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Founder's Day, Saturday, June 2, 2001

Call for Auction & Raffle Items

It's time to think of items you'd like to donate or solicit for CAPCA's 2001 Founder's Day Fundraiser. All proceeds benefit our Partnership projects and "Connections" program. Suggestions include fine art, crafts, textiles from your country of service or other world travels, gift certificates from your favorite massage or restaurant, tickets to plays, concerts, and sports events, museums, etc. Please contact Nancy Kramer or Ben Peeters (contact information listed below) if you have items to donate or if you are willing to secure donations from others.

Come Celebrate The 40th Anniversary of the Peace Corps, with special guest speaker Patrick Murphy, RPCV Somalia 1966-1967. Patrick is a novelist and the current Cook County Public Guardian.

The dinner will celebrate our Peace Corps family, and friends, with a family-style meal at Maggiano's (Clark & Grand streets, north of the Loop). The evening's activities include fundraising to benefit Partnership Projects and "Connections," and after-dinner dancing to the tunes of a world music DJ.

Ads will be sold again this year for the dinner program booklet. Please contact David Pope @ david_pope@att.net if you would like to place an ad to promote your business or organization,

or to honor Peace Corps's 40th Anniversary, or celebrate a friend's or relative's success as a Peace Corp Volunteer.

To donate or to help out, contact Nancy Kramer (kramernancy@worldnet.att.net or 773/725.6944) or Ben Peeters (ben_peeters@email.com or 773/528.6723), this year's Founder's Day co-chairs. Please let Nancy or Ben know if you would like to receive an invitation (dues-paying members receive them automatically) or have names of others who would like to receive an invitation.

Zambia PCV's Perspective of Peace Corps at 40

In a recent article published in the Chicago Tribune, Lara Weber, a former editorial employee at the Tribune and current Peace Corps Volunteer in Zambia, shares her perspective on the Peace Corps at 40. In her article, Lara compares and contrasts the PC experience today with what it must have been like for volunteers in the early '60s.

In general, she points out, PC is much more diverse and integrated now than ever before, from the varied kinds of project assignments available to the volunteers themselves who come from different economic, social and educational backgrounds. Technology is also playing a significant role in changing the face of Peace Corps, she argues. For one thing, the evolution and adoption of technology has minimized much of the geographic isolation volunteers often experience, especially those PCVs placed in rural sites. Rather than use the old fashioned snail mail system, many volunteers now carry cell phones, stay con

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nected to friends and family via email, and can easily place international calls.

In the new millennium, however, though volunteers may now have more advantages in terms of communications, access to technology, in-service training and more administrative support in country, she asserts that the "essence" of the PC experience remains intact. PC development projects still focus on important issues like sanitation and health education, but many of today's projects, she says, are multi-disciplinary finding ways to incorporate issues like HIV/AIDS into computer technology and small business management training. In the end, she indicates, it is the human interactions with your community and host-country-nationals that is at the heart of the Peace Corps experience.

You can find Peace Corps at 40 – High-Tech Dirty, by Lara Weber, online at Chicago Tribune: www.chicagotribune.com.

Upcoming Events

Friends of the Chicago River, River Rescue Day

Saturday, May 12, 2001

Does it seem like winter will never end? Join the CAPCA team volunteering to do clean-up or restoration work along the Chicago River. Last year 1,600 volunteers joined the Friends of the Chicago River for 3 hours of work then enjoyed a picnic with entertainment, music and canoeing afterwards. For details about last year's event see www.chicagoriver.org/news/rrd.asp. More details about CAPCA's 2001 involvement to come.

Greater Chicago Food Depository Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Join the CAPCA group as we collect food from the National Restaurant Association trade show at McCormick Place. Stay tuned for details or contact Leslie Wilson at lfwilson@hotmail.com.

April Dinner - April Dinner - April Dinner - April Dinner

Please join us on Tuesday, April 17th (6:30 PM) for a Greek feast at Papaspiros, 733 Lake Street in Oak Park. Our Guest Speaker will be RPCV Doug Kenshol, President and CEO of the Urban Enterprise Fund, a non-profit organization that helps create employment opportunities for hard-to-serve communities. To learn more about the Urban Enterprise Fund, check out www.urbanenterprise.org. Dinner will cost \$20 or less, including tax, tip, and soft drink/coffee/tea. Please RSVP to David Pope at david_pope@att.net or 708/660-1156.

Public transportation: take the Green Line or Metra to the Oak Park Avenue stop; exit to the north one block, turn right on Lake Street, and go down a few storefronts to the restaurant. Driving from the city: take the Eisenhower/290 to Austin Avenue, exit/turn right (north) and go about a mile to Lake Street; turn left (west) and go about a mile or so to the restaurant.

Job Opportunities

Math Trainer in Guinea

CHP International has a technical training position available in Guinea, West Africa. We are searching for a Math Trainer to begin on or about May 15th through August 15, 2001.

General requirements include:

- 2 1/2 years' development work experience in West Africa
- Demonstrated expertise training adults in the relevant technical field
- Fluency in French

CHP international is recruiting a secondary education math trainer to prepare Peace Corps Volunteers for their two-year service in Guinea. Ideal candidates should be fluent in French (Intermediate High Level), an RPCV in Education, hold a Math Degree, minimum of one year teaching experience post Peace Corps service and have a high degree of emotional maturity. RPCVs with additional work experience (particularly training) are especially encouraged to apply.

To apply, please fax CV or email it as an MS Word attachment to attention:

Amy Maglio,
Program Manager,
CHP International
Fax: 708/848-3191
amaglio@chpinternational.com.

Project Manager, International Programs

Heartland International, a non-profit organization based in Chicago, is seeking a project manager for an international training program that provides professionals with the necessary skills and tools for strengthening civil society and free enterprise within emerging democracies.

Project manager responsibilities are to:

- Develop and maintain a network of volunteers.
- Research and write on issues related to specific emerging democracies, primarily the NIS.
- Manage a variety of tasks with a great deal of attention to detail.
- Coordinate project events, including professional seminars.
- Develop program content in cooperation with trainers and staff.

Qualifications include the following:

- An understanding of current international issues, particularly as they relate to Russia and the NIS.
- Knowledge of American government and democratic ideas.
- Excellent communication skills and an ability to relate

with a variety of people.

- A keen sense of humor.
- Willingness to work as a team member.
- A liberal education.
- A sense of professionalism.

If you are interested in pursuing a career in international program development and management, this is an excellent opportunity.

Please send your resume to:

Heartland International
226 South Wabash, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Tel. 312/ 583-9430
Fax: 312/583-9434
kegere1@uic.edu.

Grants Program Coordinator

Lions Clubs International seeks an individual to analyze grant applications, make funding recommendations and monitor approved projects, especially from South America, including Brazil. Relevant degree in liberal arts, communications or public service required. Computer literate, excellent oral and written communications skills with some experience in nonprofit management, health and development programs, and/or one year international work experience is highly preferred. Working knowledge of Portuguese, or proficiency in Spanish and willingness to learn Portuguese desired. We offer excellent benefits: medical, dental, life insurance, short and long term disability, pension and

Job Opportunities, continued

401K plans, 37 1/2 hr. work week, smoke free office and many more.

Send resume and salary requirements to:

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Fax: 630/571-8890 or
Email: pmalench@lionsclubs.org
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North Suburban Coordinator

The Metropolitan Planning Council is recruiting an experienced professional for its north suburban outreach effort. The purpose of this part time (3/5), position is to strengthen and expand partnerships with local government, community organizations, and business leaders and to establish model projects that exemplify MPC's work on housing, sensible growth, and transportation. Founded in 1934, the Metropolitan Planning Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan group of business and civic leaders committed to sensible planning and development policies necessary for a world-class Chicago region.

Geographic Scope: The Coordinator will focus on Lake and McHenry Counties. The outreach work will be closely linked to, and receive support from, existing MPC coalitions such as the Campaign for Sensible Growth,

Business Leaders for Transportation and employer-assisted housing partnerships. The Coordinator is responsible for staffing a North Suburban Advisory Committee to tie MPC's initiatives to existing civic organizations and local government, and to involve the business community in its work.

Skills: The Suburban Coordinator is a flexible part-time position for a professional with strong interpersonal and consensus-building skills, connections to a variety of constituencies in the area, and expertise on balanced development issues.

The ideal candidate meets the following requirements:

- Residency and knowledge of planning and development in the north suburban region are required.
- Five or more years of experience with urban planning, development, infrastructure, and organizing.
- A master's degree in planning, real estate or public policy.
- Strong presentation and public speaking skills.
- Strong organizational skills, and the ability to work both independently and as a team member.
- Proficiency with email and Microsoft Office software programs.

Coordinator will be hired for approximately 3/5 time. Coordinator will submit weekly reports on contacts, and schedule. May spend up to one day each week in downtown office. Pay will be commensurate with experience, and full benefits, including health insurance, are available.

To apply, please send cover letter and resume to:

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VP, External Relations
25 East Washington Street,
Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60602
Fax: 312/922.5619 or
Email:

pskosey@metroplanning.org.

No phone calls please. MPC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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Join CAPCA's listserv today and begin receiving regular announcements, updates on dinner meetings, volunteer projects, job opportunities, and more. To subscribe, send and email to capca-announce-subscribe@egroups.com

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CAPCA Board Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2000, 6:00 pm

Present: Marie Erdman, Maxine Gere, Trina Janes, Nancy Kramer, Kara Malenfant, Greg Nessinger, Ben Peeters, Juliann Wilson Salinas, Leslie Wilson. Not Present: Stephanie Arnold, Wallace Goode, Marium Hussein, Hannah Leiterman, David Pope, Chuck Sheftel, Liz Thomas, Elizabeth Versten.

- 1 **Minutes.** Gere made a motion to approve the minutes from November 6, 2000. Janes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2 **Treasurer's Report** (Wilson for Arnold). The final balance as of 12/20/2000 is \$7350.54. Janes made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, and Malenfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3 **PO Box.** Our PO Box was temporarily unavailable for part of November and December. During that time, mail sent to CAPCA was returned to sender, including some dues checks. It was decided to put a note in the January/February 2001 newsletter asking people to please resend their mail, and to extend the grace period for dues payment.
- 4 **Membership** (Kramer). The email address for membership information that is listed on the CAPCA web site will be changed to Kramer's non-work account so she can more easily check it from the road. Malenfant will assist Kramer in responding to queries from potential members. Salinas will investigate a different guestbook for the CAPCA web site that has more options. Kramer will welcome new and renewed members by sending a postcard, email or by telephoning immediately after they join/renew. Salinas will add a link to the CAPCA website for the NPCA online membership enrollment page so our members can join electronically with their credit card.

- 5 **Web site** (Nessinger and Salinas). Salinas and Nessinger demonstrated the new look of the CAPCA web page, available at <http://www.capca.org>. Some comments: Wilson will check on the exact membership categories we have. The CAPCA Projects page will be updated to include both new and ongoing projects. The CAPCA Links page will be abridged, and instead include a link to the NPCA Links page. The Web Team will use their judgment to decide which sites to remove and which to keep.
- 6 **Resignations.** Pat Thompson has resigned from the board, and Ben Peeters was appointed in her place. Marium Hussein will likely be stepping down as well, so we will need to search for a replacement.
- 7 **Newsletter.** Leiterman would like to step down as newsletter editor as soon as a replacement can be found. We also need to investigate another option for bulk mailing besides Manifest Mailing (using an indicia) as it tends to be more trouble than it is worth. Items for the next newsletter include: Jacqui Gordon is writing an article about the Chicago Public Schools efforts to recruit RPCVs to be (re)trained as teachers; include a story about the Connections presentation from the potluck; announce the Camp Vista ski weekend on Feb 2; January and February dinner announcements; promote the Peace Corps 40th anniversary festivities; and promote Global TeachNet workshop being held in Oak Park in February.
- 8 **Founder's Day.** Co-chairs for this year's Founder's Day will be Kramer and Peeters. The date will be either June 2 or June 16. The co-chairs will investigate the Hothouse or Drink as a venue, and Janes will investigate Maggiano's. Wilson will recruit volunteers to solicit ads and sponsorships, and she will also continue to try to get Cook County Public Guardian and RPCV Patrick Murphy as our guest speaker.
- 9 **CAPCA Logo.** We need new stationery with a clear logo - Salinas will work with Leiterman to try to read the logo graphic that Leiterman has. If that fails, we will investigate commissioning a new one so we can make more stationery.
- 10 The annual report and the \$1 per member fee is due 12/31/00 to NPCA; Wilson and Arnold will submit them.
- 11 Gere suggested Mike Kelleher, an RPCV who ran for the US Congress 1st district in Illinois, as a possible speaker for one of our dinner meetings. Also, she will forward an email from him concerning admissions in the Illinois State RPCV Fellows program that we can include in the January newsletter.
- 12 A combined January/February board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2001 at 6:00 in the Participate.com boardroom.
- 13 The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

CAPCA Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2001, 6:15 pm

Present: Stephanie Arnold, Marie Erdman, Maxine Gere, Trina Janes, Nancy Kramer, Benjamin Peeters, Chuck Sheftel, Alissa Strauss, Liz Thomas, Beth Versten, Leslie Wilson, Juliann Wilson Salinas. Guest: Robyn Michaels. Not Present: Wallace Goode, Hannah Leiterman, Kara Malenfant, Greg Nessinger, David Pope.

- 1 **Welcome.** Welcome to new board member Alissa Strauss, who is replacing Marium Hussein.
- 2 **Creative ReUse Warehouse request.** Robyn Michaels requested monetary assistance for the Creative ReUse Warehouse, a local recycling center operated by RPCV Ken Dunn. Leslie will invite Ken to do a program (perhaps in May?) so that he can formally request money from CAPCA.
- 3 **Minutes.** Minutes were amended to include the CAPCA web site. Gere made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, board meeting. Janes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4 **Treasurer's Report** (Arnold). The final balance as of 1/31/01 is \$9,226.42. Versten made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, and Janes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5 **Membership** (Arnold). Arnold has removed 147 people from the mailing list, after we reminded them that their membership had expired. There are currently 210 active members, not including other RPCV groups. Arnold will report how many people who are members of both NPCA and CAPCA. Kramer will contact the 147 people who were removed from the list, to encourage them to re-join. A CAPCA member recently renewed as a Lifetime Member (\$500). It is unclear whether or not this includes NPCA dues, so Arnold will check with NPCA what their policy is. Once we find out from NPCA, we will modify the membership form so it is clearer.
- 6 **Web.** Malenfant has been updating the web site with current information. Some updates to be made: a.) remove \$100 membership option on the membership page, b.) update board page with recent changes (Strauss new, Leiterman not newsletter editor), c.) include photograph of Wilson and Gere from the NPCA conference, d.) include photographs of the Connections group taken at December potluck, e.) remind board members to continue checking guestbook, f.) Salinas is working with Nessinger to install new guestbook software, g.) Wilson updated the CAPCA calendar of events on NPCA's web site h.) continue updating site with new events as they come up
- 7 **Newsletter editor.** Leiterman has resigned as newsletter editor, and will let us know if she will remain on the board. We are searching for a new newsletter editor. One possibility is Melissa Hall who will be sending a proposal on how she would like to be involved in the newsletter.
- 8 **Newsletter.** There was a discussion on making the newsletter easier to produce. CAPCA is the only RPCV group that does a monthly newsletter - other groups produce a newsletter every other month or even every quarter. Another option is to send the newsletter out electronically only. A subcommittee was formed to discuss these issues and make recommendations. The subcommittee consists of Kramer, Strauss, Arnold and Salinas. It was decided at the meeting that as soon as the indicia (manifest mailing) account is depleted, we will stop using the indicia and will start using stamps again for ease of mailing. There will not be a March 1 newsletter, but we will be sending out postcards reminding people of the dinner meeting.

- 9 **Peace Corps Day.** Flyers were included in the newsletter announcing Peace Corps Day, and Wilson will send announcements via email.
- 10 **Donations.** Arnold requested \$500 to assist with her Habitat for Humanity trip to Costa Rica. Strauss made a motion to fund this, seconded by Erdman. The motion was tabled until a future meeting as Arnold will not be traveling until May. Sheftel requested an unspecified amount of money to aid relief efforts for the earthquakes in India. The money would go to an as yet undecided organization he knows that is providing assistance to the earthquake victims. Wilson requested an unspecified amount of money for the Save the Children earthquake relief efforts in El Salvador. Kramer made a motion that we donate \$500 to each of the relief requests (Sheftel and Wilson), on the condition that Sheftel identifies a relief organization and informs CAPCA of the choice. Gere seconded, and the motion passed.
- 11 **Fundraising.** Wilson suggested that we sell note cards that are hand-painted by Nepali girls as a fundraising project. The cards cost forty-two cents, and we could sell them for \$1 a piece. Wilson will provide more information on total costs, profits, etc. Sheftel offered art work from India to sell at the Founder's Day dinner.
- 12 **Founder's Day** (Kramer, Peeters). Kramer and Janes investigated three venues: Drink, Maggiano's and Hothouse. After some discussion of price and atmosphere, Gere motioned that we have Founder's Day on June 2 at Maggiano's, and Versten seconded. The motion passed with 11 votes in favor and 2 opposed. Kramer and Peeters will follow up with ticket prices and more specific details. Versten will follow up on World Music DJs.
- 13 **Miscellaneous.** a.) Wilson submitted the CAPCA annual report to NPCA, b.) Logo. Versten will ask her husband if he would consider redrawing the existing CAPCA logo, c.) March dinner meeting will be March 21 at Siam Pasta. The program will be the Chicago Public Schools initiative to recruit RPCVs to become CPS teachers, d.) Pope will investigate an Oak Park venue for the April dinner, and RPCV Doug Kenshol will be the guest speaker, e.) There will be no May dinner, as it falls near Founder's Day, f.) CAPCA will be organizing participation in the Chicago Cares Care-a-Thon on June 9. Cost is \$25 per person, and we need 40 volunteers. We will announce this in the newsletter and on the listserv.
- 14 **Other.** Kramer suggested that we host an international market as a fundraising activity. It was decided that this discussion be tabled until a future meeting.
- 15 The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next CAPCA board meeting will be held on Monday, March 5 at 6:00 pm in the Participate.com conference room.

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 Stephanie Arnold; c/o CAPCA; PO Box 1149; Chicago, IL 60690

Check one: RENEWAL NEW MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGE

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