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# CAPCA Newsletter

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## 2004 NPCA Conference Update

The countdown is on. There is less than a year until the 2004 NPCA Conference begins. Be sure to mark your calendar for August 5 to 8, 2004. The conference theme is "Celebrating a Legacy of Service" and will be based at the Palmer House Hilton with activities centered in the loop.

Conference participants will have the opportunity to sample tasty food from Chicago's many ethnic neighborhoods, work as volunteers in the Chicago area and promote peace and Peace Corps awareness through a 5K Fun Walk/Run for Peace. Attendees may also attend the workshops, international marketplace, career fair and other exciting events being planned.

### Advisory Committee Growing

The Advisory Committee for the conference includes an impressive array of local RPCVs and friends of Peace Corps who have lent their name to the effort. The committee is in formation but currently includes:

**Linda Bammann**, Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Management Officer, Bank One (Philippines 78-80)

**Kelly Brest van Kempen**, Attorney, Chicago-Kent College of Law (Tunisia 65-67/HQ Staff 67-69)

**Steven Franklin**, Chicago Tribune (Turkey 67-69)

**Wallace E. Goode, Jr.**, Executive Director, City of Chicago Empowerment Zone (CAR 80-81/Solomon Islands 84-86)

**David Jolivette**, Attorney, Jolivette & Templer (India 65-67)

**Michael Kelleher**, Director, Illinois State University Peace Corps Fellows Program (Sierra Leone 85-88)

**Christopher G. Kennedy**, President, Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc.

**Virginia Koch**, Regional Manager, Chicago Peace Corps Regional Office

**Noel Kreicker**, President and Founder, IOR Global Services (Philippines 67-69).

**Kenneth Lehman**, Managing Partner, KKP Group (Guatemala 66-68/HQ Staff 68-71)

**Marjorie Leventry**, Founder, Inca Organics (Ecuador 93-96)

**James H. Lowry**, Vice-President, Boston Consulting Group (Peru 65-67)

**Patrick T. Murphy**, Public Guardian, Cook County Public Guardian (Somalia 66-67)

**Hon. Rita M. Novak**, Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County (Colombia 73-75)

**Barbara Radner**, Director, Center for Urban Education, DePaul University

**Howard A. Raik**, President, CHP International (Philippines 64-66)

**Frank C. Schell, III**, President & CEO, Chicago Commons (India)

**Hon. Edward H. Smith**, Alderman, City of Chicago (India 66-68)

**Julie Stagliano**, Director, Chicago Sister Cities International Program (Senegal 65-67)

**Hon. Bob Taft**, Governor, State of Ohio (Tanzania 63-65)

## Conference promoted in Portland

In preparation for the conference, CAPCA President Stephanie Arnold and Conference Chair Trina Janes traveled to Portland, OR in early August to participate in the NPCA Annual General Meeting. While in Portland, they promoted the

conference to the participants - primarily the leaders of country of service and geographic RPCV groups. They met with new NPCA President Kevin Quigley and briefed him on the progress made by the planning committee.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed to help with the planning of the conference. People are needed to serve as a chair or co-chair of specific activities - opening ceremony, closing ceremony, global education activity, Founder's Day Dinner, silent auction, Taste of Peace Corps picnic and more. Volunteers interested in helping with fundraising efforts (corporate solicitations, major donor solicitations, grant writing and more).

## Call for Proposals

The Conference Workshops Committee is currently soliciting proposals from people who are interested in putting on a workshop during the 2004 conference. A copy of the workshops proposal form is available on CAPCA's website at [www.capca.org/npcconference.htm](http://www.capca.org/npcconference.htm).

Four goals have been established for the 2004 conference workshops:

1. Educate conference attendees about NPCA and its programs.
2. Provide information and training that RPCVs can use to improve/enlighten their work and activities in their home communities.

3. Explore the future of Peace Corps.
4. Educate RPCVs about how to reach Peace Corps' "third goal" and build upon the Peace Corps legacy here in the United States.

If you have an idea for an interesting, dynamic workshop that would help us meet these goals, please let us know as soon as possible.

Proposals are due by October 31. For additional information, please contact Workshops Chair, Jason Neises, at [workshops2004@rpcv.org](mailto:workshops2004@rpcv.org) for more information.

### **Attend the Next Planning Meeting**

The next meeting of the conference planning committee is Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe, Room Dearborn 1 on the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Contact Conference Chair Trina Janes at [chicago2004@rpcv.org](mailto:chicago2004@rpcv.org) or 312/645-9400 ex. 35 to find out how you can get involved.

*Remember to visit CAPCA  
online at [www.capca.org](http://www.capca.org).*

Check out the latest Peace Corps news and events from around the world at [www.peacecorpsonline.org](http://www.peacecorpsonline.org).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER DINNER**

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CAPCA BOARD ELECTIONS**

SEPTEMBER 25, 2003,  
6:30PM

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

KEVIN QUIGLEY, NPCA PRESIDENT,  
AND

JOSEPH PERMETTI, NPCA DIRECTOR  
OF DEVELOPMENT

JOIN CAPCA FOR ITS SEPTEMBER DINNER IN THE PRIVATE DINING ROOM AT INA'S RESTAURANT, 1235 W. RANDOLPH STREET. THIS YEAR WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE NEW NPCA PRESIDENT, KEVIN QUIGLEY, ALONG WITH JOSEPH PERMETTI, NPCA DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP WILL BE ATTENDING.

BOTH LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING CAPCA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND SHARING THEIR PLANS FOR THE NPCA!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

### SEPTEMBER DINNER - CONTINUED

EACH YEAR AT THE SEPTEMBER DINNER, CAPCA HOLDS ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD, PLEASE CONTACT STEPHANIE ARNOLD AT [MSARNOLD@GSB.UCHICAGO.EDU](mailto:MSARNOLD@GSB.UCHICAGO.EDU) OR (773) 262-9440 NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 11TH.

CAPCA ALSO WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN ONE OF ITS MANY STANDING COMMITTEES (COMMUNITY SERVICE, MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, THIRD GOAL/ GLOBAL EDUCATION, SPECIAL EVENTS, ETC.). TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN A COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTACT STEPHANIE OR THE BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTING THAT COMMITTEE AT ANY TIME.

THE COST OF THE DINNER IS \$20 PER PERSON FOR CAPCA MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS, AND \$25 FOR NON-CAPCA MEMBERS AND INCLUDES SALAD, ENTREE, DESSERT, COFFEE, TEA, TAX AND GRATUITY. RSVP TO CHRISTINE BLAIR AT [CHRISBLAIR@ROCKETMAIL.COM](mailto:CHRISBLAIR@ROCKETMAIL.COM) OR (773) 772-3169 BY SEPTEMBER 21, 2003. PLEASE BE SURE TO INDICATE YOUR CHOICE OF ENTREE (STEAK, SALMON, VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN). FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN INA'S LOT.

### October Dinner

Thursday, October 16, 2003, 6:30 p.m.

Take a culinary journey to West Africa with CAPCA at our October dinner meeting! We will sample a variety of tasty dishes from Ghana at Diana's African Restaurant, 4409 N. Broadway. The buffet will include waakye (rice and beans), fufu (cassava & plantain), banku (corn dough), groundnut soup, kebobs, kelewele (fried plantain), jolloff rice and other Ghanaian specialties. Diana also has beers and other beverages from Ghana and other parts of Africa.

The cost of the buffet will be \$12 per person for CAPCA members and their guests and \$17 for non-CAPCA members. This fee includes tax and tip. Beverages will be sold separately. RSVPs are required as space at Diana's is limited. RSVP to Stephanie Arnold at [msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu](mailto:msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu) or (312) 732-8478 by October 11th.

Diana's is located near the corner of Montrose and Broadway, 2-3 blocks south of the Wilson red line stop. You may also take the 151 or 36 bus to Montrose. Street parking is also available.

## UPCOMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

### Save the Date! November Dinner

Wednesday, November 5, 2003, 6:00pm

CAPCA's November dinner will once again be held in conjunction with the Oak Park Council on International Affairs (OPCIA) Annual School-to-School Dinner on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00pm. The event will be held at Oak Park River Forest High School and will feature a program with a speaker and entertainment following dinner. For nearly 40 years, the OPCIA has funded hundreds of school-building projects through the Peace Corps Partnership Program, more than any other organization!

All CAPCA members will receive an invitation to this event by mail in October, but please mark your calendar and save the date to attend this special annual event. Questions may be directed to CAPCA member and OPCIA board member Margaret Rohter (RPCV Brazil) at [rohter@attglobal.net](mailto:rohter@attglobal.net).

## Announcements

### Share Your Peace Corps Experience!

A committee is organizing a community project to educate teenagers, grade-schoolers, and others about our Peace Corps experiences and cultural understanding. We are formulating a program that will provide an opportunity to connect RPCVs to the community and to expose participants to a variety of global and social issues in a fun and participatory atmosphere! We are looking for RPCVs to serve on the committee, to be speakers, and to offer their talents in other creative ways! More to follow on the listserv! For more information, or to get involved, please contact Brian DeFilippo at [bdefilippo@aol.com](mailto:bdefilippo@aol.com), or (847) 650-1080. Thanks and looking forward to your participation!

### Calling RPCVs of Colombia

Susan Mazer, Colombia 1966-1970, and Training New Mexico, June-September 1966, is seeking RPCVs and staff in Chicago/Midwest who served in Colombia. To contact Susan, please e-mail her at [susanmazer@aol.com](mailto:susanmazer@aol.com).

### Roommate Wanted!

3 Bedroom Apartment to share in the Lincoln Square neighborhood. Close to the Brown Line Rockwell stop. For more information, please call Nancy at (312) 553-3190.

### NPCA Questions or Suggestions?

Contact Stephanie Arnold, NPCA Great Lakes Regional Representative at [msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu](mailto:msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu) or (773) 262-9440.

# CAPCA Board Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2003, 6:00 p.m.

*Present:* Stephanie Arnold, Marie Erdman, Wallace Goode, Trina Janes, Kara Malenfant, Rachael Sharon, Lara Weber.

*Guest:* Christine Blair, Founder's Day committee chair

1. *Minutes.* Erdman presented the May 5 board meeting minutes. With a few minor corrections (correct spelling Kreicker, Sharon going to Nicaragua not Honduras), Janes moved to approve the minutes. Goode seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. *Treasurer's Report* (Malenfant). Malenfant distributed the Treasurer's report for the period 4/4/03 to 5/29/03. The final balance was \$11,464.94. Sharon moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Goode seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Also, Janes motioned that we raise the non-member fee for dinners from \$2 above the member fee to \$5 above the member fee, with members' guests being included in the member fee. Malenfant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. *NPCA Conference update* (Janes). Judi Burnison, the conference meeting planner, attended the last meeting and presented a task list for the year leading up to the conference. The fundraising chair has been named (Melissa Hall). The status of advisory board members was updated. Next meeting: June 9, 2003 at Palmer House; Joe Permetti from NPCA will be joining the meeting.
4. *Founder's Day* (Arnold and Blair). 60 people are currently registered to attend. The DuPage group will have their own table. Some people sent money for others to attend; Arnold will determine people to use those donations based on need. Silent auction items were reviewed.
5. *PC Nomination party for Chicago PC Office.* CAPCA Board members voted by email to approve \$200 to have CAPCA fund a cake for the Nomination party on June 3, 2003.
6. *New Business.* Sharon is leaving the country and will also be stepping down from the board after this meeting. THANKS to Sharon for a wonderful two years!
7. *Upcoming events.* Founder's Day June 7, 6 pm at Maggiano's. Ravinia will be planned for August (Chuck).
8. *Next meeting.* Thursday, July 10, 2003 at 6 p.m., at Wallace's office.
9. *Meeting adjourned.* Sharon moved that the meeting be adjourned, Janes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.



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- \$65 Family CAPCA & NPCA dues  
(2 members, one address)
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