



Central Missouri RPCVs Membership Form

Your dues go to supporting the many wonderful projects of our currently serving Central MO PCVs ~ Thank you!

Renewal New Member New Contact Info

Name(s): _____
 Street Address: _____
 Phone Number (H): _____ (W) _____ (M) _____
 Email: _____ Peace Corps Country and years of service: _____
 Current Occupation & Employer: _____
 If you're a student, what & where are you studying? _____

New RPCV (<1 year)	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE!	Couple	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	Unrestricted donation	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Single-member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	Total Amount \$	_____

Make checks payable to **Central Missouri RPCVs** and send to:
Frank Yates, 152 Sac Rd. Unit 1B, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079-5539

I am interested in serving on the following committees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Social
<input type="checkbox"/> Film Festival	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Speaker's Bureau



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Central Missouri Returned Peace Corps Volunteers is a social, service, and networking group for RPCVs in Central Missouri. The group was formed in 1996 as part of the 35th anniversary of the Peace Corps. It now has contact with more than 200 returned volunteers in Central Missouri.

Our objectives are to provide RPCVs with opportunities to socialize, educate people about the Peace Corps, act as a resource for prospective volunteers, and to promote interactions between RPCVs and the mid-Missouri community.

For more information, email centralmorpcvs@gmail.com

News from the Board of Directors

By Karen Shanteau Davis (Guatemala 1992-1994)

A quick check on Facebook reconnects me with Peace Corps Volunteers from my training group in Guatemala. Sam has never-ending adventures in A rural Alaskan fishing village. Rena is currently touring Scandinavia, and Cindy travels back and forth to Central America with her Guatemalan husband. Staying in contact with them helps keep my Peace Corps experience fresh twenty years after our lives were collectively transformed through service.

Even though many Returned Peace Corps Volunteers attend country of service reunions, belong to Facebook groups and Skype with host families overseas, we also have a desire to connect locally with others who have shared similar experiences serving in developing countries. Regardless of when and where RPCVs serve, there is a camaraderie that binds us together and fuels our motivation to bring the world back home to Central Missouri.

Simply put, it is the drive to fulfill the Third Goal of the Peace Corps that unites us and energizes the life of Central Missouri RPCVs. We send speakers to local classrooms and community organizations; spend months planning our film festival; invest time into recruiting the next generation of volunteers; and fund small projects for Missouri volunteers. Seven elected members spend hours at board meetings setting goals and implementing the behind the scenes work to reach them. We do all these things in an effort to connect Central Missouri with lives of people who live far outside the borders of the United States.

As I begin the last year of my last term as President of the Board of Directors, I am humbled to have been a part of the efforts of the local Peace Corps community. The vibrancy and growth of our group continues to enhance my life in ways I did not anticipate when I started my Peace Corps journey.

Each RPCV has a responsibility to invest in the continued growth of our local group. For some, that means attending an event for the first time... or the first time in a while. For others, that means serving on our Third Goal Film Festival steering committee or volunteering to speak in a classroom to help us further our efforts in bringing the world back home. And some step forward to invest even further by serving two year terms on our Board of Directors. However, there is something that each RPCV can do; regardless of how much available time and energy they have.

This year, the Board has decided to hold our first ever membership drive. We're excited about the potential to connect with more RPCVs in the area, many of whom know about our group but are not official members. There will be fun premiums along the way, so stay tuned. You can read more about our membership drive in an article from Lindsey Smith in this newsletter. I thank you in advance for your support and participation. It is indeed an exciting time to be a part of the local Peace Corps scene!



Join Central MO RPCVs in 2013-14 and get cool stuff!

Did you know that Central MO RPCVs has contact with 200 RPCVs in the mid-Missouri area? Most of these RPCVs are "associate members" of our organization, meaning they do not pay annual dues. We'd like to increase the percentage of full dues-paying members in 2013-14 and we're kicking off a Membership Drive this fall to help us achieve that goal!

What are the benefits of membership?

- You can vote in the annual Board of Directors election
- You can serve on the Board of Directors
- Your dues go to support small projects by Missouri PCVs in the field around the world.

The 2013-2014 Membership Drive kicks off at the Fall Welcome Beer-Tasting on August 24th. At this event only, RPCVs joining Central MO RPCVs for the first time or renewing their membership will receive a complimentary pint glass with the Central MO RPCV logo (which you can then use to sample all the great beers people bring to share!). We now have the capability to take memberships via a PayPal Smartphone application, so you can join that way or bring cash or checks.

The Membership Drive continues during our calendar sales season. Our biggest fundraiser of the year is our Peace Corps calendar, produced by RPCVs of Madison, WI. This fall, from September 1-December 31, when you join or renew your membership to Central MO RPCVs, you will receive one free calendar

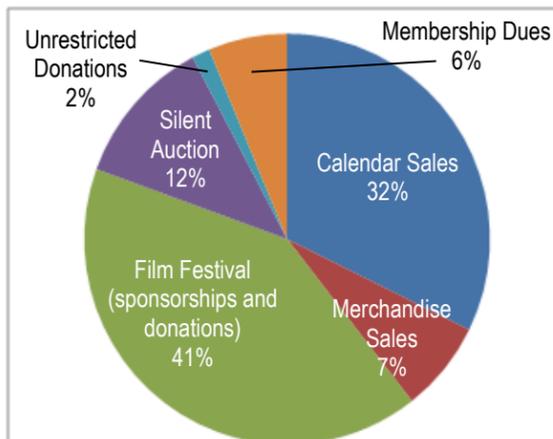
(and as many more as you'd like to purchase, of course!). These gorgeous calendars make wonderful gifts and are beautiful way to hang the world on your wall in 2014. Other membership drive events and premiums are in the works.

So — consider joining Central MO RPCVs this year. If you've been a member for years, thank you! If you're joining for the first time, your membership helps us continue to provide small grants for PCVs from Missouri and to promote the Third Goal in Columbia and the surrounding communities.

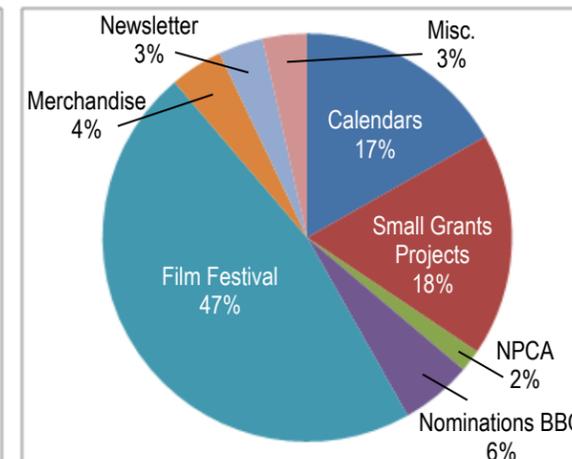
Dues are \$10 for students, \$15 for single memberships, and \$25 for family memberships.

Central MO RPCVs Annual Report (2012)

Incoming — \$5,575



Outgoing — \$5,665



Thank you.

Your gift—whether calendar purchase, membership dues, or donation—supports the events and small grants program of the Central MO RPCVs. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Membership Dues Fee Schedule

(Members are allowed to run for Board positions and vote)

- New RPCV (<1 year) FREE!
- Couple \$25
- Student \$10
- Single-member \$15

(See newsletter back panel for details)

Greetings from our new Peace Corps campus recruiter

By Tim Wall (Honduras 2005-2007)

My life's path veered sharply in a positive direction when I entered the Peace Corps.

The most intense curve in my journey occurred within the first week of training when I met my future wife, Dania, although we didn't start dating until six years later. We met during the celebration of her mom's birthday with her family, my host family during training.

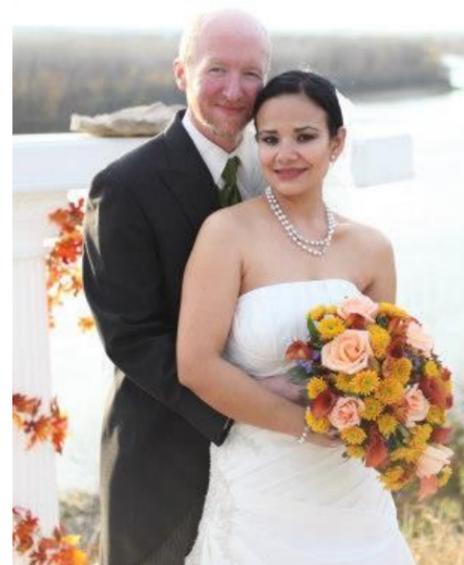
In addition to my love life, my work life took a new direction. My journalism career began in the Peace Corps when I edited the volunteer magazine, Alli No Mas. Now, I write daily for Discovery News and occasionally for a few other publications.

Now, as campus representative at Mizzou, I

hope to guide others as they make their first steps into a new world of positive possibilities.

Although the most visible accomplishment of my Peace Corps service was the trash collection system I helped my town organize, the more subtle events like hugs from neighborhood children often felt like greater achievements.

Please come to the General Information Meeting and share your own triumphs, large and small, with Mizzou students as they consider taking the road less traveled, the path of the Peace Corps. Email me at peacecorps@missouri.edu to participate.



Clip-n-Post Central MO RPCVs Events Calendar

Saturday, August 24, 2013

Beer Tasting and RPCV Welcome
Oakland Park in Columbia, Shelter #2
(near the pool)

Friday, August 30, 2013

Volunteer at Loaves & Fishes, 4:30-6:30 pm
Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Columbia Public Library

Saturday, September 14, 2013

Adopt-a-Spot, 9:00 am, 6th & Elm

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Adopt-a-Spot, 9:00 am, 6th & Elm

Sunday, November 3, 2013

International Dinner, Location
announced by email

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Columbia Public Library

Friday, Nov 29, 2013

Volunteer at Loaves & Fishes, 4:30-6:30 pm
Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Columbia Public Library

Saturday, February 1, 2014

Third Goal International Film Festival

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Columbia Public Library

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Adopt-a-Spot, 9:00 am, 6th & Elm

Sunday, April 27, 2014

Earth Day Festival, Peace Park

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Nominations BBQ, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Location announced by email

Friday, May 30, 2014

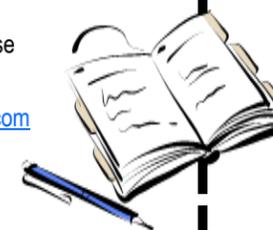
Volunteer at Loaves & Fishes, 4:30-6:30 pm
Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

Board "retreat" and potluck,
5:30 pm, Location TBD

**For information on these

events, email us at
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Third Goal International Film Festival brings global issues to CoMo

By Lebo Moore (Bolivia/Peru 2008-2010)



(Above) Each film brought a packed house
(Left) Director Alrick Brown with Rangira Béa Gallimore, MU professor and founder of Step Up
(Below) Photos from around the globe



The first time I came to Columbia, MO almost everyone I met would tell me about the True/False documentary film festival. It seemed that the whole town was gaga over films; especially ones that challenged their viewpoints as Missourians, but also that challenged their actions as global citizens. Columbians, by nature are cosmopolitan. That stated, it is no surprise that a Third Goal International Film Festival, hosted by the Central Missouri Returned Peace Corps volunteer association has taken root and grown into a local success.

The aim of the festival is to showcase films that address current global issues while engaging volunteers and community members in the third goal. Each of the films selected are either connected to a Peace Corps volunteer or address issues in countries hosting volunteers. After the films, RPCVs from the specific regions are joined by host country nationals and participate with the audience in panel discussions.

This year the Third Goal film fest was host to more than 500 people. People came out to see powerful films, eat a variety of traditional foods from PC countries, and participate in other third goal activities such as language learning, games, and dancing. Volunteers also submitted photos from their years of service that were voted on by the audience. The winning photo this year was taken by Phill Berger, RPCV Cameroon '08-'10.



The featured film of 2013 was *Kinyarwanda*, a moving story about the alliances built between Muslims, Christians, Hutus and Tutsis

during the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. Director Alrick Brown, RPCV Ivory Coast, and alumnus of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts graduate film program, participated in the discussion and gave talks to local high school students, college students and community members about the movie and the heavy issues that it addresses.

The films following Kinyarwanda drew in diverse audiences, which made for great discussion and reflection. The films shown were: *Feast and Sacrifice* about the Senegalese celebration of the Feast of the Sacrifice directed by Clare Major, RPCV Senegal; *My Village, My Lobster*, a striking look at the complex struggle of the spinney lobster fishing industry along Nicaragua's Miskito Coast, directed by Joshua Wolf and produced by Brad Allgood, RPCV Nicaragua; *Hijos de Kennedy* that chronicles the history of the Peace Corps in Columbia directed by Susan Koch; and *Last Train Home*, which follows a Chinese family caught in the desperate annual migration home for the Chinese New Year, directed by Lixin Fan.

As an RPCV and Paul D. Coverdell Fellows scholar, I am mindful of my Peace Corps service everyday. However, the Third Goal International Film Fest not only reminded me of the great work that the Peace Corps does, but it re-inspired me. It reignited that drive to connect with my community and reach out across barriers, both physical and cultural, to work with my neighbors towards a communal goal. I do not think that anyone left the festival without having learned something new about a foreign place. This is the Third Goal. This is why we come back to America and dive into non-profits, government, schools... you name it. We do it so that we can share what we have learned and teach our neighbors. What better way to continue doing this than through film, especially films made by Peace Corps Volunteers.

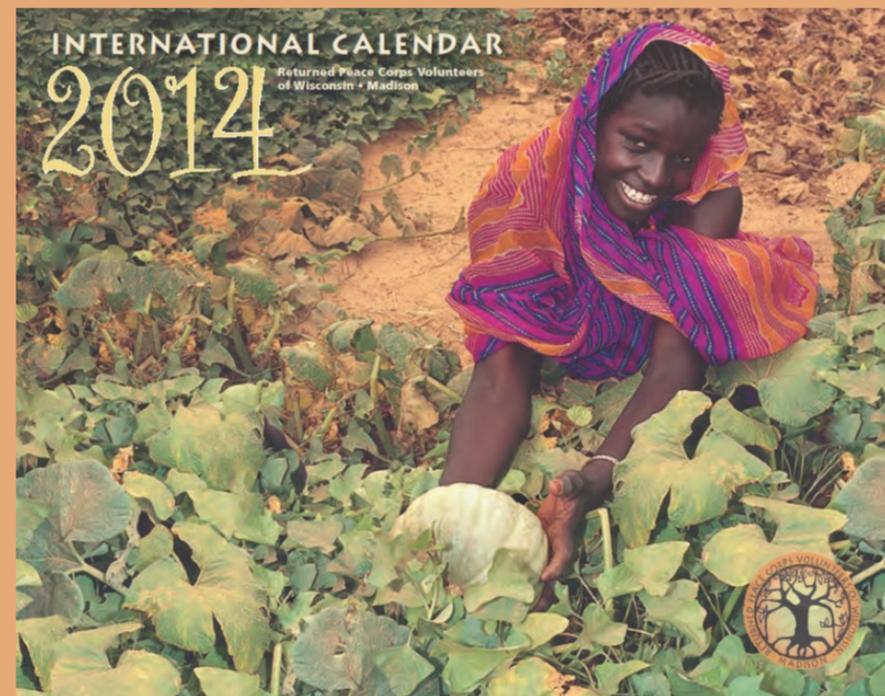
New members get a FREE calendar ~ this year only! (see page 2)

Purchase your 2014 International Calendar today!

Order your copies of the 2014 PC calendar by emailing us at centralmorpcvs@gmail.com.

(\$12 includes shipping for those who request it)

Fantastic photos and great global information are highlights of this year's Peace Corps calendar. Produced by the RPCVs of Madison, Wisconsin, the calendars are both aesthetically pleasing and a terrific fundraiser for our local RPCV group. They make great holiday gifts for family, friends, neighbors and teachers.



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Calendar sales represent the number one fundraiser for our group throughout the year and help fund the PCV projects that are highlighted in this newsletter.

Calendars are only available by special order this year. Please email today!



Central MO RPCVs continue community development through small grants projects

Thanks to all those calendars you bought and dues you paid, Central MO RPCVs was able to fund two great small projects in 2012. Both were in the former Soviet Republic of Moldova. Both recipients have been involved in Central MO RPCVs in some way — Tim Hornsby was a 2010 Nominees BBQ attendee, and Barbara Knowles is an active member of the Central MO RPCVs.

PCV Tim Hornsby, Moldova (Country-Wide)

Tim was awarded a \$200 grant to purchase supplies and materials for the volunteer-run group Haiducii that runs team building and leadership trainings throughout the Republic of Moldova for groups of all ages.

Haiducii [hi-doo-ch-ee] (Romanian for “The bandits”, like a Robin Hood type-character) is a mobile, independently run and financed team of Moldova Peace Corps volunteers that started five years ago. The group's goals are to develop leadership, teamwork, and creative problem solving skills in Moldova through high-energy, activity-based trainings.

Haiducii works with a wide range of participants — from facilitating activities at Moldovan summer camps to training youth and adult facilitators to team strengthening activities with university students and nongovernmental organizations.

Over the last five years, Haiducii has led trainings for 400 to 700 participants each year. With these two new teambuilding sets, the organization will easily be able to reach its goal of working with 1,000 youth and adults in 2013.

Thanks to the Central MO RPCV grant, Haiducii was able to purchase two sets of supplies. This addition plus the existing materials will allow us to keep a set in the north, center and south part of the country which will allow us to work with more groups and multiple groups on one day.



(Above and below) Team building in Moldova



(Left) New team building kits

RPCV Barbara Knowles, Moldova (Stefan Cel Mara School, Bravicea)

Barbara was awarded a \$100 grant to fund the mailing of donated English language books from Columbia MO.

Since Barbara returned home from Moldova, she has been an ESL volunteer at a Columbia school and the teachers and librarian have given her books for her "PC" children.

The school in Bravicea, Moldova, where Barbara served, covers 1st to 12th grade. The school is teaching English to all grades and picture books and content books are scarce.

Svetlana Riscovan, the in-country contact, was her counterpart at the school and still works with the Peace Corps at PC headquarters in Chisineau. The grant of \$100 helped offset the cost of mailing the donated books to the school.

A Thank You from Moldova

*Mrs. Barbara Knowles,
Best regards from us, students from Bravicea School. We have received the books from you and the volunteers of Peace Corps. We like English and we are glad to have books in English for additional reading. Thanks a lot to all of you!*

We also send some photos to see that we have got the parcel with the books. They are in the Public Library now, so that everyone can borrow them for reading. We appreciate your attention for us.

*Good luck!
Students from Bravicea High School, Moldova.*



Funding libraries in Moldova

