

Minutes of October 24, 2014 WCPCA Board meeting at home of Dorothy Soper (this was a brief business meeting to address several items, folded into one of our regularly scheduled potlucks. Approximately 20 people attended, the majority WCPCA members).

- 1) Laurette Garner, UO PC recruiter and ex-officio board member, gave a brief report about recent changes in the PC application process that will make it quicker and easier for prospective volunteers to make choices about where to serve and what their assignments might be. Accordingly, PCV applications have increased dramatically the past couple of months.
- 2) Denise Silfee, board member, announced a social gathering at Oakshire Brewery on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 7 p.m., one of the board's efforts to appeal to as many RPCVs as possible, especially the younger set.
- 3) Dorothy Soper explained proposed changes to the WCPCA constitution and by-laws. (They also have been posted at the website and have been in recent newsletters). Our by-laws require a vote of the membership to make such changes, hence the membership vote at this meeting. There was a motion and second and a voice vote to approve the changes. The vote was unanimous to approve.
- 4) Dorothy and Julia Harvey, board president, reminded all that board elections to office for 2015 are scheduled to happen in December. The board is seeking interested candidates, as well as WCPCA members who would be willing to serve on a nominating committee. Contact Julia or Dorothy if interested.
- 5) Gary Cornelius, board secretary, gave a brief report about the project in Madagascar that WCPCA has made a \$200 contribution toward. PCV Chris Shisler of Redmond is seeking to construct/improve "basic amenities" such as toilets and a small hydroelectric project for electricity at his remote village, so as to attract visitors and researchers who are interested in observing or studying rare troops of lemurs that live in the area. Chris describes it as an "eco-tourism project." . . . Gary also announced an upcoming educational/fundraising event, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, location and other details to be announced. This is

a screening of a documentary film, "Posh Corps," produced and directed by RPCV Alan Toth of SF, who served in South Africa.

- 6) Priscilla Dantas, a young Brazilian pianist who attends UO as a music major, and has a connection to returned Peace Corps volunteer Bob Crites, performed for the membership. She's quite talented, has a remarkable story of how she came to study in Eugene, and was much appreciated for her performance.

(The business meeting portion of the evening started at 7:20 p.m. and ended about 7:45 p.m.)

ADDENDUM: Two email votes occurred since the last meeting:

- 1) The board voted 7-0, with two not weighing in, to approve Gary's organizing of the "Posh Corps" film screening event. These votes were taken Oct. 22, 2014. The secretary will retain the relevant emails for a reasonable period of time, as well as the email containing the motion.
- 2) The board voted 5-1, with three not voting, to contribute \$200 to PCV Chris Shisler's eco-tourism project in Madagascar. The secretary will retain the relevant emails for a reasonable period of time, as well as the email containing the motion. These votes were taken Oct. 14-17, 2014.