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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BILL THRELKELD

Happy Spring 2013! That almost rhymes. I hope this issue of FQ's newsletter finds you enjoying good weather and good health!

I want to take the President's Corner to highlight some opportunities you have, as donors (or potential donors), to earmark your contributions. FQ has, in addition to its general fund for grants/scholarships, four ways in which you can direct your giving. First, for nearly a decade now, FQ has been host to the Mila Brooks Fund, for scholarships providing education and training exclusively to women and young girls. Mila Brooks was the first female Director of the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic and had the additional distinction of being the driving force and sponsor of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Peace Corps in the DR, at which time the idea of FQ was born. Mila's career took her to many developing countries where she worked with many programs, none closer to her heart than those that impact women. (Read more about Mila Brooks later in this issue.)

Second, since 2006 we have received substantial donations from the Fox Foundation, through Frances Price in memory of her mother, Elaine Fox, for scholarships related to conservation training. The scholarships provided by this fund have included training of tourist guides in a national park, coral reef preservation, restoration of mangroves, training for fishermen's associations, and training and education for youth who are members of Peace Corps-sponsored "Brigada Verde" groups. The opportunities with these funds have been very exciting for grantees involved with environmental sustainability.

Third, at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Peace Corps in the DR, FQ's endowment/reserve fund was named the "B.J Warren Endowment Fund," to honor FQ's Vice President, B.J Warren, one of the founders of FQ and a past president, for her instrumental role in the life of Peace Corps, FQ, Friends of the Dominican Republic, and her example to humanity for her generosity of service, spirit, kindness, and love. The fund, while focused on our endowment goal, also acts

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## FQ GRANTEE LEARNS COMPUTER SKILLS

BY PCV ROBIN DESANTIS

Marineudy Lorenzo Santos has significantly improved his technical skills through a computer course at the Instituto Politécnico Loyola de San Cristóbal. While he was growing up, Marineudy never learned how to use a computer, which put him at a disadvantage in his schoolwork and in his search for a job. After completion of this course, however, he can now confidently perform a number of tasks on the computer. His new skills will certainly pay off in the future, as he has become a more competitive student and job candidate, and he has started to apply to different jobs in the area. Marineudy is grateful for having had the opportunity to take one of San Cristóbal's best technical courses with students from different parts of the city. He is optimistic about his future and proud of his proficiency in various computer programs. Thank you for the support!

**Marineudy Lorenzo Santos**



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as a reserve to cover any special needs FQ may have in order to meet its goal for awarding grants and scholarships. B.J.'s impact on our endowment has been something to behold!

Fourth, as many of you may have heard, on December 29, 2012, FQ founder Lou Ferrand passed away. Lou was a former FQ treasurer and president who worked tirelessly for FQ's mission, among other passions. (Read some remembrances of Lou later in this issue.) Upon his passing, Lou's family asked that his memory be honored through donations to FQ. Several thousand dollars have been contributed so far, and those dedicated donations continue. As Mary, Lou's widow, commented recently, "Wouldn't Lou have been amazed!"

Thus, your donations have the opportunity to honor many individuals and their contributions, by supporting both general grants and specific areas of interest. And I should mention that anytime your check or online donation provides an indication that you would like to earmark it, for one of the purposes above or, outside of these, to honor someone or more than one person (as a memorial, for a birthday, etc.), FQ will publish that instruction in our Honor Roll of Donors.

As always, thank you for making FQ's work possible, and your comments and questions are always welcome. My phone is 703-707-0255 or you can email me at [enmicasa@juno.com](mailto:enmicasa@juno.com).

Best regards,  
Bill Threlkeld

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## FROM THE VP PERCH

BY BJ WARREN

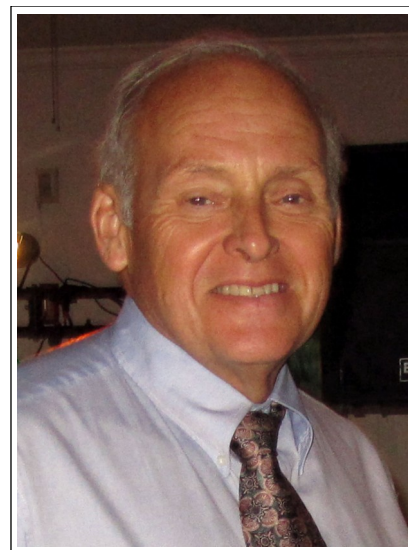
DR 11 had a reunion this past March in the New Orleans area. Fourteen of the 26 members for whom contact information was available attended. I was very delighted to get an invite and of course I attended. It was an opportunity for former FQ Board member Lynda Wilson Edwards to give a lovely pitch for Fondo Q and the BJ Warren Endowment Fund. Many thanks go to Janice and Joe Blackburn, Diane and Leo Bourgeois, and Kathy and Russ Harmelink, who served as wonderful hosts.

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## REMEMBERING LOU

Lou Ferrand, a FQ founder and its past Treasurer and President, passed away on December 29, 2012. His life was celebrated at a beautiful memorial service on January 12, 2013, at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Arlington, VA. Below are some remembrances from current FQ board members about their own relationship with Lou.

Sue and the kids and I arrived in the DR in June of 1967. I was the new associate director for urban, health, and co-op programs, replacing BJ Warren. One of the first co-op Volunteers I met was Lou Ferrand. I would enjoy my visits to Lou in Neiba—first, because he was always so enthusiastic about his work with the grape co-op there; second, because it was obvious that folks there loved him and he was having a great impact on their lives; and third, because he had indoor plumbing, which made the overnight stay easier. And, speaking of overnight stays, Lou would usually stay with us when he came to Santo Domingo, which was always enjoyable. I remember when he finally somehow worked a deal with the Dominican co-op agency to get a truck for the co-op so they could transport their own grapes to market in



the capital and increase their profit margin. That was such a momentous occasion for all. This meant gathering and loading the grapes all day and driving to Santo Domingo at night. Lou would show up at the house at times after midnight, exhausted, but happy for the success of the co-op. The ability for them to have their own truck and to market their own grapes was a significant step in the development of the co-op. I remember also watching Lou working with co-op members and helping them understand leadership, management, accounting, profit, and savings. Lou was a good and patient teacher.

And so, Sue and I and the kids have known Lou for 45 years. We have been blessed to know Mary and the Ferrand kids over the years. All of us eventually living in the Washington, DC area meant we would get together often and as a result formed a lasting friendship. We will miss our dear friend Lou.

Tom Gittins

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If memory serves me well (which it doesn't always do anymore), I first met Lou in 1993, the year I returned from a three-year stint in PC/DR. I was a transplant to Northern Virginia, together with my Dominican wife, Carine, and we quickly looked for connections to the DR experience. Fondo Quisqueya was an obvious choice—as PCV and PCVL, I had sponsored two groups as recipients of FQ funding—and I remember among all the fine people I met from FQ that year this tall, well-spoken, and very gentlemanly figure, Lou Ferrand. I also remember his dry sense of humor, delivered with a contagious, transforming grin.

Over the years, as I continued my involvement with FQ, I learned more about Lou—his great work with the OAS, his committed involvement with other nonprofits, his passion for his family and the successes of his children as they moved into adulthood, and certainly his passion for FQ. He groomed me for the Treasurer position at FQ and I guess he knew, though I didn't, that he was grooming me for the President's position, too. Lou was a great mentor to me along the way, but he was also just a marvelous person who cared about others, always asking about my own health when I was going through some scary times, always gently chiding me if I didn't bring along Carine and the kids to FQ's annual picnic—because he really wanted to see them, and always thinking deeply about FQ's mission, the scholarship applications we debated, and how our resources could best benefit those we serve in the DR.

Thank you, Lou, for what you mean (present tense) to me, my family, and the many people you touched with your kindness and passion.

Bill Threlkeld

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As Lou's Peace Corps group was arriving post-DR revolution, we (the staff) wanted to have excellent PCVs who could explain what they were doing and had good sense. Lou excelled in both of these areas. He had a gracious way of getting to know the community and fitting in. (Believe it or not, not all Dominicans were delighted that the U.S. had invaded their sovereignty.)

Lou attended the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peace Corps in the DR and was part of the committee which founded Fondo Quisqueya. Lou was instrumental in compiling the bi-laws and articles of incorporation and getting us up and running as well as serving as Treasurer and then President. He was also involved in many other philanthropic groups and was a great father and husband. I very much enjoyed knowing him, working with him on the FQ Board, and being his friend.

BJ Warren





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## FQ GRANTS HELP TWO WOMEN OPEN A NAIL SALON AND A HAIR SALON

BY PCV BRITTANY HAYES

**Rosa Albania Genao** is from La Cayota, Valverde and has a young son. She received a Fondo Quisqueya grant to complete a beautician course. The training has helped Rosa and her family greatly. Upon graduating from the beautician course, Rosa opened a nail salon in her house. She is the only woman who applies nails in her community, and her services are in great demand. Prior to taking the course, Rosa mostly worked cleaning houses of the richer families on the mountain. Now she is able to apply her skills and earn a more stable living. With the money she has earned from her nail salon, she has started building a house for her and her son; she will no longer need to live in someone else's home—a fact she takes much pride in. Thanks to the funding from Fondo Quisqueya, big possibilities have become attainable for Rosa.

**Santa Disla Polanco** is also from La Cayota, Valverde. She received an FQ grant to complete a beautician course where she learned how to style hair. Before graduating from beauty school, Santa only worked during coffee season (a few months a year) and earned meager wages which were not sufficient to support her family. She was constantly searching for a way to make ends meet and relied heavily on remittances from her family members in the U.S. However, following her completion of the beautician course, Santa now has a much more reliable source of income. Since graduation, she has opened a very successful hair salon in a room of her house and her family's standard of living has greatly improved. Thanks to the funding from Fondo Quisqueya, Santa was able to achieve her dream.

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## FONDO Q'S GRANTS AND 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, beekeeping, 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 fall and winter quarters of 2012-13, which include 6 group awards benefitting more than 140 recipients in addition to 18 individual awards. These awards have provided funding for courses including kayak guide training; x-ray technician training; a public speaking course; technical information networking; English classes; and many others.



### GROUP AWARDS

**Grantees:** 11 Women Artisans  
**From:** Los Tocones, Samaná  
**For:** Painting Course  
 PCV Robin DeSantis wrote: "The women of the 'Asociación de Mujeres Unidas' in Los Tocones have shown great motivation as both artisans and entrepreneurs, but they lack various skills and resources. With the help of this course, these women would learn how to create more innovative, marketable products. Their new skills in artisanry and marketing would greatly benefit their careers and their families."  
**Sponsor:** PCV Robin DeSantis

**Grantees:** 8 Youth  
**From:** Peralta, Azua  
**For:** College Visits  
 PCV Nick Zehner wrote: "I have worked with eight motivated youth in Peralta for more than two years. The majority of these youth have expressed a desire to go to college; they would each be the first in their family to do so. Having never visited a college or university, the idea of working towards this goal is abstract and foreign to them. Letting them visit universities in the capital, meet with professors, and sit in on a few classes would be a highly motivating experience and would help inspire them to work towards the goal of studying in the capital."  
**Sponsor:** PCV Nick Zehner

**Grantees:** 65 Students  
**From:** Abreu, María Trinidad Sánchez  
**For:** Reading Classes  
 PCV Meredith Tittler wrote: "The aim of this program is to identify the students who have fallen through the cracks but continue to get passed on to the next grade without the basic reading skills necessary to be successful. We will work with these students to bring their reading skills up to or above their appropriate grade level so that they can be successful in school."  
**Sponsor:** PCV Meredith Tittler

**Grantees:** 40 Youth  
**From:** Barrio Filiu Consuelo, San Pedro de Macorís  
**For:** Literacy and After-School Enrichment  
**Sponsor:** PCV Sasha Miranda

**Grantees:** 20 Community Members  
**From:** Pedregal, San José de Las Matas, Santiago  
**For:** English Class  
**Sponsor:** PCV John Richards

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Félix Moreno Tolentino

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**Grantees:** 3 Kayak Guides  
**From:** Los Guineos de Miches, El Seibo  
**For:** Kayak Guide Training  
**Sponsor:** PCV Turner Hirsh

**INDIVIDUAL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Grantee:** Mercedes Martínez  
**From:** La Caya, Valverde Mao  
**For:** X-Ray Technician Course  
PCV Claire McManus wrote: *“Mercedes is a local nurse who has already taken an introductory course to be an x-ray technician, but due to financial difficulties has been unable to continue her studies. This scholarship would allow her to continue to gain the skills and knowledge she needs to become certified and obtain a job as an x-ray technician.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Claire McManus

**Grantee:** Félix Moreno Tolentino  
**From:** La Victoria, Santo Domingo Norte  
**For:** Technical Information Networking  
PCV Hillary Smith wrote: *“Felix will gain the knowledge necessary to complete his training as a cable technician. Felix already has an understanding of this career area, as he has worked for several years in cables and networking. However, he would benefit greatly from being certified.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Hillary Smith

**Grantee:** Flordania Rodriguez  
**From:** Tabara Arriba, Azua  
**For:** English Course  
PCV Laura Lehman wrote: *“Flor would like to teach English someday. She is currently one of the facilitators in my pull-out literacy program in the primary school, and so she is already getting practice as an educator and is contributing to her community. She plans on eventually enrolling in a university.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Laura Lehman

**Grantee:** Felito Santana Luis  
**From:** Batey 9, Independencia  
**For:** To Finish High School  
PCV Nicole Phillips wrote: *“As a high school graduate, Felito will be able to work toward his goal of becoming a professional and possibly going to college. Currently, Felito is a community leader who is helping his neighbors and fellow local Bateyeros get their birth certificates. Over the last few years, Felito has shown his motivation, passion to help, and ability to learn through his documentation work. His dream job is to become a high school teacher in his community.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Nicole Phillips

**Grantee:** Kelvin Medina Cuevas  
**From:** Batey 7, La Independencia  
**For:** Counselor Training  
 PCV Sean Debuck wrote: “Kelvin will use his training to improve the accessibility of education in his community. His goal is to work in one of the local schools as a counselor, helping to inspire and mentoring youth in his community.”  
**Sponsor:** PCV Sean Debuck

**Grantee:** María Altagracia Pérez Ortiz  
**From:** Jarabacoa, La Vega  
**For:** English Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Samantha Norris

**Grantee:** Marilyn Lorenzo Santos  
**From:** Las Flores, San Cristóbal  
**For:** Public Speaking Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Robin DeSantis

**Grantee:** Dorkis Yinet Severino  
**From:** Tabara Arriba, Azua  
**For:** Cashier Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Laura Lehman

**Grantee:** Marlenys Camacho Torres  
**From:** Bella Vista, Santiago  
**For:** English Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV José Vázquez

**Grantee:** Jesús Emmanuel Paulino Hernández  
**From:** Loma de la Joya, Duarte  
**For:** English Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Julie Kozak

**Grantee:** Argelis Binet  
**From:** Palmar Grande, Altamira  
**For:** English Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Paul Durrant

**Grantee:** Abril Cecilia Acevedo  
**From:** Sosua, Puerto Plata  
**For:** Fourth Grade  
**Sponsor:** PCV Phoebe Sunflower

**Grantee:** Félix Moreno Tolentino  
**From:** La Victoria, Santo Domingo  
**For:** English Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Hillary Smith

**Grantee:** Rosanna Pérez Ortiz  
**From:** Jarabacoa, La Vega  
**For:** English Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Samantha Norris

**Grantee:** Luis Miguel Sánchez Silverio  
**From:** Palmar Grande, Altamira, Puerto Plata  
**For:** Driver Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Simona Platukyte

**Grantee:** Keren Vanessa Rodríguez Florián  
**From:** Villa Fundación, Bani, Peravia  
**For:** English Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Ashley Ensminger

**Grantee:** Estephania Feliz Pérez  
**From:** Batey Cuchilla, Bahoruco  
**For:** English Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Nicole Phillips

**Grantee:** Esmelin Ismael Pérez Díaz  
**From:** Tabara Arriba, Azua  
**For:** English Course  
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Kelvin Medina Cuevas



## WHO WAS MILA BROOKS AND WHAT IS THE MILA BROOKS FUND?

BY ANITA FRIEDMAN

Mila Brooks was a passionate, gregarious public servant who loved Latin America and spoke fluent Spanish and Portuguese. She loved perfume and you could pick up the heavy fragrance from far away. Mila served as the Country Director of Peace Corps DR from 1985 to 1987. She had been associated with Peace Corps in many capacities, as Deputy Director in Chile from 1973-74, and from 1969 -1973 as Midwestern Representative of the Office of Staff Placement and Special Assistant to the Director of Volunteer Placement. Mila spent many years as a consultant in international development specializing in Latin America for organizations including USAID and the Pan American Health Organization. A native Kansan, she graduated from the University of Kansas and studied at the University of Morelos, Cuernavaca, Mexico. In addition to her work in international development, she was a journalist and radio personality in Kansas and Mexico.

Mila was a staunch advocate for developing programs that promoted and empowered women's roles in development. In fact, as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Paraguay in the early 80s, I was privileged to be sent to an Inter-American Women in Development conference in Ecuador, where I first met Mila. Many years later, after she passed away, former Peace Corps Volunteers created the Mila Brooks Fund to honor her devotion to promoting women in development. Close to \$5,000 has been donated throughout the years to this fund, and there are currently funds available for grants and scholarships to promote education and training for Dominican women who are striving to improve their well-being and those of their families and communities. Please consider donating and honoring the tradition of Mila Brooks.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ANITA FRIEDMAN

Greetings Quisqueyanos! I hope this edition of the FQ newsletter finds you in good health and happiness. Since our last edition, we have experienced the terrible loss of our beloved former President and Treasurer, Lou Ferrand. As I write these words, I am reminded of the great care and pride he took in guiding Fondo Quisqueya, ensuring the integrity of our mission and the stewardship of our funds. Thank you to the many people who have donated so generously to FQ in his memory.

Our endowment fund is growing nicely. While we once had our sights on 50 for 50, we have now surpassed that mark and are heading higher. The endowment has reached over \$64,000. This is a great testament to the belief of our members in our longevity and to the continued need for resources for education and training for Dominicans. We have also continued to receive your contributions towards grants and scholarships. In January, FQ approved approximately \$3,000 worth of grants and scholarships. Thanks to your support, we are able to support the flow of educational and training scholarship requests put forward from the DR.

However, to continue to support the ongoing requests for vocational and other training, we still need your help. Please consider making a contribution to celebrate or honor someone you love, and at the same time, give people in the DR the opportunity to strengthen their skills and obtain much needed training. Thank you for your past and future support!



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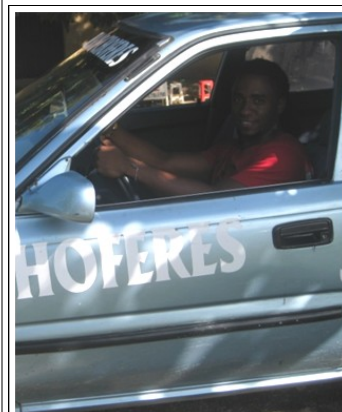
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## FQ GRANTEE OBTAINS DRIVERS LICENSE, EXPANDING HIS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

BY PCV CHRISTINE RUSSELL

Daniel Minaya used his Fondo Q scholarship to complete a driver's education course in Puerto Plata. He first passed a written test to obtain his permit, and he then completed 20 private driving lessons with an instructor. He learned how to drive both automatic and stick shift cars, and he also studied the rules in order to be a safe driver. After completing the lessons, Daniel passed the driving test and obtained his license. He is very proud that he is now able to drive. The Fondo Q funds provided for his transportation to Puerto Plata and the fees associated with the course. Daniel is very thankful to Fondo Quisqueya for giving him this opportunity.

Daniel says he had a very positive experience completing the driver's education course, and that having his license will help him improve his life. He is currently unemployed, but he is looking for a job and he hopes that he will have more opportunities now that he is prepared to take on a job that involves driving.



Daniel Minaya

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Join us for Fondo Q's Annual meeting and BBQ on Saturday, June 15 from 4-7 p.m. at Tom and Sue Gittins' home in Falls Church, Virginia. The BBQ will feature Tom's famous chicken and sausage and homemade delicacies contributed by attendees.

All current and past DR PCVs, Staff, and other friends of FQ and their families are invited!

Elections for new Officers and Board members will be held, the annual report on finances and scholarships awarded during the past 12 months will be given, and ideas and plans for grant and scholarship activities for the next 12 months will be discussed.

Please come! Confirm your attendance with Tom Gittins.

**Saturday, June 15, 4-7 pm**

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