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Newsletter

## President's Message

Lumelang,

FOL's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee is making great progress preparing for our gathering this coming September in Washington, D. C., during the Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This will be a time to honor those who founded FOL, acknowledge those who sustained the organization for over 25 years, and meet the current leadership from our Board of Directors. We will have the opportunity to hear from a variety of speakers with news and views on Lesotho, Peace Corps, our successes with funded projects, and future directions of our organization.

FOL was established by a small group of very motivated individuals who had a passion for continuing the work begun while working as Peace Corps Volunteers in Lesotho. As testament to this initial group, our mission and core values have not changed in the last 25 years.

FOL got started at the Lesotho Ambassador's residence in September 1986. The occasion was the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Peace Corps, and there was a big celebration in Washington, D.C., for the Peace Corps staff and volunteers. Many of the embassies hosted receptions, dinners, and parties on one of the nights over the weekend for all of the returned volunteers from their host countries.

A group of about twenty-five Lesotho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) met in the downstairs of the ambassador's residence sometime later in the evening and began talking about setting up a Friends of Lesotho group. One of the RPCVs donated \$100 on the spot as seed money to help establish an organization. FOL had a budget and was ready to begin its journey!

The Founding Board Members included the

following: Scott Brumburgh (President); Don Spicer (Vice President/Secretary); Ted Hochstadt (Legal Counsel); and David Bertocci, Thomas Caroll, and Robert Kerr (Directors).

FOL grew from a D.C.-based organization to a national Board of Directors. From a very modest beginning, FOL has evolved into a sustainable organization with much potential for the future. Indeed, *noka e tlatsoa ke linokana* ("small beginnings may lead to large ends").

As in the last 25 years, FOL continues to depend on the energy, talents, and commitment of our members to take their turn in serving and sustaining the organization for the future. We are very fortunate to have an outstanding group of new board members this year. The work of the board gets done through our committees, which also include volunteers from the general membership. We stay connected through our common mission and shared values while we sustain the organization and serve the people of Lesotho through our funded projects.

We have great cause to celebrate our accomplishments and look to the future as we gather in Washington, D.C., this September. I encourage you to register for our 25<sup>th</sup> Friends of Lesotho Anniversary as soon as possible so that the program committee can complete all the necessary preparations for this event. Look for more information in this newsletter, on our website and on our Facebook page.



Khotsong,  
Kevin Freer, President  
RPCV Lesotho 1976-1978



Photo courtesy:  
Kevin Caughlan  
RPCV. 1972-1974

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## Update on Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Friends of Lesotho 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Lesotho Reunion for September 23-24, 2011

Our Lesotho Reunion time is fast approaching! We want all our Lesotho RPCVs to attend! Bring your spouses and your children and extended families for a great time in Washington, D.C. The place will be swarming with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who have served all over the world. We are celebrating and acknowledging the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps and the 25th Anniversary of Friends of Lesotho. It will be a terrific international event. Come and be a part of the over 100 Lesotho volunteers who plan on attending!

We've made the registration process for our Lesotho Reunion easy: choose your form of payment and fill out the form. For your convenience, you may register through PayPal online. It's simple and quick. If you prefer to avoid the processing costs, choose "Pay by Check," but be prepared to get your envelope addressed and stamped so we receive your registration without delay. Depending on your payment method, the registration costs are priced differently by a mere \$5. It's your choice, in the end; it's all the same to us because we'll look forward to seeing you in our nation's capital city in September.

**Check us out on Facebook at "Friends of Lesotho – Lesotho Reunion and 50th Celebration" or at the "Friends of Lesotho" website: [www.friendsoflesotho.org](http://www.friendsoflesotho.org) and register for the reunion and hotel.**

We have reserved a block of rooms in Arlington (very near Washington, D.C.) at two hotels; the Hilton and the Holiday Inn. We'll have our official Lesotho Reunion at the Hilton. Everyone will be there, just like congregating in Maseru! Brush up on your Sesotho and bring your pictures, artifacts, and memories. Bring your ideas, too, so we can decide our next step to serve Lesotho as best friends and ambassadors of our second homeland.

What you can continue to do:

- Let others from your group know about the Reunion and 50<sup>th</sup>
- If you have not already responded and would like to attend or want more information, contact Bill Reed at [wc44reed@gmail.com](mailto:wc44reed@gmail.com)

For more information about the events being organized for the 50<sup>th</sup> by NPCA, go to their website at [www.peacecorpsconnect.org](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org). Register for the celebration or go to bottom of page for 50<sup>th</sup> information. If you register, they will send you updates and announcements about 50<sup>th</sup>.

I will continue to keep you posted on our All Lesotho Reunion.

As of June 1, only 104 days remain!!



Khotso, pula, nala

Bill Reed, 1967-69

## Wittenberg University Students Visit Lesotho

FOL board member Scott Rosenberg will be taking two groups of 38 college students from Wittenberg University on a month-long service-learning trip to Lesotho. Our projects will include building a library and computer center at the Leratong Community center, which provides support for 50 orphans. We will also be building a chicken-coop there to help the children raise money to pay their school fees. We will be working with Kick 4 Life, an organization that uses soccer to promote HIV testing and awareness. We will be building them a literacy center, playground, orchard, and garden. We will also be working with an orphanage in Motsekua, building a greenhouse, chicken-coop, and garden to help support the needs of 50 children. We will have smaller projects repairing a ceiling at Little Angels and building a greenhouse at LCCU. Lastly, we will be working with one volunteer near Morija, building a playground and painting classrooms. I wanted to thank FOL for their support in helping fund these projects.



Dr. Scott Rosenberg

RPCV Lesotho 1991



Photos courtesy Laptops to Lesotho



## Laptops to Lesotho

Nohana Primary School, where this project began, is in a remote village, isolated in the mountains of Lesotho and hard to access. The student-teacher ratio at the school is 53:1. Nearly one in three students at the school is an orphan due to the AIDS and drug-resistant TB epidemics. These orphans rely on the World Food Programme to provide two very basic meals a day. One of the eight teachers at the school left recently to get treatment after being diagnosed with HIV and TB.

Laptops to Lesotho's role has always been one of providing support and resources while building a strong local organization to run this project. From its inception, L2L has emphasized and worked toward local control. The early days of the project were spent building the skills and confidence of the local project leaders. We expected it might take a number of years to reach a point where these leaders were completely in charge, but we have been pleasantly surprised at the pace and skill with which they have accepted that responsibility. They are already running the project and, with input from the community, are determining its direction.

When we delivered the first large batch of laptops to Nohana Primary School, we helped the principal and teachers develop detailed contracts that clearly define the benefits, responsibilities, and penalties for all people involved, including students, parents/guardians, teachers, and project leaders.

We have provided all the teachers and two principals with intensive training in computer skills and classroom teaching techniques. We will continue that intensive training later this year.

Thus far, we have delivered a total of 55 XO laptops to the school, paid for with public donations and funding from the Foundation for International Professional Exchange, BLOOM Africa, and the Solon Foundation. We have 26 more XO laptops, paid for by the Solon Foundation and BLOOM Africa, waiting for delivery to Lesotho.

We set up a school LAN network and installed a gas generator-powered electrical system, both funded by Friends of Lesotho.

We have been stymied in our attempts to provide internet access at the school, but we continue to pursue ways to make that happen.

The teachers at the school are now using the computers several hours a week in each of the upper grades, less in the lower grades. The number of hours of use will increase dramatically for all grades when the installation of a larger solar-power system, funded by the Solon Foundation, the Bethel Community Development Centre, and BLOOM Africa, is completed in May.

We are working on acquiring and developing computer activities that will supplement the existing curriculum. These will be delivered to the school later this year.

In the three months since we delivered the laptops, school enrollment has increased 20%, absenteeism has dropped to near zero, and student behavior has improved markedly. There is empirical evidence of an improvement in the students' English and math skills. Members of the community have also become more engaged in their children's education. We are in the process of trying to find a source who will do a rigorous evaluation of the real benefits our program, both short and long term.



Last month, one of the project leaders traveled to the U.S. for a professional and cultural exchange, paid for by the Foundation for International Professional Exchange (FIPE). He returned to Lesotho with plans to implement lots of new ideas for teaching, school management, and HIV/AIDS prevention. He now has a cell phone he can use to stay in touch with us without having to walk long distances to access his email.

At the school staff's request, we are in the process of coordinating with the Maseru Rotary Club and the Solon Foundation to provide grant-writing and fundraising training to the teachers, principal, and other educators in the region.

We are working on a deal with the Pueblo West High School in Colorado to acquire a large number of their used laptops in 2012. Our accepting their donation is contingent on finding funding to ship the laptops to Lesotho and to provide power for them once there.

The project leaders and staff at Nohana Primary have begun scouting out and evaluating other primary schools in the area for future expansion of the project. The principal at the nearby Nohana Secondary School has also become actively engaged in the project.

The project is proceeding very quickly and smoothly, with the exception of acquiring internet access. We are very happy with our progress and hope you are too.







## Committee Updates

### Donations Committee by Ronna Abbott

**FOL launched an aid project for nursing Students in 2010.** Brenda Ryan, a Peace Corps Response Volunteer and teacher at the National Health Training College (NHTC), had the pleasure of delivering \$3,000 from FOL for a new Nursing Scholarship Program at NHTC. Manpower gives tertiary students enough money to cover their expenses in a dormitory, but NHTC can only accommodate 156 students. Those students unable to live in the dormitory do not get sufficient funds from Manpower to cover transport and food.

I learned about this special need while visiting Lesotho earlier in the year. Peace Corps gets assistance from PEPFAR for HIV/AIDS meetings, and I happened to be at the PC office when Craig Anderson from the Embassy was there. He requested FOL's assistance to help make sure that there are enough nurses in Lesotho. A meeting was held at NHTC with Mrs. Veronica Lehana, director of academics, and Dr. Shadida Tarr, acting deputy administrator, who both suggested FOL help needy off-campus students. In the months that followed, an application process was developed by NHTC and reviewed by Karen Lindquist, TAP chair, who helped identify the scholarship grantees.

The US government, as part of its MCC (Millennium Challenge Corporation) and PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) initiative, working with the Ministry of Health in Lesotho will break ground in 2011 on a new dormitory at NHTC scheduled for completion in 2012. With your help, FOL may be able to achieve its goal to support all the needy students until the new dormitory is completed. Please designate Nursing Scholarships if you wish to donate to this project.

**More on the Nursing Crisis in Lesotho.** MCC has \$362,551,000 to assist Lesotho. Some of that money is for new clinics. There are 157 Out Patient clinics in Lesotho. Seven are in good condition. MCC will renovate 138 clinic and 14 district Out Patient sites. Two have already been renovated, but if there are not enough nurses to staff the clinics the project will be canceled. Lesotho is currently importing nurses. There is also the CHAL - Christian Health Association of Lesotho, which operates 4 hospital based nursing schools in Lesotho. I visited two of them - The Nursing School at Scott Hospital and Roma College of Nursing - all their students are in dormitories, and therefore FOL focused only on NHTC. For more information on all the MCC projects in Lesotho, go to [www.MCC.gov](http://www.MCC.gov).

### FOL Project Grants Not Just For PCVs

Thanks to the continued generous donations from our members and other special donors, Friends of Lesotho has money ready to be put to use for short and longer term projects in Lesotho. While most of our donations are used to support projects initiated by active PCVs, we want our members to know that they are also eligible to apply. As you saw in our annual report, several projects we are currently supporting were initiated by RPCVs in collaboration with Basotho partners.

So, if you are an RPCV, friend of a PCV or a member of FOL who has travelled to Lesotho, fell in love with the country and are now involved in supporting a sustainable, community-based project and need some extra financial help please contact Richard Rowan or Dyann Van Dusen, chair and co-chair respectively of the Donations Committee.

### Richard Rowan, Chair ([qhomaki@mac.com](mailto:qhomaki@mac.com)) Dyann Van Dusen, Co-Chair ([dyvandusen@yahoo.com](mailto:dyvandusen@yahoo.com))

FOL has not established a maximum grant amount but would definitely consider grants up to \$3,000. For larger projects, we will also consider providing matching amounts if the applicant has commitments from other donors. We look at each request for funds on an individual basis and make our decision based on several factors. (1) Does the project have local buy-in and some form of matching support such as local labour or use of a facility for training projects; (2) Will there be a finished product, lasting impact or a method to assure sustainability (3) Are the budget and completion timeframe realistic (4) Will FOL have a reliable contact for progress reports and documentation of how the funds were used (receipts, photos, etc.) (5) Note: FOL does not make grants to cover travel between the US and Lesotho or for travel while in Lesotho.

FOL will be sending funds soon for the annual TAP scholarship program as well as a second year of funding for nursing scholarships for students unable to board at NHTC. Funds for those projects have been set aside, thanks in no small part to the very generous donations from the Tapaei American School (TAS) in Taiwan. (*See newsletter article on page 5 for the history of support from TAS*).

FOL has also made a \$4,000 contribution to the Lesotho Country Fund which is available to PCVs through the Peace Corps Partnership Program. Those funds can be used for any project, small or large. But, as you can see from our Financial Report on page 8, we continue to have a sizeable reserve available for more projects.

### Membership Committee News: Passing the Torch

FOL is pleased to announce the appointment of Jason Samuelian as the Membership Chair, replacing Dyann Van Dusen who held the position since 2008. Jason was elected to the FOL Board at our March 2011 annual meeting. Jason served as a Teacher in Mafeteng, Tsa' Khoho between 2006 and 2008 along with his wife, Janine.

If you would like to be part of the membership committee to share fresh ideas with Jason about how to keep the FOL membership growing, send him an e-mail at: [jason.samuelian@gmail.com](mailto:jason.samuelian@gmail.com)

**Welcome New Members:** Diane Hope, Peter Miller and Lynn Minderman

**New Lifetime Members:** Thank you to John Clausen, Ingrid Oakley-Girvan, Dana Kenney, Jennifer Root, Stephanie and Adam Springer and Dennis Tracey for showing your lifetime commitment to supporting projects in Lesotho by becoming Lifetime Members at the \$250 level.

**Regular Members:** Thanks also to everyone who sent in their regular membership renewals and especially those who also sent additional donations during the first quarter of 2011.



## Committee Updates (continued)

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### Renewing Members

As we approach the end of our 24th year in existence, FOL extends its appreciation to all our members who have faithfully renewed their membership each year. And to those of you who make an extra contribution renewing, a special thanks.

We hope you will be able to participate in the FOL 25th Anniversary celebrations planned for September 2011, to be held in conjunction with the Peace Corps 50th Anniversary events in Washington, D.C.

### Fundraising Committee

Many people wonder if they make a difference in the world. Peace Corps Volunteers don't have that problem. If you are, were or know a Peace Corps Volunteer you understand this. PCVs give up our most precious resource – our time – to help others.

We need more than time...

Fundraising greets us every day. Like this, that you're reading now. We all receive mail, email, and phone calls from good organizations that need money for important projects. Friends of Lesotho is different from most organizations that contact you. We have very little overhead and no salary costs. Our FOL president and officers and all committee members do what we do for free. We know how important the projects in Lesotho are to the people who live there. Many of us have seen the problems and know that persistent attention to them can make positive changes.

Help us. Go to this link and you will see ways to donate directly:

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/donate/>

If you shop, you can buy from online stores you now use and have a portion of your payment sent to FOL. The price you pay is the same. Check out these links:

- <http://www.cafepress.com/lesotho> Special Lesotho Items!
  - <http://www.amazon.com/?tag=frieofleso-20&camp=15309&creative=331473&linkCode=st1&adid=0ZT8DQV3WDMB1048GZNP> Amazon.com!
  - <http://www.goodsearch.com/estimate.aspx?charityname=friends-of-lesotho> Over 1000 stores!
- .....buying from any of these sites helps Friends of Lesotho at no extra cost to you!

Go to Facebook Causes and find "Friends of Lesotho, inc." You can answer a few questions with very brief surveys and make a donation to FOL.

Help FOL. Participate. Join a committee.

Better yet, join the Fundraising committee...we can use your ideas!

Kea Leboa e sala hantle.

---Pete Neumann

## Fundraising Success

Since 1999, FOL has received \$77,916.92 from Taipei American School for TAP. Sandy Puckett was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Lesotho from 1972-1974. In the 1990s Sandy started teaching at the Taipei American School in Taiwan where he worked until he passed away in March of 2009.

In 1999 Sandy began organizing Lesotho Walk-a-thons to raise funds for the FOL Tuition Assistance Program. Through the walk-a-thon Sandy's middle school students got pledges and collected contributions. Over the years they have raised almost \$78,000 and their incredible generosity has made it possible for hundreds of children in Lesotho to go to school.

After Sandy passed away his colleague, Kathy Keenan, and the Grade 7 students of the Taipei American School have continued to hold the walk-a-thon, which is now called the Sandy Puckett Lesotho Walk-a-thon. This year they raised \$10,193! Friends of Lesotho would like to express our deep gratitude to Kathy and the Grade 7 students at the Taipei American School for their efforts to help the children of Lesotho and to honor the memory of Sandy.



## Peace Corps Jewelry

The National Peace Corps Association in partnership with From War to Peace, Inc. created a stunning necklace commemorating the Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary. This Peace Corps 50th anniversary pendant is cast from a magical material: Peace Bronze. Peace Bronze is created using copper recycled from disarmed nuclear weapon systems, turning weapons meant to destroy us into art meant to restore us, swords into plowshares, bombs into beauty, fear into love and war into peace. From War to Peace Inc. ([www.fromwartopeace.com](http://www.fromwartopeace.com)) was founded by a San Luis Obispo, California family, with multigenerational Returned Peace Corps Volunteers serving in the Philippines, Senegal, and Malawi from early 1962 through 2009. 20% of all necklace sales revenues will go to supporting NPCA 50th Anniversary activities.



**Check out the  
new FOL website**

[www.friendsoflesotho.org](http://www.friendsoflesotho.org)



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## Lithaba tsa Lesotho (News of Lesotho)

### News about Lesotho compiled

by Ella Kwisnek



### Suspects Challenge Extradition to Lesotho

Seven of the sixteen men charged with plotting to kill Prime Minister Pakalitha Mosisili were recently in court challenging their extradition to Lesotho. The accused, Alberto Makwakwa, Angelo Mondlani, Mangani Malenge, Abel Nhatsave, George Thomas, Francisco Alberto Mandlane, all Mozambicans and Rocky Anthony Masinga a South African, are facing 31 charges including murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, illegal possession of fire arms and contravening the laws of Lesotho. The charges are based on the April 22, 2009, attack on the prime minister's residence.

All of the men have pleaded not guilty to the charges and their lawyer, Haae Phoofolo claimed their extradition was unlawful due to procedural errors

Another suspect, Simon Mnguni, has turned state witness

This story is based on reports found online at <http://indepthafrica.com/news/southern-africa/extradition-of-lesotho-pm-murder-suspects-flawed-lawyer/> and [http://www.loginafrica.com/link.php?url=----://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20110520/wl\\_africa\\_afp/lesothocrimecourt\\_20110520181846](http://www.loginafrica.com/link.php?url=----://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20110520/wl_africa_afp/lesothocrimecourt_20110520181846)

### Lesotho – Malaysia Exchanges

Prime Minister Pakalitha Mosisili recently visited Malaysia and met with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak. The countries pledged to continue working together to develop their human capital. For example, members of the Royal Malaysian Police Force (PDRM) will help train Lesotho's police force with an emphasis on public order and security. In addition some diplomats will visit Malaysia for training the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR). For his part, Prime Minister Mosisili has invited Malaysian companies to develop Lesotho's "white gold" or water/hydro power industry. He also encouraged other investment in the area noting its potential for wind power to generate electricity and Lesotho's willingness to facilitate private sector investment. Currently, there are two Malaysian private sector initiatives in Lesotho: (1) Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, and (2) Iris Corp Bhd.

This summary is based on reports found online at [http://www.nst.com.my/nst/articles/Malaysia\\_Lesothotostrengthenhumancapitaldevelopment--Najib/Article/](http://www.nst.com.my/nst/articles/Malaysia_Lesothotostrengthenhumancapitaldevelopment--Najib/Article/) and <http://www.loginafrica.com/link.php?url=----://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news.cfm?NewsID=77897>

### Political Parties Reach Agreement as 2012 Elections Approach

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) recently ended more than two years of talks focused on developing working solutions to the political disputes in Lesotho. Participants in the talks included the Independent Electoral Commission of Lesotho, the ruling

party, opposition parties, and the government. The talks proved necessary when the opposition party never accepted the results of the 2007 elections and political strife and turmoil followed.

Among other things, the parties agreed to amend the Lesotho Electoral Law in preparation for the next election, which resulted in presentation of National Assembly Electoral Bill 2011 and the 6th Amendment to the Constitution to the Parliament. Hopefully, these efforts will result in more peaceful elections in 2012.

This summary was based on a report found online at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201105090640.html>.

### Workshop Promotes Trade Development

In February 2011 Lesotho hosted a three-day workshop to address promoting trade in Eastern and Southern Africa. The program was held in partnership with UNDP and the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF). The workshop's goal is to work toward finding ways to promote sustainable trade and improve access to markets and boost exports. Teleko J. Ramots'oari, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Industry, Cooperatives and Marketing of Lesotho noted the excellent timing of this workshop, because Lesotho is launching the National Strategic Development Plan that seeks to consolidate policies and strategies focusing on economic growth, employment creation, trade development, and poverty reduction. This summary was based on a piece that appears online at [http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news11\\_e/if\\_15feb11\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news11_e/if_15feb11_e.htm)

### Textile Companies may move from South Africa to Lesotho

A number of textile companies began considering relocation to countries such as Lesotho which offers cheaper wages than South Africa. In a March 2011 article, Motheolane Chakela reported, "The Lesotho National Development Corp. is studying applications from 380 companies which are considering moving to Lesotho or Swaziland." Read more about this topic online at

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-15/lesotho-mulls-investments-from-textile-groups-that-may-leave-south-africa.html>

### Letšeng Expansion

Gem Diamonds, 70% owner of the Letšeng diamond operation in Lesotho, anticipates investing \$245 million in the operation to increase its output from 7 million to 8.5-million tons of ore a year. Treatment of 7 million tons produces an estimated 100,000 carats of diamonds. The Letšeng expansion forms part of Gem Diamonds' growth strategy in Southern Africa.

More on this topic can be found online at <http://www.loginafrica.com/link.php?url=----://news.google.com/news/url?sa=t&fd=R&usg=AFQjCNGyKk0n10h9-L72Gch0X-2PC0hDuw&url=----://www.miningweekly.com/article/gem-says-leteng-expansion-prefeasibility-due-by-mid-year-2011-05-25>







Photos courtesy:  
Kevin Caughlan  
RPCV, 1972-1974

## ***Are you a social networker? Do you like to spend time on the Internet?***

Friends of Lesotho is looking for a volunteer to help with our online presence. We are trying to reach out to all the in-country Peace Corps volunteers, as well as various returned groups, who have made their own Facebook pages. We need someone social network savvy (or just willing to learn) to identify and regularly contact these groups and others like them. This is a wonderful way to contribute to FOL, without leaving your armchair! Contact any board member for more information.



## **Sign up for Peace Corps' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events**

Will you be in Washington D.C. for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peace Corps? In addition to the program sponsored by Friends of Lesotho, there will be many other events going on in Washington D.C. beginning September 21, 2011.

On September 22 there is a National Peace Corps Association Advocacy Day where you can help advocate at congressional meetings and rally on the grounds of the Capital. Or you can join other Returned Peace Corps volunteers at the Service Day held Friday, September 23. Different service projects around Washington DC will be completed by RPCVs throughout the day.

Sunday there will be a Wreath Laying and Procession of Flags at Arlington National Cemetery, including a march by all RPCVs from the Cemetery back to the District where a closing ceremony and festival will take place. Join RPCVs from Lesotho in the march—bring your blanket and Basotho hat to wear!

These are just a few highlights. For more information on these and other events, and to register, click here: <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/resources/peace-corps-50th-anniversary/september-events/>.





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## Bits & Pieces

### CHANGE

Two of President Barack Obama's 12 Champions of Change are Lesotho RPCVs: [www.whitehouse.gov/champions](http://www.whitehouse.gov/champions)

- Dr. Edward Hendrikson served as a Health Care Educator Volunteer in Swaziland from 1980-1982 and in Lesotho from 1975-1976. He is currently the Environmental Health Director and Physician Assistant for Salud Family Health Center in Colorado.

- Blair Orr served as a Forestry Volunteer in Lesotho from 1978-1981. He is currently a Professor of Forestry at Michigan Tech University. He is also a former FOL Board member.



Friends of Lesotho - 2011 Treasurer's Summary for Board:		May 15, 2011	
	3/21/2011	5/16/2011	Difference
Current Bank Balance (checking):	\$15,295.80	\$28,429.49	\$13,133.69
Current Bank Balance (savings):	\$44,602.21	\$44,665.34	\$63.13
<b>Total (both accounts)</b>	<b>\$59,898.01</b>	<b>\$73,094.83</b>	<b>\$13,196.82</b>
<i>Interest Earned CY to Date (incl. above)</i>	\$67.39	\$130.52	\$63.13
Paid Membership (Incl. Adv Dues - 20 for 2011):	48	60	12
New members this Year to date:	0	4	4
Non-member cash donors Year to date:	0	1	1
<b>2011 Extra Donation Fund Status:</b>			
	Amount in	Amount sent	Amount Pending
Donation Fund	Fund	to Lesotho (1)	Future Disbursement
Lesotho Project Fund	\$11,774.16	\$3,013.84	\$8,760.32
Scholarship Fund	\$41,486.73	\$284.33	\$41,202.40
Village Hope Project (PCV)	\$447.00	\$0.00	\$447.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$53,707.89</b>	<b>\$3,298.17</b>	<b>\$50,409.72</b>
Difference from Prior report:	\$12,361.28	\$298.17	\$12,063.11
Note 1 - These include donation collection fees from Just Give and transfer fees in sending funds.			
Donations sent in period included: One final TAP reimbursement to PCV (\$284.33).			
Fundraiser Events			
PC 50th Anniversary (fundraiser cash to expense)	\$0.18	\$0.00	\$0.18
<b>2011 Operating Expense Status:</b>			
Current Cash in Accounts (as above):		\$73,094.83	
<b>Subtract out:</b>			
Project Expenditure Obligations (per above, incl. interest)		-\$50,409.72	Incl. interest
Future Dues for Carryover		-\$90.00	Incl. interest
Life Membership Fund (incl. interest)		-\$12,278.53	48 = total members
Cash Available for FOL Expenses =		\$10,316.58	
Unused Expenses in 2011 Budget -		\$4,580.95	
<b>Current Cash Reserve =</b>		<b>\$5,735.63</b>	excluding unspent budget
(Total operating cash expenses, incl. NPCA pass thru):		\$414.05	
(Total operating inkind expenses to date):		\$0.00	

If you have comments, questions, suggestions, news, articles, websites, photos, or other items to contribute to this newsletter, please contact:

Faye Farmer at [f\\_e\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:f_e_@hotmail.com) or 2612 E. Geneva Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282.

We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity and length.

We would be happy to return submissions.



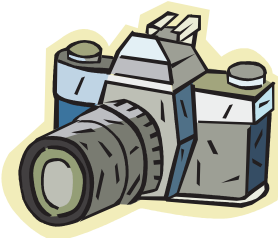


## Bits & Pieces

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