

ReConnections

The Monthly Newsletter of the West Cascades Peace Corps Association

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Namaste & Tashi Delek!

Submitted by Robert Watada

The time has arrived to send in your deposit for the upcoming Sacred Journey to the Magical kingdom of Bhutan and India with Tulku Jigme Rinpoche. Rinpoche is a teacher of Tibetan Buddhist philosophy and psychology and co-founder of the Palmo Center for peace and education, in 2013 he hosted the visit of His Holiness the Dalai

lama to Eugene. Rinpoche is very experienced having lead the sacred journey for almost a decade. He will guide the group, explain the significance of each site, lead prayers and meditation and give teachings along the way.

Each day will offer an extraordinary opportunity to experience rich ancient cultures, learning, meditations and teachings from eminent scholars and masters. As these teachers will help us open our hearts and open our minds. We will also be visiting many sacred sites associated with the life of Buddha and other enlightened beings and various thousands of years old UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

This life changing journey will leave you with deep, lasting impressions.

Upcoming Events and News



Ballet Folklórico Tlanese

Sunday, October 9th
4pm
Oregon
Contemporary
Theatre

Ballet Folklórico
Tlanese is a group of
dancers ages 5 to 25
years old who
perform traditional
Mexican dances
from Oaxaca,
Veracruz, Jalisco,
Nayarit, Guerrero,
Yucatan, Sinaloa,
and more.

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events/1785337201682182/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1785337201682182/)

Below is the tentative itinerary as well as the registration forms.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4Mh-1jyjXQfejVIUnFmQ25hanc/
view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4Mh-1jyjXQfejVIUnFmQ25hanc/view?usp=sharing)

Since this is a popular annual trip and the group size is limited, priority will be given to those who book early.

Please fill out your forms and send back with your deposit check and a color copy of your passport as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please email, text or call me anytime.

Yours on the path,

Julie Kristine Cox

760-505-4681

WCPCA is Seeking New Board Members and Newsletter Editor

By Julia Harvey and Laurette Garner

2017 is just around the corner and WCPCA is looking for new board members. The board meets about 5 times a years. The board's responsibilities include selecting Peace Corps projects to help fund with WCPCA funds. Contact current President Julia at juliaannamarieharvey@gmail.com for more information.

WCPCA is also looking for a new Newsletter Editor. The job is fun and creative and only takes a few hours once a month. Contact current Editor Laurette Garner at: laurettegarner@gmail.com

Don't Forget about the Curry For a Cause Dinner!!

Details below.

WCPCA Book Club

Next meeting:

November 10th

6:30 PM

Home of Juliet

Bender and Charles

Goldsmith. Please

bring a snack to share

and settle in for an

evening of fun

conversation.

The book is At Home
on the Kazakh Steppe

by Janet Givens.

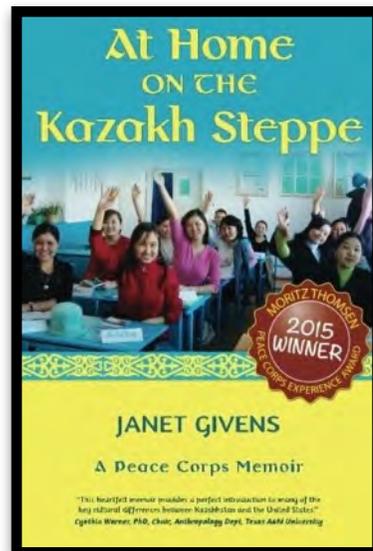
More Info on November Book Club

Submitted by Josette Green

Amazon reviews rate this book almost 5 stars out of 5 and has this introduction paragraph to say:

Just when her life felt right: new career, new home, new grandchildren, Janet Givens leaves it all behind and follows her new husband into the Peace Corps. Assigned to Kazakhstan, a Central Asian country finding its own way after generations under Soviet rule, Givens must also find a way to be in a world different from what she knew. And what she expected. Stresses of a difficult new language, surprising cultural differences, and unexpected changes in her husband lead her to question the loss of all she's given up. Will it be worth it?

At this meeting we will also be making our book selections and setting the meeting dates for the next year. Juliet Bender will be the next Book Club organizer for 2017.





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.

WCPCA Fundraising Dinner

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

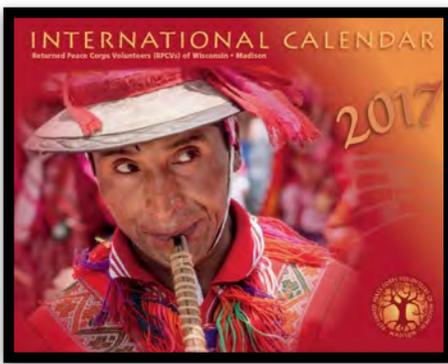
Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$5 for 10 years and younger

Speaker: Rep. Peter DeFazio

Entertainment: Kutsinhira (music from Zimbabwe)

Need for Volunteers: We will also be asking the WCPCA membership to bring desserts, e.g., cookies or cupcakes.

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. Tickets can be purchased by Board Members.



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.

Calling All Storytellers

By Juliet Bender

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, December 4, WCPCA will hold our first Story Slam at Tsunami Books. What is a Story Slam, you ask? A chance for you to tell a short story about an aspect of your Peace Corps experience. Sound like fun? Then join us!

Event: WCPCA Story Slam

Date: December 4, 2016

Time: 3-5pm

Place: Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette Street, Eugene

Theme: Memorable Holiday Moments

Since this event will occur around the holidays, the theme for the evening will be “Memorable Holiday Moments during Peace Corps”. Storytellers will have 5-7 minutes to share their Peace Corps stories with the audience. Stories can be funny or poignant, and gifts will be given for best stories. If you are interested in being a storyteller, please get in touch with Juliet Bender at 936-520-3923 or at julietbender@aol.com.

Calling All RPCV Parents

Are there any RPCV parents that are interested in meeting together with kids so that kids can play and adults can talk?

If interested, contact Evangelina Sundgrenz (RPCV Uzbek 2000-2001) to make some plans! (541)515-2013



Know Your Board

Board President: Julia Harvey, Tonga 1990-1993

Vice President: Juliet Bender, Mexico 2009-2012

Treasurer: Dale Morse, Nepal 1969-1971

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Laurette Garner, Madagascar 2004-2006

Patty MacAfee, Cameroon 1989-1991

Please contact Board president Julia for items to be brought to the next Board

Meeting: juliaannamarieharvey@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 13th

6PM at New Day Bakery