



THE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BILL THRELKELD

It is my great privilege to follow Lou Ferrand as the author of this section of our newsletter. Lou and I traded places as FQ officers in June, so he will take my place as treasurer (a role he occupied since FQ's formal organization, prior to taking the presidency). I want to acknowledge Lou's tremendous leadership as president over the last six years, and I look forward to his mentorship as I try my hand at the helm. If my math is right, Lou is now beginning his 20th year as an FQ officer! Tremendo!

Another grand mentor is BJ Warren, who stepped down as vice president in June. BJ took on the vice presidency at the same time that she relinquished the presidency to Lou six years ago. BJ served as president starting in June 2000; prior to that, she was the vice president since FQ's incorporation. So, like Lou, she has had a presence among the Board officers for nearly two decades! Un abrazote para tí, BJ!

Another FQ fixture and leader, Tom Gittins, has turned over the responsibility of Events Coordinator, a role he assumed during FQ's beginnings. Again, for nearly 20 years now, Tom has spent countless hours and provided invaluable in-kind support to dozens of FQ events, big and small, in DC and Santo Domingo, that helped bring supporters together for sharing, celebration, and financial contributions benefitting FQ. Mil gracias, Tom!

Tom, BJ, and Lou were part of the "Washington Committee" that helped form FQ in 1987, and as we look forward to our 25th anniversary celebration in February 2012, FQ is so very blessed to still have on its board these founding members (among others).

In our last issue of this newsletter, you may have read about Christina Bruff, who joined the board and immediately accepted the mantle of Events Coordinator from Tom. Her first event was to give birth (congratulations, Christina) but even before that, she agreed to be FQ Vice President, if someone else would accept the responsibility for events. Board member Anne Kopley agreed to assume the role of Events Coordinator. New board member Randy Adams agreed to accept the role of secretary, which Anne Kopley and Anita Friedman had shared.

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FONDO Q GRANTEE CHOSEN TO WORK ON LOCAL TV SHOW

BY PCV LEIGH FORBUSH

Fondo Quisqueya's scholarship for Marileinny Peralta Rodriguez has made visible changes in her life over the past year. Marileinny's participation in the course "Broadcasting and Communication" has given her both the theory and practice behind successful communication. Marileinny's career goals include being an announcer, and because of her experience in "Broadcasting and Communication," she was recently chosen to work on the local Saturday kid's television show, "Happy Days." She couldn't be more thrilled! She knows that this is the first step to achieving her future goals (thanks to Fondo Quisqueya!). Moreover, Marileinny will start attending the local university this fall and is planning to major in communication. She has told me that her communication skills learned in "Broadcasting and Communication" will give her a sure advantage in the classroom.



FQ Grantee Marileinny Peralta Rodriguez

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FQ's DR Committee

Keila Bello
Laura Sundquist



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Meanwhile, down in the DR, earlier in the year board member Jennifer McGowan resigned due to requirements of her new employer. Jennifer so effectively served as chair of the DR Committee since 2005. Former board member Laura Sundquist has assumed this role. Thank you, Laura!

All these changes! It is not that bad – just some shifting here and there. On the stable side of things, at the June annual meeting Tom Gittins, Minor Anderson, Bob Tafelski, Rik Laird, and David/Kathy Padilla were re-elected to the board. Minor will continue as the overseer of our mailing list and Joanna Mauer as our Newsletter Editor.

Aside from Randy, other new additions to the board included, from the June elections, Jennifer McDaniel (see bio sketch later in this edition), and from our September Board meeting, Laura Ibañez (also featured in a bio sketch in this edition). Welcome to all!

In closing, so you can move on to the many interesting contributions this edition holds, I am looking forward to another great year for FQ as we take advantage of an exciting new mix of board members from many generations. We had a fantastic PC/DR 50th Anniversary celebration at Los Hermanos in DC in September, and we've got Friends of the Dominican Republic readying the February 2012 50th Anniversary of the PC/DR Conference. We've got new board members with ideas and energy for fundraising and surveying our stakeholders, and we've still got plenty of room for new talent ready to enhance our communication channels through a new and improved website and social media presence, along with other tools. Call (703-707-0255) or email me (enmicasa@juno.com) if these ideas excite you!

I would be remiss to not remind you – every contribution counts, no matter how small. If we received \$12 – just \$1/month – from every household that receives this newsletter, FQ would easily meet its annual budget, with no other support! Set it up as an automatic bill pay, donate online, or see the back of this edition for where to send a check.

Thanks to all who are already supporting y saludos a todos,

Bill Threlkeld

FROM THE VP PERCH

BY CHRISTINA BRUFF

First of all, it was fabulous to see everyone at the 50th anniversary celebration at Los Hermanos in Washington, DC on September 24th! I really enjoyed sharing food, music, and Presidentes bien frías with RPCVs from a variety of groups, including several of our more recently returned PCVs. One of our goals within Fondo Quisqueya is to provide an opportunity for recently returned PCVs to participate in and contribute to FQ's work stateside. We have a growing number of Board members representing the younger generations of DR RPCVs, and we hope to attract more of you to our events as you return to the States and continue to pursue your careers.

Remember when you were a volunteer and looking for funding to help your community groups or individuals within your community? It doesn't take much to pay for a guagua ride to classes or cover tuition that will help Dominicans develop valuable technical skills that will enrich their future and support their families. Even a \$20 donation can make a huge difference! If you are a recently returned volunteer, I encourage you to check out our website (www.fondog.org). The website allows you to easily donate to our scholarship fund, and you'll find a list of our current grants and scholarships. In addition, you can sign up for our newsletter to stay updated on our activities and events. For those Facebook addicts out there (and I count myself among them!) visit our Fondo Quisqueya page and show your support by "liking" our page. We plan to use this Facebook page to update you on social events and activities like the one we just celebrated at Los Hermanos.

I look forward to meeting and keeping in touch with all of you as we continue our important work. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at cwrightdrv@gmail.com. ¡Cuidense!

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FONDO Q CELEBRATES PEACE CORPS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN WASHINGTON DC

BY ANNE KOPLEY

FQ invited former DR PCVs and staff and their families and friends to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps in true *estilo dominicano* at Los Hermanos Restaurant in Washington, DC on Saturday, September 24. As part of the weekend's celebrations in the nation's capital, about 120 people gathered for great Dominican food, music, and memories at this Columbia Heights neighborhood family establishment. FQ sold *Presidente* beer and t-shirts and accepted donations at the door, and thanks to our thirsty and generous attendees the fiesta earned \$895 towards scholarships for low-income Dominicans. Gracias! We hope to organize additional events in the DC area during the coming year, especially as we gear up to celebrate 50 years of Peace Corps in the DR in 2012. Stay tuned via Facebook, the FQ website (www.fondoq.org), and *chisme* for news on upcoming gatherings!



ANDRÉS S. HERNANDEZ, 1913-2011

THE PEACE CORPS' FIRST COUNTRY DIRECTOR IN THE DR,
ANDRÉS S. HERNANDEZ, DIED SEPTEMBER 26, 2011, AT
THE AGE OF 98, IN EDGEWOOD, NEW MEXICO.

EDITED BY NEIL ROSS

"From 1962 to 1964 Andy Hernandez served as the first Peace Corps Director in the Dominican Republic," said Ambassador Jack Vaughn, one of the pioneers who created the Peace Corps and its second director. "Andy was beloved by his Volunteers and the Dominicans. His influence has been widespread and lasting, and for its first decade he set the standard for community service in the Peace Corps. He was renowned for his good humor and his story telling. Andy's legacy and memory will live on in the multitude of lives he touched."

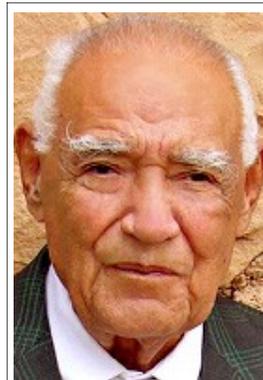
Andy was a first generation American, born February 4, 1913 in Deming, New Mexico. Graduating from high school at 16, he attended Bradley University with a scholarship in Peoria Ill. Forced to leave Bradley U. due to a football injury, Andy joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Southern New Mexico. His demeanor and willingness to work got him promoted to a staff position working with the U.S. Forest Service in the Carson National Forest in Taos. The University of New Mexico hired him as assistant director under Dr. J. T. Reid and the Carnegie Foundation to create the Taos County Project, one of the first community development programs in the world.

A member of the New Mexico National Guard, his membership expired just prior to their deployment to the Philippines. He joined the U.S. Army, serving in North Africa, the Normandy D-Day landing, the Battle of the Bulge, the crossing of the Rhine River, and the invasion and final surrender of Germany. After the war, while at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, Hernandez studied water management and well drilling in North Africa.

Returning to Las Vegas, New Mexico in 1946, he was hired as a Veterans Administration Officer in north-eastern New Mexico to reintegrate returning veterans. There he met his future wife, Amelia Hinojosa Anaya. They married in 1947, and their son, Isidro, was born in 1949.

In 1954, Andy joined the Ford Foundation's International Development Services team to build the Aswan High Dam in Egypt. Soon the team was sent to Guatemala to help resettle and restore private land ownership and the rule of law. Hernandez directed the building of roads, schools, and ran a team that drilled over 30 water wells in one year before turning the program over to the Guatemalan government. Andy liked to tell how he and Amelia became *padrinos* to mass weddings that formally legalized rights of property ownership, spousal rights, and rights of children of hundreds of families.

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In 1960, Andy returned to New Mexico. In 1961, the new President John F. Kennedy created a new era with the Peace Corps and appointed Sargent Shriver to head the program. Andy was hired the following January to start the program in Bolivia. However, with Fidel Castro's rise to power in Cuba, and the death of Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo, Kennedy made the Dominican Republic a high priority. Shriver immediately reassigned Andy as the Peace Corps' first country director there in June 1962. The next month, the first 22 young, all male, Peace Corps Volunteers arrived to create a new exciting program that grew into an amazing success. During October 1962, Andy became privy to the upcoming Cuban Missile Crisis and successfully worked to secure the safety of the volunteers from leftist attacks and any anti-American backlash.



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Following the 1963 coup d'état that removed Dominican President Juan Bosch, Andy again made sure the over 100 Peace Corps Volunteers were protected and safe. One of his favorite stories was of the days after the coup; the State Department had pulled out almost all its staff leaving Andy virtually alone in the Embassy awaiting instructions for the Peace Corps. The telephone rang and a New York Times reporter asked Andy if the Peace Corps Volunteers were also being evacuated. Still without any orders Andy had to think of a quick answer and said, *“Governments come and go, but the people stay. The Peace Corps works with the people and will stay.”* The next morning that quote appeared on page one of the New York Times, and Andy soon got a personal call from Sarge Shriver. *“Andy, Jack agreed that you said just the right thing.”* And the Peace Corps Volunteers continued working as usual with none hurt.

Andy was transferred to direct the Peace Corps Guatemala program in May 1964. Since Peace Corps had a policy that only allowed five years of service, Andy joined USAID in Guatemala in 1967, working as a field specialist still helping people building roads, schools, water projects, and medical services. In 1971, Andy retired and returned to his wife's hometown, Santa Rosa, New Mexico. Still active and dynamic, he joined the board of New Mexico Health Systems Agency bringing better health care to the rural areas of the state. He helped establish a corporation that still exists that recruits doctors, dentists, and nurses for underserved areas. Active in AARP and NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association), Andy worked hard protecting benefits of the elderly and retired.

Well remembered by his many former Peace Corps Volunteers and staff, Andy took every opportunity to attend reunions, particularly of those that served with him in the Dominican Republic. During a February 2001 reunion in Santo Domingo, Hernandez was distinguished by Dominican President Hipólito Mejía and honored with the Order of Merit of Duarte, Sanchez and Mella medal, the nation's highest award, during a special reception at the National Palace attended by many of Andy's friends and former Volunteers.

Andrés S. Hernandez was quite a guy, loved and respected by many!

Andrés is survived by his son Isidro and wife Lyda, granddaughter Marirosa, great-grandson Amadeus, three sisters Eulalia Hernandez of Lordsburg, Francisca Trebizo of California, and Emma Madrid of Tucson Arizona, plus many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Refugio, Carlos, and Ramón, and three other sisters, Manuela Díaz, Antonia Leyba, and Genoveva Martinez.

Andy's remembrance will be celebrated at the Peace Corps Office in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on the afternoon of February 9, 2012 during the 50th anniversary reunion of former and current Peace Corps Volunteers, staff, and Dominican friends. The Peace Corps DR will dedicate their Volunteer Lounge to Andy's memory and honor.

A Facebook group, *“Andy Hernandez Remembered,”* is available for Andy's friends to post your favorite stories and photos. Tell how, when and where Andy affected your life. Help make this a living memorial to this great man and dynamic leader. Log on and search for *Andy Hernandez Remembered*.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Andy's honor can be made to the Andrés S. Hernandez Foundation Inc., a non-profit founded by former Peace Corps Volunteers which awards an annual leadership prize in the Dominican Republic, contact: Jess Stone, 208-305-3692, at 2434 14th St., Lewiston, ID 83501; or to the Walt Eastland Scholarship fund through the Santa Rosa Rotary Club www.santarosarotary.com.

50 AÑOS CON EL PUEBLO DOMINICANO

PEACE CORPS DR 50th ANNIVERSARY

Remembering, Reconnecting, Recommitting

February 7-10, 2012 Santo Domingo Dominican Republic

Registration is now open for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Go to www.fotdr.org and click on the tab labeled Anniversary 2012 under the flags. There you will find updated information on the conference agenda, a complete list of pre- and post-conference excursions, including an authorized trip to Cuba, and hotel reservation and conference registration forms which can be completed online or downloaded for mailing.

In October, Friends of the Dominican Republic (FDR) published a special 50th Anniversary edition of *Cyber News* which provides hyperlinks to online registration and hotel reservations. FDR will also mail a hard copy to those of you without email or Internet which will contain more information. It will include hard copies of the registration form and the hotel reservation form that can be mailed to FDR and faxed to the hotel, respectively.

Our venue is the Renaissance Santo Domingo Jaragua Hotel & Casino on the Malecón. We have reserved 90 rooms at three discounted price levels.

Garden Club = US\$89.00

Tower Deluxe = US\$ 99.00

Executive = US\$ 134.00

Reservations must be made prior to Jan 9th and prices are valid 5 days before and after the reunion. Rates are the same for single and double and include breakfast and Internet. Note the rates **do not** include a 26% government tax. Garden Club rooms are in the "original" hotel area; all other rooms are in the "new" tower addition. Please reserve early to ensure you get into our block of rooms at our discounted rates.

NOTE: Reservations cancelled prior to Jan 9th will not incur a penalty. Cancellations between Jan 9th and Jan 23rd will be charged a penalty of one night. Cancellations after Jan 23rd will be charged for the total stay. The same penalty will apply to "no shows."

Reunion registration fees include daily coffee breaks, three lunches, two evening receptions and a closing fiesta with buffet dinner. Additional tickets to individual meals/events can be purchased with registration. FDR will welcome donations above the cost of registration to help cover the costs of PCV and Dominican guest participation as well as the costs of discounted fees.

Early (prior to Nov 15th) = \$350; Regular (prior to Jan 9th) = \$370; Late (up to Feb 7th) = \$395

NOTE: RPCVs who returned within the last 10 years (2001-2011) pay only \$185, a 50% discount.

FDR welcomes payment by check to save on processing fees. Make your check payable to Friends of the Dominican Republic and send with your registration form to: John Evans, Treasurer, 4512 Park Rd, Alexandria, VA 22312. Or, use our website's online credit card payment process which is easy and secure. Completing the online registration form takes you to a PayPal page to use your credit card. A PayPal account is not necessary.

We look forward to seeing you in February. Plan to come early and/or stay late to visit the country we all love, la bella República Dominicana.



*Registration is now
open for the 50th
Anniversary
Celebration.*



*FDR is sponsoring
a trip to Cuba
after the Peace
Corps 50th
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Celebration in the
D.R.*

TRIP TO CUBA AFTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Friends of the Dominican Republic (FDR) is sponsoring a trip to Cuba after the Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Celebration in the D.R. The trip is limited to Anniversary participants. It is being organized by the Lexington Institute under their license from the U.S. Treasury Department to provide educational tours of Cuba.

The current estimate for the one week trip is \$2,800 per person more or less depending on airfare, how the large the group is, a hotel discount for couples, etc. Details and updates to follow. Currently the flights to Cuba are on Thursday and Sunday. However, there is another schedule expected out Dec. 15th. No idea of how that may change, if it in fact does!

An eight-day plan, in alphabetical order by topic, would include some or all of the following:

Sunday Feb. 12, 2012 - Leave Santo Domingo and arrive in Havana at 3:00 p.m. Group dinner in Old Havana that evening.

Monday through Friday -

- Architecture - restoration of Old Havana, including its community and economic development aspects, i.e., training of youth in art and glass restoration.
- Art - music, painting, sculpture - a visit to art markets: art is the only purchase Americans can legally bring back in to the U.S.
- Disaster Preparedness - Cuba is well known for their work in disaster relief, remediation and re-development.
- Entrepreneurship - how it is being implemented at the family and community level.
- Faith - meeting with Catholic and Jewish clergy to talk about religion in Cuba and their charitable and development activities.
- Farm Excursion - the changing face of agriculture, including a visit to a Farmers Market.
- Health Care - it is free and universal; however, there is a shortage of supplies and slow service; focus on prevention and family responsibility.
- International Relations - meetings with U.S., European and other foreign diplomats to hear varying perspectives on relationships with Cuba.
- Life Styles - what is the purchasing power of a doctor, taxi driver and/or a school teacher. Learn what health and education is like and see how people live and buy their consumer goods and services.
- Revolutionary Commitment - meeting with some of the original advocates and promoters of the revolutionary changes in Cuba and their continued commitment.

Evenings free to meet in small groups, couples or individuals for dinner or other evening entertainment.

Saturday would be open with ad hoc plans depending on if there is anything individuals or small groups would like to follow-up on. That evening, there would be a group farewell dinner in Old Havana.

Sunday Feb. 19, 2012 - Departure back to Santo Domingo.

There will also be an opportunity to travel for an overnight outside of Havana. Logistical details to follow as more information is available.

In the interim please send an email expressing interest to Randy Adams at r.a.adams@mac.com

For those of you who cannot take an additional week, consider the pre- or post-conference excursions around the DR being planned by PCVs and RPCVS. They are fabulous!
Information is now available on the www.fotdr.org website.

FONDO QUISQUEYA 50 FOR 50 CAMPAIGN

In February 2012, we will celebrate 50 years of Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. On that occasion we will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of Fondo Quisqueya. For 25 years, Fondo Quisqueya has been providing grants and scholarships to deserving and needy Dominicans for various types of training and education in diverse professional, vocational and life skills areas. More than \$120,000 has been donated to some 700 individuals and groups for training and education and more than \$23,000 to help hurricane-damaged schools in the Dominican Republic.

Fondo Q is managed and administered by an entirely volunteer Board of Directors and depends on the generous support of former Peace Corps volunteers and staff and of friends and families. At the outset, the Board made the decision to put 10% of all contributions into a reserve fund for special needs and sustainability. For example, most of the funding for hurricane-damaged schools was allocated from this fund. This fund currently has around \$25,000, depending on the ups and downs of the market. To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic and the 25th Anniversary of Fondo Quisqueya, the Board is launching a one-time giving campaign to increase that fund to \$50,000. We are asking all former PCDR volunteers and staff, and families and friends, for a **one time fund gift** in addition to your normal giving to Fondo Quisqueya. The regular annual giving will continue to support the extremely successful grants and scholarships that have helped so many Dominicans in their lives and careers. The **one time fund gift** will go directly to the reserve fund for special needs and sustainability.

Please complete the form below to make your **one time fund gift** in support of the **50 for 50 campaign**.

Fondo Quisqueya is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt foundation and your gift is tax deductible.

Name _____

Address _____

50 for 50 special fund gift of \$ _____ enclosed

Send to: Fondo Quisqueya
P.O. Box 6628
Falls Church, VA 22040-6628

Or go to: www.fondoq.org and click on "Donate/Support Our Work" (You can designate your Donation for the 50 for 50 campaign using either JustGive or Network for Good)



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FONDO Q’S GRANTS & SELECTION PROCESS

The Fondo Quisqueya Foundation, Inc. (“FQ”) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which was formed in 1987 by former Peace Corps Volunteers and Staff who had served in the Dominican Republic (“DR”) and who wanted to give something back to the DR. FQ was incorporated in Virginia in 1993.

FQ provides low-income Dominicans with scholarships and grants for both traditional and non-traditional in-country education and training to assist them in bettering their lives and to help them attain personal development, skills, and advancement. Grants may be to groups of individuals such as members of a coffee cooperative or a women’s group.

FQ’s grants and scholarships are made possible through donations and in-kind support from ex-PCVs and PC staff and other friends of the DR. FQ has no paid staff. Examples of courses funded include accounting, diesel mechanics, beautician school, barber training, driver training, worm composting, bee-keeping, construction and cement skills, painting, journalism, mangrove restoration, ecotourism, inverter repair, graphic design, English, and computer classes. Funds can be used for tuition, transportation, books and materials, and other expenses associated with the course or training.

Each applicant must be sponsored by a member of the Dominican community or by a Peace Corps DR Volunteer or staff member.

Individual grants and scholarships usually do not exceed US\$300. FQ’s Local DR Committee reviews grant applications quarterly and makes recommendations to FQ’s Board of Directors for selection. Funds permitting, the Board seeks to fund at least a total of US\$3,000 in scholarships each quarter, for a yearly total of at least US\$12,000. Please donate now. Help our grantees help themselves.

FONDO Q GRANTEES

Fondo Q normally awards grants and scholarships four times per year. Applicants are screened by Fondo Q’s Local DR Committee. Most of the awards are for \$300 or less. Below are summaries of the grants and scholarships awarded during the spring and summer quarters of 2011, which include 8 group awards benefitting more than 125 recipients in addition to 13 individual awards. These awards have provided funding for courses in subjects including refrigeration; nursing; computers; positive parenting; environmental education; eco-tourism guide training; and English.

GROUP AWARDS

Grantees: 17 Eco-Tourism Guides

From: Oviedo, Pedernales

For: English Language Training

PCV Kristina Roth wrote: *“This project will directly benefit guides living and working in the communities of El Cajuil and Oviedo. Fluency in English is of utmost importance to guides because they are at the entrance of Parque Nacional Jaragua in the South, receiving hundreds of foreign visitors every month.”*

Sponsor: PCV Kristina Roth

Grantees: 20 Adults

From: San Victor, Moca

For: Positive Parenting Workshop

PCV Jennifer Barker wrote: *“The goal of the workshop is to teach positive parenting skills along with improving communication and fostering stronger family bonds. The workshop will also include presentations on basic nutrition and healthy lifestyles.”*

Sponsor: PCV Jennifer Barker

Grantees: 32 Youth and Adults

From: Paradero, Valverde Mao

For: English Classes

Sponsor: PCV Chelsea Koonz

Grantees: 4 Youth
From: Los Guineos, Miches
For: Eco-Tourism Guide Training
 PCV Evan Poirson wrote: "Participants will attend a one-weekend ecotourism workshop with trained guides in Los Haitises National Park. The guides, themselves members of the Dominican Republic's first Brigada Verde club, will instruct participants in kayak use, maintenance, and repair, as well as basic guide/tourist interactions."

Sponsor: PCV Evan Poirson

Grantees: Brigada Verde Youth Group
From: Bonaó, Monseñor Nouel
For: Environmental Training
Sponsor: PCV Meredith Tittler

Grantees: 36 Fisherman
From: Las Galeras, Samana
For: Lobster and Fish House Training
Sponsor: PCVs Sara Wyckoff and Gabrielle Bashist

Grantees: 10 Members of a Beekeeping Cooperative
From: Guayubin, Monte Cristi
For: Computer Training
Sponsor: PCV Kevin Schmidt

Grantees: 6 Youth
From: Sabana de Misibon, Miches
For: Environmental Education
Sponsor: PCV Angela Fontaine

Individual Grants and Scholarships

Grantee: Manuel Antonio Enrique Polanco
From: Altamira, Puerto Plata
For: Refrigeration Course

Manuel wrote: "In my community there are a good number of refrigerators. This course is going to allow me to obtain a good income to support my family, to invest in my future, and to bring money into the community. I have completed courses in power inverter repair, but I also know how to fix washing machines, blenders, and other household appliances. As of now I only have odd jobs throughout the community, and adding refrigerator repair will allow me to have a more stable income."

Sponsor: PCV Jose Morales

Grantee: Juan Pablo Feliz Pérez
From: Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional
For: English Classes

Juan Pablo wrote: "Con la habilidad de hablar inglés, puedo superarme en mi trabajo y/o conseguir mejores trabajos en el futuro que pagan mejor y que requieren un conocimiento de inglés. Aunque no tengo los recursos ahora para pagar este curso, veo la necesidad de mas educación y quiero seguir estudiando por el tiempo que puedo."

Sponsor: PCV Laura Mollenhour

Grantee: Amancio Manuel Bouret
From: Las Flores, San Cristóbal
For: English Course

PCV Robin DeSantis wrote: "After completing the course, Amancio will be a more competitive job candidate and will be better able to pursue his interest in international relations. He looks forward to teaching English to other members of his community and becoming more socially and economically independent. Amancio lives in a poor neighborhood where resources are limited and many youth abandon school. However, he maintains a fervor to study and to help others reach similar goals."

Sponsor: PCV Robin DeSantis

Grantee: María Vanessa Moronta Marte
From: Manabao, Jarabacoa
For: English Classes
Sponsor: PCV Jennifer Macy

Grantee: Altagracia King
From: Las Galeras, Samana
For: Human Resources Course
Sponsor: PCV Gabrielle Bashist



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Grantee: Francisco Encarnación
From: Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional
For: English Classes
Sponsor: PCV Elise Pagel

Grantee: Baleriano Minaya
From: Altamira, Puerto Plata
For: Driver Training
Sponsor: PCV Christine Russell

Grantee: Francisco Martínez
From: El Asfalto Bella Vista, Santiago
For: English Course
Sponsor: PCV Joe South

Grantee: Tonin Ferrera
From: Batey 6, Independencia
For: Construye Tus Sueños Class
Sponsor: PCV Heather Phillips

Grantee: Karinny Mercedes
From: Juan López, Moca, Espaillat
For: English Classes
Sponsor: PCV Heather Phillips

Grantee: Santa Medrano Monción
From: Pastor de Cordero, Santiago Rodríguez
For: Nursing Course
Sponsor: PCV Bronwyn Vogler

Grantee: Rafelina Custodio
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50TH ANNIVERSARY SANTO DOMINGO CONFERENCE: YOUR HELP NEEDED FOR "IN MEMORIAM" ROSTERS AND CONFERENCE DISPLAY

BY ROGER LABRUCHERIE

Dear Fellow Dominican Republic Peace Corps RPCVs and former PC/DR Staff: The Friends of the Dominican Republic, in cooperation with Fondo Quisqueya, is compiling "In Memoriam" rosters of deceased former PC/DR Volunteers and Staff. We hope to have the lists as complete and accurate as possible for the 50th Anniversary Conference to be held in Santo Domingo in 2012 (February 7-10, 2012).

The *In Memoriam* rosters are incomplete and imperfect, and we need your help to make them as complete and accurate as possible. The two rosters can be seen and reviewed on the FDR website [www.fotdr.org] by clicking on "Peace Corps" in the menu at the top of any of the site's web pages, then clicking on "Obituaries" from the drop-down menu, then clicking on "HERE" toward the bottom of the Obituaries page. [Note: you do **not** need to be a member of FDR to access the Obituaries section.] The Obituaries page also has a form for submitting your corrections and additions [click on "HERE" following "The Microsoft Word document for Submissions"] – copy/paste the form, with your additions/corrections, into an email and send to: labrucheri@aol.com.

In addition to the *In Memoriam* rosters, we plan to have an *In Memoriam* display at the conference, with brief obituaries, photographs, and other mementos of our fallen comrades. If you are planning to attend the Santo Domingo conference and you have photos, letters, or any other suitable mementos of deceased RPCVs or Staff, please bring them to the conference for display. NOTE: Since it is impossible to guarantee the security of such material while on display, we recommend that you bring COPIES rather than originals. Obviously, captions for the photographs [where, when taken; who is in the picture; what was the event; photographer; etc.] will add a great deal of interest.

Note: To any person still living who has been erroneously included in the *In Memoriam* rosters – our sincere apologies, and please advise us of the error!!!

Thank you for your help – we hope to see you in February!

CELEBRATING FONDO Q'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

BY BJ WARREN

We will celebrate Fondo Q's 25th anniversary at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Peace Corps/DR in Santo Domingo in February. It was back in 1987 at the 25th anniversary celebration of PC/DR that Fondo Quisqueya was "born." A group of us were sitting around in the Peace Corps office at the end of the conference, wondering how we could give back to the DR since many of our lives had been changed there. After much discussion, we decided that education is something you cannot take away from anyone and that we would raise money to give grants and scholarships to low-income Dominicans for primarily non-traditional education in the DR. The scope of the grants and scholarships was later expanded to include various kinds of training and traditional education for low-income individuals and groups. At our meeting in the DR in 1987, we also decided that grantees must have a sponsor, who has almost always been a PCV, to help monitor the grant. Over the last 25 years, about \$130,000 in grants and scholarships have been awarded to more than 700 individuals and groups. In celebration of Fondo Q's 25 years, we have established a "50 for 50" campaign to increase our endowment to \$50,000. (Look for more information about the "50 for 50" campaign in this newsletter).



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY LOU FERRAND

As we celebrate Fondo Quisqueya's 25th "Birthday," I am pleased to report that with the funding of approved grants in October, 2011, we will have given out this year a total of 53 grants benefitting 446 low-income Dominicans for a total amount of \$12,175. These grants provided funding for courses including wood working, peanut butter making, eco-tourism guide training, driver training, English and computer classes, and many more.

We are very grateful to all who have donated in support of FQ's program. As of October 22, 2011, we had received \$7,061 in general contributions this year and an additional \$1,850 for the "50 for 50" campaign.

I encourage you to support Fondo Q's grant and scholarship program. We would like to receive at least \$6,000 more in donations this year so we can cover the first two rounds of grants in 2012. I also encourage you to support FQ's "50 for 50" campaign. (Look for more information in this newsletter).

Finally, for those of you who may have wondered, I decided this year that after several years as FQ's President, it was time for me to "retire." Bill Threlkeld, our new President, has done an excellent job as FQ's Treasurer for many years, and it is a pleasure for me to exchange "jobs" with him.

All the best,
Lou

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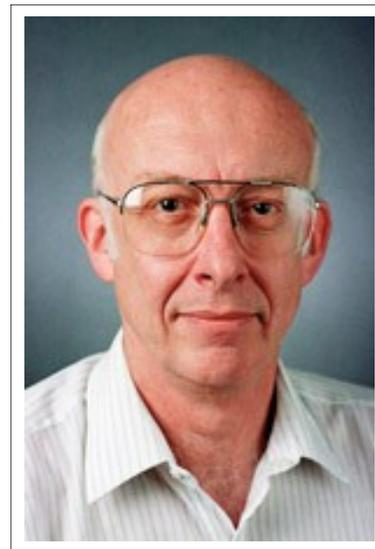
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IN MEMORIAM

John Torphy, age 71, died Oct. 2, 2011 in Tuscon, Arizona. John served in the Dominican Republic, first with the Peace Corps where he met his wife, Helen, and later as advisor to the Dominican government.

Over ensuing years, John progressed through ever more responsible positions: Regional Program Director for the Peace Corps, Assistant Deputy Mayor of San Francisco, and advisor to both the U.S. Council of Mayors and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

In 1976, Governor Pat Lucey appointed John Wisconsin state Budget Director. Later, he became Secretary of Administration under Governor Martin Schreiber. From 1989 to his retirement in 2003, John served as Vice Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he was notorious for his command of budget and administrative matters as well as an aversion to both computers and neckties.



John is survived by his wife, Helen; son, Sean; and granddaughter Grace, of San Diego, California; and his brother, Daniel, of Pewaukee. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: UW Foundation Child Care Center, In Memory of John Torphy, U.S. Bank, Lock Box 78807, Milwaukee, WI 53278.

NEW FQ BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome two new FQ board members: Jennifer Busch Daniels and Laura Ibañez.

Jennifer Busch Daniels was a DR Peace Corps Volunteer from 1994-1996. Working in Miches and its surrounding campos, she promoted sustainable rice farming techniques and facilitated organizational restructuring within eight farmers' associations. She also served as Co-Chair of the Women in Development Committee, establishing an educational scholarship and leading two community-based conferences for women. Since her Peace Corps service, Jennifer has been an active community development professional: as a nationwide community development specialist with USDA Rural Development, a project director on the U.S.-Mexico border with the Border Health Foundation, and a neighborhood planner with Arlington County, Virginia government. For the past three years, she has been the principal of Community Building Associates, a consulting firm providing training and technical assistance to government, nonprofit and private clients on planning, program development and management.

Laura Ibañez was a DR Peace Corps Volunteer from 2004-2007. Working in Barahona, she supported youth, family, and community development initiatives to empower youth and their families to learn their rights and responsibilities, and advised community leaders and NGOs on the design of workforce development projects for youth street workers. She also spent a year as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Youth, Families, and Community Development program. After finishing her service, Laura received a M.S. in Urban Policy Analysis and Management from the New School University. Laura is currently a youth policy advisor for the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy. In this position, she examines research, policy, and evidence-based practices to ensure policy and products are inclusive of transition-aged youth with disabilities, and enable all youth to connect to education, youth development, and workforce development opportunities to obtain and sustain competitive employment.

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FONDO Q

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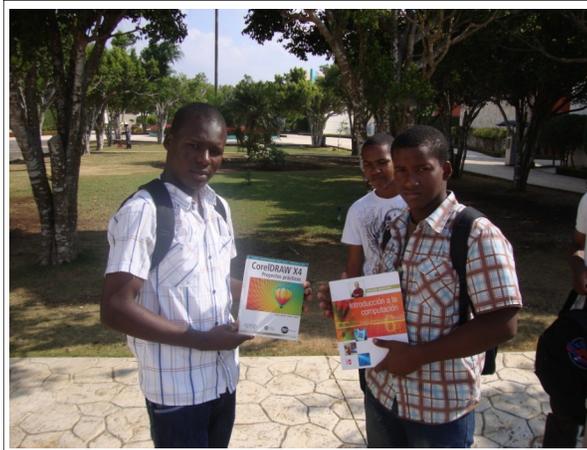


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FQ GRANTEES VISIT TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY

BY PCV JAMES MACAULAY

A Fondo Quisqueya grant helped motivate and educate a group of 19 students about technology and job opportunities. All these youth had actively participated in previous computer and technology courses and Peace Corps volunteer-sponsored activities. The FQ grant provided funding for the students to go on a tour of a local technology university. This tour contributed to their future career development and provided information about technology scholarships. It opened their eyes to the many different jobs that are available in designing consumer products and working with computers. In addition, the training connected the group with a current student at the technology university, who shared his current experiences and advice with the students.



Since the field trip, I have heard the students discuss what they learned and how they are excited about exploring more career options at the university. Overall, the training was a positive experience for all the students, and it will help keep them motivated to advance on a professional career path. Many of the students come from very difficult economic situations, and their families will be counting on them to make the most of any opportunities that offer the potential for advancement in life.

The FQ grant also provided for the purchase of a graphic design and computing manual that will be used by students interested in technology. There are many students interested in learning more about these themes, but who had lacked comprehensive and updated learning material.

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