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## CAPCA President, Leslie Wilson, Elected to NPCA Board

Congratulations to Leslie Wilson for winning a seat on the National Peace Corps Association Board of Directors. As the Great Lakes representative to the Board, Leslie will bring the concerns and interests of RPCVs and other friends of Peace Corps who are NPCA members to the Board. More importantly, Leslie will bring news of Board policies and actions back to the region. In addition to the many individual RPCVs and Peace Corps friends throughout Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin, several organized Peace Corps groups will benefit from Leslie's role: CAPCA, of course, and Madison and Milwaukee as well as Southeastern Michigan and Western Michigan. Additionally, Leslie will participate in matters of national and international concern to the NPCA and its members.

Leslie will attend an orientation for new Board members and her first NPCA board meeting during next month's NPCA Conference in Washington, D.C. In turn, she will report back to CAPCA members at the Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> monthly dinner meeting, and to other groups, at their invitation, in the months ahead. Leslie's term will last for three years, and she welcomes your thoughts and questions to make her term a successful one for all NPCA members from the Great Lakes region.

On Leslie's behalf, all members of the CAPCA Board of Directors thank everyone who voted in the NPCA board elections – especially those who voted for Leslie and a continuing Chicago presence on the national board.

## Philanthropy panel to convene at 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

### *Committee seeks returned volunteers and former staff now serving with foundations*

Washington, May 11, 2001 — To help celebrate Peace Corps' 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Council on Foundations and the national Peace Corps Association (NPCA) will co-sponsor a special workshop highlighting the continued service of returned Peace Corps volunteers (RPCVs) and staff now serving in the philanthropy sector during the NPCA's national conference in Washington, DC September 20-23.

The workshop, entitled "To Infinity and Beyond, From Peace Corps to Philanthropy," will feature a Peace Corps alumni panel of philanthropy leaders sharing best practices and innovative ideas in areas such as community service and activism both at home and abroad.

The organizing committee is currently searching for RPCVs and former Peace Corps staff working in the foundation world to invite them to join in its activities and to participate in the workshop. If you are an alumni of the Peace Corps and work with a philanthropic organization, contact Paul Dewey at [paul@rpcv.org](mailto:paul@rpcv.org) or 202-293-7728 x17.

The Council on Foundations, an association of more than 2,000 grantmaking foundations and corporations worldwide, serves the public good by promoting and enhancing responsible and effective philanthropy. For more information on the Council, visit its Web site at [www.cof.org](http://www.cof.org).

The NPCA, the national association for RPCVs, former staff and friends, educates the American public about other countries and cultures. It promotes domestic and international community service and mobilizes the Peace Corps community to make a significant contribution toward world peace. For more information on the NPCA and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Peace Corps visit [www.rpcv.org](http://www.rpcv.org).

# Upcoming Events



## September 25, 2001 - CAPCA Dinner at Ina's

Please plan to join us for an all-American meal and our annual CAPCA board elections on Tuesday, September 25th at Ina's restaurant. There will be a cash bar starting at 6PM; dinner will be served at 7PM; elections will take place after dinner.

Ina's is located at 1235 West Randolph Street. There is a parking lot, and the restaurant is also not far from the Ashland stop on the Green Line.

Questions? Want to join us? Contact Leslie Wilson at [lfwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:lfwilson@hotmail.com) or 773.973.6560. If you are planning to join us, please specify your choice of fish, chicken, or a vegetarian entree. Thanks!

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## October 30, 2001 - Oak Park Council on International Affairs

Join the Oak Park Council on International Affairs on Tuesday, October 30th as they celebrate their 38<sup>th</sup> annual Peace Corps Partnership fundraising dinner. The Council leads the nation in its long-standing commitment of supporting Peace Corps volunteers in the field- over 250 Partnerships so far! The dinner will be held at Oak Park-River Forest High School and will feature RPCV Matt Royston sharing his insights on Guatemala and St. Lucia. The dinner is at 6:30 PM and is \$20 per person. Invitations and a response card will be mailed at the end of September. For further information contact RPCV Margaret Rohter at 708/ 442-6163 or by e-mail at [rohter@attglobal.net](mailto:rohter@attglobal.net).

## November 15, 2001 - Newberry Library's Very Merry Bazaar

This year, CAPCA will participate in the Newberry Library's Very Merry Bazaar, which is held from Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will host a booth to sell Peace Corps calendars, our hand-painted Nepali note cards, and select, high quality arts & crafts. We will have Peace Corps recruitment materials - and recruiters - on hand, too.

If you know an artisan who produces high quality work (painting, batik, jewelry, pottery) and who would like to be a part of our booth, please contact Nancy Kramer at 773.725.6944 or [kramernancy@worldnet.att.net](mailto:kramernancy@worldnet.att.net) or Leslie Wilson at 773.973.6560 or [lfwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:lfwilson@hotmail.com). The artists/artisans must be willing to share a part of her or his profits with CAPCA - to fund our Partnership and other projects.

Additionally, we will need many volunteers for 3 to 5 hour shifts at the following times: Thursday evening, 5PM-9PM; Friday, Noon to 8PM; Saturday and Sunday, 10AM to 5PM both days. The benefits of volunteering include free admission to the Bazaar and discounts at some of the other participants' booth. All participants are non-profit organizations - social service agencies, museums, etc. Please plan to be a part of our Peace Corps team for this festive and worthwhile event!

There is still time to register for the NPCA 40th anniversary celebration.  
Just go to [www.rpcv.org](http://www.rpcv.org) and click on "Celebrate the 40th" or call Cori  
Wellbourn at 202.293.7728 x20

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Newsletter News

The deadline for submitting articles, announcements, volunteer opportunities, etc. to the CAPCA newsletter is the third Friday of every other month (February, April, June, August and December). Submissions can be sent directly to [www.capcanews@yahoo.com](mailto:www.capcanews@yahoo.com). All submissions should include contact information.

## Global Education Announcements

Summer 2001: The following represent upcoming global education opportunities, resources, etc.

1. Public Libraries Abroad
2. Host Families Needed for Pacific Intercultural Exchange
3. ACS International Peace Prize
4. Freetown Players
5. Mentors and Hosts Needed for AFS
6. Eduwatch Seeks Volunteers and Program Supporters

If you would like information about any of the events and/or activities listed above, please contact Anne Baker (Fiji 1985-87), Director of Global Education and Programs, NPCA, [gloaled@rpcv.org](mailto:gloaled@rpcv.org), <http://www.rpcv.org>.

## NPCA and CAPCA Leadership

Thanks! Merci! Gracias! Special thanks are in order for Kelly Brest van Kampen, Tunisia, '65-'67, who just finished seven years of service to the National Peace Corps Association. While Kelly was elected as the Great Lakes regional representative, she was pressed into service to use her legal skills in overseeing a major By-Laws revision as well as the NPCA's ongoing legal needs. Additionally, Maxine Gere, Philippines '70-'72, is ending a long run of active service to CAPCA, having served as President for three years and Immediate Past President for two. Both of these women have given generously and wisely to us all, and it is our pleasure and honor to acknowledge and thank them now.

## Fresh Ideas and New Leadership Welcome!

CAPCA's annual Board of Director's elections will take place at the September Dinner Meeting at Ina's Restaurant. While almost all current Board members are continuing in their elected or appointed terms, we always need new energy and ideas. If you are a dues paying CAPCA member – or a first-year-back "complimentary" member – and are interested in being more involved in a CAPCA leadership role, please contact Stephanie Arnold at [stephanie.c.arnold@us.andersen.com](mailto:stephanie.c.arnold@us.andersen.com) or 773.529.1892.

We are always especially glad to have members organize and host our monthly dinner meetings, and we are always looking for new restaurants. The requirements are that the proprietor be flexible enough to not require a guarantee, be able to serve some vegetarian choices, and serve a meal with soft drink, tax, and tip included for \$20 or less.

## Chicago Humanities Festival

At our August dinner meeting, Eileen Mackevich, President and Executive Producer of the Chicago Humanities Festival was our guest speaker and, in addition to telling us about the history – and future – of the festival, she invited all RPCVs and friends of Peace Corps to consider volunteering to help with the festival, which occurs over many days and in many venues across the City. The theme of this year's festival, which takes place from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, is Words & Pictures. For more information, check out the Festival Web Site: [www.chfestival.org](http://www.chfestival.org) or call 312.661.1028.

## Culture Shocks Wrap Up the Season

CAPCA's softball team, the Culture Shocks finished their summer season with a .500 record. The team made it through the first round of the playoffs, but lost in the second. Anyone interested in playing in the fall season should contact Joe Buckley at [JBuckley@avenew.com](mailto:JBuckley@avenew.com). Fall league and play begins September 9th!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### September 15, 2001 - International Coastal Cleanup at North Avenue Beach

The Shedd Aquarium invites you to help clean up the North Avenue Beach in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup 2001 on Saturday, September 15, 2001 from 9 am to noon.

Last year, nearly 1,100 Illinois volunteers covered 20 miles of shoreline, removing almost 5,000 pounds of trash and debris. This info is recorded and sent to the The Ocean Conservancy where it is analyzed to identify pollution sources, so that solutions can be developed. There are 28 beaches in the Chicago area being cleaned-from Winthrop Harbor on the North to Rainbow Beach on the South. For more information, see <http://www.cmc-ocean.org/cleanupbro/>.

To help out, contact Ashley Anderson (RPCV Somalia, 98-00) at [AAnderson@shedd Aquarium.org](mailto:AAnderson@shedd Aquarium.org) or phone 312.692.3384

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\* Call M.J. Foster, Recruitment Manager at  
312.641.3184 \*

\* Send a resume to 155 N. Wacker Dr., #715,  
Chicago, IL 60606 \*

### Tax Counseling Project is looking for Volunteer Tax Preparers!

The Tax Counseling Project, a project of the Center for Law & Human Services, is one of the nation's largest community-based programs providing free tax preparation and tax counseling for low-income workers. During 2001, 464 volunteers helped prepare over 10,300 returns and generated over \$13.6 million dollars in refunds! By helping families claim every tax benefit available to them, the Tax Counseling Project's volunteers can boost the incomes of working poor families up to 35%!

- √ NO PRIOR TAX EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED, FREE TAX TRAINING PROVIDED!
- √ VOLUNTEERS ARE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES BY TAX PROFESSIONALS!
- √ SIGN UP TODAY AND GAIN THE IMMEDIATE SATISFACTION OF GIVING BACK TO OTHERS!

If you would like to volunteer to help put money back into the pockets of thousands of Illinois families, please contact the Center for Law & Human Services at (312) 252-0280 or by e-mail at [volunteer@centerforlaw.org](mailto:volunteer@centerforlaw.org), or visit [www.centerforlaw.org](http://www.centerforlaw.org) and download an application today!

### Hosts Needed - Nacel Open Door

Nacel Open Door, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting international understanding and language education, is currently looking for hosts (families, couples or individuals) for the spring semester (Jan 2002-June 2002) as well as summer hosts for one month in the summer. If you're interested, please feel free to contact Molly Cunningham at [mccunnin@cs.com](mailto:mccunnin@cs.com) or check out their website at [www.nacelopendoor.org](http://www.nacelopendoor.org).

## **Peace Corps Graduates Programs in Poland; U.S. Ambassador Hosts Closing Ceremony in Warsaw**

Christopher Hill, U.S. Ambassador to Poland (RPCV-Cameroon), hosted a closing ceremony reception at his residence in Warsaw on June 8 to mark eleven years of Peace Corps Volunteers working side-by-side with the citizens of Poland. To honor the occasion, nearly 70 former Peace Corps Volunteers returned to Poland to join the last group of 61 currently serving Volunteers, along with two former Poland Country Directors. A number of high-ranking Polish government officials were also in attendance, as were U.S. Embassy, Peace Corps staff, and Acting Peace Corps Director Charles R. Baquet III.

The first group of Peace Corps Volunteers arrived in Poland in February 1990, following the signing of an agreement between the governments of the United States and Poland. Due to the tremendous progress in Poland over the last decade, Peace Corps Volunteers, through their work with Polish schools and organizations, have been able to achieve the development goals as set forth by the government of Poland.

## **The Peace Corps Holds Swearing-In Ceremony in Georgia**

U.S. Ambassador Kenneth S. Yalowitz presided over the June 20<sup>th</sup> swearing-in ceremony for the first group of Peace Corps Volunteers in Georgia. The Peace Corps Trainees arrived in Georgia on May 1, and began an intensive eight-week community-based training program that includes Georgian language, cross-cultural studies, technical education, and health and safety.

Peace Corps Volunteers will be assigned to schools and communities across Georgia where they will teach English in secondary schools. Volunteers will team-teach with their Georgian counterparts, design and deliver student-centered lessons. Through English lessons, Peace Corps Volunteers will help Georgian students develop and strengthen new learning and adaptation techniques, critical thinking, and decision-making skills.

### **Save the Children Note Cards for Sale!**

To help preserve the traditional Mithila art form, and to help girls ages 10 to 15 develop creative skills for safe employment, Save the Children, the world's largest non-sectarian international development & relief organization, sponsors a group of young girls in the Siraha district of Nepal to hand-paint cards for sale. Sales from the cards directly benefit these young girls. Sales also benefit CAPCA projects like "Connections" and Peace Corps Partnership!

Cards are \$2 each or 10 for \$12.

To buy cards, please contact Leslie Wilson at 773.973.6560 or [lfwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:lfwilson@hotmail.com).

### **Peace Corps Calendars for Sale!**

It's that time of year again! The 2002 Peace Corps calendars produced by the RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison are hot off the press! Be among the first to get your hands on one - or ten! You'll definitely want one for yourself- but remember - Peace Corps calendars make great gifts for friends, family and coworkers!

Calendars will be sold for \$10 and bulk discounts will be available to individuals purchasing 25 or more. All proceeds will go toward the support of CAPCA's Peace Corps Partnership Projects and disaster relief efforts. Last year was a huge success and we're hoping to sell many more calendars this year!

Get your calendars at CAPCA international dinners and events beginning in August until supplies run out! You may also place your order by sending your name, address and quantity desired in an e-mail to [capcacalendarsales@bungo.com](mailto:capcacalendarsales@bungo.com), by sending your order and payment to CAPCA, P.O. Box 1149, Chicago, IL 60690, or by contacting Stephanie Arnold at 312.507.4885 during the day.

# Job Opportunities

## THE CONSERVATION FUND

**Title:** Milwaukee Field Representative

**Supervisor:** Midwest Director

### *Position Summary:*

The Conservation Fund, a national non-profit conservation organization, seeks an experienced and creative professional to serve as its Milwaukee Field Representative. The Milwaukee Field Representative is responsible for completing real estate acquisitions in a four county area. The ideal candidate will be from the Milwaukee area, willing to travel frequently, and work frequent nights and occasional weekends to accommodate landowners' schedules.

### *Responsibilities include the following:*

- Initiate, direct, and complete specific land conservation projects in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington counties in the conservation plan for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD).
- Assist MMSD in developing grant proposals to fund acquisitions.
- Promote the vision of the protection of Milwaukee's wetlands and flood plains to communities, local units of government, and landowners.
- Develop and maintain relationships with key government resource agencies, local land trusts, corporate partners, and other conservation, economic development and non-profit organizations in the region.

### *Qualifications:*

- Established record of success in real estate transactions.
- A demonstrated commitment to land conservation and knowledge of private land conservation techniques.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Proven ability to conceive, plan, and implement programs.
- Willing to travel extensively in the four counties.
- Coordinate work with the Conservation Plan Team.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team
- Ability to work nights and weekends as needed.

The Conservation Fund is a national non-profit organization dedicated to preserving America's land legacy by acquiring and protecting open space, wildlife habitat, and historic sites throughout the nation.

The Conservation Fund offers a comprehensive benefits package and a salary of \$40,000 to \$45,000 commensurate with experience.

To apply, fax, mail or email your resume to "Milwaukee Field Representative" The Conservation Fund, 30 W. Monroe 18th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603. Fax: 312.332.8412, Email: [bcrome@conservationfund.org](mailto:bcrome@conservationfund.org)

Additional information about The Conservation Fund is available at its web site: [www.conservationfund.org](http://www.conservationfund.org).

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# CAPCA Board Meeting Minutes

## Summary of 5 July 2001 Meeting

**Present:** Stephanie Arnold, Wallace Goode, Trina Janes, Nancy Kramer, Alissa Strauss, Liz Thomas, Elizabeth Versten and Leslie Wilson. **Not Present:** Marie Erdman, Maxine Gere, Melissa Hall, Kara Malenfant, Greg Nessinger, Ben Peeters, David Pope, Julianne Wilson Salinas and Chuck Sheftel.

### Founder's Day Dinner

**Financial Success:** This year's Founder's Day dinner was one of the most profitable in recent years. CAPCA has netted \$4,023 from Founder's Day to date, and \$1,100 in advertising pledges is still outstanding. Expenses were significantly below last year – over \$2,000 was saved by finding better values for food and printing.

**Thank You Letters:** Leslie Wilson will send thank you letters to all people who gave a contribution in excess of the ticket price.

**Treasurer's Report (Arnold):** Arnold distributed the Summary of Transactions and an Income-Expense Statement for Founder's Day as of July 5. There is a balance of \$10,514.92 in the bank.

**CAPCA Contributions:** The board agreed to make contributions to the following programs:

**South Africa Book Purchase:** Kara Malenfant is participating in the World Library Fellowship's Inform the World program in South Africa. As part of the trip, participants are encouraged to make contributions to allow their local librarian counterparts to purchase books at a book fair. The board agreed to contribute \$200.

**Peace Corps Partnership Projects:** At the April meeting, CAPCA agreed to fund two Peace Corps partnership projects – one in Morocco and one in the Dominican Republic. An initial contribution of \$500 was sent to each project. The Morocco project has subsequently been fully funded. The Dominican Republic project still needs over \$4,000. The board agreed to contribute \$2,000 to the Dominican Republic project.

**Connections:** The Harper High School Connections program is currently raising money to fund its trip to Ghana. The trip costs \$2500 per student and students are asked to raise half of that amount themselves. The board agreed to contribute \$2,500.

**Card Sales:** To date, CAPCA has raised about \$200 from sales of the Nepalese cards. CAPCA will continue to sell the cards at dinner meetings, NPCA conference and the Very Merry Bazaar and through advertising in the newsletter. Malenfant will develop a promotion for the cards on the CAPCA website.

**Newsletter:** Some people have requested that they receive the bi-monthly newsletter electronically, rather than in paper format. A subcommittee was formed some months ago to study this issue; it is comprised of Kramer and Arnold, who will meet soon to discuss the issues related to such a decision.

**Leadership Succession:** An in-depth discussion about leadership succession will take place at the August 30 board meeting. Elections for the upcoming year will take place on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**2003 NPCA Conference:** CAPCA has been asked to consider hosting the NPCA conference in 2003. CAPCA members attending the NPCA conference will talk to RPCVs from cities that have recently hosted the conference to determine the feasibility. CAPCA will then consider forming an exploratory committee after the NPCA conference.

### **Other Business:**

**Newsletters** - Each newsletter should include the deadline for submission for the next newsletter.

**Board Resignation** - Alissa Strauss announced that she is resigning from the CAPCA board. She is moving to California to begin an MPH/MBA program at Berkeley. The board wished her well.

**Next meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at The Haymarket Group, 54 W. Hubbard Street.

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