



WEST CASCADE PEACE CORPS ASSOCIATION



**SUNDAY, AUGUST
13TH**

Don't Miss The Summer Picnic!

We look forward to seeing you at our annual summer picnic. This year it will be hosted by Don Nordin (India 1967-1969) in his beautiful 1-acre garden in Cottage Grove. This event will take place on Sunday, August 13, 2-6pm. His address is 346 Elk Drive, Cottage Grove. Detailed directions are available at the WCPA's website.

Please bring a potluck dish to share of an appetizer, salad or dessert. If you have one, please bring a folding chair as well. Cups, plates and utensils will be provided.

If anyone wants to make a day of it, you can catch the #98 bus at 8:30am in Eugene and the return bus at 6:00pm in Cottage Grove. There are biking, swimming, hiking and river opportunities in the area for the morning. Also, carpooling would be a good option.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Juliet Bender at [936-520-3923](tel:936-520-3923) or julietbender@aol.com.



JULY PUB NIGHT

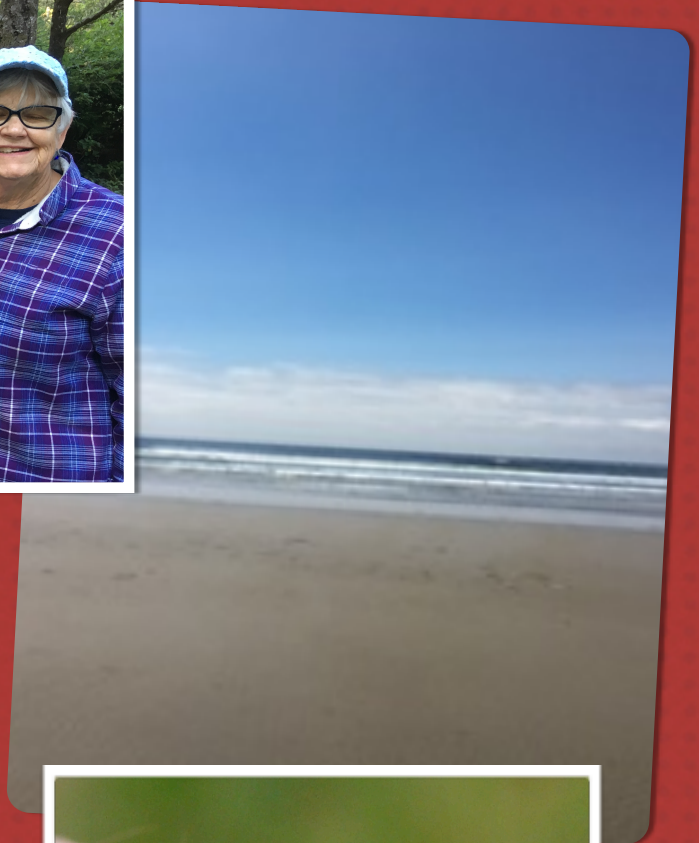


SEPTEMBER'S BOOK CLUB
SELECTION



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK
ROGER, DENISE AND MO

ANNUAL REGIONAL CAMPOUT



WCPCA hosted the 27th annual regional returned peace corps camp out the weekend of July 14th. Members arrived on friday night and were provided a delicious meal of burritos, rice and salad. The weather was beautiful, friends were made, stories were shared and we swatted away mosquitoes (I don't recall ever being bit on the Oregon Coast). We hope you will join us next year near Spokane.

PEACE CORPS PROJECT



Let Girls Learn
Covered Water
Project in
Gambia

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Judd of
Oregon



WCPCA
supported this
project with a
contribution of
\$500.

This community lives in a small village in rural Gambia, in which their only water sources currently are 3 open wells. One of these has been serving the community since 1987, which makes it older than about half the estimated community population of approximately 300 people. There is one tap that is located at the health center just outside the village. When asked all but one compound in the village stated that they fetch their water exclusively from the open wells because the amount of water needed to meet each families demand in conjunction with the distance from their compound to the tap does not make it a feasible option for them. All interviewees also stated that at least one child in their compound had suffered from diarrhea within the week prior and ranked diarrheal disease as one of their main concerns. The proposed project is to convert one of these 3 wells into a clean covered water source for the village. The purpose of this project is simple, to provide the community with access to a clean and sanitary water.