

Central MO RPCV 2019 Annual Report: July 2019-June 2020

Bob Walker Grants to Volunteers in the Field (Bequest now concluded)

- September 9, 2019, \$500 to PCV Brian Alich, Senegal, for girl's education.
- October 1, 2019, \$600 to PCV Leah Krause, Zambia, for construction of a Safe Motherhood Maternal Shelter.

Fund Raising

- City of Columbia Civil Rights Commission grant for the Third Goal Film Series (\$500).
- Regional library had rights to a film (in-kind donation) that was shown as part of the Third Goal Film Series.
- World Trivia night: raised \$424 to fund small grants to Missouri PCVs in the field.
- Calendar sales at \$15 each for a net of \$1172.51.
- Donation to buy 50 calendars for the PC recruiter (\$750).
- Donation for small grants to PCVs in the field (\$4,000).
- Donation for Loaves and Fishes (\$1525).
- Donations by members of food and time for Loaves and Fishes.



Trivia night, October 2019

Recruiting

Central MORPCV works with the MU Peace Corps recruiter to increase recruiting.

- Approximately 30 University of Missouri students applied for Peace Corps in the 19-20 academic year.
- Sponsor an annual volunteer "send-off" for new recruits and their parents to be able to ask questions of RPCVs; cancelled in 2020 due to COVID19.
- Coordinate with the recruiter on the Third Goal Film Series—for recruiting and for community service (see detail below).
- Coordinate with the recruiter to host a booth at Earth Day; cancelled in 2020 due to COVID19.
- 50 calendars donated to the recruiter History of Peace Corps: MU, Columbia and Missouri.
- Based on a Peace Corps news release Columbia ranks 9th nationally in Peace Corps Volunteers per capita with 9.8 volunteers per 100,000 residents in 2019. (<https://www.peacecorps.gov/news/library/peace-corps-announces-2019-top-volunteer-producing-states/>)
- Of the evacuated volunteers, over 100 listed Missouri as their home state.
- Since its founding, more than 1,000 MU graduates have served in Peace Corps.

Advocacy for PC and support of PCVs

Advocacy: Two NPCA letters, one seeking Administration support for Peace Corps funding and a second asking Presidential candidates to support the Peace Corps were signed by Pat Westhoff.

Assistance to evacuated PCVs:

- Using the Central MoRPCV Facebook page to get in touch with EPCVs.
- Invited EPCV, Ashley Cole, to the virtual April board meeting to provide information and her suggestions for helping EPCVs.
- One EPCV attended the April virtual social.

- Invited NPCA President Glenn Blumhorst to join the group's April meeting to discuss ways to help evacuated volunteers.
- Assembling mental health resources in the area for EPCVs.

Community Service

Leaves and Fishes: Provides a free evening meal for low income Columbia residents. Ashlee Christiansen is chair of the committee.

- Central MoRPCV serves on the 5th Friday in months that have a 5th Friday, at the Wilkes Blvd. Methodist Church kitchen. Served 3 times in the past year. Did not serve May, 2020; due to COVID-19 the City of Columbia began delivering the program.
- Approximately 100 meals served each time; food purchased and prepared by RPCVs.
- 27 RPCVs contributed time, food or money.

Third Goal Film Series: For community outreach, for some years we sponsored a one-day "Third Goal Film Festival" showing films about Peace Corps, by former volunteers or about countries in which volunteers have served. In a departure from the one-day event the board, in coordination with the MU PC recruiter, the board elected to offer a film series in the City of Columbia and on campus.

- *Makala* screened on the MU campus in coordination with the MU Peace Corps recruiter and the Africa Hub of the University of Missouri. A grant from the City of Columbia Human Rights Commission was used to purchase screening rights. Over 100 people attended. Gloria Mangoni, from the Congo and Master's student in Rural Sociology, made a presentation on the Congo and answered questions.
- *The Last Train Home* screened at the public library in coordination with the MU Peace Corps recruiter and the library, which obtained the rights to show the film. 20-25 people attended and were very engaged. The film was introduced by our president,

Pat Westhoff, and Gary Dou, from China and the Chinese Program Coordinator of the MU Asian Affairs Center, commented on the film and answered questions.

- *Girl Rising: Educate Girls, Change the World;* in coordination with The Women's Center and the MU PC recruiter. On hold due to COVID-19. Film trailer at:

<https://youtu.be/IGH1cy0KiPQ>.

Speakers Bureau: Nicole Warren, RPCV-Mali, Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and a Certified Nurse Midwife. During women's history month, we coordinated with the Africa Hub and two university departments, for her visit to campus. She made a public presentation and met with undergraduate classes in the School of Social Work and the Public Health program. Her topic, "Respectful Maternity Care," is a program not just to reduce mistreatment of women but to ensure they are active collaborators in their care and are respected for their expertise. Her work is consistent with current emphasis on rising maternal morbidity and mortality in the US.



Dr. Nicole Warren, RPCV Mali



Faculty members of collaborating departments for Dr. Warren's visit

- Jenifer Piltz recruited a panel of RPCVs to speak with the Peace Corps Preparatory class.
- Request from the *Columbia Missourian* to interview RPCVs who are MU students or alumni. Several names were suggested, but no story was published.

Adopt a Spot: Elm Street Litter Clean Up

- 2 clean-ups (April, 2020, cancelled due to COVID 19).
- 7 RPCVs volunteered.



Elm Street Clean-up volunteers

World Map: Two board members met with the Boys and Girls Club of Columbia. The organization is interested in working with our group to create a world map at their facility. The project is on hold, but we hope it will continue. A local business donated materials for the project.

Leadership and Membership

- 24 members and over 200 contacts, including former members.
- Virtual annual meeting and social in May
- Board met 5 times: June, Aug, Oct, Jan, Apr.
- Renewed our 501(c)(3) status.
- Board Members and Roles:
 - Pat Westhoff (President),
 - Judy Stallmann (Vice President),
 - Erin Robinson (Secretary),
 - Frank Yates (Treasurer & Membership),
 - Megan Gore (Social Chair),

- Steve Olson (Speaker’s Bureau).
- Other Committees and chairs:
 - Loaves and Fishes: Lisa Groshong and Ashlee Christiansen
 - Elm Street Clean Up: Don Spiers,
 - Advocacy: Caleb O’Brien and Don Spiers.



Attendees of 2019 annual meeting and social

Socials for Group Solidarity:

- April virtual happy hour. One evacuated PCV attended and provided information on what EPCVs are facing. We had helped fund his project.
- Log Boat Brewery: 6 members, one city council member and guests of members.
- Coffee after Elm Street clean-ups.
- World Trivia Night is both a fund raiser (see above) and a time for the group to socialize. 4 teams participated.
- A group float trip was planned, but, unfortunately, did not occur. There is interest in holding another in 2020, if possible.

Financial Report

Income	
Membership Dues	\$ 250.00
Interest	\$ 0.66
Small Grants Program	\$ 4,000.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 1,525.00
Third Goal Film Festival	\$ 500.00
Unrestricted Donations	\$ 45.00
World Trivia Night (net)	\$ 423.64
International Calendars (net)	\$ 1,172.51
Transfer from Bob Walker Fund	\$ 477.01
	\$ 8,393.82
Expenses	
Third Goal Film Festival	\$ 453.84
Bob Walker Fund Project	\$ 500.00
MO PCV Project	\$ 600.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 103.35
Administration	\$ 679.32
	\$ 2,336.51
Balance Sheet (as of 04/30/2020)	
Assets	
Checking Account	\$ 2,228.55
Savings Account	\$ 6,500.33
PayPal	\$ 204.06
Petty Cash	\$ 98.00
	\$ 9,030.94
Liabilities	
	\$0.00
Equity (Assets less Liabilities)	\$ 9,030.94

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