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July 2002

Important Dates

July 31: Partners potluck picnic (details below)

Nov. 2: Annual Meeting (info in separate mailing)

Nov. 21-23: International Convention (details below)

Washington Partners Provide Chilean Flood Relief

Abnormally heavy seasonal rainstorms recently caused serious residential damage and significant loss of personal property in many of Santiago's and its surrounding region's poorer communities. The Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Board of the Washington State Partners coordinated a financial disaster relief effort with the Chilean Partners President, Jorge Valenzuela. Washington Partners members contributed \$565 by the end of June. The Board had earlier voted to match up to \$500 in contributions. Therefore, the amount of \$1,065 was transferred to the Chilean Partners for distribution to two organizations: the Foundation to Overcome Poverty and Artisans for Life. The Chilean Partners had identified these two organizations as providers of services to the poor in the areas affected by the flooding.

Partners Summer Picnic and Board Meeting-July 31

All Partners, their families and friends are invited to a potluck picnic on Wednesday evening, July 31, in Seattle. The Board will conduct a short business meeting, but the main purpose is to gather our friends and supporters in the community to share a meal, provide updates on recent chapter

news and discuss pending or new project ideas.

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

Place: A picnic shelter at Magnuson Park (Sand Point). Look for the USA and Chilean flags we hope to fly outside the shelter and other signs pointing the way to our area. The park entrance is east off Sand Point Way NE, at NE 65th. The entrance road is actually named Park Entrance Road.

Bring whatever can be managed that day--snacks, a main dish, something to grill, a salad or dessert. The chapter will provide plates, napkins, utensils, cups, non-alcoholic beverages, ice and charcoal. For planning purposes, a reply to Bill Zachmann at bzbrew@attbi.com or the Partners phone at (206) 367-6344 would be appreciated. However, please come even if you do not reply.

Partners 2002 International Convention: November, Quito

The 2002 Convention will be held November 21-23 in Quito, Ecuador. The theme of this year's Convention is: Working Together for Peace and Development.

Hotel: Hotel Hilton Colón (www.HiltonColon.com). Participants are responsible for their own reservations. The deadline to receive convention rates is August 15 (\$50 single, \$60 double, \$90 triple/night). Rates are good five days before and after the Convention. Breakfast and transportation to/from the airport are included in the hotel rate. To reserve, phone (593-2) 256-0666/1333/3059, fax

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(593-2) 256-3903, or e-mail reserv@hiltoncolon.com, sales@hiltoncolon.com or jfreire@hiltoncolon.com.

For other hotels and tourist activities, contact mbnorona@hotmail.com.

Registration Fee: \$195 if received/postmarked by September 1, \$225 September 2-October 15, \$250 after October 15. The fee includes all conference sessions, dinner on Thursday at the Museo de la Ciudad de Quito, lunch and field visits Friday, and dinner Saturday.

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Pre-Convention visits to provide a volunteer experience are available; e.g., an orphanage or environmental site at Cuenca; or a health clinic, agricultural project or women's shelter at Santo Domingo de los Colorados.

Flights: Reservations can be made with American (A48N2AF) or Continental (VXP29C) Airlines, through their special events departments, using the codes shown. Both are offering discounts. Flights from the U.S. to Quito arrive late in the evening.

Get all registration, tourism and other information at the Partners Web site: www.partners.net or call Paula Laschober at (206) 363-7474 for a registration form.

November 2001 Convention

Bill Zachmann, Patricia Olson, Susan Sola and Paula Laschober represented the Washington Partners at the 2001 Partners International Convention in Orlando, Florida, in November. Paula provided pre-Convention training to new Partners leaders via a workshop on participative strategic planning. The two-hour interactive workshop focused first on membership issues, then went on to incorporate other issues of concern to the participants.

Board Member Rodrigo Yáñez on Trade Mission to Chile and Brazil

In early November 2001 Rodrigo Yáñez, chair of the Economic Development Committee, went to Chile with travel grant support from the Washington Partners' travel fund. He was a member of a trade mission to Chile and Brazil which was sponsored by the Washington Office of Trade and Economic Development (OTED). While on the mission, Rodrigo was able to meet with several of the Chilean Partners and other interested potential members, and provide information about Partners to various audiences.

He was invited to give a presentation about Partners to a combined delegation of the Washington trade mission and an Alaskan trade mission, as well as their Chilean hosts. Likewise, the Chilean Partners hosted a reception at the Instituto Norteamericano de Cultura for Partners members and the trade mission members. The trade mission itself was also arranged by a Washington Partners member, Tania Fernández de Castro, who is the Latin America Program Manager for OTED.

Partners, OTED and PATH Host Chilean Ambassador and Consul General



Susan Sola (L) and Paula Laschober (R) present Washington books to Chilean Ambassador Andres Bianchi

Chilean Ambassador Andrés Bianchi and Chilean Consul General Fernando Varela were hosted by the Washington Partners, Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), and the Office of Trade and Economic Development (OTED) at a reception at PATH headquarters in Seattle on October 18, 2001. The Ambassador was in the area as the keynote speaker at the Latin American Summit in Tacoma, which was co-sponsored by OTED and the World Trade Center of Tacoma.

Many local Chileans from the Chilean Cultural Center, including President Fernando Moraga, were in attendance, as were Gates Foundation representatives and a group of Chilean trainers being trained under a grant from the foundation with the intent of computerizing Chilean libraries. One of the trainers was Pilar Pacheco, who had been in Seattle in January 2000 on a Partners-sponsored ESL teacher exchange. Other honored guests included Larry Williams, Assistant Director of OTED, State Representative Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, and Honorary Chilean Consul for Washington, Jorge Gilbert.



Partners President Bill Zachmann (l) and PATH President Chris Elias (2nd from right) at Chilean Ambassador's reception.

Chilean Travelers Hosted by Washington Partners

Not all Chilean visitors hosted by the Washington Partners come on Partners grants.

In January, 2002, at the request of the World Affairs Council, Board member Sr. Yvette Mallow hosted a dinner for Alvaro Fernández, who was traveling in the U.S. under the State Department's International Visitor Program. He is the editor of the opinion page of the *El Mercurio* newspaper and a professor of criminal law at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

In June, Sr. Yvette also hosted a reception for Sr. Francisca Morales, the Superior General of the Congregation of Amor Misericordioso. Sr. Francisca is the director of a home for young, poor unwed mothers in Santiago. Sr. Yvette spent several years at the home working with the young mothers and their babies.

Also in June, the Education Committee met at Paula Laschober's home for a potluck dinner in honor of Javiera Gómez, a legal student from Diego Portales University in Santiago, who was in Seattle to attend the National Education for Women's Leadership Institute-Puget Sound. The institute was sponsored by the Center for Women and Democracy at the University of Washington. Its purpose is to encourage undergraduate women students to undertake policy-making roles in society.

Potential Partners Projects

Health Committee: Paul Mocha is working on bringing a social worker to Washington. He has been corresponding with Jorge Valenzuela about the possibilities.

Education: Through his contacts with the World Baseball Foundation, Jerry Thornton, is working on bringing Chilean baseball coaches to Washington under a new Partners initiative, the Coaching Coaches Program. Paula Laschober is working with Chilean Partner Jackie Núñez on sending Washington ESL teachers to Chile.

Arts & Culture: Paula Laschober is also working on sending local documentary film maker BJ Bullert to Chile in November to participate in the Chilean International Short Film Festival. This is an initiative of the Chilean Arts and Culture Committee. Many thanks to Peggy Weiss, coordinator of the art program at Harborview Medical Center, for finding us a great candidate.

Washington Partners 2001 Annual Meeting



The Washington/Chile Partners held their annual meeting for 2001 on November 3 at Mitzel's Restaurant in Fife. Meeting activities included an update on the *Cuencas de Amistad* environmental project and election of 2002-2003 General Board members.

Re-elected Board members were Emmett Fiske, Buck Frymier, David Hedrick, Paula Laschober, John Morford, Susan Sola, Jerry Thornton, Gwen Vernon, Rodrigo Yáñez and Bill Zachmann. Steve Murphy was elected as a first-time Board member and Amy Solomon "retired" but was thanked for her many years of Board service. Steve has now left us for a Peace Corps job in Washington, D.C. Sr. Yvette Mallow and Mary Manous, who were elected last year, are continuing Board members. Board terms are for two years. The Washington Partners would welcome new Board members (nominations/proposals accepted all year).

Local Partners Contribute to International Partners

The Washington/Chile Partners regularly contribute a small percentage of all dues donations to the central Partners of the Americas organization. President and CEO Malcolm Butler recently wrote us the following:

"I wish to thank you on behalf of Partners of the Americas' Board, staff and thousands of fellow volunteers and other chapters, for your \$210 contribution. We truly appreciate this donation, your continued financial support, and all the efforts you make for improving the lives of the people of the state of Washington and Chile. As you know, the work of Partners with communities throughout the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean is made possible with the volunteer and financial support we receive." (3/21/02)

Partners of the Americas, Inc., needs our continued support. Individual members who wish to contribute can do so by sending a check to Partners of the Americas, 1424 K Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20077-1988. Those who wish to be Sustaining Partners can make a monthly contribution by check, credit card or

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electronic funds transfer. Information on planned giving and stock donations is also available. Contact Rich Lamporte at rlamporte@partners.net for more information on any of these options.

Partners Awards and Grants

Certificates of excellence will be presented at the 2002 Annual Convention in the following areas. **The deadline for nominations is September 13, 2002.**

1. Organizational Development--for outstanding achievement in fulfilling the spirit and goals of the Excellence Program.
2. Program Development--to recognize outstanding Partners projects.
3. Dumond Peck Hill Outstanding Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards

Normal ongoing funding for travel and small project grants in the areas of Agriculture and Environment, Education and Culture, Women and Families, and Partnership Development is available. Check out the opportunities at www.partners.net.

Special grant programs with an **application deadline of September 20, 2002** are also now open for proposals:

Partners of the Americas Foundation 2002 Grants--provide operational "seed" funds to strengthen the organizational development of partnerships; may include communications, governance, membership, etc. The maximum available for a chapter submission is \$2,000. The maximum for a partnership submission is \$3,500.

Drs. Homer and Maurine Venters Health Endowment Fund--one grant of up to \$750 to partially support a project in the health field.

Madelyn L. Laschober Endowment Fund for Youth, Education and Microenterprise Development--\$1,000 to partially support one or more projects in the fields listed.

More information and nomination/application forms are available from Paula Laschober at (206) 363-7474 or www.partners.net.

Services Offered by Partners

Rodrigo Yáñez offers export consultant services to Washington companies interested in exporting their products to Latin American countries. Rodrigo has been in the business of trading in specialty crops with Latin America for over 20 years. He can be contacted at: phone (206) 575-1650, fax (206) 575-1697, rodrigointl@worldnet.att.net, or 16400 Southcenter Parkway, Suite 504, Seattle WA 98188. See his Web site at www.rodrigointl.com.

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Barbara Houplin-Garcia offers flights to Chile that can help Partners travelers manage costs and often meet last-minute travel needs. Contact her at All-Around Travel/ Bellevue branch, (425) 861-0231, or barbarag@Bellevue.AllAroundTravel.com.

Thanks for 2002 Dues

Individual: Anne Butler, Sam Eggertsen, Tim Hilliard, Paula Laschober, Raymond Laschober, Yvette Mallow, Mary Manous, Paul Mocha, Steve Murphy, Richard Pierson, Yara Silva, Susan Sola, Amy Solomon, David & Maria Elena Tremaine, Gwen Vernon, Bill Zachmann.

Family: John/Jerene Morford, Mark/Holly Smith, David York/Jackson Carter, Peggy/Santiago Etchevers

Business and Professional: Washington State Dept. of Community, Trade and Economic Development (Tania Fernández de Castro)

Corporate/Institutions: Central Washington University (David Hedrick)

Patron/Lifetime: Walter Pereyra

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I am interested in becoming a PARTNER/renewing my membership. Please enroll me as the following:

- Student-\$10
- Business/Professional-\$100
- Individual-\$30
- Corporate/Institutions-\$250
- Family -\$60
- Patron-\$500 or more

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Interests:

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home Phone:

Business Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Membership for Year:

Date of Application:

Please mail application to: Partners of the Americas, P.O. Box 1017, Seattle, WA 98111-1017.

Washington/Chile Partners phone: (206) 367-6344

Partners Web site: www.partners.net

WA/Chile Partners Web site: www.washington-chile.org

The mission of our partnership is to build and sustain community between the people and institutions of Washington State and Chile, through the sharing of skills, knowledge, culture and friendship. All of our people-to-people programs are carried out jointly and are dedicated to providing mutual benefits to our two regions. Through projects in education, social development, health, environment, emergency management, economic development and the arts, we provide opportunities for our volunteers and supporters to promote international cooperation and understanding, as they enrich their own lives and the lives of others in our hemisphere.