non-western world which brought me to the Peace Corps in the first place. I knew I would come back to this country with a backpack full of tapes and records, and I continue to spend my paycheck on music. Very often, people who know my collection ask me to recommend musicians and recordings. With the recent proliferation of both excellent and awful releases, it seems appropriate to use this newsletter to sort some of them out.

Two recordings to get excited about also come from two record labels to get excited about. Real World Records and Hannibal Records' are both England-based labels, and while most of Real World's work focuses on non-western musicians, Hannibal is known for its folk roster. Two impressive works are Real World's release of Geoffrey Oryema's EXILE and Hannibal's Songhai. Both of these recordings have as their hallmark a synthesis of cultures that creates a new music, an original sound that never loses sight of its roots. Ugandan, Geoffrey Oryema grew up hearing the songs of his Acoli people.

He learned to play nanga (a seven-stringed harp), lukembe (thumb piano), and flute. At the same time, he received training in western musical theory and technique. Oryema's father, a government minister, was murdered during the Amin years, and Geoffrey fled the country for the west. Now, over ten years later, he has brought out EXILE. Aside from its excellent musicianship, this stunningly produced record is very much the music of an exile.

Oryema's voice carries a passion for a place that is lost to him. The music reflects the lush, quiet beauty of Uganda but, like the country, is underridden with tension. Yet, this is not depressing music. As Oryema accompanies himself on guitar, lukembe and nanga, he introduces all sorts of textures, building a shimmering sound that is augmented by such contributors as Brian Eno and David Rhodes. It is here, in a polished fusing of African tradition and western precision, that Oryema strikes new ground. Washes of synthesizers build around a twanging, metallic lukembe. Oryema drops from a chanting falsetto to an almost humorously low bass. Always restrained, Oryema sings about the traditions of his people and about the loss of his father and his country. It is through this holding back that he creates the tension of voice and music that is his power.

An album that came out in 1988 and worth looking for, even if you hardly ever buy a record, is SONGHAI. Featuring Malian kora master Toumani Diabate, former Pentangle bassist Danny Thompson, and the Spanish guitar ensemble Ketama, SONGHAI is truly a cross-cultural fusion. I suppose the music on the album could be lumped together with new age, it's that easy to listen to. However, it bears none of the overly-poignant noodling of a George Winston album. Melded with flamenco finger-picking and bouts of strumming frenzy is the amazing speed of Diabate's kora playing. (A kora is a

21-stringed harp-like instrument.) The musical traditions leave their homes and meet in some united nation of sound. These days it's so rare to hear musicians play off of one another that the constant communication and shifting direction of SONGHAI is especially delightful. One phrase leads to a complimentary comment and without a second thought the whole ensemble is off on a most exuberant, joyous music-making flight. But each song is cohesive, never getting lost on their cultural journeys.

Vocals in Spanish are provided by Detama, and members of Mory Kante's band pitch in with Sahelian-style singing. Even though I can't understand the words, the enthusiasm of the musicians always has me singing along.

I'll certainly have more suggestions from both of these record labels in the future. Meanwhile, should anyone listen to either of these recordings I'll hope you'll let me know what you think.

Annual Summary

Peace Corps

of the United States of America

Overseas

In the last two years, the Peace Corps of the United States has entered or will enter nearly three dozen countries. That's more than the last two decades combined.

Here's the new country entry list:

FY 1990 (actual)	FY 1991 (current)	FY 1992 (projected)
Bolivia	Bulgaria	China
Cook Islands	Chile	Djibouti
Côte d'Ivoire	Congo	Mozambique
Czech & Slovak Republic	Guyana	Yugoslavia
Haiti	Laos	
Hungary	Madagascar	
Malta	Mongolia	<u>Under</u>
Namibia	Nicaragua	<u>Discussion</u>
Poland	Nigeria	Angola
Sao Tome & Principe	Panama	Argentina
Vanuatu	Romania	Bangladesh
	Uganda	Burkina Faso
	Uruguay	Indonesia
	Zimbabwe	Zambia

There are now more than 6,000 Peace Corps Volunteers serving in 80 countries. All Peace Corps work is organized around six sectors — **education, health, agriculture, environment, small business development and urban development.**

At Home

To reinforce the White House and the National Governors Association's education plan, Peace Corps has launched World Wise Schools. This innovated program to date has matched more than 2,000 PCVs with 1,294 schools in all 50 states. The states of **Michigan, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Ohio, South Carolina, New Mexico, Arizona, Rhode Island and Massachusetts** have signed agreements to become partners with the Peace Corps in underscoring the need for America's young people to have a better grasp of world geography, international affairs and global citizenship.

To put Peace Corps' capacity to work in America's toughest public school environments as well as overseas, Peace Corps has signed agreements with some of the nation's top universities under its Peace Corps Fellows/USA program. They include:

Teachers College, Columbia University	Tulane University
University of Southern California	University of Southern Mississippi
Florida International University	San Francisco State University
The George Washington University	Towson State University
Georgia State University	University of Michigan
Georgia College	Temple University
Auburn University	San Diego State University
Texas A&M University	Wichita State University

These agreements are designed to join returning Peace Corps Volunteers in a partnership that envisions the returning Volunteers receiving a scholarship from the private sector and pursuing a master's degree at an eminent American university in return for teaching in one of the nation's most at-risk school environments.

To date, 400 fellows positions have been created in every part of the nation — Harlem, Brooklyn, on American Indian reservations, barrios along the Texas-Mexican border, the Filipino community in Hawaii among other places where children are at risk without a proper learning atmosphere and increased capacity to gain knowledge of the world around them.

Peace Corps' Office of Private Sector Relations has increased private contributions to Peace Corps from \$840,000 in 1989 to \$3.2 million in 1990. That figure is expected to be surpassed in 1991.

Internationally

Just two years ago, 93.6 per of Peace Corps Volunteers were Caucasian. Only 7 percent of Peace Corps' country directors were members of American minorities. That picture is changing. The 1990 group of Peace Corps trainees exceeded 10 percent for the first time and Peace Corps is moving aggressively toward 15 percent minority participation. It has doubled the number of country directors who represent American minorities and tripled the number of area recruiting office managers who are members of minority groups. Twenty percent of the Peace Corps' directors office staff is made up of minorities.

Peace Corps has entered into historic collaborations with other federal agencies such as the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Housing and Human Services. By working together, this has extended the value of the assets represented by the United States government.

Over-all Achievements

As the world approaches a new and challenging century, some of the key achievements of the Peace Corps of the United States are:

- Historic expansion to help the new world order evolve and to reinforce new democracies.
- Precedent-setting involvement of America's minority population, with long-term consequences for AID, the State Department and others.
- Sharing of the enormous international assets that Peace Corps represents with U.S. deficiencies in geography and U.S. needs for top-level teachers.



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Sunday, July 21st, 1991, 1-7 p.m.

Sabin School Playground

4013 NE 18th Avenue

Lots of Fun!! ☐☐☐ for Everyone!!

Children's Activities & Family Fun!!



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