

Washington/Chile Partners News, August 8, 2003

Washington/Chile Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 1, 2003. Typically held at a restaurant south of Seattle in the evening. Please pencil the date in on your agenda.

September General Board Meeting and Partners Picnic

The General Board, and all other interested members/friends, will meet Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Picnic Shelter #4 in Sand Point Magnuson Park (address: 7400 Sand Point Way NE), in Seattle. This Shelter is near the JLS (Junior League of Seattle) playground next to large athletic fields on the Sand Point side of Magnuson Park. If you enter the park at NE 74th Street, you'll find parking to your right. We'll put signs up. BYOP (Bring your own picnic)--grills available. All welcome, especially anyone interested in helping to plan the Annual Meeting. Directions to and map of the park can be found at: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/>.

Partners of the Americas Annual International Convention, 2003

Nov. 20-22, Lexington, Kentucky. The theme of the Convention is: "From Appalachia to the Andes: Building Bridges Through Culture." Register now! Registration fee: \$260 before Sept. 15, \$300 after. Hotel: Hyatt Regency Lexington--\$87/night + 12.4% tax, single & double. Other hotels available. See <http://www.partners.net> for all Convention information. Both Washington and Chilean Partners plan to attend.

Project and Travel Grants Available Now

Grants are available for various types of Partners projects. Some have application deadlines that are approaching. This notice is to let you know which grants are available for what purpose. Any Partners member is welcome to lead a grant request and implementation effort. All applications, except individual chapter development grants offered by the Partners foundation, will require collaboration by both the Washington and Chile chapters of our Partnership. Please let the following Washington Partners Board members know if you are interested in applying for any of the grants:

Bill Zachmann, President: bzbrew@comcast.net

Paula Laschober, Exec. Director: paula.laschober@seattle.gov

More extensive information on all of them can be found at www.partners.net. The Partners staff in Washington, D.C., will provide pre-submission feedback if requested by August 15, 2003.

Partners of the Americas Foundation grants: seed funds to strengthen the organizational development of chapters and partnerships; e.g., leadership, communications, fundraising, membership, hardware, software and printed materials. Chapter max=\$2,000, Partnership max=\$3,500. Deadline: Sept. 15, 2003.

Drs. Homer and Maurine Venters Health Endowment Fund: one grant of up to \$750 in the health area. Deadline: Sept. 15, 2003.

Madelyn L. Laschober Endowment Fund for Youth, Education and Microenterprise Development: one grant of up to \$1,000 to support a project in the three fields mentioned. Deadline: Sept. 15, 2003.

2003 International Convention and Partnership Visit Scholarship: covers travel to and from Convention and counterpart chapter area (e.g., Washington to Kentucky to Chile and return) and Convention registration fee (but not hotel, a few meals and incidentals in Kentucky). Targeted to newer Partners members who are considered to be emerging leaders within their partnership and who have never attended a Partners Convention. Deadline: Sept. 15, 2003.

American Fellows Program: sponsors exchanges of outstanding mid- to senior-level civil servants (federal, state, municipal). The fellowships are for three and six months between March 2003 and March 2004 and will focus on: good governance, rule of law, transparency, and combating corruption; combating crime/border security; Free Trade Area of the Americas; disaster preparedness; environmental preservation and natural resource management; national health systems. Grant covers all Fellow expenses and up to \$150 to both sending and receiving chapters. Primary Partners contact: Cecilia Otero, Program Director - cotero@partners.net.

Education and Culture: travel grants for 10-day partnership visits, and small project grants of up to \$2,500 (must include matching funds in cash or in-kind), for projects/visits in the fields mentioned. No deadline but this year's funding must be used by end of year. Travel must begin by Dec. 31, 2003.

Teacher-in-Residence: Travel funds for one-month teacher-in-residence experiences in the US or Latin America. Hosting chapters may receive up to \$400 to defray program and logistical expenses. The purpose is to strengthen English language teaching and culture programs in US Embassy accredited Bi-National Centers in Latin America.

Family Life Education: travel and project assistance grants to strengthen the capacity of communities and institutions to address the need for family planning information and services. Next consideration of small grant applications is Oct. 1, 2003.

Sports (TetraBrazil Program): brings Brazilian soccer coaches to local Partner communities to run soccer clinics and camps. Assistance in all areas of soccer program development for interested chapters. Opportunity for US chapters to raise funds. Planning for next summer must take place Nov. 2003-Feb. 2004.

Farmer to Farmer: designed to improve economic opportunities by increasing food production and distribution, promoting better farm and marketing operations and conserving natural resources. Examples of some current activities are: dairy development, vegetable production, natural resource management and beekeeping. Sponsors only North to South travel, available through Sept. 2003.

Fundraising for Partners Chapters (Yachana Jungle Chocolate from Ecuador)

Sell chocolate produced by Yachana Gourmet in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest. Yachana Gourmet is a socially progressive, ecologically conscious company that supports Fair Trade practices and buys directly from small family farmers cultivating

shade-grown cacao in the rainforest of Ecuador. One hundred percent of Yachana Gourmet's profits support the FUNEDESIN Foundation's sustainable development, healthcare, and conservation programs. More info at:
http://www.partners.net/news/press_releases/2003/2003_7_yachanagourmet.htm

Washington/Chile Partners Project Plans

High school exchange for 2004: Working with Chilean Partner Raul Becerra and Seattle/Gig Harbor schools.

Chilean social worker: Invitation by Paul Mocha, Clinical Professor, School of Social Work, University of Washington. Awaiting response/assistance from Chilean Partners.

Culture: Possible visit to Washington by Carlos Gray, Cultural Director of Municipality of Pucon, Chile, and Mapuche jewelry artist, via International Partners Convention in November. Initial planning under way. (Carlos Gray was in Seattle in early July under sponsorship of the U.S. State Dept. to visit arts councils and organizations in the U.S. Susan Sola hosted him in her home and several Partners members accompanied him on visits in the Seattle area. Special thanks to John Morford and Peggy Weiss for arranging local visits and providing transportation.)

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