

NENY RPCV Meeting Notes
Wednesday, July 05, 2006

Agenda items:

- Food, Formalities & Tele-conferencing
- Acting Pres Augusta
- Treasurer report
- Calendars
- Mailbox
- Webmaster opportunity
- Happy Hour
- Next meeting
- Presenter: Update on Tim & Tracy

Food & Formalities:

Thanks to Tracy & Tim for a relaxing venue and garden tour (and blender drinks) where we could partake in good food and friendship. The 12 humans, 1 dog and 1 cat in attendance were joined by telephone with Carie who is doing well in Baltimore. Mealtime chatter revealed much about Vanuatu, as relayed by Kathy Sanderson, a recent returnee from the small spot of land in the Pacific. Welcome Kathy!

Acting President:

Steve Hoyt will spend a few months in South Carolina on business. Christine will be back and forth as, last we heard, she'll be starting a grad program at SUNYA. It was proposed that in Steve's absence, Augusta take the reigns! All seconded and gave their mighty "Hear, Hear!" to **Augusta of Troy** and best wishes to Steve and Christine.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Gottlieb gave a precise accounting of our economic status, approximated below.

Starting balance	\$1919.65
expenses	- 0.00
calendar sales	+ 130.00
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$2064.65

He then proceeded to sell 4 more calendars at \$10 each. It'll take another month before we total it again.

Calendars:

Do you need an excuse to celebrate next week?

Well... a quick check of the **Peace Corps calendar** tells you that July 17th are the Grape Festivals in Greece. Why not take the day off?

Peace Corps calendars make lovely gifts. They're educational... and fun... have lovely pictures that reflect PC's mission, help support the chapter, and cost only \$10.

Mailbox:

We voted to discontinue the post office mailbox, to forward all mail to Bill Batt (since he's not here to object) and to confer the title of Mail Master General on Bill. You may now address Bill as Dr H William Batt, PhD, MMG, RPCV-NENY.

Webmaster:

As Tim and Tracy will leave in mid-October, we have ample time to find a new Webmaster. In the event we don't find a new webmaster by the October meeting, we'll likely elect someone who's not there and can't object. So, if you won't be at the October meeting, start now to scope out possible webmaster replacements.

What the job entails:

Minimum tasks: Updating the web page with events and next meeting specifics (once or twice a month) and pressing the "approve" button when someone requests to join the mailing list.

For the more ambitious webmaster: The web page could use revamping. Pictures, links to interesting stuff, even a member's page(?). If you're creative, it's an open book.

Possible webmaster replacements:

- If anyone out there is interested in participating in RPCV, but doesn't know where to contribute, this could be your opportunity.
- If you have some computer savvy and would like to learn more about web pages, Tim will still be here for a few months, giving the opportunity to learn from him.

If you are interested or have suggestions, please contact Tim at tc8050@albany.edu

Happy Hour: Thursday, July 20th

The happy hour will be Thursday, July 20th from 5:30 – 8:30pm at Washington Tavern. Same deal as last time...

... \$7 for munchies & waitress (regular members)

... first timers, recent returnees, potential recruits, families of current PCV's ...no charge

... everyone buys their own drinks

Summer Party: Saturday, August 19th

Tim and Tracy will host the summer party on August 19th at their home. A map will be posted at <http://www.rpcv-ny.org/>

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 1st

Presenter will be Yvonne DeMarino on her WinRoc/USAID gig in Nepal at a venue TBA

If you know in advance that you can host a meeting or give a presentation in near-future meetings, please let Augusta know in advance. Kathy will give a presentation on Vanuatu at an undetermined date.

Program: Tim & Tracy: aka: House for sale & free cats

Regretfully, Tim and Tracy will be moving along. It reminds us how fortunate we are that so many wonderful people cross our paths.

Where will they go?

Tracy and Tim have exciting plans, both short- and long-term. The short-term offers more certainty...

Mid-October: to Thailand for an international Hash run. They have contacts in Thailand via Hashing and PC.

November – December: Touring Cambodia, Laos & Viet Nam.

January: A short visit back to the US for Tracy's family reunion with a possible stop in Albany and a trip to Hawaii.

After that: On to Australia or New Zealand or Scotland for a few years.

It's at this point where they seem to be uncertain.

Plan A: There are programs in Australia and New Zealand that recruit physicians and dentists for two year assignments to rural care facilities. Both Tracy and Tim will be able to practice in either country, something Tim has been unable to do in the US. Tracy will research both countries after she leaves her practice in Catskill August 19th.

Plan B: If they move to Scotland for 3 years, Tracy can practice in Tim's home country with Tim's parents only 2 – 3 hours drive away.

As a result of their leaving, there will be two male cats (brothers) who will need to be placed in a good home. Also as a result of their leaving, we'll miss them and their contributions.

All the best!