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Friends of Lesotho Newsletter

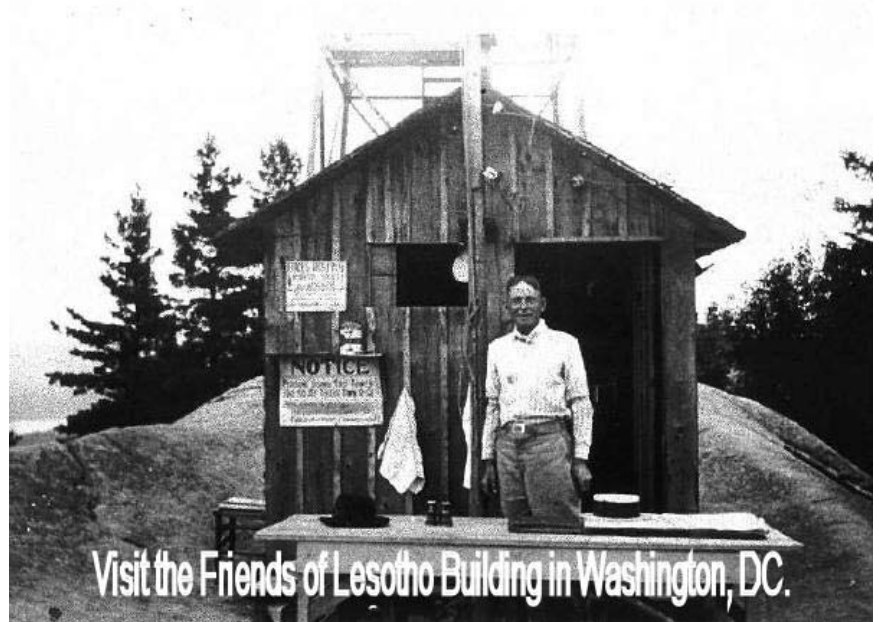
Friends of Lesotho

President's Message

This is the time of year we are looking for candidates for the Board of Directors. While it would be great to have a few additional members on the Board (see the application form in this newsletter), increased representation of FOL members on our committees would do far more to further the work of FOL.

Recent newsletters have reported the work of FOL Committees, although it's easy to understand that it all seems very nebulous until you actually join one of the teleconferences. To make it more understandable, several of us are working to prepare descriptions of each committee's work. Those probably won't be completed until the end of the year, but that hasn't stopped the work that the committees have already done over the years. Please consider volunteering to work on one of the committees; we really need more member involvement to continue the work we do. It's all done by teleconference and email, so your geographic location is not as important as your willingness to communicate.

In a recent conversation someone asked why anyone would want to get involved. "It's work", said one member. Another said, "it's fun". Well, "fun" may be pushing it a little, but maybe not. The phrases "getting connected", and "being involved" get thrown around a lot. How often do you think of Lesotho other than when receiving a newsletter? There is a sense of satisfaction when you can help out every now and then, and it puts Lesotho back as a part of your daily life. The "connection" can be as much rediscovering your inner pride (connecting to yourself) as it is in working with others.



So what do committee members do? Some examples are: coming up with and carrying out fundraising ideas, talking with the Embassy or Peace Corps to coordinate projects and activities, developing materials for school presentations, answering questions from potential donors, and responding to requests for help from agencies in Lesotho.

Moving on to other topics ... I've just received word that RPCV/L Sandy Puckett at the Taipei American School has again this year held a fundraiser for the TAP program and sent us a check for \$9,290. Thanks Sandy!

Planning for the Annual Meeting near Independence Day (Oct. 4th) is in the early phases, tentatively set for October 15, 2006. We will follow last year's model using a teleconference and attempt to have several small regional get-togethers. One change

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Top Ten Summer Reading List

Looking for some good reads this summer? Books with a Lesotho theme are available in a variety of genres and available from the public library, your favorite bookstore or amazon.com . Here are a few to choose from.

Basali!: Stories by and About Women in Lesotho by K. Limakatso Kendall (Editor)

Bua Sesotho (Let's Speak African Language Series) by Rampasane Solomon Chaphole

The Cannibal's Wife: A Memoir by Yvonne Maes and Bonita Slunder

Hill of Destiny by Peter Becker

I am a Mosotho by P.M. Bereng

Last of the Queen's Men : A Lesotho Experience by Peter Sanders

The Rough Guide to South Africa, Lesotho & Swaziland 4 (Rough Guide Travel Guides) by Tony Pinchuck, et al

Survival in Two Worlds: Moshoeshoe of Lesotho, 1786-1870 by Leonard Monteath Thompson

Tales from the Basotho by Minnie Postma

The Voice of the People: Proverbs of the Basotho: Lesotho/South Africa (African Proverbs Series) by Makali I. Mokotimi

Submitted by Kevin Freer

Networking

Networking/Community at Large

The purpose of this section of the newsletter is to combine the High school updates we get from our alumni organizations with a networking opportunity. Networking is based on the premise that we are more likely to contact and utilize people we have a connection with and the updates are because everyone does something fantastic. To that end, YOU are invited to send "updates" to Faye Farmer, FOL Newsletter Coordinator, via mail or email (2612 E. Geneva Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282.) Faye reserves the right to edit all submissions.

FOL Board Member **Kevin Freer** is wished a speedy recovery after his recent back surgery. Kevin has provided a lot of motivation and organizational skills to FOL. He should be back up to 100% mid-summer.

Faye Farmer, newsletter coordinator for FOL, recently married Joel Reynolds, the only person she knows of who has read David Ambrose's [Lesotho](#). Their bridal registry on www.justgive.org raised \$380 for FOL. She was also recently promoted to Academic Specialist at Arizona State University, assisting with undergraduate programs in the School of Life Sciences.

FOL Board Member **Elizabeth Perry** recently retired from her work as a school teacher in Washington State. She's been a teacher for 39 years in several states and continents (WA, AZ, CA, OH, Africa, Australia, Alaska, and ID). Congratulations Elizabeth!

Heather Miller and **Christopher Johnstone**, FOL members, welcomed another child into their family this year – Acacia immensely enjoys her new brother Evan!



Web Sites

	<p>The most up-to-date list of Lesotho websites available.</p> <p>http://www.lesotho.gov.ls/website.htm</p>
<p>Lesotho National Anthem</p> <p>How well do you remember the Lesotho National Anthem? Use this link to download the anthem and try singing along!</p>	<p>http://www.lesotho.gov.ls/anthem.htm</p>
<p>Vision 2020 National Vision Statement –</p> <p>"By the year 2020, Lesotho shall be a stable democracy, a united and prosperous nation at peace with itself and its neighbours. It shall have a healthy and well-developed human resource base. Its economy will be strong; its environment well managed and its technology well established." Read more... www.lesotho.gov.ls/visitor2020/default.htm</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://info.worldbank.org/governance/kkz2004/ • http://info.worldbank.org/governance/kkz2004/sc_chart.asp • http://info.worldbank.org/governance/kkz2004/sc_chart.asp • http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/governance/govdata/ 	<p>About Lesotho's governance</p> <p><i>(from John Hollister, FOL Board Member & Treasurer)</i></p>

President's Message, cont

though is that the Annual Report will be produced for the Annual Meeting rather than at year end. That will be mailed out with the 2006 Membership Directory mentioned in the last newsletter. For those who've signed up for electronic distribution of the newsletter, the Annual Report will be the one paper document mailed during the year. We do this in part, to provide something tangible, but also because we don't want personal information from the Membership Directory to be on the web.

If you'd like to learn more about working on one of the committees, please contact a committee chair or myself (more contact information is located in this newsletter). If you'd like to participate on the Board of Directors, please also contact me and I'll introduce you to the responsibilities. Committee chairs and their email contacts can be found at www.friendsoflesotho.org on the Contacts page.

Thanks for listening,

Bill Dunn



Current News in Lesotho

RAIN

In February of this year, Lesotho reported the heaviest rainfall in nearly two decades, resulting in destruction of more than 1/3 of the crops. According to Moshe Tehlo, Coordinator for the agricultural NGO Participatory Ecological Land Use management, summer crops such as maize, sorghum, and beans, which were planted in mid-December, were destroyed because the rain washed away the top soil. Years of drought hardened the soil and when the rains came they formed gullies and washed away the top soil. The rains will also affect winter crops by delaying plowing. In addition to crops, the country's infrastructure has suffered a toll from the rains with road and bridges being washed away and hampering travel from remote districts. Rolling boulders have also destroyed houses and blocked roads in the southern districts. *"Lesotho: Kingdom Records Heavies Rainfall in Two Decades" UN Integrated Regional Information Networks (posted online 2-28-06)*

Crack in Dam

As a result of the heavy rainfall, a crack appeared in the wall of the Mohale dam. Constructed on the Senqunyane River in Thabaputsoa, the Mohale is one of the world's highest rockfill dams (145 meters). An expert in dam construction was being called in from Europe to assess the extent of the damage. *"Lesotho: Crack in Dam Wall Sparks Safety Concerns" UN Integrated Regional Information Networks (posted online 3-1-06)*

Unemployment

Between 2002 and 2003 approximately 23,000 Basotho men were laid off from South African mines. In 2005, more than 15,000 Basotho lost their jobs in the textile industry. The resulting unemployment has left workers desperate for jobs and vulnerable to exploitation. Each day, men congregate at the traffic circle in Maseru, hoping to be hired. Lehlohonolo Matsoai, speaking of a state housing project in South Africa he was hired for said, "We spent three weeks working like slaves. We slept outside and were forced to eat baboon meat, because there was no food. Snakes crawled into our blankets at night and bit us. A group of four people were forced to construct and complete a four-roomed house a day,

and for each house we would share \$200, yet we were promised \$583 each for every completed house." Because most of these workers are not authorized to work in South Africa, their complaints of abuse go unanswered. *"Lesotho: Job Hungry Basotho Risk Exploitation in South Africa" UN Integrated Regional Information Networks (posted online 3-9-06)*

Water

Although the Highlands Water scheme supplies millions of cubic meters of water per year to South Africa, people in Lesotho's lowlands are struggling to find water for domestic consumption. Makamohele Koetle of Lithabaneng noted, "Life is difficult because we always have to travel for long distances to get water, and when we finally find a place that has water, there are many people waiting to get a turn." The proposed solution is construction of the Metolong dam along the Phuthitsana River, which could supply water to Butha Buthe, Berea, Maseru, Mafeteng, Mohale's Hoek, and Quthing. However, cost of the dam is estimated at \$192 million, and no funding source has yet been identified. *"Lowland District Face Water Shortages" UN Integrated Regional Information Networks (posted online 3-21-06)*

Information Highway

Econet Ezi-Cel Lesotho has invested \$2 million to expand its network capacity and install new equipment in Lesotho. Econet's Chief Executive, Elvis Gwanzura, stated "This is our first major expansion of this nature in nearly four years, although we have been gradually increasing network coverage by installing base stations across Lesotho. When completed, we will have more than doubled network capacity, which will give us additional room to add more subscribers. In addition, we would be able to introduce new consumer relevant products and services that we have not been able to launch due to limited capability on the network, which this expansion is not going to address." *"Econet Invests \$2 million in Lesotho Network Upgrade" UN Integrated Regional Information Networks (posted online 3-27-06)*

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Vulnerable Children

The rising population of orphans and vulnerable children has resulted in the government and NGOs developing guidelines for their care. The purpose of the standards is to ensure the safety of the children. Current statistics indicate that there are 180,000 orphans and vulnerable children in Lesotho, of which 100,000 are AIDS orphans. The guidelines are designed to protect the rights of the children, to protect those orphaned by HIV/AIDS from stigma, and to create a culture of responsibility for the care of the children. "Because of the stigma attached to HIV/AIDS, the children are discriminated against and get excluded from accessing basic services such as education, in addition to suffering abuse and exploitation. Some are being denied their rightful inheritance." (quote unattributed) *"Guidelines to Help OVC Caregivers, UN Integrated Regional Information Networks (posted online 4-5-06)*

AIDS Testing

On World AIDS day 2005, King Letsie launched a "Know Your Status" campaign. The first of its kind worldwide, the program is designed to offer confidential testing and counseling. Communities will decide how and when to offer the testing and counseling and independent committees will be established to ensure that the testing is always voluntary, confidentiality is maintained, and post-testing services are provided. The adult infection rate in Lesotho is estimated at 23.2% with an estimated 265,000 in need of antiretroviral treatment. Motloheloa Phooko, Minister of Health and Social Welfare, indicated that despite massive HIV/AIDS campaigns, very little behavioral change has been observed. Beginning in June 2006, teams of healthcare workers will begin a door-to-door campaign offering everyone over the age of 12 an on-the-spot HIV test. The testing campaign is scheduled to run until the end of 2007. From: *"Know Your Status Drive" Needs \$12.5m and People's Cooperation*, UN Integrated Regional Information Networks (Posted online 4-7-06) and *"one Month to Universal HIV Testing Plan"* UN Integrated Regional Information Networks (posted online 5-4-06)

Free Trade Agreement

In 2003, the United States and the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) began negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA). However, a recent announcement by Karan Bhatia, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, indicated that the parties had not reached agreement. Trade negotiations are secret, however, speculation has arisen that the failure to come to an agreement relates to intellectual property rights provisions, which are included in other U.S. FTAs. These provisions are relevant to southern African countries, because they would likely limit access to affordable AIDS medications. Because a FTA will probably not be agreed upon by the target deadline of July 2007, the U.S. and SACU agreed to a Trade Investment Cooperation agreement (TICA). The TICA is a mechanism for developing programs in areas such as customs and trade facilitations, and would likely enable the governments to work toward resolving sticking points and eventually reach a free trade agreement. From: *"U.S. Southern African Customs Union Agrees to Pursue Concrete Steps to Deepen Trade and Investment Relations"* UN Integrated Regional Information Networks (posted online 4-19-06) and *"Is the U.S. Trade Agenda Coming Apart at the Seams?"* Church World Service (posted online 5-4-06)

(Compiled by Ella Kwisnek)

Future Articles

Send the Friends of Lesotho Newsletter a brief article about what you're interested in! We reserve the right to edit submissions, but are really interested in collecting information from our community for the community. Submit your articles, photos, or blurbs to Faye Farmer. The next newsletter will be the annual report, thus submitted articles will be published in the Winter Newsletter.

Would you like this newsletter delivered to your Inbox? Sign up for email delivery today via the FOL website under membership update information.

More Photos from Lesotho

Here are More photos from Scott Rosenberg, Wittenberg University, Ohio, visit to Lesotho (photos courtesy of Scott Rosenberg)

This project was partially funded by FOL. A more detailed account of the project can be found in the FOL Newsletter - Spring Issue 2006 and at the following website: http://www4.wittenberg.edu/administration/university_communications/magazine/volume7/issue3/hollow.html





Are you ready to make a difference, again?

Dear Fellow RPCV,

I am writing to let you know about an exciting new initiative called **Peace Corps Encore!** (www.peacecorpsencore.org). **Encore!** has been established as a unique 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to provide opportunities for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) and former Peace Corps staff to return to service through short-term overseas assignments.

Encore! is not formally affiliated with the Peace Corps or the National Peace Corps Association. We do support the NPCA's commitment to "fostering peace through continued service, education, and advocacy" and have established **Encore!** as a means through which RPCVs and former staff may continue to demonstrate a commitment to *service*.

Encore! will provide opportunities for RPCVs like you to utilize your cross-cultural experience and professional expertise to make a difference again, through overseas volunteer service. There are many similar short-term volunteer organizations, but **Encore!** is the only one specifically established to redeploy RPCVs and former staff! Our staff, Board of Directors, and Advisory Council Members are all RPCVs and/or former staff members, including three former Peace Corps Directors. We are grateful to the President of your group, who is helping us to inform RPCVs about this exciting opportunity.

During 2005, **Encore!** met with more than 20 international NGOs to explore strategic partnerships that would create opportunities for **Encore!** volunteers. As a result, project development and fundraising is currently underway and we expect to launch our first pilot projects this year.

We need to build our talent pool of dedicated RPCVs who are interested in serving as a volunteer in one of our short-term overseas assignments and/or who are interested in helping to support **Encore!** in other ways. You could be among the pioneers who help to launch **Encore!'s** first collaborative projects.

Please help us create a community of passionate and committed Encore! volunteers by logging on to our web site and creating a profile (or update your current profile). We'd love to include you in our talent pool and consider you for future overseas assignments or as a valuable resource here in the States.

Visit our web site: www.peacecorpsencore.org

Click on the "**Join Us**" button in the left-hand margin

Under "Step One" click on the "registration form" link and complete your profile! Please be sure to fill out all fields as thoroughly as possible.

Thank you in advance for your dedication to the spirit of Peace Corps and your desire to continue to make a difference through international community service. I hope you are as excited about this new initiative as I am! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or ideas as to how we might successfully reengage the RPCV community: maura@peacecorpsencore.org

Sincerely,

Maura J. Fulton

Executive Director

(RPCV Micronesia, 1995-1997; staff Thailand 2002-2004 and the Republic of Georgia, 2000-2002)

Thank you FOL!! – from Tuition Assistance Program

Posholi Rethabile

Deep down my heart, I would like to say thank you very much for helping me because it was beginning to be hard for my family to pay up that fee, and I am glad now that I will attend school with no fear because I won't be expelled from school because of owing some money. Thank you for saving me from staying at home doing nothing and never fulfill my dreams.

With all of my heart I will never forget this help, you have brought joy to my life, thank you for helping my family and I, so now I will go to school and work hard to get better results and be who I wanted to be. Thank you very much.



Rethabile Posholi, (photo from TAP member)

Rethabile Posholi



Alice Mapule Makepe



Khotso Makepe



Anna Buseng Potiane



Mahlenkisa Sehoai

Other TAP Recipients

*Qhalasi, Ha-Mantšele
P.O. Qhalasi 814
Mokhotlong (800)*

TAP Committee

*Rele batsoali ba Qhalasi
Primary School re lebohetse
litluso tse ebelisoang laung
ba rous.*

Rea leboha.

*Mantšuan Matselotsele
Mabokeng Selio
Mathabo Tobatoba
Maphaello Lebotsa
Litaba Lija
Mosepati Pitsame
Mamorena Leche
Matsibela khali*



Leetoane Tsekoo



Tebeli Sekoai



Papoli Maphathe



Itumeleng Motseki



Makeresemes Monicca Pheane

Committee Updates

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is held in the first part of October of each year, close to Moshoeshoe Day. Our tentative date is October 15th with the time to be determined, but if you'd like to participate in our Annual Meeting, please contact Martha Munson. We enjoy an hour or two of conversation regarding current topics in Lesotho and way that FOL can be involved. Have you recently visited Lesotho or been involved with a project in Lesotho? We'd like to hear from you.

Host a regional get together for the Annual meeting!! If you'd like to contact FOL members in your area to listen in on the conference call, please contact a member of the membership committee. Our committee is prepared to provide you with regional contacts and a form letter to invite those contacts to a conference call opportunity.

Membership Committee

New categories for membership in FOL

The Membership Committee proposed and the Board accepted the institution of a Lifetime Membership. The general membership will vote to approve this type of membership as part of the Board election process this fall. All Lifetime Members will receive a certificate and be identified by giving level in the Annual Report. The Lifetime Membership Categories will be:

- o Basic Lifetime Membership (\$250.00)
- o Bronze Club (\$500.00)
- o Silver Club (\$750.00)
- o Gold Club (\$1000.00)

Treasurer's Report

Memorial Scholarship Fund Reaches \$650!

In its initial kickoff the Friends of Lesotho Memorial Scholarship Fund has received \$650 in donations in memory of deceased Peace Corps Volunteers and Staff, who served in Lesotho.

The money will be used to provide scholarships in the name of the deceased to students in Lesotho through our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). If you would like to contribute in memory of a former volunteer or

staff member, visit our website at: http://friendsoflesotho.org/fundraising/memorial_form.doc

Nominations Committee

The Committee met on May 7th to discuss recruitment. Bill tasked the committee not only to recruit new Board members, but to work with Treasurer John Hollister to complete sections of the Board Manual having to do with committee activities. Kevin Freer is working on additional sections of a Board Manual which we will use during our new board member orientations. Board participation is open to all members and several will be contacted to join, but the committee decided that it was more critical to find people willing to work on the committees (see *President's Message*). Completing the manual would make it easier for volunteers to know the requirements of each committee. Meeting minutes are on the FOL web site on the Board Meeting Minutes page, under Committee Resources: Nominating Committee.

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From Taipei American School

Committee Updates, cont

Donations Committee Updates

Students at the Taipei American School did some "EXTREME" fundraising for FOL. They raised and donated \$9,290.49. The funds were designated for TAP.

Sandy's letter says:

"Once again Taipei American School's 7th grade Gold House has participated in a walk-a-thon for the Lesotho Service Project. This year the 7th grade Blue House decided to work with the Gold House to double our efforts. Spirits were high and 192 students were enthusiastically involved. As an introduction, the stu-

dents watched a slide show presentation from an RPCV who had served in Lesotho. It was interesting to hear the students greeting each other in the hallway in SeSotho."

Thank you Taipei American School!!!!

***If you want to conduct a walk-a-thon on your own, visit FOL's website for a package of information, including a slide show for the presentation portion and registration/pledge forms for walkers.*

FOL member Sandy Puckett at the far right, and other teachers of the Taipei School (Kathy Keenan, Megan Pettigrew, Peter Stanley, Peter Coombs, Danielle Fredericks, Karen Pearson, Peter



<u>Donation Fund</u>	<u>Amount in Fund</u>	<u>Amount sent to Lesotho</u>
Undesignated Fund (\$250 min balance)	\$3,182.24	\$2,412.15
Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Fund	\$12,401.19	\$3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Fund	\$410.00	\$410.00
Morija Museum Fund	\$200.00	\$0.00
Orphanages Fund	\$275.00	\$275.00
Save the Children - Lesotho	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Sharon Zeiden's Lesotho Stonecarvers	\$250.00	\$250.00
Chuck Kuehn's PCV Projects	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$650.00	\$650.00
Totals	\$23,368.43	\$12,997.15

The TAP committee in Lesotho is currently reviewing applications for tuition assistance and will begin awarding that money for the 2007 school year. The Donations and Distributions Committee regularly schedules the distribution of most FOL funds for May and December.

Get Involved with Friends of Lesotho

What is the mission of FOL?

The Friends of Lesotho is a community of widely scattered individuals who share the experience of Lesotho in some way. It is an opportunity to contribute to the ongoing sustenance of projects in Lesotho and in a small manner, extend your service to Lesotho. As a board member or active member of FOL, you will be a member of a dynamic non-profit organization, committed to the continuation and development of projects in Lesotho, while bringing the needs and concerns of Basotho to members of FOL, as well as increasing the visibility of our organization's priorities. FOL is a conduit of information and concern that exists stateside. Active members and board members work with the Lesotho Embassy, and other commercial and non-profit interests, to cultivate, support and improve education and development projects here and in Lesotho.



Recent Friends of Lesotho Board Meeting

What committees exist and what do they do??

Do you want to be an active member of a committee?? Do you have a special talent that would enable the Friends of Lesotho to continue and expand its work? FOL members who have experience with any work that the committees' concern themselves with would be greatly appreciated!! Enthusiastic and interested individuals lacking specialized experience will be accepted with the same enthusiasm and commitment!! Contact one or more of the individuals listed below for more information on the next meeting or event. Individual's contact information can be found on the FOL website.

Treasurer – Keeps track of funds and transactions and assists Board and Committees in all financial matters. Contact: John Hollister

Membership – Recruitment and retention of dues paying members, tracking membership, and assessing membership needs. Contact: Ella Kwisnek/Claire Hilger/Faye Farmer/Jim Mueller

Fundraising – Creating, developing and identifying funding opportunities for FOL and distribution of funds to appropriate requests. Contact: Todd Vetter/Kevin Freer/Elizabeth Perry

Nominations - Annual Meeting, creation of slate 21 days in advance of the annual meeting, election of board members. Contact: Faye Farmer/Kevin Freer/Richard Rowan/Bill Dunn

Donations – Tracking funds from members. Contact: Richard Rowan

What is Board Membership?

FOL board members are elected based on their ability and willingness to contribute to the achievement of the organization's goals and objectives. Specific duties include: 1) be a FOL member in good standing, 2) understand the goals, policies, and programs of FOL, 3) attend Board meetings and participate in the policy-making decisions of the Board, 4) participate actively on one or more of the Board's committees and/or task forces suited to a member's interests and skills, 5) foster the organization's purpose in other spheres of influence. The commitment to the board is a two year term, but you can always "extend."

We meet bi-monthly via conference calls and complete our committee assignments between meetings. Visit our website at www.friendsoflesotho.org for an update of our goals and programs. Contact Bill with any questions you may have about Board service.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, please complete the following form and mail it to FOL. The form can also be accessed on the FOL website. The deadline for application to the board is **August 15th** and the information will be available in the Annual Report, mailed the first week of September. Committee volunteering is open to anyone at any point during the year.



Board of Directors Nomination/Application Form:

Candidate's Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Country:	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Email	

The following questions may be answered on a separate sheet.

Please describe your or your nominee's interest and involvement with Lesotho.

If you or your nominee is an RPCV, please list Peace Corps job/location/dates:

Board members can have specific positions such as legal advisor, managing fiscal affairs, computer skills, communications skills, or they can be members-at-large. Please describe what skills, strengths, or experiences you or your nominee has that would help the Board carry out its work.

Is this application being submitted by yourself or as a nomination for someone else?

If the application is a nomination for someone else, has the nominee agreed to have their name submitted?

Yes

No

If interested in applying for Board Membership, please return this completed form to Friends of Lesotho by **August 15th, 2006.**

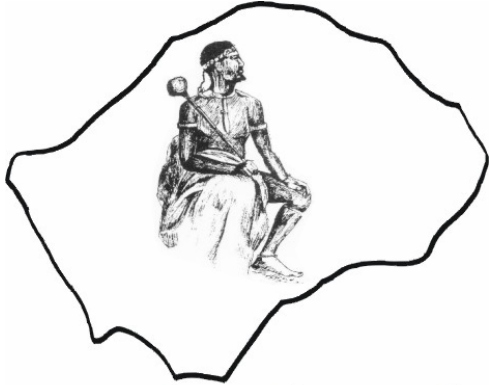


Fundraising Committee

General notecards with Lesotho themes as well as a donation form to honor deceased Peace Corps Volunteers and Staff are both currently available on our website. The fundraising committee is always looking for new ideas and member participation. Do you have a great idea??

T-Shirts for sale!

These Friends of Lesotho T-shirts feature King Moshoeshoe I surrounded by the outline of Lesotho. The design below is featured in brown ink on a natural colored cotton. There are three sizes available: Medium, Large, and Extra Large (with special ordering available for other sizes). The shirts are \$15 each, with \$5.65 of each purchase going towards the FOL general fund. To order a T-shirt complete the form at the end of this page and send it to FOL at our mailing address, with a check made out for \$15. For more information – contact Elizabeth Perry.



Kingdom of Lesotho

Ordering: Complete the form below and send a check made out to Friends of Lesotho, with “T-shirt” in the memo line.

Basotho Music CD Sales

FOL is pleased to offer a CD of Basotho music with thirty songs sung by students at The Catholic Technical School of Leribe (CTSL) and recorded by Don & Donna Hanford (Lesotho 2000-2002). Don previously sold the CDs on behalf of CTSL and has handed them over to FOL for sales to support the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Julie Curl, Lucent Technologies, redesigned and printed the labels, and donated the jewel cases with inserts and the first fifty copies of the CD as a Friend of Lesotho. We hope you enjoy this music that is sure to bring back fond memories of your time in Lesotho. To order your copy, send a check of \$10 with a request for the CD to the FOL address.



Ordering: Complete the form below and send a check made out to Friends of Lesotho, with “CD” in the memo line.

Name:	T-Shirt \$15 Each
Street Address, City, Zip Code (Country)	Size: (Circle One) Med Large XLarge
Phone Number: (optional)	Special Order Size: (please specify)
Shipping Address: (if different from above)	___ # of Music CD's, (\$10 each)
Send completed form to Friends of Lesotho, 4110 Denfeld Ave. Kensington, MD 20895	



Friends of Lesotho



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Friends of Lesotho is a non-profit organization promoting friendship between the peoples of Lesotho and North America. Friends of Lesotho (FOL) provides scholarships and grants to small development projects in Lesotho, assists in locating old friends from Lesotho, and provides information about current events in Lesotho.

Name:¹ _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

List email on website? Yes No

Were you a Peace Corps Volunteer? Yes No

Years in Lesotho: _____

Village: _____

District: _____

Information for FOL Directory:

Current Occupation/ Employer: _____

Family Members: _____

Matching gifts can enable you to double or even triple the value of your contribution. Many companies match their employees' personal donations. If your company is eligible, request a matching gift form from your employer and send it completed and signed with your gift, we will do the rest.

Why join FOL?

- **Make a difference in the lives of Basotho**
- **Keep abreast of the latest news about Lesotho via a quarterly newsletter**
- **Join a group of likeminded people**

Annual Membership: \$ _____
(\$15.00/person)

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Additional Contribution Designation:

<input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition Assistance Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Orphanages	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Liaison Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Greatest need	<input type="checkbox"/> Morija Museum

Total to FOL: \$ _____²

Annual Membership in the National Peace Corps Association is \$35/individual and \$42.50/ family.³
\$ _____

____ Please check if you would like more information on other ways to give, such as wills, estate planning, IRAs, or listing FOL as an insurance policy beneficiary.

____ Please check to receive the newsletter via e-mail link.

Please mail your completed membership form to:

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