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## **NPCA 2004 Chicago Conference Planning Committee Update**

The NPCA 2004 Conference Planning Committee encourages all RPCVs to mark their calendar for August 5 to 8, 2004, date of the 2004 NPCA Conference in Chicago.

The Chicago committee is currently compiling a proposal to submit to the NPCA Board for a vote in early 2003. The group is putting together a proposed program that includes workshops, an international marketplace, fun run, our own version of Taste of Chicago, a career fair and more. There will be many opportunities to volunteer throughout the conference. The planning committee has formulated several goals for the conference: 1000 attendees, making the conference affordable, creating awareness of Peace Corps in Chicago, outreaching to the Chicago international community and increasing CAPCA membership.

Support from the entire Chicago RPCV community as well as from many of the local internationally focused organizations is critical for the conference's success. Be sure you and your organizations are informed and planning to participate.

The next Conference Planning Committee meeting is schedule for Monday, November 25 at 6:30 pm in downtown Chicago at the Congress Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Avenue. New participants and new ideas are always welcome. For those who would like to participate in the Conference Planning in any way, contact

Committee Chair Trina Janes (Morocco 91-93) at [cjanes1999@kellogg.nwu.edu](mailto:cjanes1999@kellogg.nwu.edu) or (312) 645-9400 x 35.

## **Theme Contest**

Your creative ideas are needed! The NPCA 2004 Conference Planning Committee is holding a contest to develop a theme for the conference.

The Chicago committee hopes to develop a theme that reflects the goals of NPCA and fits the Chicago venue. This theme will be on all conference related promotional materials including brochures, programs, t-shirts and souvenirs. The committee has identified several general concepts –Reconnect, Reteaching and Reaching– to assist with the theme development. Last year's theme for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference in Washington D.C. was, *"The Peace Corps Family: Bringing the World Together"*.

The committee will select up to five themes and present them for a vote by the general CAPCA membership in December. A prize will be given to the author of the winning theme. Please submit your theme ideas to Ellyn Peterson (Ukraine 99 - 01) at [ellynegp@aol.com](mailto:ellynegp@aol.com) or (773) 528-8322. Entries are due no later than November 20, 2002.

# Announcements

## Annual Board Elections

As set forth in the By-Laws of the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association, the terms of five of the ten elected members of the Board of Directors expire each year. Elections are held at the Annual General Meeting, which coincides with CAPCA's September Dinner Meeting. Election results are based on a majority vote of the up-to-date, dues-paying CAPCA members present at this meeting. At the September dinner meeting at Jaipur Palace, the following candidates were elected to two-year terms (2002-2004): Stephanie Arnold, Marie Erdman, Kara Malenfant, Rachael Sharon and Elizabeth Versten. Other CAPCA Board of Directors members continuing in 2001-2003 elected terms include: Wallace Goode, Trina Janes, David Pope, Chuck Sheftel and Stephen Maduli-Williams. Serving in an ex-officio capacity are: Melissa Hall (newsletter editor), Juliann Salinas (website team), Judy Ossello (website team), Elizabeth Thomas (liaison to the Peace Corps office) and Leslie Wilson (Immediate Past President). At the October CAPCA board meeting, the current slate of officers was re-elected.

## Help Needed for Holiday Potluck

If you are interested in helping with coordination, set-up, clean-up, raffle ticket sales, etc., please contact Stephanie Arnold at [msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu](mailto:msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu) or (773) 529-1892 ASAP.

## Join the List Serv!

Get all the latest CAPCA news and happenings via e-mail. To subscribe send an e-mail to [capca-announce-subscribe@egroups.com](mailto:capca-announce-subscribe@egroups.com).

## 2003 Peace Corps Calendars Available

Peace Corps calendars published by the RPCV Wisconsin-Madison group are on sale now. Calendars document volunteers' experiences through beautiful color photographs and accompanying text describing the country of service, its culture and customs. To see samples of previous year's calendars, and to learn more, visit <http://www.geocities.com/wirpcv/cal02.html>. Calendars will be for sale at CAPCA dinner meetings. Large orders can be shipped directly to you. For more information, please contact Kara Malenfant at [malenfana@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu](mailto:malenfana@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu) or (773) 561-0310.

## Renew Today!

### NPCA Membership Fees

#### Increase in 2003

On January 1, 2003, NPCA individual and family memberships will increase by \$10, and three-year memberships will increase by \$25. To take advantage of current rates, renew your membership by December 31, 2002. See Membership Form on the back page of this newsletter. For more information, visit the NPCA website at [www.rpcv.org](http://www.rpcv.org). To access the Membership section of the website directly, go to <https://secure.schoolyard.com/rpcv/howtojoin.cfm>.

## Annual Camp VISTA Outing

Everyone's invited! Come join your fellow RPCVs for a weekend of cross-country skiing, gourmet food, great conversation, games, music, daredevil sledding, and much much more.

*Who:* Everyone.

*What:* Weekend-o-fun.

*Where:* Dundee, Wisconsin

*When:* January 31 to February 2, 2003

*How much:* Approximately \$50. Ski rental extra.

*RSVP:* Brian DeFilippo at [bdefilippo@aol.com](mailto:bdefilippo@aol.com) or (847) 650-1080.

Camp VISTA provides comfortable, dormitory-style accommodations. Individuals are responsible for their own bedding (e.g., sleeping bags, sheets, blankets, etc.) and bathing needs.

## DuPage RPCVs Autumn Potluck Event

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to acknowledge the twenty-seven DuPage area RPCVs and their families who gathered at Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville on Saturday, October 19th for the afternoon potluck and meeting. Thank you for your incredible support and commitment to yet another dynamic and diverse Peace Corps community. This was the fourth gathering of DuPage RPCVs. The afternoon demonstrated how much we enjoy breaking bread together and sharing our experiences as volunteers. We also learned about each other's current personal and professional lives. In forming a DuPage area RPCV group, another forum will exist for suburban volunteers to pursue the third goal of Peace Corps - Bringing the world back home. The collective energy of this group is a rich resource for our region. I would also like to thank other members of the organizing committee

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for their outreach efforts to the more than 170 DuPage RPCVs. Donell Bullock, Helen Haugsnes, Kelly Lopez, Ann Woody, and Mary Zaleski share the leadership for this initiative and substantially contributed to the success of the event.

Rick Barbieri  
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For more information about the DuPage area RPCV initiative, send an e-mail to [dbullock@healthydupage.org](mailto:dbullock@healthydupage.org) or call (630) 784-1532.

### Christmas Ornaments Raise Funds for DuPage Affiliate Group

RPCV, Ann Woody (Dominica), is selling Peace Corps Christmas ornaments to help support the DuPage Affiliate. On a 3" white hand blown ball, the PC logo appears on one side with "Peace on Earth" on the opposite side. The cost of the ornament is \$18 and includes tax and shipping. For more information or to order ornaments, please contact Ann at [eawoody@worldnet.att.net](mailto:eawoody@worldnet.att.net) or (630) 221-9181.

**CAPCA dinners not close enough to your neighborhood?**

**Timing of CAPCA events  
not working well with your schedule?**

**Know of a great international restaurant  
CAPCA should explore?**

**Then, we invite you to coordinate or at least help  
coordinate a CAPCA event in 2003!**

**If interested, please contact Stephanie Arnold  
at [msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu](mailto:msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu) or at (773)529-1892.**

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## Monthly Dinner Meetings

**November 6, 2002, 6:00 pm**

Oak Park Council on International Affairs  
Annual School-to-School Benefit

CAPCA will join the Oak Park Council on International Affairs in November for their 39th Annual School-to-School Peace Corps Partnership Fundraising Dinner. All CAPCA members should have received an invitation in the mail. The event will take place at Oak Park-River Forest High School, 201 North Scoville Avenue in Oak Park.

Appetizers and exhibits will begin at 6:00 pm and

dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. A program will follow dinner at 7:45 pm. The evening will feature a talk by Wallace E. Goode, Jr., Vice President of CAPCA and Winner of the Peace Corps' Franklin H. Williams Award this year, African drumming and dancing by the Busa Family and dinner music by the Continental Duo. Reservations are required. For more information, contact RPCV Margaret Rohter at (708) 442-6163 or at [mrohter@yahoo.com](mailto:mrohter@yahoo.com).

**December 9, 2002, 6:30 pm**

**4th Annual CAPCA Holiday Potluck at the Corinthian Yacht Club**

Come one! Come all! Join CAPCA for its 4th Annual Holiday Potluck at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Find out why this has become one of our favorite events of the year! NO NEED TO RSVP! Just show up and bring a tasty dish and/or beverage to share. Appetizers, main courses, desserts, drinks are all welcome. Consider bringing a favorite food item from your country of service!

The Corinthian Yacht Club is located at Montrose Harbor (near the bait shop). If driving, exit Lake Shore Drive at Montrose and head east toward the lake. Ample parking is available. Public transportation is limited, so carpooling is recommended. However, CTA bus stops are located at Montrose Avenue and Marine Drive, but please be aware that this is a fairly long walk to the yacht club especially in cold weather. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Helen Haugsnes at [snes@anet.com](mailto:snes@anet.com) (630) 355-3916 or Stephanie Arnold at [msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu](mailto:msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu) (773) 529-1892.

# *CAPCA Board Meeting Minutes*

*Summary of July 2, 2002 Meeting. 7:00 pm*

*Present:* Stephanie Arnold, Wallace Goode, Marie Erdman, Trina Janes, Nancy Kramer, Juliann Salinas, Rachael Sharon. Guest: Jeri Titus (Chicago Peace Corps office).

*Not present:* Stephen Maduli-Williams, Kara Malenfant, Ben Peeters, David Pope, Chuck Sheftel, Liz Thomas, Elizabeth Versten, Leslie Wilson.

*Founder's Day.* Erdman presented the treasurer's report as prepared by Malenfant. The final balance as of July 2, 2002 is \$13,032.10, which includes Founder's Day expenses and proceeds. Total Founder's Day proceeds are \$3,288.52 actual + \$595.00 additional expected revenue. Founder's Day activities were reviewed, with suggestions for improvement for next year. The speaker, Gaddi Vasquez, was well received. A date was chosen for next year's Founder's Day (June 7), and Maggiano's Restaurant has already been booked. Regarding the disbursement of Founder's Day fundraising proceeds, two Peace Corps Partnership Projects were chosen prior to Founder's Day and money was sent beforehand in order to participate before the projects closed. After funding these projects, there is still money left over. Of the two projects previously funded, one is still in need of additional funds. The board approved a motion to raise the amount of money given to the project that needs additional funding to \$2000 total. The Grants committee, led by Versten, will choose additional projects to fund from the remaining proceeds and report at the next meeting.

*NPCA conference 2002.* Janes and Arnold reported on the activities at the NPCA conference in Washington DC. Janes attended as coordinator of the NPCA conference exploratory committee, and met with NPCA representatives concerning hosting the NPCA conference in Chicago in 2004. Arnold attended in her role as CAPCA president. Sheftel also attended.

*NPCA conference 2004.* Janes reported on discussions with NPCA representatives concerning hosting the NPCA conference in Chicago in 2004. NPCA needs a commitment from the CAPCA board in order to proceed. Erdman moved that CAPCA commit to hosting the NPCA conference Chicago in 2004. Goode seconded and the motion passed. Goode moved that Janes be the conference committee chair, and Erdman seconded. Janes accepted and the motion passed enthusiastically. NPCA has chosen the dates of August 5 - 8, and if CAPCA has problems with these dates we must let them know immediately. Janes reported on recent activities - the Minnesota RPCV group has sent the proposal they sent in for planning the conference they held a few years ago. CAPCA must submit a preliminary proposal to NPCA by January 2003. Different venues were discussed, but the board left it up to Janes and the conference committee to investigate and come up with recommendations.

*Web.* Salinas has been in contact with an outside web developer concerning a redesign of the CAPCA web site. Salinas presented screen prints of the redesign. The web page will be updated with the new design. Also, Judy Ossello, CAPCA member and RPCV Jordan, has expressed interest in assisting with maintenance of the CAPCA web site. Janes moved that she become an ex officio member of the board, Sharon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

*Summary of September 5, 2002, 6:00 pm*

*Present:* Stephanie Arnold, Wallace Goode, Marie Erdman, Kara Malenfant, Chuck Sheftel, Elizabeth Versten

*Not present:* Nancy Kramer, Trina Janes, Steven Maduli-Williams, Ben Peeters, Rachael Sharon, Liz Thomas, David Pope, Juliann Wilson Salinas, Leslie Wilson.

The final balance of the CAPCA accounts as of September 5, 2002 is \$13,032.10 as presented by Malenfant.

*International Grants committee.* The grants committee chose a Peace Corps Partnership Project to fund with the remaining Founder's Day proceeds. The project recommended by the committee is the Ndabibi/Moindabi Water project in Kenya, which currently needs around \$4000. Also recommended to the board is a project sent to individual board members (not through the grants committee) by Lettie Heer, a PCV from Chicago currently serving in Senegal, for \$500 to fund a garden project. The board approved a motion to send \$2000 to the Kenya Partnership program and \$500 to the Senegal garden project, with the caveat that we will check the validity of the project with Heer's Country Director and ask that she send updates.

*Conference committee (Sheftel).* Sheftel is the assistant to the Conference Committee Chair, and reported on recent activities. Current topics: organizing a walk/run along Lake Shore Drive, a volunteer event, meeting with the event planner, the leadership structure of the conference committee, budgets, potential speakers. We are searching for a Finance Chair, names have been

forwarded to the committee for consideration. Board members were encouraged to come up with ideas for a theme and bring them to the next board meeting.

*Board elections.* The September dinner meeting and board elections will be September 23 at Jaipur Palace. Peeters has stepped down in the middle of his term, and the president may appoint someone to finish his term. Board members are encouraged to connect with general CAPCA members and involve them in CAPCA activities and leadership.

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