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CAPCA President Stephanie Arnold Elected to NPCA Board of Directors

I'd like to thank each and every one of you who supported me in the recent National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) Board of Directors election. I was recently notified that I won the contested race for Great Lakes Regional Representative and I owe it to strong support of Chicago area RPCVs. As I embark upon this new role, I look forward to your ideas and suggestions on how to make the NPCA a stronger organization and one that is responsive to its membership. I promise to keep you and other RPCVs in the region informed as to the activities of the NPCA and to provide strong representation to each of you and the five affiliate groups in our region. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu or call me at (312) 732-8478 (day) or (773) 262-9440 (evening) with any questions or suggestions. --Stephanie

Volunteers Needed for NPCA Conference Planning Committees

Contribute to our success! Join a dedicated team of CAPCA members and professionals in planning the workshops, events and activities for the NPCA National Conference on August 5-8, 2004.

Your expertise, skills and/or interest is greatly needed to fill the following positions:

Volunteer Event Planners -- Goodybag Organizers and Stuffers -- International Flags Coordinator Website Assistants -- Exhibit Planners -- Proposals Writers -- Fundraising/Development Assistants Advocacy Coordinators -- Mail Stuffers -- Registration and Forms Designers -- Fun Run Assistants
COS Group Coordinators -- Hospitality Chairs -- Workshop Moderators -- Day-of-event Volunteers

And many more!

Hurry and get involved! Join the committee and be a part of this unique event!

For more information, to sign up for a committee, and/or to learn what additional opportunities are available, please contact Brian DeFilippo, Volunteer Committee Chair, at (847) 650-1080 or bmd8991@aol.com.

NPCA 2004 Conference Logo Selected

Congratulations and a big thanks to Jade Cheah who submitted the winning logo design for the 2004 NPCA Conference logo. Thanks also to Scott Waguespack (Kenya 93-95) for his help with the logo. The logo incorporates the conference theme - Celebrating a Legacy of Service - with the two doves passing the olive branch from one to another as they pass along the Peace Corps legacy. Also included in this theme is a reference to the 25th anniversary that both NPCA and CAPCA will be celebrating in 2004. Visit www.capca.org to see a full-color version of the conference logo.



Upcoming Events

CAPCA Happy Hour

Thursday, July 17, 2003, 5:30 p.m.

Join us from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for happy hour at Lizzie McNeill's, 400 N. McClurg Ct. Lizzie's is located on the Chicago River behind the Sheraton hotel. No need to RSVP - just show up for good fun and conversation with other RPCVs. The pub fills up after work, so please try to arrive early so we can stake out some good tables --ideally outdoors, depending on our Chicago weather. Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Stephanie Arnold at msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu or (312) 732-8478.

Annual Summer Camp Vista Trip

July 25-27, 2003

Come join us for our annual summer trip to Camp Vista, Dundee, Wisconsin. Camp Vista is a short 2.5 hours from Chicago, near Kettle Moraine State Forest.

- ✓ RPCV's, family, and friends welcome!
- ✓ Rain or shine!
- ✓ Hiking, biking, swimming, gourmet food, stimulating conversation, games and much more!
- ✓ Communal eating, comfortable dormitory living, clean showers.
- ✓ Bring a sleeping bag or bedding and a towel, tent optional.
- ✓ Approximately \$50 (includes lodging, beer, and food).

Please RSVP by July 21, 2003. For more information or to get driving directions, please contact Brian DeFilippo at (847) 650-1080 or bmd8991@aol.com.

Family Picnic in Naperville

Saturday, July 26, 2003, 3:00 p.m.

The DuPage RPCV group invites all CAPCA members, family and friends to join them for their summer picnic at the Naper Settlement in downtown Naperville. Bring a dish to pass and your favorite beverage. The festivities and passing of the eats start at 3:00 p.m.

RPCV Lettie Heer, who returned from Senegal on June 6, 2003, will be the guest of honor. Lettie, a recipient of a Peace Corps Partnership grant from CAPCA in 2002, is anxious to show photos and talk about her project.

Naper Settlement is located at 523 S. Webster, Naperville, Illinois (just 30 miles west of Chicago near the junction of Interstate Highways 88 and 55).

Follow the signs located on all major Naperville roadways. The settlement is located two blocks west of Washington Street (corner of Aurora and Webster), across from the Municipal Building near the Riverwalk. The parking lot is at the corner of Webster and Porter. More information and a map to Naper Settlement can be found at www.napersettlement.org.

For more information or to offer suggestions for making the picnic a summer highpoint, please contact Rick Barbieri at (630) 784-1532 or rbarbier@dupagehealth.org, or Helen Haugsnes at (630) 355-3916 or snas@anet.com.

Visit CAPCA online at www.capca.org today to get up-to-date information about upcoming events, membership and CAPCA-funded projects.

CAPCA at Ravinia!

Sunday, August 10, 2003, 6:00 p.m.

Make it an evening under the stars as CAPCA hosts its 2nd Annual Summer Potluck at Ravinia! Come early and stay late. Family and friends welcome! Bring your own blankets or lawn chairs, a dish to share and your beverage of choice. We will supply the paper plates, cups, utensils and the great music! Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. on the lawn, concert time is 7:00pm. Look for posted CAPCA signs to locate our group.

As Christoph Eschenbach's final CSO performance as Ravinia's music director, this unique concert is a fitting tribute to the Maestro in his three roles of brilliant pianist, insightful conductor and career-launching mentor. Eschenbach displays his incomparable Mozartian touch in the D-Major Rondo (Mozart: Rondo in D Major, K. 382); Lang Lang, whose international career was boosted with his dramatic last-minute debut at the 1999 Gala, contributes another installment of Ravinia's Beethoven concerto cycle (Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58); and Christopher Taylor, a bronze medalist at the 1993 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, provides the important piano part in the conclusion of Ravinia's presentation of all three Bernstein symphonies (Bernstein: Symphony No. 2 ("The Age of Anxiety")). Three dazzling keyboardists in one spectacular concert!

To purchase lawn tickets for the August 10th performance, go to www.ravinia.org, call (847) 266-5100 or visit the the Ravinia box office. Admission for adults is \$10, children \$5. Tickets go fast and may sell out before the night of the event, so advance purchase is strongly recommended. Please note that there is a \$6 per order service charge for online and phone orders.

Please RSVP to Chuck Sheftel at (847) 831-3886 at shef3886@aol.com.

Looking forward to seeing you at Ravinia!

Cubs Vs Brewers in Milwaukee

Sunday, September 7, 2003, 11:00 a.m.

The Milwaukee Peace Corps Association (MPCA) and CAPCA are once again teaming up for a Cubs v. Brewers baseball game this summer. The MPCA will host CAPCA at the game to be held at Miller Park in Milwaukee on Sunday, September 7th at 1:05 p.m.

CAPCA and MPCA members will meet for a fabulous brunch at Saz's Restaurant (great place!), which has parking and operates a free shuttle to and from the game. Specifics to come out later, but we'll probably meet around 11:00 a.m. for brunch so we can make it to the 1:05 p.m. game.

MPCA has reserved 25 group tickets, which will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. If response is high, there is a possibility of purchasing additional tickets in the same section, so please buy your tickets early!

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by sending a check, payable to "Milwaukee Peace Corps Association," to:

Milwaukee Peace Corps Association
c/o Al Liu
5011 N. Palisades Road
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217-5756

Please include a note with your name, phone and e-mail address so that further details may be provided as the date approaches.

For more information, please contact MPCA President, Al Liu, at al_liu@hotmail.com or (414) 218-4650 or CAPCA President, Stephanie Arnold, at msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu or (773) 262-9440.

Subscribe to CAPCA's listserv!
Join at www.capca.org or send an e-mail to:
capca-announce-subscribe@egroups.com

Announcements

Volunteer Opportunity

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Wheaton History Center (Wheaton's city historical society) will present a program for DuPage County Girl Scouts on July 22nd from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The program includes a variety of guest speakers and activities introducing the history, culture, and traditions of a variety of cultures from around the world.

For more information or to volunteer for this event, please contact Museum Educator, Erin Naumann, at (630) 682-9472.

CHP International

In Our 25th Year of Service to Peace Corps

Best Wishes, CAPCA!

SAVE THE DATE! Call for CAPCA Board and Committee Involvement

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Save the date and plan to attend CAPCA's Annual General Meeting and Board Elections, which are always held as part of our September dinner meeting.

The location will be at a downtown restaurant yet to be finalized.

CAPCA invites you to become more active in a committee or board role. New energy and ideas are always needed and welcome. CAPCA's Board has been working to develop a stronger committee structure to support our core areas of focus. Committee member and, in some cases, committee chair openings currently exist on the following committees: Communications Committee, Community Service Committee, NPCA Conference Committee, Membership Development Committee, Monthly Dinners Committee, Social Committee, Special Events Committee and the Third Goal/Global Education Committee.

Interested individuals who have served in committee roles are often later appointed to the CAPCA Board. You may also directly run for election to the CAPCA Board at the September dinner meeting each year. If you would like to serve on a CAPCA committee, please contact the current or acting committee chair (see contact info on board of directors list in this newsletter).

To express interest in a committee that has no committee chair assigned (according to the board list), please contact Stephanie Arnold at msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu or (312) 732-8478. To run for election to the CAPCA Board, and to be included on the ballot, contact Stephanie no later than September 8th.

Stay tuned to the listserv and the September/October newsletter for further details about the dinner. Feel free to contact Stephanie with any questions.

CAPCA Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2003

Present: Arnold, Thomas, Janes, Malenfant, Goode, Titus, Pope.

1. NPCA 2004 Conference Update (Janes). NPCA signed a contract with conference planner Judi Burnison and we are working on a second contract between CAPCA & NPCA. Judi has been negotiating with hotels for room rates. We only had 2 submissions for the logo contest so far and the deadline is April 15.
2. Founder's Day (Arnold). Christine Blair is chairing. Discussion of pricing structure, speakers, entertainment, and sending invitations to a larger list than in past years to increase attendance. Invitations will go out by end of April. Each board member should aim to secure 2 items for silent auction.
3. Treasurer's Report (Malenfant). The final balance in the CAPCA account as of April 3 was \$8044.12. Calvert Foundation contribution not a true expenditure. Will be listed as a 2nd account in future. True balance is \$9044.12 Janes moved to accept the treasurer's report, Goode seconded, and the motion was approved.
4. NPCA Board elections (Arnold). Arnold will be running for NPCA Board as the Great Lakes Regional Representative for 1 year, the remainder of the term vacated by Leslie Wilson. Nomination deadline is April 15 and ballots will be sent out May 1 to NPCA members. Voting deadline is June 15. Discussed CAPCA support of Arnold for nomination and financial support to attend meetings if elected. Malenfant motioned to approve, Janes seconded, and the motion was approved. Arnold abstained.
5. Board Retreat Follow-up. Job descriptions and committee descriptions distributed. Still need follow-up from other board members. Malenfant and Erdman will coordinate with Ossello to make these available via the web site.
6. Monthly dinners. April dinner will be April 21 at Kabul House in Skokie. Malenfant is organizing. May dinner will be in Evanston; Jeff Mattison is organizing. June 7 is Founder's day at Maggiano's, July/August is planned as another Ravinia outing. Sharon will organize a September dinner for CAPCA elections.
7. Other activities. The Milwaukee group is interested in another Cubs vs. Brewers outing and willing to organize at Miller Park. Discussion of other events but nothing definite planned.
8. Old Business. NPCA Microenterprise Program. CAPCA's \$1000 for 3 years at 1% has been sent.
9. New Business. a. NPCA has sent a survey on RPCV group/local Peace Corps office collaboration b. Increasing requests for speakers. Listserv seems to be working well at finding matches. c. Newsletter deadline is late April.
10. Next meeting. Monday, May 5, 2003 at Goode's office. We will have the June meeting early (on Thursday May 29, 2003) before Founder's Day.
11. Adjournment. Malenfant moved to adjourn the meeting, Janes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Peace Corps Headquarters Announces 43rd Anniversary Celebration

To commemorate the 43rd anniversary of the founding of the Peace Corps, returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) will celebrate Peace Corps Week on March 1 through March 7, 2004.

CAPCA Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2003, 6:00 pm

Present: Arnold, Erdman, Goode (by phone), Janes, Malenfant, Maduli-Williams, Sharon, Sheffel, Titus, Versten.

1. Minutes. Erdman presented the February minutes, and Malenfant presented the April minutes. With a minor correction in the spelling of the name Burnison in the April minutes, Janes motioned to accept both sets of minutes, Sharon seconded, and the motion passed.
2. Franklin Williams Award. Goode motioned to nominate Alderman Ed Smith for the Franklin H. Williams Award, and Janes seconded. The Franklin H. Williams award honors an RPCV of color who exemplifies the third goal and service to the community.
3. Treasurer's report (none).
4. Committee updates (none).
5. Founder's Day (Arnold). a. We had 1000 invitations printed, and they were sent out to CAPCA current and lapsed members. Also, Titus selected RPCVs from the PC database from selected zip codes and sent 450 invitations out. (Thanks to the PCO for this!) b. Sharon's group of international visitors will be in town and can come but would like to come at cost; this was tabled until the next meeting c. Arnold reviewed the program; Kreicker is the main speaker, and Koch from the Chicago Peace Corps Office will give an update. Joseph Permetti from the NPCA will also attend. d. Silent auction items are still needed. e. The PC Partnership committee will work on a posterboard of partnership programs sponsored in the past.
6. NPCA Conference. Joseph Permetti from the NPCA joined us by phone and spoke about ideas and support for the 2004 Conference. He will be attending the June 9 conference planning meeting in Chicago. Judi Burnison the meeting planner will be attending the meeting on May 19 with a proposed schedule. The fundraising committee is full of volunteers now. Janes and Arnold will remind Conference Committee members to keep their CAPCA membership current.
7. NPCA Board elections. Arnold is on the ballot. Ballots should be arriving in the mail this month, due in mid-June.
8. NPCA Conference. Erdman moved that the board fund travel for Arnold and Janes to attend the NPCA conference in Portland in August, and Malenfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Funding requests a. CAPCA received an independent request from a current PCV in Romania. The Grants Committee will respond that we normally work with Peace Corps Partnerships for PCV requests. b. A schoolteacher and her class gathered hundreds of toothbrushes, etc., for the schoolteacher's son who is a PCV in Paraguay, but the cost for sending the dental care is prohibitive. CAPCA will recommend she contact local service organizations for assistance, or the American Dental Association; this is outside the purview of CAPCA. c. Rachael Sharon is requesting assistance to travel to Honduras with Habitat for Humanity. Janes recommended we support the project for \$400, Versten seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. d. The new group being formed in the suburbs, formerly known as RPCVs of DuPage County, has renamed themselves to RPCVs of Suburban Chicago. The new name implies a territorial overlap Chicago Area Peace Corps Association, and Stephanie will follow up on the overlap with NPCA and the new group.
10. Upcoming events a. Monthly Dinner May 15 in Evanston at Olive Mountain (coordinated by Jeff Mattison) b. Founder's Day June 7 at Maggiano's c. Sheffel will organize a Ravinia outing for July/August d. September dinner will be annual elections (Chinatown?)
11. Next board meeting. Thursday, May 29, 2003 at 6:00 pm at Wallace Goode's office.
12. Adjournment. Versten moved that the meeting be adjourned, Janes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.



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time - September - of the year
indicated)

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CAPCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Want to become a member? Membership about to expire? Please send in your dues today! Make checks payable to CAPCA. Send your dues and this form to Kara Malenfant, c/o CAPCA, PO Box 1149. Chicago, IL 60690 or go to www.rpcv.org and join CAPCA and NPCA electronically.

Check one: RENEWAL

NEW MEMBER

ADDRESS CHANGE

Contact Information

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Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Country/Year(s) of Service: _____

Job assignment: _____

Current position: _____

Current employer: _____

Membership Options

- \$15 CAPCA annual dues
- \$50 Joint CAPCA & NPCA dues
- \$65 Family CAPCA & NPCA dues
(2 members, one address)
- One year free for newly returned RPCVs
- \$500 Lifetime CAPCA membership
- \$_____ Unrestricted contribution
- \$_____ Restricted contribution

- Interested in giving talks about Peace Corps
- Would NOT like my name in the CAPCA directory

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