

Friends of Lesotho Annual Report 2014



Friends of Lesotho, Inc.

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Lumelang Motsoelle,

Despite the fact that some long time board members have stepped down, and this has been a transition year, I am happy to state that this has been a very positive year for FOL. I believe that much of our continued success comes from our dedicated board and committee members (both new and continuing) as well as the many individuals who support and partner with FOL. A measure of our success can be found in the fact that FOL was one of 8 organizations acknowledged by PCPP last October. The event was attended by: former U.S Ambassador to Lesotho, Michelle Bond, Lesotho Ambassador Molapi Sebanate and his wife Lois Sebatane (RPCV, Lesotho) and Eric Goldman former programming officer for Peace Corps Lesotho. I think I speak for all of us when I state that FOL is a labor of love, for a people and country that has become part of our lives.

We have been fortunate to continue to help children and orphans in Lesotho through our continuing partnerships such as the TAP program, which will send over 100 children to secondary school next year. Furthermore, we have been able to help some of the neediest children in Lesotho through donations to Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections, the Wittenberg projects in Lesotho, and helping to repair the homes of OVC families after severe storms in Roma last October. FOL has also maintained its long history of assisting volunteers with their projects, helping fund both a piggery and library project. In the process of continuing to expand our engagement with Lesotho and the Basotho, FOL was proud to help support the Ba re e ne re Literature Festival held in Morija last September. FOL has also embarked on some new partnerships and projects, which will help FOL further its mission.

In partnership with the Lesotho Embassy and others we have begun work on designing a website which will help those doing projects in Lesotho work together to maximize their efforts (Lesotho-US. Net). Lastly, I once again have to note the impressive work of the social media committee in helping raise the profile of FOL and helping us all stay connected to Lesotho.

I would also like to take this opportunity to once again thank board member Richard Rowan for all of his hard work and willingness to step in where ever he is needed. Lastly, I would like to thank Pete Neumann for all of his hard work and dedication on the Membership Committee.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Rosenberg
President, FOL
Honorary Consul, Kingdom of Lesotho





Mission

The Friends of Lesotho (FOL) is a non-profit organization promoting friendship between the people of Lesotho and the U.S.

Purpose

The purpose of FOL is to serve as a point of contact and funding source for scholarships and grants to small development projects in Lesotho.

FOL accomplishes its mission and purpose by:

- Ensuring good governance of the organization with fiscal responsibility
- Keeping members and friends up to date on news about Lesotho via a quarterly newsletter, website and other social media resources
- Providing members and friends with information on the needs of the people of Lesotho and opportunities for support
- Conducting annual appeals for donations along with a variety of fundraising activities
- Providing direct assistance to worthy projects (i.e. orphan care, HIV/AIDS education, life skills training and education, business development, school repair and construction, scholarships and other needs as identified)
- Providing oversight and accountability of funds sent to Lesotho
- Reporting to members and friends on the performance of the organization and accomplishments through an Annual Report.

Values

FOL values the friendship between the people of Lesotho and the U.S. FOL is comprised of both former Peace Corps Volunteers and others who have an interest in Lesotho. FOL partners with the U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers serving in Lesotho as well as other individuals and NGOs who seek our assistance and wish to cooperate on joint ventures.

FOL strives to “make a difference at the grassroots level”, funding projects considered too small by major donor organizations. Project funding decisions are reviewed by the Board of Directors, following recommendations from the Donations Committee to ensure projects are worthy of funding and are adequately monitored.

FOL is affiliated with the National Peace Corps Association and has agreements to work through the U.S. Peace Corps Partnership Program in Lesotho. FOL also enters into Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with individuals and groups sponsoring education and development projects in Lesotho.

Friends of Lesotho Inc. is a registered 501 (c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. A copy of the current financial statement of Friends of Lesotho is available by writing to FOL at 4110 Denfeld Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895 USA, or by emailing treas@friendsoflesotho.org. Documents and information submitted under the Maryland Solicitations Act are also available for the cost of postage and copies from the Maryland Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401 USA (410-974-5534)



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Lynn Mindermann	Honeoye Falls, NY	Director	
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Megan Kelly	Chicago, IL	Director	2008-2011
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Zachary Rosen	Washington, DC	Director	2010-2011
Richard Rowan	St. Paul, MN	Director	1979-1983
David Ruch	Denver, CO	Director	1981-1983
Andrew Steel	Chicago, IL	Director	2009



2014 Committee and Task Force Members

Committee and Task Forces	Chairs	Members
Annual Meeting	Bill Moore ex officio	Kevin Caughlan
By-Laws	Bill Moore ex officio	N/A
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Friends of Lesotho Supported Projects

2014 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

The FOL Tuition Assistance Program for 2014 was a major success! The program allowed PCVs in 37 high schools to award 71 students a full year and 46 students a half year scholarship. \$10,600 was donated to the TAP program thanks to many donors and especially to the Taipei American School in Taiwan.

Thanks to the hard work of the TAP PCV Committee, David Wickland, Shawn Joshi and Keegan Mackin, the program took on new life and new requirements for both students and their sponsoring PCVs. Students submitted essays, teacher recommendations, grade reports and PCVs followed student progress throughout the year.

First year PCV teachers awarded half year scholarships to students they had just come to know, while second year PCV teachers, having come to know students well, awarded full year scholarships with possible continued support for deserving students.

The commitment by PCVs to hold their students accountable for the scholarship and provide them with support throughout the school year, with regular supporting documentation and reports to the TAP Committee, has worked very well and will be continued in 2015. Students have written letters and sent pictures to the students in Taipei thanking them for the opportunity to attend school.



TAP Committee, Hlotse, Leribe, March 2014



2014 TAP continued

Friends of Lesotho Board Member Lynn Minderman traveled to Lesotho from New York in March 2014, and met both with staff TAP coordinator, M'e Malitaba Hlabana , as well as the Peace Corps Volunteer TAP Committee, David Wickland, Shawn Joshi, and Keegan Mackin, concerning the TAP Program. Lynn commented, "This committee is an amazing group of young men who came to the meeting with prepared agendas, application process forms, and ideas about how the TAP program could be improved."

RPCV Sandy Puckett died of a heart attack at age 58 in 2009. A mathematics teacher, artist, world traveler, and author of children's books, he was a lover of portraits made of objects, tromp l'oeil, optical illusions, animorphs and hidden images. He worked at the Taipei American School from 1993 until his death. Friends of Lesotho is proud to be a part of one of his finest legacies, the magic of connecting diverse parts of the world.

In Taipei, Taiwan, teacher Kathy Keenan wrote to Friends of Lesotho, "Our students are learning about the importance of helping those who are less fortunate, and that each student can make a difference. They have been excited to participate in this service opportunity. We are pleased to be able to help the children of Lesotho. We know that education is one of the best ways to help the nation of Lesotho to continue to prosper."



Roma Orphans

After severe storms hit Roma this October, the homes of more than a dozen orphan headed households were severely damaged. In response to this, FOL and Springfield Rotary raised the funds to have the homes repaired. This involved building new doors and roofs, as well as fixing cracked walls and broken windows.

Wittenberg in Lesotho

With support from FOL, 25 students from Wittenberg University spent a month in Lesotho. During that time they built two homes for Orphan Headed Households in St. Michaels of the Maseru District. They also helped establish an adolescent vocational center in Thaba Bosiu by setting up the office and a library as well as building a Greenhouse. The group also volunteered at St. Gerards in Berea, building a playground and doing educational painting classrooms (this was done with former PCV Beth Pagan). The group also planted trees in Ha Abia for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs).



Ba re e ne re Literature Festival

The Ba re e ne re Literature Festival was held from 5 to 7 September 2014 to facilitate a platform intended to enrich the lives of the Basotho people by promoting initiatives that support increased literacy and aid artistic exchange between creatives in Lesotho, Basotho outside of Lesotho and creatives from other cultures. The festival was also a tribute to the work of its late founder, Liepollo Rantekoa.

Project goals:

- Connect Lesotho's literary arts community with creatives in other African countries and beyond for creative exchange and improved publishing opportunities.
- Promote the cultures of reading and writing among Basotho, especially of works in indigenous Southern African languages and African literature.
- Establish an ongoing platform for literary arts activities in Lesotho.

The 3-day festival was opened at the Alliance Francaise de Maseru and carried on at Maseru Preparatory School for the next two days. The implemented programme is included below, but to summarise: the first day of the festival paid tribute to the festival's founder and featured a keynote address about the importance of literary heritage by South African author Niq Mhlongo, which revived a sense of pride in local storytelling. The second day carried on with a panel discussion about the practice of reading and writing in society. The third and final day targeted active writers and focused on practical techniques for writing and publishing. Through the festival there were wonderful creative performances by poets, storytellers and musicians. Utilizing innovative technology many of the festival activities were broadcast live on the internet via the Chimurenga Pan African Space Station (www.panafricanspacestation.org.za).





Ba re e ne re Literature Festival continued

Overall, there was a strong turnout at the festival and solid audience engagement. Those in attendance, largely young people, demonstrated that they are invested in the literary future of Lesotho and the region and they have many beautiful stories to share in a variety of mediums.

Important relationships with respected stakeholders (NGOs, businesses, educational institutions, and governments) were formed and paved the way for future conversations and involvement. Ideas were generated that have already led to concrete actions such as the establishment of a Ba re e ne re Book Club, which had its first meeting on October 11th, 2014.

The festival was attended by the following guests:

International Guests: Niq Mhlongo, Yewande Omotoso and Keamogetsi Molapong, Zakes Mda (via skype), the Chimurenga Magazine team including Ntone Edjabe, Bongani Kona, Terry Ayugi and Graeme Arendse.

Local Guests: Mpho Makara, Pheko Octovious, Patrick Bereng, Morabo Morojele, Motebang Sekhohola, Teboho Rantsoabe.





Ba re e ne re Writing Contest Prize-giving

Originally intended to be part of the literature festival (though canceled due to the political uncertainty of late 2014), Ba re e ne re, through support from FOL, hosted a prize-giving ceremony on February 13th 2015 for contestants who participated in two writing contests which were run in August 2014 and January 2015 respectively. The first contest was facilitated with Peace Corps Lesotho at host High Schools, with participants contending at the district level. 5 winners representing Forms A to E were selected by a panel of judges. The second contest was run online through the Ba re e ne re Facebook page and website. All Basotho living in Lesotho were welcome to enter by submitting a story based on the theme: Freedom of Creative Expression. 3 winners were selected. All 8 winners were invited to Alliance Francaise where they were recognised for their literary works.

The Ba re e ne re writing contest prize-giving was an intimate event with guests including representatives from the US Embassy and Peace Corps Lesotho as well as the contestants and creative performers to balance the setting.

Opening remarks were delivered by Lineo Segoete, the Director of Ba re e ne re and this was followed by a screening of the highlights from the Ba re e ne re Literature Festival 2014, a poetry performance by Sekete Lesaoana, musical performance by Chino Khomari Makakole, the prize handover and story readings from contest winners.





Friends of Lesotho News

FOL Honored by Peace Corps Partnership Program

Lesotho is a place that has touched all of our hearts, and for many of us is a second home. Recent events in Lesotho reminded all of us how much we care about the Mountain Kingdom and its people. It is this love and connection to Lesotho that drives many to volunteer our time to Friends of Lesotho (FOL). Friends of Lesotho, represented by me, was one of 16 organizations recognized by Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) on October 1, 2014, in Washington D.C ~ testament to our accomplishments. Other recipients included one more Friends group (Friends of Ghana), two area RPCV groups (Atlanta and Madison), and a handful of small and large corporate donors to PCPP projects. FOL was in good company!

As an individual honoree, I was also able to participate in a roundtable discussion hosted by Peace Corps/Washington, examining how we can work better with PCPP and each other. I was able to pick the brains of individuals from other organizations, getting ideas and inspiration for helping FOL in the future. To my surprise, Lesotho Ambassador Sebatane and his wife Lois, as well as former US Ambassador Michele Bond and newly-returned Peace Corps Lesotho Director of Programming and Training (DPT) Eric Goldman were in attendance. It was a great night for FOL and Lesotho! Ambassador Sebatane emphasized his country's appreciation for all that we do.

Khotso, Pula, Nala

Dr. Scott Rosenberg
President Friends of Lesotho



FOL President Appointed Honorary Consul

Friends of Lesotho President Scott Rosenberg was appointed Honorary Consul by the Lesotho Embassy in Washington, DC. He will represent Lesotho in Ohio and the Midwest and help facilitate greater cooperation between the two countries to promote Lesotho's trade, tourism, investment, and cultural activities to Americans, and he will also assume protocol responsibilities for visiting Basotho dignitaries. The current Ambassador to the US, serving in the Washington DC consulate, is Ambassador Molapi Sepetane.



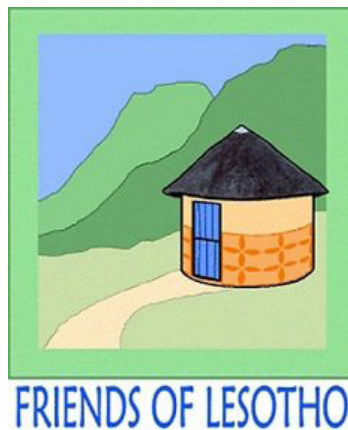
Scott Rosenberg (R) with Lesotho Minister of Protocol Moshuli Leteka, Summer 2014, Maseru. /Photo Credit: Thabo Moseunyane



How to Apply for Funding From FOL

The Donations Committee reviews all applications for funding to the organization. The Committee meets the third Sunday of every even numbered month (February, April, June, etc.) and makes recommendations at the following month's meeting of the FOL Board for action. If you are interested in obtaining funding for your project please review the guidelines, complete the funding application and return it to the Donations Committee. Go to our website under Project Funding and Support for more information.

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/project-funding-support/how-to-apply-for-funding/>





OPENING BALANCE OF FUNDS ON HAND –	
1/1/14	\$53,666.10
REVENUE	
Annual Dues Donations	\$2,1779.99
Project Contributions	\$40,375.57
(Projects, life member reserve, fundraiser exp.)	
NPCA Dues to be Rebated	\$280.00
Interest (ING Account)	\$228.13
In-kind Donated Operating Expenses	\$594.73
Sales of Café Press, CDs and T-shirts	\$777.63
SUBTOTAL REVENUE:	\$44,404.08
OPERATING EXPENSES (Including In-kind Donations):	
Duplicating	\$605.09
Postage	\$478.14
Computer/Internet	\$0.00
NPCA Rebates (Pass thru)	\$280.00
NPCA Annual Dues	\$100.00
Misc. Supplies/Fees	\$454.46
Fundraising Fees/Initiative	\$385.42
(incl. Café Press, Amazon)	
SUBTOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,303.11
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	
Rotary club Maseru - Friedheim scholarships	\$1,450.00
Little Angels	\$5,385.50
Wittenberg University projects	\$6,769.18
Ba re e ne re Literature Festival	\$3,000.00
QMC projects	\$825.00
TAP 2014 funds (PCPP)	\$10,600.00
Trading post project	\$1,000.00
SUBTOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$29,029.68
ENDING 2014 BALANCE	\$66,737.39



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WAYS TO SUPPORT FOL

If you've always wondered how you could give a little more than your annual dues, now is the chance to volunteer your time, special skills, and enthusiasm. The members of the Board of Directors of Friends of Lesotho are elected based on their ability and willingness to contribute to the achievement of the organization's goals and objectives.

Directors are members in good standing who are elected on their ability and willingness to support the purpose of FOL

- Nominations are welcome year round
- Elections are held at the Annual Meeting in October
- Directors serve for two-year terms
- Committees and Task Forces

FOL members who do not wish to make a long-term commitment to the board are encouraged to:

- Join standing committees, or
- Work on special projects which match their skills and interests to the needs of the organization

There are also committees and task forces that help carry out the Board work. These committees include Donation Distribution, Membership, Fundraising and Board Nominations & Development.

Check out the Board Information page. Also, for a summary of the expected level of commitment see the Board and Committee description of work. If you're interested in application or nomination, please complete the Nominating Form and email it to the address shown within the form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

Get Connected

Peace Corps Connect <http://community.peacecorpsconnect.org/group/FriendsofLesotho>

Attend FOL Meetings

- Meetings are held at 8pm Eastern on the third Sunday of odd numbered months. Minutes are posted about one week after each meeting.
- Meetings are open to all FOL members, please contact John Hollister for call-in information.

Join FOL – Renew Your Membership

- Encourage others to renew their memberships or join FOL.
- Become a Lifetime Member to help assure the long-term sustainability of the organization.
- Update your contact information



FOL History

Friends of Lesotho (FOL) is a registered nonprofit formed in 1986 by a small group of Washington, D.C. RPCVs, most of whom served in Lesotho in the 1960s and 70s. FOL now has nearly 400 members from almost every state and from abroad. The volunteer board of directors and committee members guide the organization’s activities by meeting regularly via teleconference. An annual meeting is also conducted in March via teleconference.

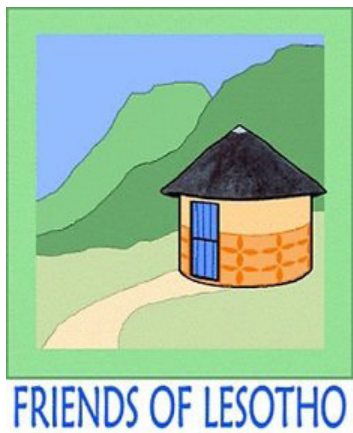
FOL Goals

Provide a forum for Peace Corps Trainees (PCTs), Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs), Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) and others with an interest in Lesotho to connect, share and learn from each other’s experiences

Provide funding for training and development, orphan care and scholarships in Lesotho
Promote friendship and understanding between the peoples of Lesotho and North America
Reasons to Join FOL

Your membership dues and involvement make a difference in the lives of Basotho; current PCVs need and appreciate FOL’s support of their projects; and FOL’s newsletters and website keep you abreast of news about Lesotho to help keep your Peace Corps experience alive for years to come.

It is easy to join online by credit card. Go to: www.friendsoflesotho.org homepage and click on “Join FOL” or mail your check payable to Friends of Lesotho. Dues are only \$15/year per person with less than 4% of that amount used for operating costs.





Fundraising

Make a donation by mailing a check payable to Friends of Lesotho or by credit card via our website (click on Donate and chose JustGive or Razoo).

Since its inception FOL has sent more than \$274,000 to Lesotho to support needs identified by PCVs and RPCVs. This includes more than \$112,000 in partial scholarships through the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grants to pre-school, primary and secondary students identified by PCVs. In recent years FOL has also provided tuition support for nurse training.

Shopping-raise funds for FOL by doing what you like

Like Amazon? We have a great relationship with them. If you use the following link, they will donate a part of what you paid to FOL....no extra cost to you! <http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=frieofleso-20&camp=15309&creative=331473&linkCode=st1&adid=0ZT8DQV3WDMB1048GZNP>

You can also find this link on our website by visiting friendsoflesotho.org, clicking SHOP and selecting "FOL Amazon".

Remember our online store....CafePress.

It has wonderful items imprinted with scenes, flags, and logos that bring back our memories of Lesotho. A portion of your purchase goes to FOL. All profits from this shop, up to twenty percent of the cost of each item, go to scholarships for deserving students, orphanages, AIDS/HIV programs, and a variety of small education and development projects in Lesotho.

<http://www.cafepress.com/lesotho/>

Use the search engine <http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/friends-of-lesotho.aspx> and a donation will be made to FOL for each search. You can also shop over 1,000 stores by clicking "GoodShop" from this site.

The Fundraising Committee extensively updated our Walkathon Kit. This kit may be used to raise funds for FOL....it can even be used bikeathon, marathon, swimathons! The kit can be found on our website.

The link is:

http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/FOL-walkathon_resources_kit.doc

Friends of Lesotho has a wills and estate planning guide. This kit provides information on establishing Friends of Lesotho, Inc. as a beneficiary in wills or estates. The kit can be found on our website.

The link is:

<http://www.friendsoflesotho.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/FOL-Wills-and-Estates-Planning-revised-2012.doc>

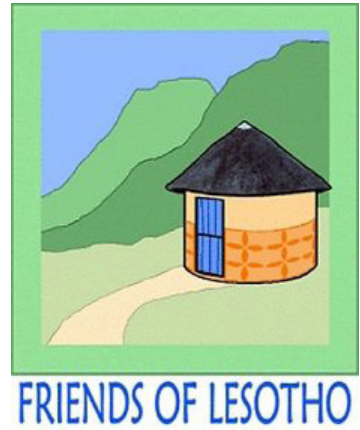
The fundraising committee sent out over 100 thank you letters acknowledging generous donations by members and others. We sent by email our quarterly newsletter and thank all those who agree to receive it that way: we save over \$400 each year in postage. That money goes to the projects we fund.



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