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Peace Corps Director Gaddi H. Vasquez to join CAPCA for Founder's Day

Please plan to join us for our Founder's Day Dinner on Saturday, June 1, 2002 at Mareva's, 1250 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago. Founder's Day is CAPCA's annual fundraiser and celebration of President John F. Kennedy's vision and founding of the Peace Corps in 1961. This year we are pleased that Peace Corps Director Gaddi H. Vasquez will be our guest of honor and will speak to CAPCA members, families and friends about his own vision of the Peace Corps under his leadership. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and appetizers, followed by dinner and the program. A silent auction and raffle will go on throughout the evening. A DJ will play a variety of world music rhythms until 11:00 p.m., so bring your dancing shoes and some of your own world music CDs to share (Note: please put your name on the CDs)! Host country attire is also encouraged.

All proceeds will benefit CAPCA projects throughout the year including two Peace Corps Partnership Projects: a family garden and small animal project in Chilcapamba, Ecuador and the construction of community water tanks in Ndamene, Kenya.

Invitations will be mailed to all CAPCA members at the end of April.

For more information, please contact Founder's Day Co-Chairs Nancy Kramer at kramernancy@worldnet.att.net or (773)725-6944 or Helen Haugsnes at snas@anet.com.

Please note that our Founder's Day celebration takes the place of our regular CAPCA international dinners during the months of May and June.

Call for Silent Auction & Raffle Items

We are still in need of a few more items to include in our silent auction and raffle at Founder's Day. If you have items from your travels, gift certificates, tickets to events, or services you are willing to donate to CAPCA for our fundraising efforts, we would really appreciate it. If you have items to donate or are willing to secure donations from others, please contact Founder's Day Co-Chairs Nancy Kramer at kramernancy@worldnet.att.net or (773)725-6944 or Helen Haugsnes at snas@anet.com.

Through the 2003 Sustainable Campus Challenge, BGB will encourage students of Chicago colleges and universities to recognize and build upon the fundamental connection between environmental protection, economic prosperity and community well-being in their own lives on campus.

At the end of the school year, BGB will recognize the Universities with the most outstanding accomplishments with awards and the students who have emerged as leaders throughout the process with scholarships. For more information, please contact info@buildinggreenbridges.org or go online to www.buildinggreenbridges.org.

Request for Proposals

In 2002, the IT Resource Center will select up to ten non-profit organizations in Cook County, IL to participate in the Community Technology Center (CTC) Accelerator Project through a competitive application process. The Accelerator offers both services and tangible resources for CTCs. A complete description of the project and a Request for Proposals (RFP) is now available at <http://www.itresourcecenter.org/serv/CTCRFP.htm>

Community Technology Centers (CTCs) are among our best strategies to foster digital literacy. Through CTCs, residents in disadvantaged communities—from senior citizens to first graders—have access to the technologies, networks, and training that allow them to participate in our digital culture and economy.

The core features of CTCs include a goal to integrate technology with existing programming a desire to provide technology access to the target population of one or more organizations and a set of computers accessible to end-users.

IT Resource Center already offers services for CTCs and will continue to do so. This project provides a comprehensive package of services to help new or existing CTCs fulfill their plans and further meet the needs of their constituents and community members. I hope that your organization will consider applying to participate in the project or pass this information on to another group in your community. If you decide to submit a proposal, please keep in mind that they are due by May 31, 2001. Contact me by e-mail (msoto@itresourcecenter.org) or phone (312-372-4872) if you have any questions about the project or the RFP process.

Mercedes M. Soto, Project Director, CTC Accelerator, IT Resource Center (<http://www.itresourcecenter.org>), 29 East Madison Street, Suite 1005, Chicago, IL 60602-4404, voice (312) 372-4872 x119; fax (312) 372-7962.

Fifteen Symptoms of Chronic Peace Corps Withdrawal

*By Harvey Heimweh, RPCV/
Bhutan, 69-71*

- 1. Guilty feelings about your indulgent lifestyle.*
- 2. Salivating when you hear polyrhythmic music.*
- 3. Decorating more than two rooms of your house with host country memorabilia.*
- 4. The desire to do everything outdoors.*
- 5. Confusion between "immediately" and "by next week".*
- 6. Greetings exceeding three sentences or eight seconds.*
- 7. Deprecating comments about American beer.*
- 8. Subscribing to magazines normally found only in libraries.*
- 9. Anxiety-induced insomnia from lack of mosquito net in bedroom.*
- 10. A fixation with ethnic restaurants.*
- 11. Feeling nostalgic when your commuter bus is filled to overcapacity.*
- 12. Involuntarily using foreign swear words and interjections.*
- 13. Considering yourself better informed about developing countries than top-level State Department officials.*
- 14. The inability to use the left hand when making cash transactions.*
- 15. Reaching for the pepper before the salt.*

Job Opportunities

Rochelle Lee Fund, *Program Director*

The Rochelle Lee Fund, located in Chicago, was founded in 1988 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Named in honor of teacher/librarian Rochelle Lee, who serves as its volunteer president, the Fund's mission is to develop readers: children who not only know *how* to read, but *do* in fact read—fluently, frequently, and willingly.

Through an annual award application process, the Fund selects about 300 elementary teachers throughout Chicago's public schools to receive: a classroom library of approximately 150 books, professional development to maximize the use of the books across the curriculum, adult book discussion groups, and classroom support.

The Fund is seeking a Program Director to develop, plan and oversee the implementation of all teacher professional development programs. This position reports to both the president and executive director and works with the program committee of the board.

Responsibilities

- Work with teacher awardees in their classrooms and in group meetings at schools.
- Support individual teachers in their implementation of the program.
- Plan and produce professional development programs. Attend appropriate outside conferences and workshops.
- Present the program in schools, with the goal of motivating teachers to apply for an award.
- Produce an annual awards ceremony, honoring the award recipients.
- Serve as program staff liaison to board and awardee committees, the outside education community, and the public.
- Supervise the Fund's program staff.
- Ensure the existence of up-to-date records of program policies, procedures, and outcomes.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree
- Minimum of ten years relevant experience that includes program management and at least five years teaching in an elementary school (public urban setting preferred).
- Experience and demonstrated interest in literature, and in reading as a discipline.
- Ability to think creatively within the parameters of existing program.
- Excellent oral, writing, interpersonal and computer skills.
- Ability to drive to schools throughout Chicago (valid Illinois drivers license and access to a vehicle).

To apply, mail, fax or email resume with letter of interest, and pertinent salary history to: The Rochelle Lee Fund, 5153 N. Clark, #206, Chicago IL 60640. Fax: (773) 989-8661. Email: r1f3@mindspring.com. The Rochelle Lee Fund is an equal opportunity employer. Position to be filled by May 31. Start date July 1.

Language & Culture Worldwide, *Trainer*

Language & Culture Worldwide, based in Chicago, is seeking a trainer in each of TURKEY, the IVORY COAST, RUSSIA (Moscow), and QUEBEC to deliver a series of already designed 90-minute presentations covering corporate compliance/ethics policies. Compensation will be competitive, and based on a daily rate.

Interested persons with experience in any of the above listed countries—and able to present in the local language (Russian, Turkish, French for Quebec and French for the Ivory Coast)—should contact Monica Francois at Mfrancois@languageandculture.com.

Upcoming Events

2002 INDIA BUSINESS CONFERENCE, "The Changing Face of India"

Saturday May 11, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

From biotechnology to business process outsourcing, from retail finance to infrastructure, India presents a hotbed of business opportunities. Keynote Speakers will include: Rajat Gupta, Managing Director, McKinsey and Company ; Indra Nooyi, President and Chief Financial Officer, PepsiCo; and Mr Adi Godrej, Chairman and Director, Godrej Group. The conference will be held at the James Allen Center, Evanston, IL. For more information and to register please visit: <http://www.kellogg.nwu.edu/student/club/ibc/ibcconf2002/index.html> or contact the KACC Coordinator at 847-467-5222 or email at director@kacc.org

West Indies Dance Co.

Friday, May 24, 2002

The West Indies Dance Company will be performing, I am My Mother's Child - African Roots of the Caribbean on Friday, May 24, 2002 and Saturday May 25, 2002. Both performances begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door: General admission tickets \$15, and students and seniors tickets \$10. Malcom X College Theater, 1900 W. Van Buren St. Free Parking available.

CAPCA and Milwaukee Peace Corps Association (MPCA)

Team Up for a Few Events this Summer

Cubs-Brewers Game in Milwaukee!

Sunday, May 19, 2002, 1:05 p.m.

CAPCA and MPCA are teaming up for a few combined events this spring and summer. MPCA has invited CAPCA to kick off the summer season with a Cubs vs. Brewers baseball outing at the brand-new Miller Park, which features a state-of-the-art retractable roof. The game begins at 1:05 p.m. with pre-game tailgating activities planned. Due to the need to purchase group tickets quickly, the announcement was sent out via CAPCA's listserv. 25-30 CAPCA and MPCA members are planning to attend.

CAPCA at Ravinia

Saturday, July 27, 2002, 5:30-10:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars and reserve your tickets for CAPCA's Ravinia night featuring a music theatre performance of "Romeo and Juliet" by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The Romeo & Juliet Project features a montage of Shakespeare's text and the music it inspired, including works by Bellini, Berlioz, Bernstein and Tchaikovsky.

We will gather on the lawn at 5:45 p.m. for a picnic potluck. Our friends from the Milwaukee and DuPage

County RPCV groups have also been invited to join us. Lawn seats sell out fast, so be sure to order your tickets soon! To order tickets, go online to www.ravinia.org. Lawn seats are \$10.00 each with a \$5.00 handling charge per online order. Tickets can either be sent to your home (recommended) or held for you at the box office.

Tickets are available for online purchase right now. Beginning May 26th, you may also order by phone at (847) 266-0641 or go to the Ravinia Festival Box Office in Highland Park.

CAPCA will stake out an area on the lawn where we will gather for the picnic and performances. Look for more details in the July/August newsletter. For more information, please contact event coordinator, Chuck Sheftel, at shef3886@aol.com or (847) 831-3886 ext 1. Please also RSVP to Chuck if you plan to attend.

MPCA's Summer Picnic!

Sunday, August 4, 2002

MPCA invites CAPCA members to join them for their annual summer picnic at Grant Park on Milwaukee's south side. The picnic will start around 11:00 a.m. and each RPCV is asked to bring a dish to pass. Directions and more information will be included in our July/August newsletter. Please hold the date on your calendars. It should be a lot of fun!

CAPCA Board Meeting Minutes

Summary of February 4, 2002 Meeting

Present: Stephanie Arnold, Marie Erdman, Wallace Goode, Trina Janes, Nancy Kramer, Kara Malenfant, Ben Peeters, Rachael Sharon, Chuck Sheftel

Not Present: Melissa Hall, Stephen Maduli-Williams, Greg Nessinger, David Pope, Elizabeth Versten, Leslie Wilson, Juliann Wilson Salinas

Guest: Helen Haugsnes

CAPCA By-Laws (Arnold): The membership approved the Proposed By-Law amendments at the January dinner meeting.

Founder's Day: Kramer and Haugsnes reported on their Founder's Day activities. Restaurant choices were discussed, but no final decision was made. The board decided on possible speakers for this year's event. The board also decided to use the same DJ as last year to provide music.

Valentine's Day Activity: A small amount of letters were received and Wilson, Goode and Arnold will be reviewing them this week.

Pricing for non-CAPCA members: The board decided that the dinner price will now be \$2 more for non-members.

Next meeting: The next Board meeting was set for March 6 at 6:00 pm in Wallace's office.

Summary of March 6, 2002 Meeting

Present: Stephanie Arnold, Marie Erdman, Wallace Goode, Melissa Hall, Trina Janes, Nancy Kramer, Ben Peeters, David Pope, Elizabeth Versten, Leslie Wilson

Not Present: Stephen Maduli-Williams, Kara Malenfant, Rachael Sharon, Chuck Sheftel, Juliann Wilson Salinas

Guests: Helen Haugsnes, Baby Versten

Treasurer's Report (Arnold for Malenfant): Arnold distributed the summary of transactions from January 7 through March 4, with a final balance as of March 4 of \$9,464.63.

Founder's Day Dinner: Founder's Day (Kramer and Haugsnes). Founder's Day will be held on June 1, 2002 at Mareva's. Arnold has invited Gaddi Vasquez (Peace Corps Director) to be the keynote speaker.

Joint Chicago/Milwaukee events: The Milwaukee area RPCVs have suggested that hold some joint monthly meetings in the summer. Suggestions from the board were one in early summer, one in late summer, and locations of Ravinia or Summerfest.

Membership and Reaffiliation process: As part of NPCA affiliation, NPCA requires \$1 per member for the cost of NPCA member management. We sent a check for those members who are members of CAPCA and also paying members of NPCA (\$188). Our total membership includes members of CAPCA (non-NPCA) and "first-year free" members whose names have been forwarded to us by NPCA. NPCA stated that our membership fees should include all members, not just those who are NPCA members. We will pay the extra \$200 (listed as an "unrestricted gift", not "membership management"), and Wilson will bring a proposal to the National Board to have the NPCA by-laws rewritten to more accurately describe what NPCA is requiring.

Nepali notecards: Wilson ordered/received 500 more notecards for fundraising at the monthly dinners and other get-togethers.

Web page management: Salinas is taking over day-to-day duties for web page upkeep now that Malenfant is treasurer. Erdman will provide backup.

DuPage RPCV Group: The DuPage county RPCVs are trying to establish an RPCV group – the CAPCA board will assist as possible. Arnold will invite members to our joint meetings with the Milwaukee group.

CAPCA Activities: The board is planning different activities: happy hours specifically geared to attract new members, and a longer (retreat-style) board meeting after Founder's Day.

Next meeting: The next Board meeting will be April 2nd at 6:00 pm at Goode's office.

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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

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\$15.00 CAPCA Annual Dues

\$40.00 Joint CAPCA & NPCA Dues

EMAIL _____

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(2 members/one address)

HOME PHONE _____

One year free for newly returned RPCVs

WORK PHONE _____

\$500.00 Lifetime CAPCA Membership

COUNTRY/YEARS OF SERVICE _____

\$ _____ Unrestricted contribution

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