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President's Message

Lumelang Metsoalle,

It's hard to believe that it has already been a year since our 25th Anniversary Reunion in Washington, D.C. FOL continues to find ways to connect with our members and friends by having a presence at the regional meetings sponsored by the NPCA. See Richard Rowan's report on the Minneapolis Conference held this summer for more details.

Hope you were able to see Team Lesotho marching in the Parade of Nations at the opening ceremonies of the Olympics in London last month. Though no Mosotho athlete "brought home the gold," we can all be proud of Team Lesotho's participation in the track & field events and swimming.

The Donations Committee continues to review applications for funding, work with the Peace Corps Partnership Program, and others who request support for their projects. The Board recently approved funding for the Wittenberg University Project, a library project in Mokhotlong, Laptops to Lesotho and the Little Angels Orphanage. \$20,275 was sent to the Phelisanong and TAP Scholarship Funds. A total of \$33,579.26 has been sent to Lesotho this year as a result of the generous support of our members and friends.

Dr. Scott Rosenberg, FOL Embassy Liaison, participated in a summit hosted by the Lesotho Embassy this summer to discuss how those doing work in Lesotho can better work together. Scott's report in this issue of the newsletter discusses how the various aid representatives are planning on different forms of networking and how to put those with similar needs and interests in contact with each other.

FOL is very fortunate to have Scott on the Board, serving on the Donations Committee and as Embassy Liaison. Scott's research publications and work in Lesotho make him a unique resource to the FOL Board. As a Professor of African History specializing in Lesotho Studies, Scott has valuable knowledge of the socio-cultural and historical dynamics in Lesotho. Scott's service-learning projects in Lesotho with his Wittenberg University students have been featured in past Annual Reports and newsletters. His annual trips to Lesotho enable Scott to gain first-hand knowledge of the projects FOL funds, network with potential partners, and stay connected to the PC Lesotho staff and PCVs. Through his work with the Springfield Ohio and Maseru Rotary Clubs, Scott has provided FOL with the means to safely transfer funds to non-PC projects. Through his many partnerships and connections, Scott has raised several hundred thousand dollars to support a wide variety of projects in Lesotho. Scott also serves as a Senior Project Consultant for BLOOM Africa.

The FOL Board is interested in knowing of anyone traveling to Lesotho, whether on personal trips or to work on development projects. FOL often needs someone to make contacts for us in Lesotho which may involve a short visit to the Peace Corps Office, with PCVs, or projects we are supporting. Use the Contacts page on our website to let us know if you are traveling to Lesotho.



Ka Khotso,
Kevin Freer, President
RPCV Lesotho 1976-1978



Photo Courtesy:
Linda Henry, RPCV

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NPCA Annual Meeting

By Richard Rowan

The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) held its annual meeting this summer in Minneapolis. FOL had a booth at the conference that was staffed by a number of FOL members from the Minnesota area. The conference centered around the 3rd goal of Peace Corps, which is to bring an understanding of the rest of the world to America.

The conference included a number of presentations and displays of interest to FOL members. Peace Corps Response (formerly Crisis Corps) provides 3-12 month opportunities to serve as volunteers in Peace Corps countries. The program was originally limited to RPCVs but many of the positions are now open to any qualified person. This allows RPCVs with non-RPCV spouses to apply for positions. You can find more information at www.peacecorps.gov/response.

A new program offered by the NPCA is Next Step Travel. This program hosts educational and service trips to PC countries. See www.peacecorpsconnect.org/resources/next-step-travel for more information.

Advocacy was a major theme of the conference. There were sessions on how to get involved in advocating for programs that RPCVs have said were important, including programs to alleviate hunger and poverty and improve public health at home and abroad. Some of the efforts described also included advocating for a stronger Peace Corps and lobbying for programs that affect our countries of service. RPCV and former APCD Ken Patterson gave a presentation on how his organization, RESULTS, educates members of Congress and other policy makers on a variety of issues important to RPCVs. RESULTS has local chapters that provide a means for people to contact and educate their own members of Congress and local policy makers. RESULTS has worked with the NPCA on a number of issues. For more information and to see if there is a chapter in your area, go to www.results.org.



Richard Rowan & Bill Moore



Clockwise from Left: Roberta Ebbers, Lebohang Moore, Bill Moore, Richard Rowan, Neo Rowan, Tlotlisang Rowan, and Gail Hughes.

In addition to FOL, many other "Friends of" groups and other RPCV-led groups had displays and presentations. There were solar oven demonstrations, presentations from groups supporting village improvement and tuition assistance programs in their countries of service, and information on exchange programs. There were breakout sessions that gave opportunities for attendees to exchange ideas about fundraising and organizing social and service activities.

The conference provided a chance to connect with RPCVs from many countries and to reconnect with some folks who served in Lesotho. Next year's annual conference will be in Boston.

The NPCA will be holding two one-day expos in September. These one-day expos include displays and presentations of interest to RPCVs. They will be held on Sept. 22 in Providence, RI and Sept. 29 in Pasadena, CA. FOL's Victor Cuevas will be representing us at the Pasadena. More information on Peace Corps Connect can be found at www.peacecorpsconnect.org. Contact FOL if you are interested in organizing a Friends of Lesotho display at one of these events.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the FOL display: Bill and Lebohang Moore; Kate Swensen; Tim and Mamoeletsi Spanier; Richard, Tlotlisang and Neo Rowan; Roberta Ebbers; Jacob, Katie and Christine Motlomelo; Gail Hughes.



Link to pictures of the volunteers who took turns staffing the table: <http://richardfrow.zenfolio.com/p1050645785>

Link to additional pictures of the conference: <http://richardfrow.zenfolio.com/p945103929>

Peace Corps Lesotho Education Impact Assessment

The Peace Corps Lesotho Education Project is engaging in a study to assess the impact secondary education teachers have in the schools they work with. The assessment will look at JC and COSC exam scores of classes taught by Peace Corps Volunteers. Peace Corps has limited records about the impact volunteers are making in their communities.

We would like your help by providing us with some information about the school you were placed at and the classes you taught during your service! The survey takes 5 minutes and can be completed online at the url: <http://www.sogosurvey.com/k/SsSQPsRsPsPsP>. If you have difficulty with the online survey, please email pclesothoeducationimpact@gmail.com to be sent a questionnaire.

The results of this assessment will assist Peace Corps Lesotho in improving programming decisions for the education sector. The survey results are critical to the success of this assessment and we really appreciate your assistance!

Caitlin, Kevin, Nick, and Tishina — Ed 12 PCV's





Peace Corps Service Vignette—A Helping Hand

By Pete Neumann
Chair, Fundraising Committee

Something's up. Ntate Litebeho yells from the top of the street, "Ntate Pete!" Usually he calls me Ntate Maholo – meaning grandfather. He motions me toward him.

I am walking that way anyway. It is very hot in the Hoek this January mid-afternoon day. I have decided to take a 4+1 back home. I usually walk home in any weather, but this day I have too much weight in my pack and two Christmas packages – one under each arm. Better to take the ride; there is still a 10 minute walk once I get off. The cost is 3 Maloti – about \$.50 and seems a particularly good value just now. A 4+1 is a compact car size vehicle that transports 4 passengers plus the driver. You wait until it is completely filled before it leaves. It only goes to one place – a crossroads near our home, drops the passengers and waits for four replacements before returning to Mochale Hoek.

I reach the taxi rank – a dusty, open field littered with trash, a couple of sleeping dogs and located just across from the abandoned BP gas station. Ntate Litebeho is smiling. He is usually pretty friendly, but this smile is more than that. He is there in front of the taxi with two men – one is the 4+1 driver. The vehicle is a familiar and ancient Dodge Colt. The windows are permanently frozen up meaning that today the greenhouse effect will be real special. The hood is held down with a wire. The trunk locks, but you need a strong stick to lever it open. Some doors do not open from the outside and some do not open from the inside. The tires are bald.


And, I see, one of them is flat.

There is some machine-gun Sesotho with gesturing towards the tire, the trunk, and then me. Ntate Litebeho motions to the driver who goes into the trunk and gets the spare tire and lug nut wrench out. He drops them in front of the flat and then goes to the brush by the field. The others stand by the front of the car and nod at me and I nod back. I have that smile on my face that pretends to show them I understand what's going on. We stand there and smile and nod.

The driver comes back with a big rock. The fuzzy picture in my mind takes focus as I realize there is no car jack. Yep, my auto maintenance skills are about to take a new turn. The driver quickly loosens the lug nuts and squats by the wheel. He nods. Ntate Litebeho, his pal and me squat and grab the Dodge's front end and lift. The rock goes underneath the frame in a flash and we set the car down on it. I wipe my hands, smile and wonder if vertebrate can actually scream out loud.

The flat tire comes off. Wait, the spare requires more clearance. Find another rock, lift again, slip in the new rock and the good tire is mounted. Lift once more, the car is on four "good" tires and we are shaking each other's hands and acting like it was nothing at all.

I get in the 4+1 thankful to sit down. I don't mind the heat; feels pretty good. I won't worry about ever standing up again until we reach our destination.....

Khotso! Pula! Nala! 

On July 15th, Scott Rosenberg, Embassy liaison and member of the donations committee, participated in a summit on development in Lesotho hosted by Ambassador Sebatane at the Lesotho Embassy in Washington, D.C. Other organizations present at the meeting included; representatives from Phelps-Stokes, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and PEPFAR. A number of former Peace Corps Volunteers and Basotho Nationals were also present. The Ambassador hoped to gather those who were doing projects in Lesotho as well as those who are interested in doing work in Lesotho. Based on many of the issues that have been raised by FOL during its meetings, FOL representatives noted the problem it faced in finding funding for certain projects and finding organizations to partner with who have mutual interests. Once the discussion started, the main focus of the meeting was dedicated to discussing networking and creating a website/forum which would help those doing projects in Lesotho better communicate with each other. FOL has offered to host the site.

2013 Calendar Available Soon

As in past years, the proceeds of our calendars go directly to the programs we support. This year's calendar will feature the service learning projects conducted by the Wittenberg University students. To order, please visit our website beginning in November.



Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections

By Lynn Minderman, Lesotho 2007-08
www.qmconnect.org

In 2007 I served as a PCV in Qholaqhoe, Butha-Buthe, Lesotho. Soon after arriving I was walking through my rural village and stopped to watch a group of women, many with babies on their backs, building a new road with shovels, pick axes and rusty wheelbarrows. Two women walked over to me and through gestures, limited Sesotho, limited English, and many laughs, they asked if I knew where they could find vegetable seeds for their orphan garden. They invited me to come to the garden on Saturday, "everyone comes on Saturday."



The garden had been in existence for six years and continues to thrive today. The Likoting Village chief had donated a small plot of land for the garden and a mud, dung and rock building served as a cooking shed and meeting place. Ten men and women started the garden project and two grandmothers, Me Mampho and Me Mamotloang have served as leaders, working with the "double orphans" teaching them how to grow, harvest and cook vegetables.

All the orphans and many local villagers come on Saturdays to work in the garden and cook a large meal. Everyone shares in the work, the meal, a game of netball and leaves with food. Every time I joined a Saturday gathering I was struck by the happiness and playfulness of the children in spite of the tremendous difficulties they face every day.

When I visited with the Qholaqhoe Mountain Chief, Morena Thabo, and asked about the location of the orphanage where these children lived he asked me to sit with him for a while. He said, "We live like elephants. When a mother dies the herd gathers around. In Qholaqhoe we want our orphans to live with us and be proud of being Basotho." Many of these 113 children, ranging in age from infants to 20 year olds, live with family, neighbors or friends. Many live alone with older siblings assuming the tasks and responsibility of parents. While Lesotho now provides free education for AIDS orphans, the daily demands of living mean that many orphans simply do not have time to go to school. Young boys are needed to herd cattle and girls are needed for cooking and caring for younger siblings.

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Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections (continued)

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After returning home to New York, the memories of Likoting Village and the hard working grandmothers and orphans were constantly in my thoughts. It did not take more than a few minutes of talking with my two sisters-in-law, Pic and Debbi, before we decided to see if there was more we could do to help. We are each grandmothers ourselves and hungry children, even thousands of miles away, are important to us. We visited the garden in 2008 and after talking with the grandmothers about what the needed, it was decided that a sustainable water source for the garden would be a tremendous help. During the dry season the garden withered and even though the children walked down to the river to collect water in plastic containers, it was not enough. Food was scarce during these months and children were hungry.

We formed a 501c3 organization, Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections (QMC) and began talking with anyone who would listen. The villagers told us they could build a stone water storage tank but they lacked the money for cement and pipe. While we gathered funding, the orphans gathered stones and one year later the tank was completed. It was absolutely marvelous to return and see a lush, green garden with raised beds filled with pumpkins, squash, peas and beans.

A new PCV, Adam Santos, came to teach at Qholaqhoe High School and after a visit to the orphan garden knew he wanted to help. He raised funds for a strong metal fence to keep the cattle and sheep out of the garden.

A current PCV, Kevin Koryto, visited the garden and said in his blog, "I visited the garden for the first time on Saturday. It is an inspirational place to see the care that these few Bo-Me are able to provide to the children. Everyone pitches in to tend to the garden and help out." Kevin is now helping the children tear down the old cooking shed which is no longer safe and QMC is raising funds for a new building.

Two years ago QMC provided the funds for 100 laying hens, cages, feed for one year and medicine so that protein could help with the chronic malnutrition. The project is now self-sustaining. The grandmothers sell the older chickens to purchase new hens, orphans carry flats of eggs on their heads and travel to other villages to sell the extra eggs. They use the funds to purchase cooking oil, maize meal, toothpaste and soap. The orphans tend to the feeding, watering and cleaning and the chickens produce about 90 eggs per day!

Last year QMC purchased a Jersey cow with help from the Lesotho Agriculture Department. After much haggling, traveling and searching, a beautiful registered Jersey was found in South Africa and she has now given birth to a heifer calf. The orphans milk and feed her, with help from the grandmothers, and the younger children now have a sustainable source of milk.

Often work as a PCV can be lonely and difficult, but this village boosts your spirits and gives you hope for these children. It is an amazing place. You immediately feel welcomed and involved. The integrity, honesty, love and respect are evident in the long standing efforts of these people to keep their orphans together and safe. They truly live like elephants!



Another successful Saturday gathering.

The Goal: Find every Peace Corps Volunteer and Staff Member

Did you serve in the Peace Corps? Are you a former Peace Corps staff member?

If you answered yes to either of the above questions, be counted! Help us find the 250,000 Americans who have served or worked for the Peace Corps.

Click on the link below and be counted as a part of the Peace Corps Family!!!

<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/findthe250k/>

You are not just a number, but together our voice is:

- louder for advocacy
- stronger for global community projects
- wider for networking to advance Peace Corps values and experiences

Our Progress: As of June 1 2012, we have found 2,648 RPCVs and former staff. We have also updated the records of 110 other individuals.

Help us find all Returned Peace Corps Volunteers from Lesotho!!!

Our 2012 Goal: Find 10,000 Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) and former Peace Corps staff.





Fundraising Committee News

Wills and Estates Planning Kit

Friends of Lesotho has updated a wills and estate planning kit that provides you information about how you can make bequest to FOL in your will. More than that, it gives links to several sites about estate planning in general.

You can see it on our website at either of these links

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

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/shop/fundraising-ideas/>

Friends of Lesotho Walkathon Kit

We have updated the FOL Walkathon Kit. This kit is a terrific way to introduce students, Boy/Girl Scouts and other folks about Lesotho; and raise money for our projects. If you are a teacher or group leader, check out the kit. You may be able to raise funds for FOL and teach your class or group about Lesotho.

We have links on our website to the kit:

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/shop/fundraising-ideas/>

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/aboutfol/board-of-directors/committee-resources/>

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/how-to-support-fol/>

Help Wanted.

We sent out a membership wide email asking for folks to help on our various committees and task forces. Thank you to the 19 who responded. Anyone still interested??

We can still use your help. Read more to find out how you can further the cause of FOL.

Membership, Donations/Distributions, Fundraising and Finance.

Duties range from developing projects, reviewing proposals, seeking new members, revising information and fundraising kits to stuffing envelopes, typing letters, cruising the internet for articles on Lesotho, to managing our store and social networking sites. Time involved is 3-4 hours per month via email or phone.

In addition to our Standing Committees FOL periodically establishes special Task Forces requiring a short-term commitment. These are for our Annual Meeting, Board Nominations, FOL By-Laws, Website Social Networking Task Force, and establishing an Endowment Fund.

Anyone with a CPA? We are looking to audit our books and a CPA member familiar with our mission could really help out.

Also in great need are individuals with a knowledge and love of the world of social media for our Website Social Networking Task Force to help us improve our use of Facebook, the FOL Website, Twitter, etc.

YOU have a skill we need....YOU DO!! Please help.

Email me if you are willing to help at pneumann1947@yahoo.com.

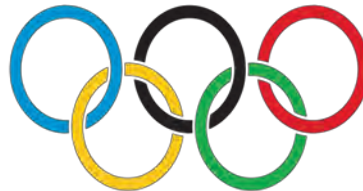
Amazon

Did you know you can shop Amazon and support FOL at the same time? Your pricing does not change either. Amazon has an arrangement with Friends of Lesotho to pay us a portion of each purchase made through the link below. Use it!

<http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=frieofleso-20&camp=15309&creative=331473&linkCode=st1&adid=0ZT8DQV3WDMB1048GZNP>

FOL made over \$700 last year with people using this link to shop at Amazon.

Team Lesotho



Team Lesotho in the Parade of Nations at the Opening Ceremonies of the London Olympics.

Mosito Lehata
Track & Field
200m



Tsepo Ramonene
Track & Field
Marathon



Masempe Theko
Swimming
50m



Mamarallo Tjoka
Track & Field
Marathon



Jobo Khatoane
Track & Field
Marathon





Litaba tsa Lesotho (News of Lesotho)



Gem Diamonds Suffers as Prices Slump

Gem Diamonds, the Australia and Africa-focused minerals mining company that runs the Letseng mine, among others, has delayed two development projects in Botswana and Lesotho due to declining revenue. Between this year and last, the average value of diamonds for export from the Letseng mine fell from \$3,052 per carat to \$2,133. The full story can be found online at: http://www.livecharts.co.uk/share_prices/Gem-Diamonds-suffers-as-prices-slump-news20308867.html.

Snow Closes Border Posts

Heavy snowfalls recently led to the closing of several border posts between South Africa and Lesotho. The situation at the Monantsha Pass post was deemed so dangerous that travelers were warned against using the crossing. This story, along with some photos, can be found online at: <http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/Snow-closes-border-posts-20120807>

Tšepong Hospital Workers Demand Salary Hike

On behalf of Queen 'Mamohato Hospital workers, the Lesotho Workers Association (LEWA) filed a complaint with the Directorate of Dispute Prevention and Resolution (DDPR), addressing wage issues. The case is set for hearing on September 18. This story can be found online at: <http://www.publiceye.co.ls/2012/08/31/tsepong-hospital-workers-demand-salary-hike/>

Protest Addressing Violence against Women and Children

Hundreds of women marched from the 'Manthabiseng National Convention Centre to the Moshoeshoe I Statue Park in Maseru to present a petition to Prime Minister Thabane calling upon the government to increase efforts to address violence against women and children. Speaking on behalf of the protesters, rights activist Lineo Khalema and politician Masetota Leshota, urged the government to introduce laws that protect women and called for the establishment of more safe-houses for victims of abuse. Prime Minister Thabane told the women that the coalition government would include the protesters' grievances in its policy formulation. This story can be found online at: <http://www.publiceye.co.ls/2012/08/31/gender-violence-shocks-thabane>.

LCD to Hold Countrywide 'Thank You' Rallies

The Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD) planned a countrywide campaign aimed at thanking the electorate for supporting the party in the May 26 general election. After the elections, the LCD, All Basotho Convention (ABC) and Basotho National Party (BNP) formed a coalition government, with ABC leader Mr. Thomas Thabane being appointed Prime Minister, while LCD leader, Mr. Mothetjoa Metsing is the Deputy Prime Minister. The rallies are scheduled to begin on September 2 in Leribe and run through December. Subsequent rallies will be held in Moleale's Hoek, Qacha's Nek, Maseru, Mokhotlong, Thaba-Tseka, Butha-Buthe, Quthing, Berea, and Mafeteng. This full story can be found online at: <http://www.publiceye.co.ls/2012/08/31/lcd-to-hold-countrywide-thank-you-rallies>.

Lesotho: Time to End Ban on Women Chiefs in Lesotho

In a landmark case on August 27th and 28th, the Lesotho Constitutional Court will hear arguments in a discrimination case challenging legislation (section 10(2) of the Chieftainship Act) that allegedly permits only men to become chiefs. The case was brought by Senate Masupha - the first-born child of a chief. She is arguing that if section 10(2) of the Chieftainship Act is interpreted to only provide for male succession to chieftainship then it violates her rights to equality and freedom from discrimination under the Lesotho Constitution. The respondents argue that section 10(2) clearly prohibits women from succeeding to the chieftainship as it provides for the "first born or only son." The Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC) intervened in the matter as amicus curiae and argues that section 10(2), if interpreted to deny women the ability to succeed to chieftainship, violates the Lesotho Constitution as well as Lesotho's international and regional obligations, including the rights to be free from discrimination and equality. For more details on this case and the arguments advanced by the parties, view the full story online at: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201208280660.html>.

Government Holds Memorial Service for Late Miners

Four Lesotho nationals were among the 34 miners shot dead by the South African police during a labor protest at a South African platinum mine on August 16. A memorial service for the miners was held at the 'Manthabiseng Convention Centre this morning. According to South African media reports, other Basotho miners were among those injured and arrested. This story can be found online at <http://www.publiceye.co.ls/2012/08/31/government-to-hold-memorial-service-for-late-miners>.

Convention Centre to Close for Renovations

The 'Manthabiseng National Convention Centre, which opened in 1998, will be temporarily shut down for renovations in October of this year. The World Bank Group's International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Chinese government, which initially funded the project, will support the renovation and subsequent operation of the facility. View this full story online at <http://www.publiceye.co.ls/2012/08/31/convention-centre-to-close-for-renovations>.

Foreign Aid Successes

Moeketsi Monamela, a coffin maker in Maseru, Lesotho, says his business is way down, partly because of fewer AIDS deaths. In his July 7, 2012, article in The New York Times, The Coffin-Maker Benchmark, Nicholas D. Kristof stated that foreign aid has had a positive impact in Southern Africa, as indicated by the declining business of the coffin makers. The article quoted Maseru coffin maker Monamela who stated that, "Before, a lot of people were dying of AIDS. Now there is medication, so fewer people are dying of AIDS." Kristof's article discusses the importance of foreign aid and how assistance has changed the course of the AIDS epidemic in Lesotho and Malawi. He also cited other benefits of foreign aid in the region. View this article online at: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/08/opinion/sunday/the-coffin-maker-benchmark.html?_r=1&ref=lesotho.





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Bits & Pieces from Peace Corps Lesotho

In Memoriam - Thomas Maresco (Khotso September 2012)

September 3rd will mark two years since ED10 Volunteer Tom Maresco was killed in Maseru. It is a tragic and somber anniversary, which I am sure Tom's friends and family will be marking in different ways. Here in Lesotho, staff and three of the Volunteers who were serving at the time of Tom's death will lay flowers at the site where he died. Tom was a vivacious person who left a positive impression on all who met him. He is missed by many and certainly by those of us in Lesotho who knew him. Please keep Tom's family in your thoughts.

Khotso,
Kathy Jacquart Dill,
Country Director

See the article at http://articles.cnn.com/2010-09-05/world/lesotho.peace.corps.death_1_peace-corps-lesotho-volunteer?_s=PM:WORLD



KHOTSO—News from Lesotho

If you haven't been on the FOL website lately and want to find out what current PCVs are up to, how PCV life in Lesotho is different now from your time in country and get to know current PC-Lesotho staff, check out our webpage of current and past Khotso monthly newsletters. Go to <http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/membership/newsletters/>.

Mokhotlong Library Progress

Clare Mortimore and her husband, Welsh nationals, are teaching at St. Michael's primary in Mokhotlong and are leading this project with extensive community involvement. Look for an article in the December newsletter.



Whenever you shop at Amazon.com, start at FOL first.

Friends of Lesotho is an Amazon.com affiliate.

Access Amazon.com from the FOL website and a portion of the price of your purchase will be donated to FOL by Amazon.com.

Go to the FOL website, click on the "Shop" tab, select "FOL Amazon," and click on the Amazon link.

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/shop/amazon/>

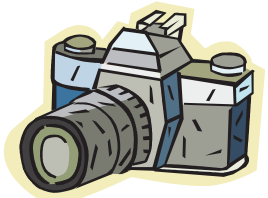


Bits & Pieces

Friends of Lesotho - 2012 Treasurer's Summary for Board:			September 16, 2012
	7/25/2012	9/14/2012	Difference
Current Bank Balance (checking):	\$10,163.04	\$6,428.05	-\$3,734.99
Current Bank Balance (savings):	\$40,996.59	\$41,031.24	\$34.65
Paypal (pending transfer):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total (both accounts)	\$51,159.63	\$47,459.29	-\$3,700.34
Interest Earned CY to Date (incl. above)	\$102.11	\$136.76	\$34.65
Paid Membership (Incl. Adv Dues - 33 for 2012):	98	107	9
New members this Year to date:	6	6	0
Non-member cash donors Year to date:	11	11	0
2012 Extra Donation Fund Status:			
	Amount in	Amount sent	Amount Pending
Donation Fund	Fund	to Lesotho (1)	Future Disbursement
Lesotho Project Fund (2)	\$13,376.90	\$8,979.62	\$4,397.28
Scholarship Fund	\$25,536.39	\$20,275.00	\$5,261.39
Village Hope Project (PCV)	\$186.61	\$0.00	\$186.61
Little Angels	\$4,785.00	\$4,785.00	\$0.00
Sesotho Counting Book	\$1,474.15	\$0.00	\$1,474.15
LCCU	\$13,041.25	\$0.00	\$13,041.25
Laptops to Lesotho	\$476.82	\$476.82	\$0.00
Totals	\$58,877.12	\$34,516.44	\$24,360.68
<i>Difference from Prior report:</i>	<i>-\$18.53</i>	<i>\$3,937.18</i>	<i>-\$3,955.71</i>
<i>Notes - 1) These include donation collection fees from Just Give and transfer fees in sending funds.</i>			
<i>(2) Project cash sent (other than online fees) in period since last Board meeting included:</i>			
- Wittenburg U - Scott R summer projects in Lesotho - \$3,000 from FOL Project fund			
- Little Angels Wire add'l instruction fee - \$30 from FOL Project fund, \$47.07 'orphans' donation cover Project Fund contribution for most recent wire (July 2012)			
- Mokhotlong Proj funding - Mortimore \$862 + \$40 wire from FOL Project fund.			
- Returned \$500 from LCCU fund to donor.			
2012 Operating Expense Status:			
Current Cash in Accounts (as above):		\$47,459.29	
Subtract out:			
Project Expenditure Obligations (per above, incl. interest)		-\$24,360.68	Incl. fundraiser fund
Future Dues for Carryover		-\$285.18	Incl. interest
Life Membership Fund (incl. interest)		-\$17,975.12	66 = total members
Cash Available for FOL Expenses =		\$4,838.31	
Unused Expenses in 2012 Budget -		\$4,045.12	
Current Cash Reserve =		\$793.19	excluding unspent budget
(Total operating cash expenses, incl. NPCA pass thru):		\$1,427.88	
(Total operating inkind expenses to date):		\$47.15	operating expenses only

Sesotho Counting Book Project on Track

The Sesotho Counting Book Project received a \$1,000 donation in September from an anonymous donor, which will speed up the countdown to publication. Right now the kids and staff at the Family Art and Literacy Centre in Lesotho are writing the book, while PCV Hannah Campbell is working with staff member Pheku Octavious and Jane Hale, the Centre's director, to get the book ready for publication at the Morija Press. When finished, the book will provide the first-ever counting book for kids in Sesotho, written by and for the children of Lesotho.



Got Photos??

We would love to showcase your pictures of the people, places, and things of Lesotho and Peace Corps in our various publications, including this newsletter

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Membership Form

Complimentary--PCVs during service up to 12 months after COS.

Dues Are Per Person

Annual Membership--\$15 \$ _____

Lifetime Membership Options

- Basic--\$250 \$ _____
- Bronze--\$500 \$ _____**
- Silver--\$750 \$ _____**
- Gold--\$1,000 \$ _____**

****Payable in annual installments of \$250**

Additional Donation to FOL \$ _____ for:

- Greatest Need (default option)
- Tuition Assistance Programs
- Memorial Scholarships Fund *In memory of:*

Name _____

Yrs _____ to _____ Dist/Village/Job _____

TOTAL to FOL \$ _____

NPCA Membership--\$35 \$ _____

**FOL will forward to NPCA for you.*

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____

Mail your check and completed form to Friends of Lesotho at the address above or pay by credit card by Clicking on Join/Renew from our website at www.friendsoflesotho.org and select JustGive or Razoo.

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Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Member Since _____ New _____ Source _____

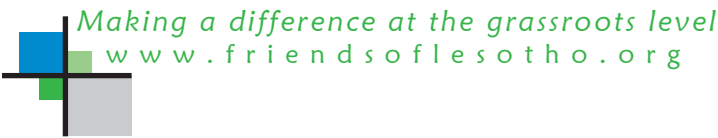
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