



# CAPCA Newsletter

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## Register & Volunteer Today

CAPCA is host to RPCVs from throughout the country August 5 to 8 during the National Peace Corps Association's (NPCA) 2004 conference "Celebrate a Legacy of Service" at the Palmer House Hilton.

**Register at [www.rpcv2004.org](http://www.rpcv2004.org) before July 23 to receive a discounted rate.**

Register today for four days of fun, festivities, reunions, and workshops that begin Thursday night with a welcome reception sponsored by CAPCA and end Sunday with a procession through Grant Park. Register today to learn more about socially responsible investing and drinking fair trade coffee, to look for a job overseas during the career fair, to view films by RPCVs, and to shop at the international market. Register today to hear MSNBC Hardball anchor Chris Matthews (Swaziland 69-71) and *Chicago Tribune* Middle East correspondent Steven Franklin (Turkey 67-69). All of the conference details, including who from your country of service is registered and where your country of service reunion is being held, are online at [www.rpcv2004.org](http://www.rpcv2004.org), or call Judi Burnison at (773) 472-3370 for the answers to your questions.

Today, too, is the right time to volunteer to help CAPCA. The success of this conference requires many hands all coming together. And now, just weeks away from an event that has been two years in the planning, we are asking for a few hours of your time before and during the conference. We need volunteers to monitor workshops, to accompany our VIPs, to welcome participants, to organize flags, to set up the silent auction, to write press releases, to prepare information packets, and much more.

**Volunteer by sending an email to Brian DeFilippo at [volunteer2004@rpcv.org](mailto:volunteer2004@rpcv.org).**

### Founder's Day Celebration

The 2004 Founder's Day reception, dinner, and silent auction Saturday, August 7 celebrate President Kennedy's founding of the Peace Corps 43 years ago as well as NPCA's and CAPCA's 25th anniversaries. MSNBC's Chris Matthews will be the evening's emcee, and Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary will provide musical entertainment. The festivities take place in the Red Lacquer Room at the Palmer House. Cocktail or country of service attire is recommended. Purchase tickets to the Founder's Day celebration when you register for the conference at [www.rpcv2004.org](http://www.rpcv2004.org).

### The Culture Shocks "Play Ball!"

The Culture Shocks, your RPCV softball team, is planning a reunion softball game around noon, Sunday, August 8, the last day of the NPCA conference. Past, present, and future players are all welcome. The game will be played in Grant Park. So "Batter up!" Come and share Culture Shocks softball history as they dazzle a nationwide crowd with fun. Contact Joe Andrews at [jbuckley@lightfirst.com](mailto:jbuckley@lightfirst.com) for more details.

Contact Nancy Kramer at 312-553-3190 or [nkramer@ccc.edu](mailto:nkramer@ccc.edu) if you would like to help with or donate an item to the Founder's Day silent auction.

## Are You a Peace Corps Legacy?

Are you part of a Peace Corps legacy? Have multiple members of your family served in the Peace Corps? Is your brother or sister also a RPCV? Did your father or mother serve, too? If so, we want to hear about your family's story at the 2004 NPCA conference "Celebrating a Legacy of Service." This year's conference centers around the legacy of Peace Corps volunteers. So we are searching the nation for families like yours.

Share your family's story with us by participating in the NPCA conference's Legacy Poster Board Contest. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories that are described in your poster:

- the most individuals involved in a legacy,
- the most countries involved in a legacy,
- the most unlikely story, and
- the most touching story.

Posters should include names and pictures of the volunteers, countries and years of service, and a description of the legacy. Poster size should be half the size of a standard poster board (14" x 11"). All posters should be submitted as soon as possible. Please mail them to Dina Zaccaria at 7238 Washington St., Forest Park, Il., 60130. Contact Dina today at [rpcvdina@yahoo.com](mailto:rpcvdina@yahoo.com), or Sarah Strong at [sarahestrong@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahestrong@hotmail.com), if you have any questions.

## Volunteering Again: International Opportunities

Don't miss this workshop at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 7 at the 2004 NPCA conference. In an ever changing world, the global community needs the specialized skills and experiences of RPCVs like you. Whether you are 25 or 75 years old (or any age in between), you can choose

from a multitude of short and long-term overseas service programs. Learn about some of these opportunities from the following panelists scheduled to speak during this workshop:

Valenda Campbell, CARE Corps coordinator, CARE; Jeri Titus (Morocco 92-94), recruiter, Regional Peace Corps Recruiting Office; Michelle Ghiselli, Crisis Corps; Bud Philbrook, president, Global Volunteers; Seth Appel, Director of Service Programs, American Jewish World Service; and Anne Baker, National Peace Corps Association.



## Save \$25 on Founder's Day Tickets

A table of 10 at the Founder's Day celebration for "affiliate group members and friends" is \$1,250. That breaks down to \$125 a person, compared to the standard individual ticket price of \$150. Stephanie Arnold (Ghana 93-96), a CAPCA and NPCA board member, is organizing tables of 10 for individuals and their guests interested in attending the Founder's Day dinner at the \$125 rate. You will be seated with other CAPCA members and their family and friends. If you are interested, send Stephanie an e-mail today at [msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu](mailto:msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu). She will reply to you with the necessary details to secure your tickets. A portion of the proceeds from Founder's Day benefits CAPCA.

## Advocates Needed in Chicago

Over 5,000 unaccompanied immigrant children from China, India, and Central America are detained annually by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, according to Brigette De Lay (Mauritania). Volunteer advocates, who work two hours a week and help children navigate the immigration system, are needed. Training is provided. Contact Brigette at [bdelay@luc.edu](mailto:bdelay@luc.edu).

*Still not convinced you should register and volunteer at the NPCA conference?*  
Contact Conference Chair Trina Janes today at [chicago2004@rpcv.org](mailto:chicago2004@rpcv.org) or 312/645-9400 x35.

## **CAPCA Seeks New Board and Committee Members**

As set forth in the By-Laws of the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association (CAPCA), the terms of five of the 10 elected members of the Board of Directors expire each year. Elections are held at CAPCA's Annual General Meeting, which always coincides with our September dinner meeting. Only current members of CAPCA (that is, up-to-date, dues-paying members or those in their first year back who have a one-year free membership) are eligible to run for office and to vote.

CAPCA invites you to become active in a Board or a committee role. Each of the five Board positions up for election in September will have a two-year term (October 2004 to September 2006). After the Board is elected by the CAPCA membership, the CAPCA Board elects its officers (president, vice-president, etc.). Board members are expected to fill an officer role or to take on a leadership role on one of CAPCA's committees, which include: community service, third goal/global education, communications, special events, social/networking, advocacy, grants, and membership development.

If you would like to run for one of the five Board positions up for election in September, please submit your name, country and years of Peace Corps

service, e-mail address, phone number, and a brief personal statement, which will be included on the ballot, to Stephanie Arnold at

[msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu](mailto:msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu). All individuals running for the Board are strongly

encouraged to attend CAPCA's September dinner meeting, where candidates will be introduced.

Details about the September dinner meeting will appear in the September-October newsletter and will also be communicated via the listserv and CAPCA website. If you have any questions at all about the CAPCA Board and its members' roles and responsibilities, please feel free to contact Stephanie at (773) 262-9440.

In addition to Board members, CAPCA is also seeking volunteers to serve on its eight committees. You need not be elected to serve on a committee. Simply express your interest to any CAPCA Board member, and they will see that you are connected with the appropriate committee chair.

## **Looking for Small School Design Team Members: July Deadline**

Anthony Lizardi (Namibia 96-98) has initiated the process of developing a small high school that will focus on a pre-engineering curriculum. The school will be located in one of Chicago's Latino neighborhoods. Anthony has been encouraged by the Chicago Public Schools Small School Office to create a design team to write a proposal for this initiative. Currently, he is pursuing some very promising partnerships with local community groups and a local university engineering program. But he still needs to find some additional teachers or others who would be interested in participating in the process of developing the proposal or eventually becoming part of the faculty.

There is an upcoming July deadline to submit proposals for small schools. Anthony is getting a design team together to meet this deadline. If you would like to learn more about this initiative, please contact him by phone at (312) 493-1176 or email at [alizardi@gwu.edu](mailto:alizardi@gwu.edu).

***Want to know just how much fun participants at the NPCA conference are going to have?  
Contact Wallace Goode, CAPCA president, today at [wallacegoode@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wallacegoode@sbcglobal.net).***

## July 10: Third Annual RPCV Family Picnic in Naperville

RPCV of Northeastern Illinois is having their third annual family picnic Saturday, July 10, starting at 3 p.m. at the historic Naper Settlement in Naperville. Area RPCVs and their families are invited to attend. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage to drink. Paper and plastic ware will be provided. Enjoy strolling the Riverwalk (across the street) as well as the settlement area itself. More information about this historic site is available at [www.napersettlement.org](http://www.napersettlement.org).

The Naperville Settlement Museum Building is located at 523 S. Webster in downtown Naperville, two blocks west of Washington Street

on Aurora Avenue. The picnic area is in the southwest corner of the yard itself.

Entry and parking are free. Parking is available in the high school lot to the west of the settlement. Please RSVP to

Rick Barbieri, president of RPCVs of Northeastern

Illinois, at (630) 510-9757 or [rbarbieri@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rbarbieri@sbcglobal.net) with the

number of adults and children in your group.

# Check the Calendar

## July 13: Network with International Development Community

Meet new folks in the Chicago international development community Tuesday, July 13 while enjoying delicious treats and coffee specialties at Millennium Perk, 79 E. Madison St., in Chicago. This networking event, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., is sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the Society for International Development (ISID). Participants will be encouraged to meet and collect the business cards of at least three new people. (Index cards will be provided to individuals without business cards.) Admission is free, and refreshments can be purchased. ISID is committed to five principal objectives: To stimulate dialogue, understanding, and cooperation on global development issues; to enhance skills, knowledge, and collaboration among development practitioners; to provide a network for individuals and organizations working in various sectors of international development; to serve as a resource for the general public of Illinois regarding international development issues; and to support innovation and best practices in international development. To RSVP for this event or for more information about ISID, contact Judy Ossello (Jordan 98-00) at [co-president2@isidonline.org](mailto:co-president2@isidonline.org).

## Organization Founded by RPCVs Invites You to Its First Fundraiser

The Women's Global Education Project (WGEP) invites all Chicago-area RPCV's to join us at our first fundraising event. On Saturday, August 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., WGEP will host a private viewing of the new African art exhibit at the Arms Akimbo art gallery in River North. The evening will include authentic West African food, a silent auction, and special guest speakers. Stay tuned to the CAPCA listserv for more details. You can RSVP by e-mail at [info@womensglobal.org](mailto:info@womensglobal.org) or by phone at (708) 415-7410.

The Women's Global Education Project is a Chicago-based, non-profit organization founded by RPCVs with the belief that everyone is entitled to an education regardless of their economic status or gender. Our mission is to provide opportunities for women and girls to receive the education and training they need to better their lives for themselves and their communities. In 2003, WGEP launched its Sisters to School program, which raises awareness of educational inequities in Sub-Saharan Africa and provides scholarships for rural African girls to attend elementary school. For more information about WGEP, visit: [www.womensglobal.org](http://www.womensglobal.org).

## From One International Organization to Another

AFS is looking for caring RPCV families who want to continue their international mission by becoming a host parent to an international student. AFS is a non-profit international high school student exchange organization and the oldest and largest exchange organization in the world. Each year, more than 2,500 American families host an AFS student from one of more than 40 partner countries. In the Midwest, AFS hosts nearly 500 students. Jason Van Thiel is AFS's field coordinator for the Great Lakes region.

The mission of AFS is to create a more just and peaceful world by providing international learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities. Like the Peace Corps, AFS is a volunteer-based organization that relies on individuals to introduce new cultures and customs to communities of people. It is searching for like-minded organizations and families in the Chicago area who would be open and willing to bring an international student into their hearts and homes for the 2004-2005 school year. Contact Jason at (800) 876-2377 x2229 or [jvanthiel@afs.org](mailto:jvanthiel@afs.org) for more details.

## January 5, 2004 CAPCA Board Meeting Minutes

**Treasurer's Report:** Unanimously approved. There was a delay in getting money from NPCA for conference expenses. Direct deposit has been set up with NPCA. Current balance \$8,827.26.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### NPCA Board (Stephanie Arnold - Great Lakes Representative):

- Briefed CAPCA board on NPCA board meeting in Miami.
- NPCA president Kevin Quigley working on increasing membership, improving programs.
- Group affiliation renewal information: CAPCA would pay \$1 per CAPCA member to NPCA; the Board discussed this and decided to use the actual CAPCA membership number and pay NPCA based on that.
- NPCA will be consolidating future publications of 3161, WorldView.

#### NPCA Conference - August 5-8, 2004 (Trina Janes - Chair):

- Fun Run cancelled - very restricting working with city. Trina suggested doing architecture or neighborhood tours in place of run.

#### Community Service (Lee Losey - Chair):

- Details final for February 28 painting/weatherization project.

#### Grants (Beth Versten/Chuck Sheftel - Co-Chairs):

- Will display photos of previously funded projects at NPCA conference.

#### Membership Development (Kori Scurlock - Chair):

- Board discussed how membership is growing. At monthly dinners track who is a member, who joined at the dinner, send follow-up letters to both.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Monthly dinner: February 5 at Ina's Restaurant.
- PC Week (March 1-5): presentation kits available from Jeri Titus; PC office will be handling all requests for speakers, will forward to listserv.

### **Old business:**

- Camp Vista: 58 people attended, participated in hiking, cross-country skiing, ice-skating. Wallace Goode suggested Camp Vista as a potential retreat destination for CAPCA board.
- Membership Directory: Kara, Marie, & Wallace will discuss this and prepare an announcement for next newsletter.
- Calendars: Will sell at February dinner for reduced price of \$8 instead of \$10.

*Editor's Note: CAPCA's Board of Directors meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of the month. The March-April 2004 newsletter printed the minutes of the November 2003 Board meeting. The May-June newsletter had the December Board meeting's minutes. Minutes from the January 2004 meeting are on the previous page. In order to keep CAPCA members up-to-date with the Board's most recent activities, minutes from the March and April 2004 meetings will not be printed here. Copies of those minutes, though, are available from CAPCA's secretary Christine Blair. Minutes from the May Board meeting are below, and the minutes from the June 7 and July 1 Board meetings will appear in the September-October newsletter. The next Board meeting is Tuesday, July 27.*

## May 3, 2004 Meeting

**Present:** Stephanie Arnold, Marie Erdman, Wallace Goode, Kevin Hogan, Trina Janes, Hannah Leiterman, Lee Losey, Kara Malenfant, Mike Prokopeak, Kori Schurlock, Chuck Sheftel, Carol Wilkerson. Guest: Mark Jeule.

**Not present:** Christine Blair, Holly Denniston, Eva Lord, Beth Versten, Lara Weber.

1. **Mark Jeule, a recently returned volunteer from Mali**, whose Sanitation Peace Corps Partnership Project was funded by CAPCA, spoke to the Board about the project. Goode asked if he would put together a photo display for use at Founder's Day.
2. **Minutes from April meeting.** Janes moved to approve the minutes as distributed; Sheftel seconded; and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Arnold for Lord).** The balance as of May 3, 2004 is \$9,858.09. Janes will follow up with NPCA on their outstanding reimbursements to CAPCA. Janes moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented; Malenfant seconded; and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **NPCA update (Janes).** Janes distributed the current list of people registered for the NPCA conference. About 400 are registered, and 50 are registered for Founder's Day. Brochures for the NPCA conference will be mailed to RPCVs in the Midwest, and to a lesser extent, nationwide. Kevin Quigley was in town to meet with the advisory committee and met with the conference committee.
5. **Community (Losey).** CAPCA is aiming to paint a world map at a local school for a volunteer project during the conference. Losey will also check into helping at a Chicago Housing Authority site that weekend or working at the Greater Chicago Food Depository.
6. **Communications (Wilkerson).** Following the departure of the previous newsletter editor, Melissa Hall, Kevin Hogan has taken over the editing of the newsletter.
7. **NPCA Board update (Arnold).** When Quigley was in town for the conference planning events, he and Arnold met with Minnesota PCO staff at a Milwaukee-area nomination party. Arnold is running again for the Great Lakes seat on the NPCA board, aware that NPCA will be overhauling the board structure and will probably be eliminating seats in the next few years. NPCA has purchased database software for maintaining membership information, with the possibility of local groups like CAPCA using the database as well.
8. **Monthly dinner RSVPs.** People who organize monthly dinners find it is better for the restaurant to have a count of potential attendees for planning. Janes moved that we require RSVPs for the monthly dinners for planning purposes, with the *caveat* that nobody would be turned away from an event due to lack of RSVP. Sheftel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. **Retreat planning.** The next Board retreat will be Saturday, May 15, 2004 at Kara Malenfant's house. Kara, Marie and Wallace will get together to organize the agenda. Potential topics include: membership benefits, mentoring, grants, succession planning.
10. **PC Nomination party will be June 10.** Janes moved that we donate \$200 for a cake and/or appetizers for the party. Wilkerson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Recently returned? Returned 20 years ago?  
Still not registered for the 2004 NPCA conference?

New to Chicago?

Wanna discuss *Fahrenheit 9/11* with other individuals  
traditionally left of center?

Come, then, to CAPCA's July dinner meeting at

**The Heartland Cafe,  
7000 N. Glenwood Avenue,  
6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 21.  
Stay for the Heartland's Open Poetry Mic.**

The Heartland is a wonderful place where people gather to enjoy good wholesome food for the mind and body. A nice environment...a pleasant attitude on the part of the personnel...lots of plants, wood and brick...and a piano for musicians to fool with while waiting for their food. It's a place where community groups hold gatherings, where travelers to and from our city stop, share some news, and certainly a place where regular visitors and returning natives touch base. And a place where runners, bike riders, dancers, lifters and athletes of all kinds pass by for juice, a carbohydrate load, or some other after or before workout sustenance. Where the man-woman-child conscious of their body would come for periodic nourishment...getting into that basic, whole, good-tasting food...prepared with care...and a place those not-yet-so-tuned-in to their bodies could enjoy and feel comfortable while checking it all out.

**\$15 for CAPCA members ■ \$17 for non-members  
(includes tax and tip)**

**Take the Red Line north to Morse Avenue.**

RSVP to [capcanews@yahoo.com](mailto:capcanews@yahoo.com).

CAPCA's August dinner meeting is a potluck August 21 at Ravinia in Highland Park. Special guest: Aretha Franklin. Contact Board member Eva Lord or Chuck Sheftel to see if any of the \$15 tickets are still available.