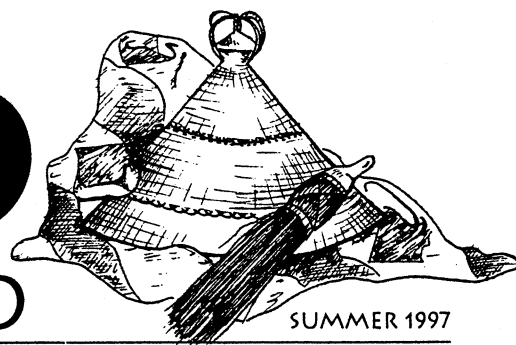


# FRIENDS OF LESOTHO

## METSOALLE EA LESOTHO



SUMMER 1997

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## LESOTHO: FURTHER TOWARD THE ABYSS

**T**here had been a fatal incident in the Maseru Police office in October 1995 (I was unable to find any reference to this incident in recent prior issues of FOL). Three (3) police officers had been killed and several others had been injured.

A Commission had been formed to investigate this incident (apparently, however, it was a commission of one) and in November 1996 the Prime Minister presented to Parliament a summary of the Commission's report. The report implicated eight (8) police officers in the October 1995 incident. **The Mirror** reported in the 22 January 1997 issue that the government had unsuccessfully tried to arrest these eight (8) officers earlier in the month. Two (2) weeks after this unsuccessful attempt, the implicated officers and the office of the Commissioner of Police held a meeting. The police officers already had the support of a squad from the Police Training Collage (PTC) and this squadron appeared at the meeting very heavily armed. Regardless, the Commissioner's representative and the implicated officers both briefed members of various political parties, non-governmental organizations and church leaders about the deaths and the conclusions drawn by the commission of inquiry. The spokesman for the implicated offic-

ers was Second Lieutenant Phakiso Molise, who also appears to be the lead conspirator.

Very little appears to have been achieved at this meeting. Second Lieutenant Molise insisted he and his alleged co-conspirators were innocent and that some unnamed "top" police officials actu-

ally know who killed the three (3) officers in 1995 but were withholding that information.

The entire situation became much more perilous when the implicated officers and their supporters (the actual number of supporters is unclear — the 26 February issue of

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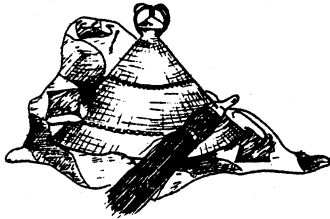
## PEACE CORPS SENDS FIRST VOLUNTEERS TO SOUTH AFRICA



*Peace Corps volunteer, C.D. Glin, left, presents a plaque of appreciation from the Peace Corps to the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Clin is one of 32 volunteers in the first-ever Peace Corps group to work in South Africa. The volunteers were given a rousing send-off by Jackson on Feb. 13 at Howard University in Washington, DC, just hours before departing for South Africa. (See article, page 4.)*

## NOTES FROM LESOTHO

Unfortunately, aside from the information included in the lead article of this issue of FOL, there was not much else reported in **The Mirror**. This section left intentionally blank.



## MEMBER NEWS

I did not receive any information regarding current or former members of FOL.

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## HOW THE WEATHER WAS

Many strange events have occurred in Lesotho since the previous issue of FOL (actually it seems many strange events occur in Lesotho between each issue of FOL) but the events described in this issue are obviously attributable to Hale-Bopp.

A part of the police force took over the Police Headquarters building and apparently forced the resignation of the Deputy Commissioner of Police and several of his subordinates (the Commissioner himself was in Botswana at the time). There was a great deal of turmoil in the police department and eventually, this led to a strike and most police duties being taken over by the defence forces (more on this later).

There was a great deal of confusion surrounding the leadership of the Basotho Congress Party (BCP) (see the Winter 1997, Summer 1996, Fall 1995, etc., etc., etc. — apparently see all past issues of FOL — this seems to be a recurring theme of the BCP).

Bill Dunn, our Membership Database guru has been kind enough

to provide me with several different graphs concerning our membership. I will include at least one of the graphs in the next several issues of FOL for informational purposes.

You will have to excuse the delay in getting this issue of FOL out, but I had to do my taxes at some point. Unfortunately, the deadlines for filing and FOL were just about concurrent and the IRS won.

I had requested a volunteer(s) in the last issue of FOL to serve as our official "surfer(s)" and pass along any information or news items about Lesotho picked up off the World Wide Web directly to me. Sadly, not a single news item was submitted either to me or FOL.

So details of the news items discussed in this issue will be sketchy again since the only source material is **The Mirror** and it has been received sporadically again.

Sincerely,

George Fanelli

## LESOTHO VETERINARIAN HOPES TO ATTEND IOWA STATE

There is a veterinarian from LESOTHO attending a summer course at Iowa State University Veterinary College. She is an expert in poultry medicine. This course is put together by the Institute for International Cooperation in Animal Biologics. The information our Lesotho veterinarian will receive will help the Egg Circle in Lesotho as well as the poultry meat industry. The institute charges quite a fee for veterinarians, regulatory officials and other animal husbandry people to attend. They do reserve some grant money to sponsor individuals from developing countries. Here is

the problem. Our veterinarian from LESOTHO has a grant to attend the course but she is \$3,000.00 short for airfare and room and board. The committee has managed to get the airfare on credit and is working very hard to find little grants to help her stay. If you would like to help please make checks payable to:

**Dr. James Roth, Executive Director**  
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**Cooperation in Animal Biologics**  
**ISU, College of Veterinary Medicine**  
**Ames, IA 5001-1250 or**  
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## LESOTHO

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The *Mirror* indicates 30 supporters but the 5 March issue indicates there were only 13) took over the Maseru Police Headquarters building. The mutineers forced all senior personnel in the building to write letters of resignation and to leave immediately. The Commissioner of Police, Major-General Makoaba, was not in Lesotho when this event occurred and the mutineers, therefore, named one of their members, Colonel Mokhohlane, as the new Commissioner.

Major-General Makoaba, upon his return to Lesotho, declared he was still the Commissioner of Police and demanded the senior personnel who had been forced to write letters of resignation and leave Police headquarters return to work. Major-General Makoaba then closed the Police Training College (interestingly, the Commissioner actually still did not have site control of either the PTC nor Police Headquarters at this point).

The *Mirror* reported in the 5 February issue that the eight (8) accused officers petitioned the High Court to have the charges against them declared null and void (officially, as reported in the 29 January issue, as two (2) counts of murder, three (3) counts of attempted murder and one (1) count of kidnapping - there was no explanation why the third murder count was dropped). Their petition was denied.

This turn in events led the entire police force to then suspend operations and effectively stage a strike. The government then transferred police duties to the Defence Forces and set about planning the operation to regain control of the PTC and Police Headquarters.

The army began the operation early in the morning of 16 February and finished by early afternoon. However, none of the eight (8) indicted officers were in Police Head-

quarters when the army regained control. It seems (from the 26 February issue of *The Mirror*) that Second Lieutenant Molise, the lead alleged co-conspirator and 30 followers had either found sanctuary in or had invaded the Royal Palace, depending upon which side you believe. The government of Prime Minister Mokhehle's position, delivered by his deputy, Pakalitha Mosisili, is the King was hiding Second Lieutenant Molisi and his followers in the Palace during the 16 February operation. The Palace vigorously denied that allegation and insisted these heavily armed police invaded the palace to seek the support of the King in any negotiations to turn themselves over to the authorities.

Regardless of which version you believe, the army did search the Palace for Molisi and his followers. The King did, at some point during these proceedings, it is not exactly clear when, personally inform the commander of the Defence Forces that some of the police officers had taken refuge in the Palace. The King then summoned the Prime Minister to receive a personal assurance that alleged mutineers would not be tortured. The Prime Minister provided this assurance and the officers were disarmed and subsequently arrested.

There were not any later issues of *The Mirror* received so the fate of these officers is not known at this time. However, the 5 March issue did indicate that Second Lieutenant Molisi was **not** one of the officers arrested at the Palace. Needless to say, the Prime Minister accused the King of complicity in the escape of Molisi and the King alleges the army officers who arrested the mutineers at the Palace left Molisi behind while they escorted the other captured police officers to the army barracks. Second Lieutenant Molisi's whereabouts are unknown but *The Mirror* did report in its 26 February issue that Interpol had been contacted to assist in the search for him.

Meanwhile, there are not any

## IN MEMORIAM

Tragically, PCV **Jeremy Rolfs** died this past 31 March 1997. PCV Rolfs had been in country for more than one (1) year, attached to the Ministry of Information as a telecommunications advisor. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family.

silver linings for the Prime Minister and his ruling Basotho Congress Party (BCP).

In November 1996 there was a court ruling which instructed the National Executive Committee of the BCP to reconvene the 1995 Annual Party Conference and elect a new Executive Committee. The court had ruled the 1995 Annual Conference (which actually had been delayed until March 1996) which elected the current members of the Executive Committee had not been conducted properly. The court ruling effectively recognized the Executive Committee elected at the 1994 Annual Conference, headed by Deputy Party Leader, Molapo Qhobela (Mr. Qhobela is the leader of the "pressure group", a faction within the BCP mentioned in the Fall 1995 and Winter 1997 issues of FOL).

The Executive Committee did not seem to be doing very much to comply with the November 1996 court order, so the Deputy Prime Minister, Pakalitha Mosisili (the Deputy Prime Minister is the leader of a faction within the BCP opposed to the Prime Minister, as mentioned in the Fall 1995 issue of FOL), petitioned the court during the first week of January 1997 for an order to hold the Annual Conference on 17 January. Prime Minister Mokhehle submitted an affidavit requesting a postponement of the case until a later date. Judge

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## THE PEACE CORPS GOES TO SOUTH AFRICA

The Peace Corps bid an historic farewell today to its first-ever group of volunteers to South Africa. Following a rousing send-off at Howard University that featured a keynote address by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the 32 Peace Corps volunteers departed for Dulles Airport.

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"Sending volunteers to South Africa is a momentous step for both the Peace Corps and the people of South Africa," said Peace Corps Director Mark Gearan. "By living and working at the grass-roots level, Peace Corps volunteers can further strengthen the personal ties between our two countries. I think President Kennedy would have been proud of the addition of South Africa as a new Peace Corps country of service."

Upon arrival in South Africa, the volunteers will meet with Vice President Al Gore and South African Deputy President Thabo Mbeki in the Crossroads Township, out-

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## LESOTHO

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Mofolo, nevertheless, ultimately ruled the annual conference of the party which would elect the Executive Committee had to be held on either 24 January or 7 February.

Deputy Party Leader Qhobela announced at a press conference the BCP annual party conference would be held on 24 January, as directed by the court. He also denied allegations that the "Pressure Group" intended to overthrow the government of Prime Minister Mokhehle. However, during the same press conference, Mr. Qhobela stated Lesotho is "being ruled in a dilapidated manner by a group of clowns crept by fear".

Ironically, and in complete reversal of his earlier petition, Deputy Prime Minister Mosisili petitioned the court on 23 January to postpone the conference, claiming Deputy Party Leader Qhobela had failed to make the necessary arrangements for the conference. Since there was not a ruling on this petition by 24 January, the conference was held, and the newly elected Executive Committee was virtually the same as the outgoing Executive Committee.

Prime Minister Mokhehle then announced over Radio Lesotho that he was declaring the outcome of the conference null and void. The Executive Committee subsequently announced it would be forced to take disciplinary action against the Prime Minister.

Subsequently, the court did rule on the 23 January petition of Deputy Prime Minister Mosisili and, incredibly, annulled the proceedings of the 24 January conference, claiming proper preparations had not been made for the conference. The court ruled another conference should be held either on 27 February or sometime early in March.

The conference was held in February and the outcome was the

same as the one held in January. However, the Executive Committee confirmed on 3 March that the BCP resolved during the conference to relieve the Prime Minister of his duties as leader of the party. Since a new leader had not been appointed, Deputy leader Qhobela is now the acting leader of the party. The Prime Minister later announced he was going to arrange for yet another party conference. The Prime Minister felt the Executive Committee had failed to make adequate preparations for the most recent conference and that some delegates, including himself, were prevented from entering the conference hall.

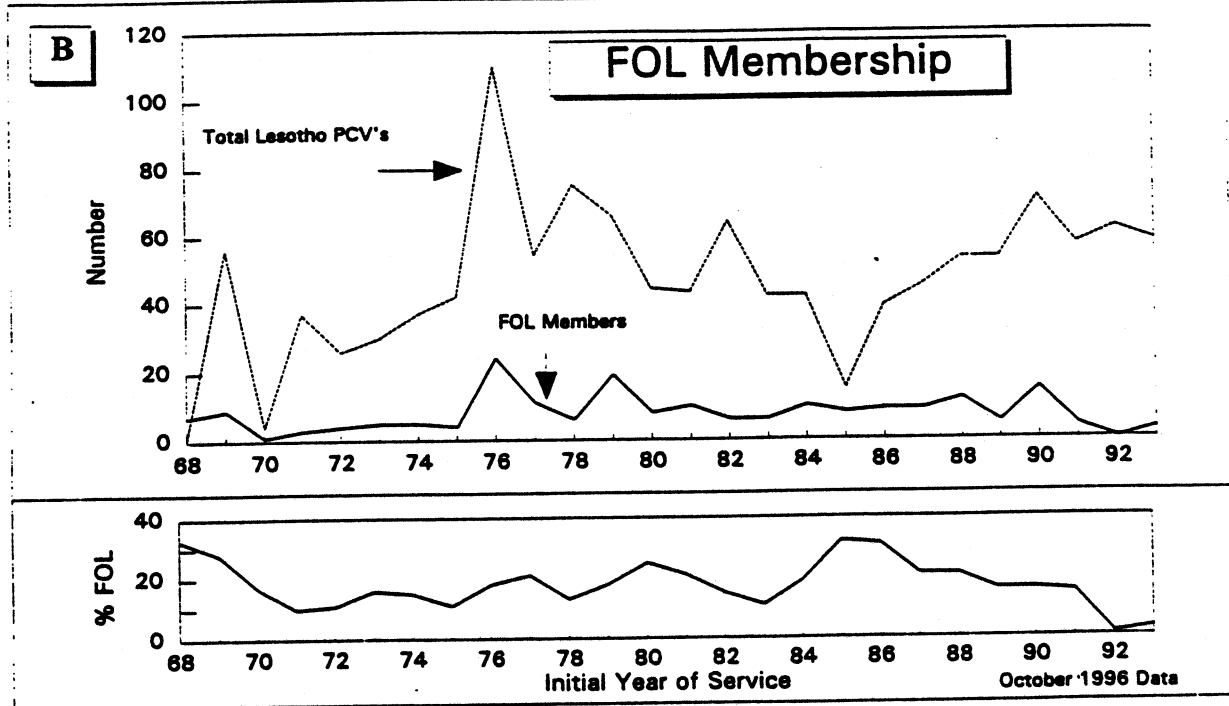
Currently, the Prime Minister has not been removed from office since that responsibility, as reported by the Acting Leader Qhobela, lies with either the King or the state council and not with the party leadership. The last issue of *The Mirror* I had received, 5 March 1997, did not have any additional information about the Prime Minister's status. I presume there will be much more on this in future issues of *The Mirror* and FOL.

The Prime Minister also has had to endure a very ominous rumor within the past several months. The details were very sketchy in *The Mirror* and the rumor seems to come from a nondescript organization called the Popular Front for Democracy (PFD). Essentially, the PFD is claiming that members of the Basotho National Party (BNP), including former Prime Minister Jonathan, during the 1960's and 1970's, and the current ruling party, the BCP during the 1980's, including Prime Minister Mokhehle, were collaborators with the South African apartheid government. A representative of the PFD, Joe Mamasela, called for the leadership of both the BNP and BCP to testify before Archbishop Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Prime Minister has categorically denied these allegations. ■

## LIES, DAMN LIES & STATISTICS

Bill Dunn, Membership Database guru, has drawn up the following graph from our membership for informational purposes. You may draw whatever conclusions you wish, but it does seem evident that our membership does not include the vast majority of PCV's who served in Lesotho.



### SOUTH AFRICA

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side of Cape Town. Gore will introduce the volunteers both to Deputy President Mbeki and to local residents of Crossroads. The volunteers will begin their service with three months of intensive technical, language and cross-cultural training.

The 32 volunteers will spend two years working with South African teachers in the country's Northern Providence to improve teaching in math, science, and other subjects traditionally underserved youth. The volunteers will also work on projects in the communities where they live and work

**SOUTH AFRICA REPRESENTS THE 132ND COUNTRY THE PEACE CORPS HAS ENTERED IN ITS 36-YEAR HISTORY. CURRENTLY, ABOUT 6,500 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARE WORKING IN 91 COUNTRIES....**

— communities similar to Crossroads — many of which were neglected during apartheid.

The Peace Corps' entry into South Africa began with President

Mandela's state visit to the White House in October 1994, where he asked President Clinton to help his address the social and economic challenges facing his country. In 1995, Vice President Gore and South African Deputy President Thabo Mbeki signed an agreement in Pretoria to send Peace Corps volunteers to South Africa.

South Africa represents the 132nd country the Peace Corps has entered in its 36-year history. Currently, about 6,500 Peace Corps volunteers are working in 91 countries in the areas of business, the environment, education, health and nutrition, and agriculture. Since 1961, more than 147,000 Americans have joined the Peace Corps. ■

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

FOL has received the following flyer from the Visions in Action organization. If you are interested, please request an application from them directly. You may write to: Visions in Action, 2710 Ontario Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. You may want to speak with a representative by calling at (202) 625-7403 or you may E-mail at [Visions@igc.apc.org](mailto:Visions@igc.apc.org)

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Johannesburg, South Africa	Oct 1	Jan 10
Mexico City, Mexico	Oct 1	Jan 1

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*Visions in Action*

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

Anyone who spent their service outside of Maseru usually had a favorite place to crash and/or faint when a visit to town was required. The National Peace Corps Association is trying to develop a Hospitality Network. The form is self-explanatory. Although the deadline for inclusion is 31 May, I presume applications will be accepted after that date regardless.



**•• NPCA HOSPITALITY NETWORK ••**  
**RPCV's ON THE ROAD**



We all remember travelling to different towns, villages, and cities when we were PCV's; in each place we most often stayed with other volunteers; that sharing helped instill the 'connection' to which we repeatedly refer. Maybe that sharing can continue!

NPCA is producing a small directory of RPCV's who are willing to offer a place-to-stay to other travelling RPCV's .... It allows RPCV's in the boon-docks to 'connect', .... helps recently returned RPCV's readjust, .... is easy, .... has clearly defined criteria, .... allows freedom of choice on how often and when, .... is no big deal, and financially equitable to all involved!

Over and over I hear RPCV's express their delight and enthusiasm when they meet and again 'connect' with their own Peace Corps Experience through their interaction with another RPCV; it is a mutual support mechanism because it validates again and again a part of our lives that few others understand. When the enthusiastic response is "I like these people" you know that something good is happening, and it is in this spirit that the idea of a Hospitality Network is proposed. **PARTICIPATE - FILL OUT the FORM - CONTINUE 'CONNECTING'**

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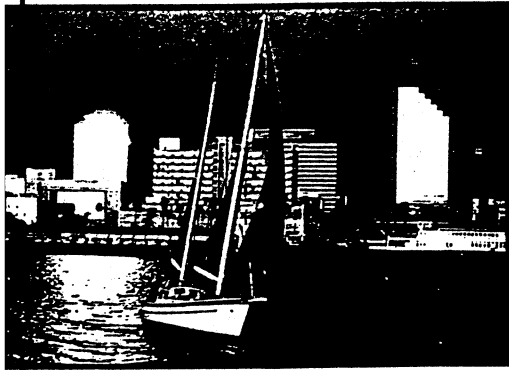
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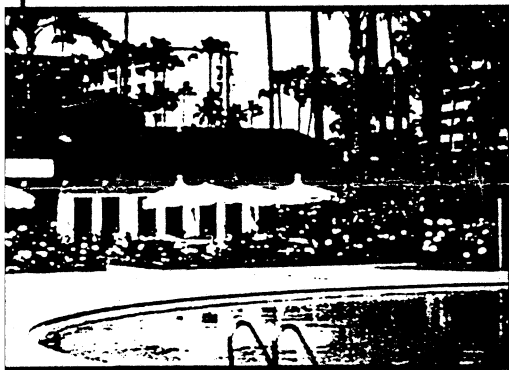
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# CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO



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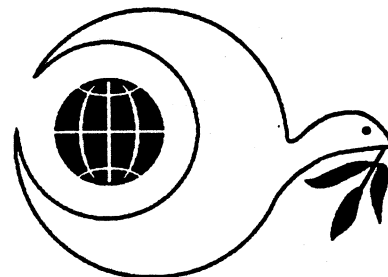
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*Meet recruiters for federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and corporations looking for persons with international experience.*

**FRI 10:30 AM - 9 PM**  
**SAT 9 AM - 6 PM**  
**Film Festival**  
*View documentaries and international films.*

**SUN 3 PM - 6 PM**  
**NPCA Board Meeting**

## **FRI/JULY 11**

**7:30 AM**  
Continental  
Breakfast

**8:30 AM**  
**Opening Ceremony**  
*Welcome by local dignitaries.*

**10:45 AM**  
**Regional Updates**  
*Peace Corps officials will provide current information on Eastern Europe, Asia/Pacific, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean.*

**12 NOON**  
Lunch on your own.

**1:30 PM**  
**Plenary Session**  
*Keynote speakers will lead us to action.*

**3:30 PM**  
**Country of Service Briefings**  
*More detailed information on the country in which you served.*

**7:30 PM**  
**Banquet Dinner**  
*Come for the food—stay for the entertainment and dancing to African music.*

**9:00 PM**  
**Entertainment from Africa**  
*Those who skipped the dinner may enter for the entertainment and dancing to African music.*

## **SAT/JULY 12**

**7:30 AM**  
Continental  
Breakfast

**8:30 AM**  
**Volunteer Day**  
*Participate in interactive community and environmental projects. Lunch will be provided for participants.*

**1:00 PM**  
**Plenary Session**  
*Several speakers will lead a panel discussion, tentatively on immigration.*

**3:00 PM**  
**Workshops**  
*Two sessions on global issues, leadership, group development, and more!*

**5:30 PM**  
**NPCA Annual General Meeting**  
*Official session of the National Peace Corps Association.*

**7:30 PM**  
**Banquet Dinner**  
*Come for the food—stay for the entertainment and dancing to Asia/Pacific music.*

**9:00 PM**  
**Entertainment from Asia/Pacific**  
*Those who skipped the dinner may enter for the entertainment and dancing to Asia/Pacific music.*

## **SUN/JULY 13**

**7:00 AM**  
**Walk/Run for Peace**  
*Join San Diegans on a 5-kilometer walk or run through beautiful Balboa Park!*

**7:00 AM**  
**Non-Denominational Worship Service**

**7:30 AM**  
Continental  
Breakfast

**8:30 AM**  
**Workshops**  
*Two sessions on global issues, leadership, group development, and more!*

**11:00 AM**  
**Awards Luncheon**  
*The Shriver, Ruppe, RPCV Writers & Readers, and group newsletter awards will be presented.*

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**  
**Closing Ceremony**  
*Entertainment from Latin America*

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I apologize for not having included any information in the last few newsletters. Demands of family, work, and all those other activities most of us are involved in seem to leave little time for other interests. I have also just recently moved and all of the FOL boxes have finally been located. I hope to spend some time on FOL over the summer and plan to bring you up-to-date on all the projects that we have in place. I just got a letter and photos this week (unfortunately too late for the newsletter) about how some of the funding we send to the Peace Corps Volunteer Liaison Committee was used to build a basketball court at a school. I will make sure this gets in the next newsletter.

My wife (and children) went back to Lesotho in February, unfortunately due to a death in her family, and while she was happy to be home to be with family, she was saddened by the continuing unrest and unsettled nature of her country -- life remains difficult for many. Anyway, I promise to do better job getting some information in the next issue. We would love to get more information about what is going on in Lesotho, both good and bad, particularly from all of those out there actively surfing the Internet. Please feel free to pass it on to George so we can get it in the newsletter. Also, if there is any one out there who wants to stage a coup and become President of FOL, we would be happy to accept your application! More later.

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