

Through PCAFPD, returned volunteers, staff and friends maintain a bond with the Philippines by providing scholarships for exceptional Filipino students to attend college in their country. You can join us by sending a contribution in the envelope provided.

Peace Corps Returns

PCAFPD invited supporters and friends to celebrate the return of the Peace Corps to the Philippines with Emmanuel Peláez, Philippine Ambassador to the U.S., and Jerry Leach, Director of Peace Corps PACHEM Region.

Ambassador Peláez recalled welcoming the first group of volunteers 'Batch 1' in late 1961. He felt that the influence of the NPA has declined significantly; and that the entire country should be safe for PCV's because Filipinos hold the Peace Corps in high esteem. He discussed promising developments in rural electrification, and in free trade among six South East Asian Countries.

Jerry Leach announced that 24 volunteers would arrive in the Philippines this Spring and approximately the same number next year to work in teams. He noted that it had been difficult to locate secure sites for PCV's where there was no NPA activity; travel will be restricted to Batanes, Catanduanes and Romblon where the volunteers will be assigned.

Peace Corps has expanded in the last two years from 65 to 90 country programs. The largest has 260 PCV's in Honduras, and the smallest consists of one volunteer in Zimbabwe; Poland has 235 PCV's.

Officers and Board Members Elected

President: Andy Tracy, RPCV (1965-68) re-elected
Vice-President (Philippines): Modesto de Jesus,
retired staff (1971-83) re-elected
Vice-President (U.S.): Margaret Frericks, RPCV (1988-90)
Secretary: Frank Page, RPCV (1979-81)
Treasurer: Chris Yatooma, RPCV (1987-88)
New Board Members:
Jonathan Hubchen, RPCV (1983-85)
Frank Page
Chris Yatooma

SCHOLARS REPORT

In 1991-92 PCAFPD supported 28 students, six of whom will graduate this semester. Three new scholar have been selected, so that PCAFPD will be supporting 25 students for the 1992-93 school year. Excerpts from scholars' year end reports follow

Mari Jean L. Aycocho '91
Divine World College
Legaspi -- Elementary Education

"I shall always bear with me the idea that I will work with the most precious material in the world, the mind of the child. Therefore, I shall be very careful because I will be making marks upon that mind which time will never rub out."

Rafael Bertolano '95
Western Institute of Technology
Iloilo -- Engineering

"Making plans of buildings like houses is taught in Drawing, where in I learn now how to estimate the needed materials for construction which computation is used as taught in Mathematics subjects"



Rozalina L. Quibete '93, at a festival in Davao is shown holding 3 trophies, for cha-cha, bogie, and best Solicitor awards.

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Rhea A. Cinco '93
University of the Philippines
Quezon City -- Business Administration

"We were given as much as twenty case studies per semester. There were times when we had to stay awake for two to three consecutive nights just so to be able to finish and submit our case analysis on time. These added requirements, case presentations, marketing plans, term papers on famous companies and the like took a big chunk of our time and affected our schedules"

Jessica P. Lastima '91
Southwestern University
Leyte -- Dentistry

"In the laboratory we've seen slides of the microorganisms using microscope and even culture some of it. Got to be extra careful for mostly are dangerous that will cause immediate disease once a person is contaminated... I was hospitalized because of cholera dysentery weeks before prelim and was so pale and suffered light headedness because of low blood pressure. Lots of rest was what I really need that time but because of the typhoon Ruping our class started late but we are to cover up subject matter for the term. So long hours of discussion and lots of exam are expected. We have to utilize candles in studying for no electricity it takes almost one month before its restoration. Then again I was away from school for almost 2 weeks because I got caught with chicken pox..."

Anesthesiology. Here we learn the different techniques of injection, specific medicine used, nerves to be anesthetize for specific tooth during extraction. And my first experience in anesthetizing tooth when we performed root canal therapy using local infiltration. I got nervous but not scared..."

To aim of becoming a dentist is not so easy. For most of the time we experience of eating our meal late because of our hectic schedule and clinical works... Next school year I'll be in my third year proper and I don't know what will be in store for me as a clinician for we are to start our internship and will be working in the clinic at the same time learning. Lastly my sincerest thanks to you sir and the Foundation for the financial support, your encouragement without this I know that my dream would be very impossible for my parents can't afford in sustaining my needs in school."

Rita A. Lavin '91
Far Eastern University
Manila -- Dentistry

"For the school year 1990-91, I completed successfully two more semestral course work at the Philippine Women's University... I have one more semester ahead of me devoted mainly to my second internship at the Family Clinic and Hospital."

Judith C. Mocarro '94
Cebu Doctors College
Cebu City -- Dentistry

"At the end of the 1st semester I was able to learn how to operate the computer machine and as well programming. In our Chemistry subject we were taught how to handle and use the different apparatus. On the 2nd semester, classes did not start as scheduled because of the typhoon "Ruping" that hit Cebu. No light and water for weeks..."

Donna Nasdoman '92
St. Mary's College
Northern Vizcaya -- Commerce

"I worked as an assistant treasurer of this vocational school. With this I think I am serving my community, though it's not my own barriomates, but some of our students are also Ifugaos and I am glad that two or three of them came from our barrio..."

Rosalinda Oreste '91
Bicol University
Albay -- Agriculture Education

"Numerous schools have become a kind of market place for selling and buying knowledge and technique. Universities sometimes made into hotbeds for riots and political demonstrations... The experiences I gain from my college life in Bicol University could truly serve a strong foundation in attaining my very goal in life not only for myself but for the people, even rich or poor. My course deals with two aspects, education and agriculture. So, what I've learned in the school could truly help to educate and demonstrate especially to the farmers to know they can gain money through proper handling of agricultural production..."

Francisco Pileo '92
Foundation University
Dumaguete -- Education

"I've learned also on how to deal children basing on their age gap as well as to guide them to do good in their everyday activities in life... I was able to have a summer job which is cabinet making... and bed making and I was paid base on the quality of my finish product..."

Rizalina L. Quibete '93
Agro-Industrial Foundation College
Davao -- Education

"As I faced my classmates, I really felt ashamed. On the first time, I experienced to feel nervous, afraid and cramping of toes as I demonstrated my lesson plan. So I realized that it is not really easy to demonstrate on the first time facing your classmates, together with some teachers watching at you. But it is normal for the first timer to feel hard in demonstrating his/her lesson plan at the very first time."

Arnito Son '94
Santa Cruz Mission
South Cotabato -- Journalism

"I topped a second place in our Dean's list having an average of 88.5% for the second semester of the school year.... I have been practicing theme in school by participating in our regular radio broadcast. This program actually aims to disseminate and update our community folks on what is happening in other places..."

Radamor B. Tanamor '91
University of Nueva Caceres
Naga City -- Engineering

"During also the second semester we have conducted an Industrial Plant visit in Manila under our subject in ME 526aB. We have seen many Industries which are the main contributor for the economy of our nation. Now, being finished with the course leading to the degree in Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering I am proud to say thank you very much for your unselfish support to the students troubled with financial matter..."

RPCV's In The News

Chris Newhall (1970-72) was quoted recently in The Washington Post in an article by Kathy Sawyer:

Geology: Mount Pinatubo's Case of Indigestion

A formidable attack of 'geological indigestion' probably triggered the devastating eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines last June, according to scientists who were monitoring instruments on the mountain before, during and after the event.

The finding, by a team of from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Denver led by John Pallister, appears to confirm earlier speculation that such explosive discharges can be induced when Mother Nature dumps a sudden dose of super-hot-basalt -- a thin, very fluid molten rock, or magma -- into the belly of a geological formation.

In Pinatubo's case, the "belly" -- a deep chamber perhaps 3 miles beneath the summit -- is normally filled with a reservoir of volatile magma that is thicker and cooler than the intruding basalt. It had been sitting there apparently since the last eruption around 600 years ago, according to the report in the journal Nature.

The basalt destabilized the reservoir and produced a thermal upwelling of magma that scientists detected as prefatory "burps and belches" last April and May. On June 7, it erupted in a dome of lava. Dome fragments show the two types of magma incompletely mixed, USGS geologist Chris Newhall said. The undiluted main reservoir began to blow in a series of explosions from June 12 to the big one on June 15.

The Washington Post also sought out Brian Johnston, M.D. (1961-63) for an article on hospitals losing money; Brian works at White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles:

"We just lost our chief of surgery," said Brian Johnston, who runs Whits's emergency room. "He's got a wife and kids. He's a fool to stay. I can't find an orthopedist to work here any more. If I have a guy who's been hit by a car and his leg is broken in eight places, they'll come in. But if it's a kid with a broken arm, they'll say, 'No way'." (March 29, 1992)

Whatever Happened to...?

Joan Aragone (1961-63) recently returned to San Francisco after nearly four years in China, where she taught Journalism and worked for the official Chinese news agency. She is directing public relations at the University of San Francisco.

Maureen Carroll (1961-63) is Peace Corps Country Director in Botswana.

Toni Ferrara (1980-82) and her husband David Leong work with U.S.A.I.D. in Bujumbura, Burundi.

Lyn Gorton (staff 1980-85) is finishing her U.S.A.I.D. assignment in Guatemala and will soon be posted to Mali.

Eliot and Jan Putnam (1961-63) are moving to Washington, D.C. where Eliot is heading the National Council for International Health. Jan is relinquishing her job as Director of Women's Studies at Wellsley to pound the pavement of the nation's capitol.

Scott Sindelar (1979-82) has moved to Beijing, China with his wife, Jo and son, Matthew, to work for the U.S.D.A.'s Foreign Agricultural Service.

Michael Walsh (1980-83) is serving with U.S.A.I.D. in Cairo. He and his wife Joan, have a year-old daughter, Alexandra.

THE KWAN KORNER

Just moved? Going oversea? Organizing a reunion of your group? New baby in the family? Trying to locate a buddy from your Peace Corps days? Let us help you.

In an effort to help returned volunteers keep in touch with each other, locate old friends, and organize get-togethers, we will bring back the KWAN KORNER.

We will publish as much news as we can. Please print or type.

Your name: _____

Address: _____

RPCV/Philippines? Yes ☐ No ☐

Other interest in the Philippines? _____

Dates Served _____

Group name/number _____

Site _____

Your work, interests and news _____

Do you know RPCV's who might like to receive this newsletter? _____

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Development and Environment

Arts & Sciences of the George Washington University reports in the Spring 1992 issue:

Dr. Martin Lewis, assistant professor of geography and regional science, studies the effect the switch from subsistence farming to commercial farming has had on the rugged highland area of northern Luzon in the Philippines. While economically very profitable, the practice has had a devastating effect on the environment. Farmers spraying continuously to ward off insects and diseases not only overused the chemicals but they also washed their backpack-style sprayers out in springs used for drinking water. The levels of insecticide have virtually wiped out the fish population in the rivers.

In addition, there is a problem of deforestation. As farmers expanded their farming areas to reap higher profits, the supply of firewood and the supply of water to lower-lying regions were depleted. Dr. Lewis' research on these issues and on the political factors is the subject of his new book, Wagering the Land, to be published in 1992.

THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTED TO THIS NEWSLETTER:

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 Carol Radomski
 Chad Walter

Please continue to send us names and addresses of your groupmates or friends who served in the Philippines.

SPECIAL THANKS to the following people for participating in our individual sponsorship program: Martha Allshouse-Hull, Lynn Gorton, Lane and Jill Johnson, Chris and Glenda Newhall, Allen Rothenberg, Dr. and Mrs. Jay Slosberg, and our newest sponsor, the BIMAK group (Benguet, Ifuago, Mt. Province, Apayo, Kalinga). If you are interested in sponsoring a student write to us at our P.O. Box

Book Review

By Carol Radomski, RPCV (1980-83)

What You Can Do For Your Country, by Karen Schwarz. 316 pp.
New York: William Morrow, Inc. \$21.00.

This book, hot off the presses for the 30th Anniversary, provides a fascinating look at Peace Corps over the years. Through hundreds of hours of interviews with returned volunteers, the author weaves together the many stories and personal experiences that make Peace Corps what it is today -- from the early, euphoric days of JFK to the entry into Eastern Europe and the aborted China program.

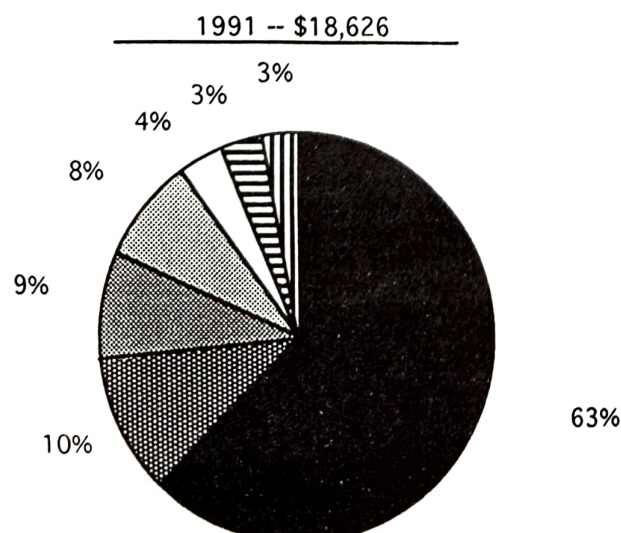
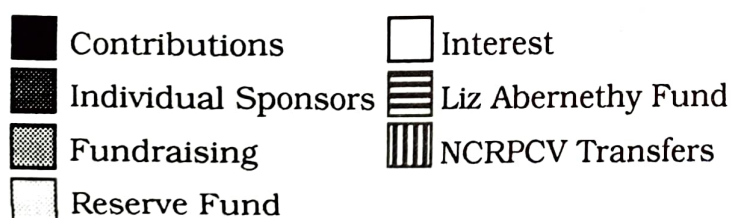
Karen Schwarz, not a Peace Corps volunteer, collected information through interviews with former volunteers and visits to volunteers in the field. Weaving together this tapestry of volunteer experiences, she offers a view of the Peace Corps that I suspect differs from that which many volunteers experienced.

The emphasis seems to be on volunteers' disillusionment with Peace Corps bureaucracy and the larger political scene. The stories of volunteers who had good, or at least satisfying, experiences in their host country, and with Peace Corps, are strangely missing. Either there aren't very many of those stories or they don't make interesting reading.

How volunteers dealt with the Vietnam War made particularly interesting reading for me, a volunteer in the early 1980's. Although staff and volunteers always insisted that Peace Corps was apolitical, the arrival of volunteers in Grenada in 1983 and the barrage of volunteers sent to Central America during the Reagan years provide two glaring examples of close ties to the foreign policy objectives of the U.S.

The book concludes with a discussion of the development of an "international corps" of volunteers. Karen Schwarz explores the "Peace Corps mystique" as an outsider, but through the deeply personal experiences of volunteers.

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Financial Statement for 1991

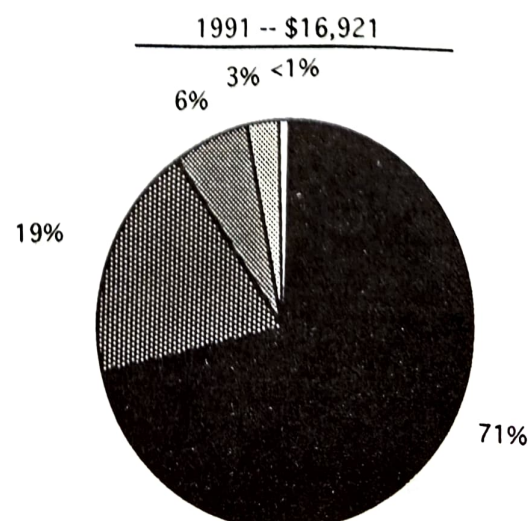
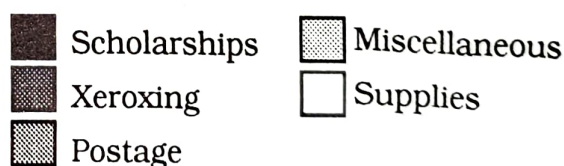
Despite predictions of gloom and doom from the Treasurer, FY 1991 was a successful year for the Foundation. Net assets increased, our scholars were supported and we participated in numerous activities which will provide benefits in the future. Even though economic times are tough, many former volunteers contributed to the Scholarship Fund, allowing the Foundation to sponsor 28 students last year.

Profits from fundraising events [Karnow lecture and 30th Anniversary] did not measure up to expectations, though T-shirt sales have netted a little profit. The end of the year shows us with a net operating surplus of \$1,705. From this \$1,500 was a direct donation to the Reserve Fund by a very generous couple.

As a reminder, all the board volunteer their time to make this Foundation a success. Costs are kept as low as possible so that as much as possible goes to the Scholarship Fund. Our major expense after scholarships is the production and postage of the bi-annual newsletter. The only office we have is in the Philippines

Below are pie charts showing income and expenses for 1991 with accounts described in the key.

EXPENSES



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30th Anniversary T-shirts are still available, designed and produced by members of this Foundation.

(Design at right)

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Special thanks to Judy Conway (1961-63) for the T-shirt design and Marcie Lafair Obsfeld (1980-82) for procurement.



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