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The Monthly Newsletter of the West Cascades Peace Corps Association

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**March 2017**



## **Successful Story Slam Event**

By Juliet Bender

On December 4th, the West Cascade Peace Corps Association held our first Story Slam event at Tsunami Books. With nine storytellers, the event was quite a success! Many of the stories focused on holidays celebrated in foreign countries, while others highlighted everyday life as a Peace Corps volunteer, such as riding in taxis in South Africa.

Prizes were given for the most poignant story, which went to Ginny Donohue for her story about celebrating Christmas in her Indian village, and for the funniest story, which went to Vince Ceccacci for his story about searching for moss in the forests of Colombia to put in the community's nativity crèche. Thanks to all the WCPCA members who told stories!

Start thinking about your stories to tell in 2017!

## Upcoming Events



## RPCV Pub Night

March 15th

6-8PM

**Hop Valley Brewing  
Company  
990 W. 1st Ave.  
Eugene, OR 97402**

Friends, Family, RPCVs and more are invited to join the West Cascade Peace Corps Association at our monthly pub night. March 2017's pub night will be held at the Hop Valley on 1st ave. Looking forward to seeing familiar and new faces there!





## March Potluck

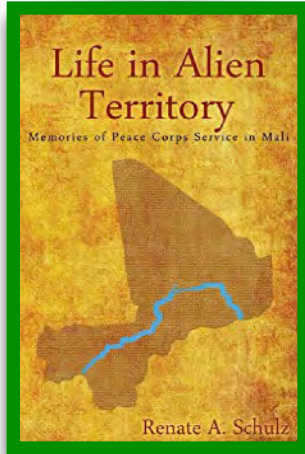
March 19th

6PM

Home of Juliet Bender

## March Potluck

Please join us for the next WCPCA potluck, which will be held on Sunday evening, March 19, at the home of Juliet Bender and Charles Goldsmith. We will start at 6:00pm with an opportunity for attendees to meet each other, followed by the potluck and a program. Diantha Hull will speak about her Peace Corps experience in Tanzania (2014-2016). She served in central Tanzania, living in the village of Ntunduu, and was an agriculture/environment volunteer. Please bring a dish to share for an evening of enjoyment.



## WCPCA Reading List 2017

### January 12th

Book: Life in Alien Territory: Memories of Peace Corps Service in Mali, by Renate A. Schulz

Host: Home of Virginia (Ginny) Donohue

Where available: [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) (paperback and Kindle)

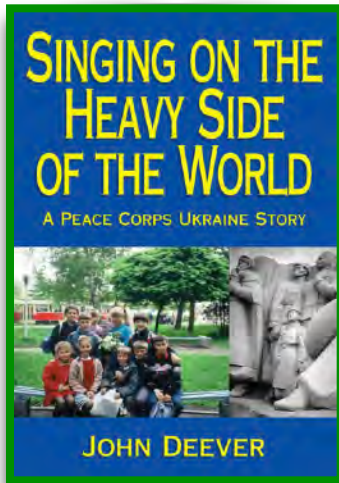
### March 23rd

Book: História, História: Two Years in the Cape Verde Islands, by Eleanor Stanford

Host: Home of Patty MacAfee

Where available: [cclapcenter.com](http://cclapcenter.com) (free ebook) or Kindle store





**May 18th**

Book: Singing on the Heavy Side of the World (Ukraine), by John P. Deever

Host: Home of Juliet Bender and Charles Goldsmith

Where available: amazon.com (paperback and Kindle)

**September 14th**

Book: Marrying Santiago, by Suzanne Adam

Host: Home of Julia Harvey

Where available: amazon.com (paperback or Kindle)

**November 9th**

Book: The Soft Exile (Mongolia), by Eric Kiefer

Host: Home of Josette Green

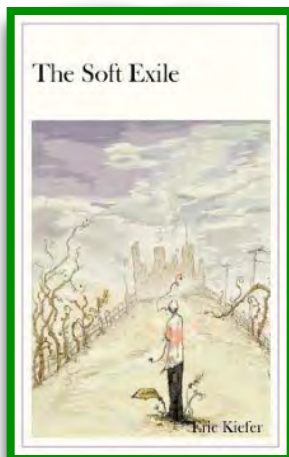
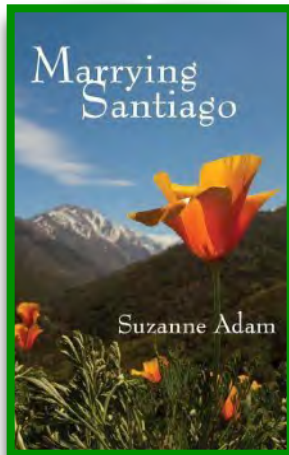
Where available: Kindle store

## **Springfield Library Opportunity**

The library is looking ahead to summer programming. The Summer Reading theme this year is Build a Better World.

The Springfield Library is looking for community engagement type activities and would love to have an RPCV presentation on a Saturday at the library sometime this summer. If you are interested please contact Emily

David at: [edavid@springfield-or.gov](mailto:edavid@springfield-or.gov)





### **Know Your Board**

**Board President: Julia Harvey,  
Tonga 1990-1993**

**Vice President: Juliet Bender,  
Mexico 2009-2012**

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1969-1971**

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**James Cloutier, Kenya 1964-1966**

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2004-2006**

**Patty MacAfee, Cameroon  
1989-1991**

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