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The Monthly Newsletter of the West Cascades Peace Corps Association

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PCV Project in Cambodia- WCPCA Supported

Hello everyone,

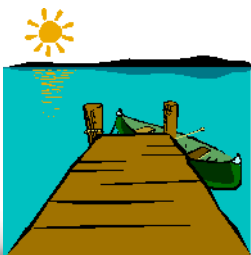
I would like to start with first thanking all of you for donating to my project and being able to assist in making it successful.

Although we fell short on some of the grant goals, the overall project was a success. The students enjoyed the the handing washing lessons and the bathrooms were build in just under 3 weeks.

The lessons taught kids in 7th, 8th, and 9th grade about the importance of hand washing and how it prevents germs and illnesses. They also learned about germs through a creative activity where they got to use their imagination and draw what they taught a germ looked like. Many students were confused at this so I started with an example. After that the students were all eager to draw their own and give it a unique name; each classifying a different illness.

The bathrooms and hand washing station were built in just under 3 weeks like mentioned before. The builders and the school went right to work as soon as the money was received. The builders were friendly and enjoyed joking around with me, as well as the school staff and the students while they worked on the project.

Below is a link for a few pictures of my counterpart (who was also my Language/ Cross-Culture Facilitator for Peace Corps Cambodia during training) and the kids enjoying each others pictures of germs. Also pictures of the bathrooms during and after the construction. The last picture should be the completed project (two bathrooms with a hand washing station in front.)



Upcoming Events and News



Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Commemoration

August 6, 2016
Alton Baker Park
7:30 PM
Luminaria Float at
8:30 pm.

The event will include
Mayor Piercy,
reminding the public
of the real dangers of a
nuclear
arsenal, and the Yujin
Gakuen Children's
Peace Choir.

Click here to view pictures of the project: **Hand Washing**

Thanks again for all your donations,

Nolan Uhlich
PCV Cambodia 2015-2017
Health Volunteer

***See more about other projects partially funded by WCPCA below

WCPCA Fundraising Dinner - Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendars! WCPCA will be holding our second 'Curry for a Cause' dinner in October. Last year's event was well-attended, but we want this year's event to be even bigger and more successful. To make that happen, we need your help with various tasks: selling tickets, spreading the word, and volunteering the day of the event. Below are details about the event.

Date: October 15, 2016

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Place: Central Presbyterian Church, 555 E 15th Ave, Eugene

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$5 for 10 years and younger

Entertainment: Kutsinhira (music from Zimbabwe)

Need for Volunteers: We have held two planning meetings and formed several committees with specific responsibilities. If you are willing to volunteer for one of these committees on October 15, please contact the chair of that committee or Juliet Bender. We will also be asking the WCPCA membership to bring desserts, e.g., cookies or cupcakes.

Committees:

Meal Preparation – Jeem Peterson (need 4 volunteers)

Set-up – Juliet Bender (need 4 volunteers)

Kitchen Prep Clean-up – Wayne Thompson (need 4 volunteers)

Table/Dishes Clean-up – Dale Morse (need 4 volunteers)

Ticket Takers – need chair and 4 volunteers

Merchandise Sales – need 2 volunteers

Thank you in advance for your help with this fundraiser. All proceeds will go to Peace Corps Partnership projects sponsored by Oregon Peace Corps volunteers.



Idaho RPCV Northwest Regional Campout

**When: August 11-14,
2016**

**Where: Grayback
Gulch Campground**

**Who: Idaho Returned
Peace Corps
Volunteers**

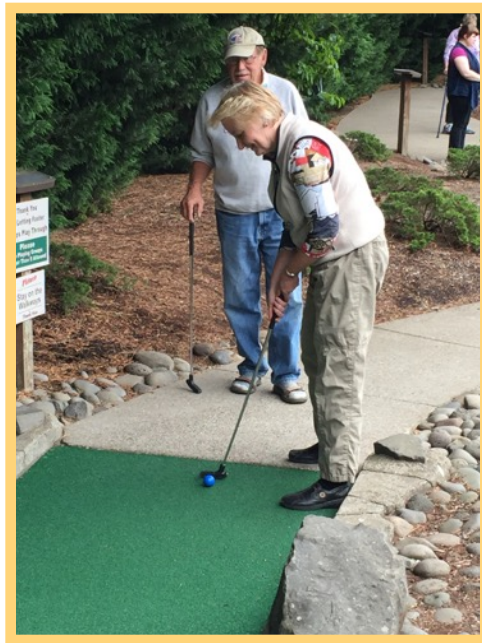
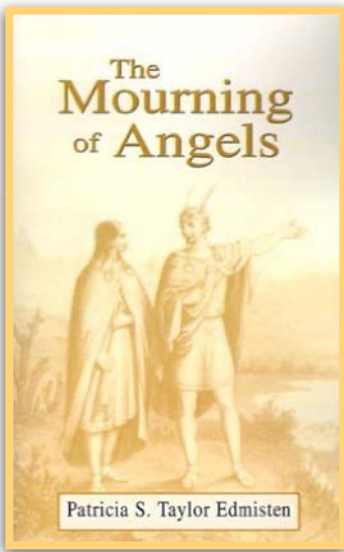


Camp Putt Putt Party Time

By Wayne Thompson

A small, but enthusiastic group of golfers played the front 18 holes at Camp Putt in Glenwood on July 17 and then celebrated the event with pizza and a Sweet Life cake which the winners shared with everyone. In reality, the official score keeper found it difficult to keep accurate statistics and quit scoring after the 10th hole. There were several memorable shots, however, including three holes in one and several birdies. The best score of the day was definitely Huzley who took more shots than anyone else.

At our celebration party at the Roaring Rapids Pizza Parlor, it was determined that we were all winners. So we all shared the prize and ate cake.



WCPCA Book Club

The book club is on a summer break but be sure to join us when we resume.

On Sept. 8, 2016 we'll be discussing **The Mourning of Angels** by Patricia Taylor Edmisten (Peru 1962-64). There's plenty of time to order it from Amazon and read it in time for the meeting. A great book to add to your summer reading list. Rolly Thompson will be hosting the group that begins at 6:30 PM. Enjoy your summer.





Pool Party & BBQ

**When: August 28, 2016
2-5PM**

**Where: 85622 Jasper
Rd. Pleasant Hill**

**See article for more
details ->**



Special Literary Event

When: 9/27

**Where: RPCV Patty
MacAfee's home**

**A traveling RPCV
author on a book tour
will come
thru Eugene. See
details in September
newsletter.**

Pool Party and BBQ on August 28th

By Wayne Thompson

Our late summer event will be on Sunday, August 28 at the home of Bob Watada and Rosa Sakanishi, 85622 Jasper Park Road in Pleasant Hill. Festivities will be from 2:00 until 5:00 and will include barbeque hamburgers and sausages provided by WCPCA. Guests are asked to bring a side, either salads or desserts. Only water and sodas will be provided so you might BYOBeer or wine.

Bob and Rosa's BBQ location is beside their swimming pool and a great place for kids of all ages to cool off on a warm August afternoon. Walk around their farm and view Bob's Japanese Garden. Close by is Jasper State Park, on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River, and a nice place to visit either before or after the party. Did I mention that there is a SWIMMING POOL at Bob and Rosa's.

Hope to see you on August 28

Ocean Guardian Contest

By Travis Bays

I'm writing to let you know about an opportunity to collaborate with us on our 2016 Ocean Guardian Contest. Details on those opportunities are below.

This year we are looking to expand our grass-roots annual Ocean Guardian contest through partnerships with organizations with shared values.

There's potential for this contest to expand significantly this year and a lot of momentum already in place. We have garnered support and product donations from Klean Kanteen, Patagonia, Mafia Bags, United By Blue, Life Without Plastic, Jungle Mama, Indosole, Hari Mari, Uhuru and the folks at Chasing Ice and Blue Mind. The below link provides an overview of the previous years' Ocean Guardian contests and details for the 2016 contest so you can get a stronger understanding of the logistics, reach, prizes, etc.

Please let me know if you are interested in learning more.

<http://www.bodhisurfschool.com/ocean-guardians/contest>

In gratitude,

Travis



Upcoming Winery Event

**Sunday,
Oct. 2, 2-4 p.m. at
Sweet Cheeks
Vineyard.**

**More details to come
in September
Newsletter.**

Lost Prairie Campout

**This campout has
been cancelled due
to low enrollment.**

Peace Corps Partnership Projects

The WCPCA Board voted during the June, 2016 board meeting to support two Peace Corps Partnership Projects.

CAMBODIA Bathroom and Hygiene Project

This project will construct two new bathrooms and one handwashing station. The additional bathrooms will reduce the time that girls spend outside the classroom, waiting to use facilities. Thirtysix percent of the students reported using soap consistently at school. The students will receive handwashing education sessions, increasing students' hygienic practices. The community has agreed to donate the supplies.

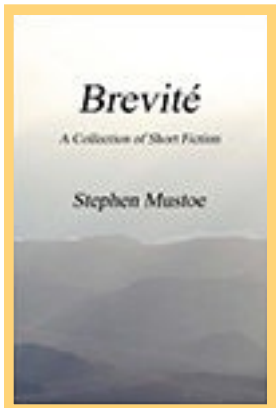
WCPCA donated \$614.50 to complete funding for this project.

MALAWI CDSS Laboratory

Malawi's educational system is burdened by a lack of resources and learning materials. Most seriously affected are Community Day Secondary Schools, which receive little government support and must get by on local school fees. The chemistry laboratory was in a bad state of repair when the staff and students labored to clean it up. This partnership project will refurbish the lab and make it fully functional, giving students a greater understanding of scientific concepts and procedures through hands on activities.

WCPCA donated \$500 to this project.

The donations that WCPCA make to Peace Corps Partnership Projects impact hundreds of students and their communities; we may not see the results, but as RPCV's, we know one stone can generate many ripples. The WCPCA Board appreciates your support and financial contributions.



New RPCV Kenya Book

Check out the new book by Stephen Mustoe,
RPCV Kenya 1983-84.

Click on the link below for more information:
[Brevité](#)



WCPCA T-Shirts for Sale!

Picture yourself in our brand new West Cascades
Peace Corps Association t-shirt.
You'll want to wear this comfortable and colorful
shirt everywhere! They will be available at WCPCA
events for \$20.



International Calendars are here!

Calendars are sold at WCPCA events or can be
ordered directly from Gary Cornelius, calendar
chairman, at garycorn@quixnet.net or by phone at
541-912-1518.



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Please contact Board president Julia for items to be brought to the next Board Meeting: juliaannamarieharvey@gmail.com

Next meeting August 23rd at 12PM at New Day Bakery