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in the DR for the 45th Anniversary Reunion) at the Hotel Melia, and we confirmed arrangements previously made by Tom Gittins, the Chair of the Anniversary Celebration. Jennifer and I then met with DR Peace Director Romeo Massey and

members of his staff to go over plans for the Reunion. I am pleased to report that these plans are well underway. You will find the Celebration not only informative on what is happening in the DR today and what DR PC is doing, but filled with opportunities for "hands on" workshops. There will be wonderful social events and the chance to see and meet with old friends and to make new ones. It is a "renewing" experience for me every time I return to the DR. I learn what Peace Corps is doing and I see the real difference that FQ is making in the lives of individual Dominicans. Encourage the members of your PC Group to come to the DR and have a fabulous Anniversary Celebration.

While we raised a lot of money at the Scholarship Benefit, we have also used a lot of it on grants and scholarships, and we would like to give out much more. Thus, your donation is as necessary now, as always. I hope that you will join with us in helping to make a difference in the lives of low-income Dominicans.

Gracias y Saludos, Lou Ferrand

**(SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT A BIG SUCCESS!
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Dustin Salveson (PCV-DR, 2001 – 2004) gave a moving testimonial about the changes in the life of one young Dominican with the help of a \$106 grant from FQ. Subsequently, the bidding for the silent auction was kicked off while a delectable traditional Dominican dinner was served (with Brugal Rum, of course!). The Event raised enough funds to support an estimated 65 grants and scholarships. Fondo Q's goal is to raise \$100,000 by the end of 2007. At this point, we are at the \$40,000 mark! Non-cash benefits of the Event included raising the profile and helping to reenergize the base of support for FQ.

Five couples who donated at least \$1,000 for the Event will enjoy a private dinner with Ambassador Espinal and his wife Minerva.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and let's continue to work together to help more low income Dominicans obtain the skills and training necessary to help them improve their lives and to support their families!

Views from the Vice President's Perch

The Dominican people are so very fortunate to be represented by Ambassador Flavio Espinal and his lovely wife Minerva del Risco. They are warm, open, extremely knowledgeable and helpful - everything we remember about our Dominican friends. Recently, they hosted a wonderful scholarship benefit fund raiser for Fondo Quisqueya at their Embassy Residence. We had a fantastic time and raised enough money to cover one year's worth of scholarships in the DR.

Ada Hernandez from the Embassy staff was also a tremendous asset. Thanks to all who attended and/or helped out in some way. See other articles in the Newsletter for more details. Since Fondo Q is very much involved in working with DR Peace Corps, the Friends of the DR, and DR Peace Corps to organize the 45th Anniversary Celebration gathering in Santo Domingo in February 2007, we probably will not be able to put on one of these scholarship benefit fund raisers each year. We will have to rely even more on your generous support for the next year's scholarships.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, the gathering of DR Peace Corps folks in Albuquerque from June 16-18th will have taken place. The first Peace Corps Director in the DR, Andy Hernandez is scheduled to will be there, and he always has great stories to share.

Fondo Q's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 9. If you will be in the Washington, D.C area, please join us at Tom and Susie Gittins' home in Falls Church. Remember to put the second weekend in February, 2007 on your calendars to come to the DR to help celebrate 45 years of PC in the DR! We look forward to receiving suggestions on activities and events that you would like to see take place during this reunion.

All the best,
BJ Warren (VP)



SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

by Janet Kerley

The silent auction added to the fun of the Scholarship Benefit at the Ambassador's residence and contributed greatly to the total raised for Fondo Q scholarships.

Some of the finest artesanía from the Dominican Republic was available. José Ignacio Morales, "El Artístico, contributed several stunning copper lanterns and others were donated by Rik Laird and Patti Rambasek. Bibi Leon sent a Lacquer Serving Tray decorated with colorful hibiscus (see picture) and Jonathen and Toni Russin provided a four-foot tall faceless doll from Moca. The winning bidder was the Ambassador's wife, Minerva de Espinal who added it to her large collection of the charming "munecas sin rostro."

Licda Lourdes Camilo de Cuello, Director of the Dirección de Bienes Culturales Muebles, Secretaría de Estado de Cultura donated the winning prizes from the Fourth Annual Christmas Handicraft Show (IV Feria Artesanal Navidad 2005).

Get away homes were a popular donation and included Tom and Susan Gittens', ocean side beach house on the Outer Banks, Rik Laird and Patti Rambasek's golf villa at Casa de Campo, Carmen de Avendano's apartment in Puerto Plata, and Sherry Treachor and Michael McCorry's apartment in Tucson, Arizona.

Other highly sought after items were a dinner for two at Café Atlantico, donated by Ambassador Roberto Alvarez;



PCV Dustin Salvesson speaks at the silent auction as Tom Gittens and Ambassador Espinal and his wife Minerva del Risco look on.



Attendees of the silent auction gather to listen to speakers outside of the Dominican Republic's Embassy Residence

a baseball signed by Bartolo Colon, donated by Michael Terroro; and a case of Presidente beer, donated by Lou and Mary Ferrand! The Larimar and Silver Pendants plus \$1500 of commissionable amber and larimar jewelry donated by Jorge Caridad, President of the Museo Mundo del Ambar, in Santo Domingo were also very popular as was the Sterling Silver Cross Necklace donated by William B. Everett, Jr., of Everett Designs.

Several beautiful pieces of art were contributed by Ruth Grossman of Altos de Chavon and Pittsburgh, Eduardo's Galleria in La Romana, Bettye Marshall of Bettye's Galeria, Santo Domingo, Sherry Treachor, and an original water color by Suzanne Gittens.

Environmentalist Kate Wallace donated a Private Birding Tour in the National Botanical Garden, Santo Domingo, and Hugo Medrano, Artistic Director for the Washington, DC Gala Theatre-Tivoli donated twenty tickets for two plays. A framed photograph of the White House and a set of limited edition Norman Rockwell prints were given by Gene Lane. Liz Kirby donated a Williams LifeSkills System, and Randy Adams contributed two videos about Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic.

Many thanks to all who offered the beautiful and unusual gifts for auction and to those who were the successful bidders. The proceeds from the auction will fund approximately 20 scholarships.



Comments from Quisqueya

by Jennifer McGowan

A very big thanks to Fondo Quisqueya for their generous donation of \$6,607.09 for twenty-three scholarships in the first quarter of 2006! We had forewarned many of the applicants and volunteers that they might not receive funding this cycle, given the overwhelming demand. The approvals were received with great enthusiasm and surprise! I would like to highlight a few of the scholarships.

Grantee Edwin Santana, submitted by PCV Monica Barreras, was born blind and deaf. He comes from a very poor family in Monte Plata who has cared for him to the best of their abilities. However, they had no training to work with a child with such handicaps and therefore, they have not been able to help him further his education. With the help of Fondo Quisqueya, Edwin will attend the rehabilitation school for the blind and will learn hand over hand sign language along with other basic life skills. Edwin's family owns a small colmado; they hope that the skills he learns will permit him to work with them in the family business. The scholarship funds cover the costs of weekly classes in Santo Domingo and transportation costs for Monica to accompany Edwin on public transportation to ensure his safety.

Grantees Ana Silvia Gruñon, Marina Peralta, and Ondina Berroa, submitted by PCVC Laura Sundquist, were able to attend the first annual Quantum Learning seminar held in Santo Domingo. Quantum Learning is a "package" of interactive teaching methodologies that promote accelerated learning. This methodology is taught through a consortium of education partners including ENTRENA and INTEC University, and is greatly supported (and used) by Peace Corps, Plan International, and the Ministry of Education. Peace Corps funded three PCVs to attend the two-day conference; Ana, Marina and Ondina are community project partners (and educators) who attended with FQ funding.

Grantee Martina Galva, recommended by Megan Bennett, won a scholarship in 2005 to attend a computer class. With this training, she found a job working as a secretary. Martina attended the luncheon hosted at the Hotel Melía by FQ in January, 2006, and she spoke to board members, American Chamber of Commerce staff and local private sector representatives about her experience with FQ and the value of the education she received. Martina applied

for an additional scholarship for an English course, which was approved by the Board. Martina is interested in continuing her education and sees English as a necessary skill. Apart from the competitive edge that this will give her in the local job market, she has found that in order to manage many of the computer programs she needs basic English skills. Martina's brother, Martin, and sister, Juana, were also given scholarships to attend the same course.

The Computer Youth Group's application was submitted by Christina Wright. This incredibly committed group of young people has outlined plans to create an IT club and center. However, one of the initial steps is IT training for them. INFOTEP, a local vocational training school funded by the Dominican government, offers excellent training programs at a relatively low cost. The courses themselves are free, and, when possible, INFOTEP will send facilitators and trainers to the communities to teach the course. The students must pay associated costs such as materials, transportation, and food and lodging for the facilitator. The FQ Grant of \$1,125 will pay these related costs for IT training for fifteen members of Christina's youth group. Their goal is to continue learning after the course and use their knowledge to train others in the community.

Un saludo afectuoso,
Jennifer McGowan
(Local DR Fondo Q Committee Chair)

NEW FONDO Q GRANTEES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2006

FQ is seeing a notable increase in demand for our scholarships. Twenty-four new grants complete the second quarter of the FQ fiscal year. When added to the previous 12 grants reported in Volume 10, No.3, the total number of grants awarded this year comes to 36 with more than twice that number of persons benefiting from the grants and scholarships. FQ's local DR Committee has worked hard to make the review process efficient and efforts are underway in FQ/USA to increase the amount of funds available for grants and scholarships.

In the latest round of scholarships, three grants benefit groups: (i) summer school teachers in Hato Mayor; (ii) a summer camp for youth in Barahona; and (iii) a computer center for youth, also in Barahona. The remainder of the grants support individual students.



(NEW FONDO Q GRANTEES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2006 – cont. from pg.4)

Grantee: Summer teachers/Programa Educativo de Verano
From: #2 Conrado Hernandez, Sabana de la Mar, Hato Mayor
For: One week training program for 10 teachers and 15 teacher's assistants in the use of non-traditional teaching methods in an inclusive classroom. Topics include: Active Learning/ Teaching, Making and using low-cost didactic materials, Quantum Learning (training workshop), self-esteem and motivation, positive discipline, classroom diversity, time and space management, lesson planning, formal and non-formal diagnostics, IEP and parent involvement, basic first aid and nutrition.

Sponsor: PCV Samantha Wapnick

Samantha writes: *“At this time, Sabana de la Mar has no educational programs or services for the learning disabled. Most teachers lack formal training as educators. Many students who do not learn to read by the third grade are often asked to leave school and face child labor as their alternative to education. The manuals provided to the teachers and teachers’ aides will include a guide for organizing and leading the camp annually, as well as for extending activities into a year-round “learning center” for homework help. By training the teachers and teachers’ aides, we will secure quality educational support for the summer literacy program for learning disabled children. After putting in practice new methodologies, the teachers will bring their newly acquired skills to their respective schools, thereby increasing the quality of education of their public school students for years to come. The teachers’ aides will continue to help in the schools’ inclusion programs during the school year (thus doubling as model teachers for many of the teachers who have not participated in the summer training program) and running a resource center while gaining valuable hands- on experience toward their chosen careers as educators.”*



A Fondo Q Brigada Verde Becaria in the classroom.

Grantee: Edwin Santana
From: Municipio de Monte Plata, Provincia de Monte Plata,
For: Training for persons who are deaf and blind
Sponsor: PCV Monica Barrera

Monica sent the following: *“Se trata de un curso de rehabilitación para personas sordociegas (discapacidad resultante de la combinación de sordera y ceguera, sea parcial o total); en el cual se enseña al participante habilidades y destrezas para las actividades de la vida diaria (cocinar, limpiar la casa, comportarse en la mesa, etc.), destrezas de comunicación alternativas como la lengua de señas táctiles para sordociegos y otros sistemas semejantes, también se le imparten lecciones de orientación y movilidad que les sirven para desplazarse en las calles y en edificaciones públicas o privadas; asimismo se le prepara para poder valerse por sí mismo en el desarrollo de destrezas laborales como empaclado, embalado, compra y venta y otros. Este curso dura nueve meses, impartándose las clases dos veces por semana y el lugar de enseñanza es el Programa de Rehabilitación y Educación de Niños, Niñas y Adolescentes Sordociegos, el cual funciona en las instalaciones del Centro de Recursos Educativos para la Discapacidad Visual Profesora Olga Estrella.*

Le ayudará (la persona) a desenvolverse en las actividades diarias de su vida, tanto en su residencia como en su comunidad. Mejorará su autoestima al convertirlo en una persona con autonomía personal que no necesita asistencia para desarrollar una vida lo más normalizada posible. Lo ayudara a contribuir con los quehaceres de su hogar y su familia cambiando su condición de persona dependiente a la de persona necesaria. Le dará la posibilidad de trabajar en labores industriales o comerciales de empaque, embalaje y otros, formar una microempresa particular de venta al detalle de productos de lícito comercio, servir como dependiente de alguna empresa comercial, trabajar como operario en pequeñas o medianas industrias de productos químicos, ya sean desinfectantes, detergentes, productos de belleza, etc. Asimismo podrá realizar trabajos simples y repetitivos dentro de una cadena de montaje o trabajo en equipo. Finalmente tendrá una vida socialmente activa y probablemente productiva que enriquecerá su dignidad humana.”



(NEW FONDO Q GRANTEES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2006 – cont. from pg.5)

Grantee: Martina Galva Reyes; Martin Galva Reyes; Juana Galvez Reyes

From: Avenida Las Americas, Santo Domingo

For: English classes

Sponsor: PCV Megan Bennett

Grantee Martina Reyes wrote the following: *“Mi META ES: Después de terminar el entrenamiento, buscar un mejor trabajo, aplicar mi aprendizaje hablando con mis compañeros de curso, y tener amigos que podamos intercambiar ideas, hablar con personas de Estados Unidos, o de otro país, ya sean visitantes o residentes en República Dominicana. Espero que ustedes puedan ayudarme a realizar mi sueño de poder hablar el idioma Inglés. Yo prometo poner todo de mi parte para aprovechar el apoyo que ustedes ofrecen a las personas de escasos recursos que no tienen la facilidad para estudiar. ...Permítanme decirles, que gracias a su organización personas de escasos recursos tienen la oportunidad de tener un nivel de educación más alto y mejor desarrollo. Ser profesional es algo difícil, los padres quisieran ver a sus hijos grandes profesionales, pero la mayoría no tienen los recursos necesario para que sus hijos asistan a un centro educativo, entonces ¿Cómo sería el futuro de sus hijos? pero con la ayuda de ustedes y de otras organizaciones podemos avanzar y tener una buena educación. Como estudiante que soy quiero prepararme profesionalmente y ayudar a mi familia en lo económico. Ya que ellos no tuvieron la oportunidad de tener una mejor vida y educación, quiero estudiar, trabajar y alcanzar un mejor futuro.”*

Grantee: Andres Lopez Molina

From: Felipe Lopez, El Seibo

For: Computer training: CCNA1 is the first class in a series of Cisco Networking classes that will prepare Andres to plan and design, install, and maintain three different types of networks (LAN, WAN, and dial access) for small businesses or organizations. Andres will also learn about the hardware, software, and terminology of Cisco Networks. This class is a pre-requisite for further CCNA (Certified Cisco Networking Associate) classes and more advanced Cisco certifications. This particular class will be taken over a series of 12 Saturdays at ITLA, the new technology center in Santo Domingo.

Sponsor: PCV Matthew Ferner

Matthew provided the following background information: *“Andres Lopez is both my friend and community partner in Pedro Sanchez. He is a very highly respected and dedicated young leader in the community and is president of the Cruz Roja, Club Progresando Deportivo of Pedro Sanchez, and a member of the Defensa Civil. He is also in charge of a community committee that will support the new technology center to be inaugurated in Pedro Sanchez at the end of February. This new tech center is being constructed by the Primera Dama’s program Progresando and is planned to be community supported and run within 36 months of opening. It will be necessary to have people in the community who are not only able to run the center in the future but able and willing to give a variety of computer classes to the community during this time. With his current knowledge of hardware repair, general computing skills, completion of a webpage design class, and the completion of this Cisco Networking class, Andres would be the perfect person to offer the community of Pedro Sanchez a wide range of computer classes in the new tech center. Not only will this FQ scholarship benefit Andres personally but it will also benefit his community through the information he will be able to impart to them.”*

Grantee: Franquel Lafleur

From: Calle Imbert, San Pedro de Macoris

For: English classes

Sponsor: PCV Mariah Wise

Grantee: Lorgia M. Matos Cuevas

From: Ensanchez, Santo Domingo

For: Computer training

Sponsor: PCVs Melanie Bierlein & Lisa Daugherty

Melanie finished her service shortly after making the following recommendation, *“For my part, this is a young person who lived in my town, Cristobal, during my service. She is very motivated although she comes from a family with very few resources. She is attending the UASD here in the capital and could use this opportunity more than anyone I know.”* Lisa Daugherty is keeping in touch with Lorgia during her training.



(NEW FONDO Q GRANTEES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2006 – cont. from pg.6)

Grantee: Ondina Berroa
From: Maria Trinidad Sánchez, Elias Piña
For: Quantum Learning workshop. The workshop is for teachers, directors, counselors, and other employees from education to learn interactive practical teaching methods to use in their classroom.
Sponsor: PCV Laura Sundquist



School children prepare a mural during a Brigada

Grantee: Ana Silvia Gruñon
From: Sabana de la Mar, Hato Mayor
For: Quantum Learning workshop
Sponsor: PCV Laura Sundquist

Grantee: Marina Peralta
From: Valverde
For: Quantum Learning workshop
Sponsor: PCV Laura Sundquist

Grantee: Maria Elena Medrano Peña
From: Isabelita, Santo Domingo
For: English classes
Sponsor: PCV Laura Sundquist

Grantee: Félix Reyes Herrera
From: Los Praditos, Santo Domingo
For: English classes
Sponsor: PCV Laura Sundquist

Grantee: Emmanuel Matos Feliz
From: La Ciénaga, Barahona
For: Youth camp
Sponsor: PCVs Nick Robles & Laura Ibanez
The PCVs wrote: *“Vamos a realizar para el tercero año un campamento de verano. Para los últimos dos años, a través de los aportes del Fondo Quisqueya, hemos realizado Campamento “Juventude Triunfante.” Cada campamento fue un gran éxito, juntando más que 45 jóvenes de tres iglesias distintas para compartir amistades y temas para adolescentes. Este campamento durará dos noches, tres días en la escuela primaria de San Rafael, Barahona. Este año conferencia tomará partes de los modelos “Futuro Brillante,” “Brigada Verde,” y “Escojo.” Estas sesiones desarrollarán los temas de autoestima, valores, metas, relaciones humanas, prevención del SIDA, y liderazgo comunitario para los jóvenes de la Ciénaga, Bahoruco, y el Arroyo. “*

Grantee: Yesenia “Senia” Concepción Angomas
From: Bohechio, San Juan
For: Executive secretary. *“Es un curso de Secretariado Ejecutivo con computalizado, dado por INCOTE en el pueblo de San Juan de la Maguana. Son 4 horas cada domingo por un año. El curso toca 24 materias durante el año, incluyendo recursos humanos y matematicas de negocios.”*
Sponsor: PCV Katie Higgins
Katie relayed the following: *“Like many isolated ‘pueblos’ in the Dominican Republic, Bohechio’s most valuable resources are its people, who consistently strive to improve the standards and quality of their lives. For this reason, courses at INFOTE in the provincial capital of San Juan (1-1 ½ hours from Bohechio) are popular amongst the young adult population here. Senia is a highly motivated 22-year-old mother of two, who without financial aid would be unable to afford such valuable courses. Thank you for your consideration.*



(NEW FONDO Q GRANTEES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2006 – cont. from pg.7)

Grantee: Jóvenes Preparándonos para el Futuro (JOPREF) Grupo de Jóvenes

From: Batey #4, Barahona

For: Computer training. The group reported: *“Este entrenamiento es una parte de nuestro proyecto comunitario. Estamos construyendo un centro de informática donde los jóvenes sean encargados de enseñar a los demás sobre las computadoras. Es necesario tomar el curso antes de terminar el centro para que estemos listos para iniciar el curso en la comunidad. Además, este curso nos preparara con el objetivo de que en el futuro, tengamos mayor facilidad de conseguir empleo y tener éxito en el mismo y el ámbito tecnológico universitario”.*

Sponsor: PCV Christina Wright

The grantees wrote: *“En noviembre 2005, formamos el primer grupo de jóvenes de Batey #4. Jóvenes Preparándonos para el Futuro (JOPREF) es un grupo de jóvenes integrado por 45 participantes entre las edades de 13-24 años con un mismo objetivo de crear en nuestra comunidad un centro de informática. Nuestra visión es ayudar en el desarrollo del conocimiento en ámbito tecnológico computacional específicamente a los jóvenes y a la vez a la comunidad.*

En febrero 2006, formamos el Comité de Desarrollo Juvenil, un comité de 10 jóvenes dedicados adentro del grupo que han enfocado en la planificación del proyecto. Desde la formación de este grupo, hemos desarrollado las metas y objetivos de nuestro proyecto, un calendario de eventos, nuestra misión y un presupuesto y plano para el centro. Estamos trabajando ahora en buscar los fondos y recursos necesarios para completar el centro y el entrenamiento que necesitamos.

Estamos entusiásticos y bien listos para este proyecto, y aunque sea un proyecto grande, tenemos confianza en nuestras habilidades y la visión que compartimos. Nos agradecemos cualquier ayuda que se puede darnos y gracias para su consideración.”

Grantees: Yurilis Navil Paulino Jiménez; Joel David Batista Guerrero; Eudys Fabián Hernández

From: Cacique, Monte Plata

For: English classes

Sponsor: PCV Brad Hass

Eudys speaks for all three students when she writes: *“Soy estudiante de término del bachillerato al liceo, pertenezco a un municipio y familia que lamentablemente son pobres. Por lo tanto, en lo único que puedo brindar apoyo a mi familia y comunidad es capacitándome a fin de salir adelante como persona. Considero que el aprendizaje no tiene límites y ya que estoy terminando el bachillerato no pretendo estancarme. Para mi el aprendizaje del idioma ingles es una puerta abierta a mejores oportunidades de trabajo y el complemento de cualquier carrera.”*

Grantee: Nairobi Lorenzo Sanchez Duro; Jency Martinez Puello; Alexandra Alcantara Lorenzo

From: Majagual de Cambita Garabito, San Cristobal

For: Computer literacy

Sponsor: PCV Andrea Prestone

Andrea wrote as follows: *“As one gets older and older, the learning curve and ability to pick up new things gets smaller and smaller. I, a volunteer, believe that for these children, a computer course is unbelievably necessary to prepare them for work later on to three kids I see as having university potential, and with the motivation that each of them has, but the lack of funds, I don't want to see their opportunities cut short before they even have a chance to show their abilities. I also think it is important for these children to know that someone believes in them, as it is not readily shown by their families”.*

Grantee: Computer Center

For: Computer Training

From: Dajabon

Sponsor: PCV Carlos Encalda



(NEW FONDO Q GRANTEES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2006 – cont. from pg.8)

Grantee: Eddi Silvero
From: El Puerto de Barrabas, Imbert, Puerto Plata
For: Training in the construction, maintenance and repair of home inverters
Sponsor : PCV Van Smith

Van wrote: *“This course will give Eddi a marketable skill which will allow him to earn more income. After finishing this course, Eddi will have enough technical ability to be able to start his own small business installing and repairing inverters. He will be able to find work as an electrician’s assistant. Eddi is young (25 years old), newly married, and currently employed full-time, but at a low wage. His current job (as a gardener) gives no possibility for advancement or pay raises. The skills he is learning from this course will enable him to command higher wages or do profitable part-time work on the side.”*



The final result.

Treasurer’s Report

by Bill Threlkeld, FQ Treasurer

Fondo Quisqueya’s April 27, 2006, Scholarship Benefit Reception and Silent Auction was a tremendous success! Through contributions and auction purchases, the event grossed \$16,674. The gala’s expenses were partially covered through many in-kind contributions, including auction items donated by FQ supporters and the beautiful venue, the Residence of the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic. Direct outlays totaled only \$4,632. Thus, the event netted \$12,042 to benefit non-traditional and traditional vocational training and education, professional development, and career development scholarship programs provided by FQ.

As stated in my report in our last newsletter, we recorded a hefty bit of income in January, including a memorial fund of \$10,000 from Fran Price (D.R. 94), in memory of her mother, for conservation projects in the D.R. In addition to the memorial fund and the funds raised during the April 27 event, nearly an additional \$6,000 was raised in general contributions in 2006. Our general operating and special expenses for the year are less than \$4,000. Thus, we have taken in more than \$32,000 in income this year while holding our costs to less than \$5,000. With the remaining funds, we have given out more than \$9,000 to 30 individual and five group scholarship recipients.

More than 90 FQ friends have donated money this year, ranging from \$10 to \$10,000. Remember, most grants/scholarships are for less than \$300 - the average award this year has been about \$260 - so even small donations quickly add up to new opportunities for needy Dominicans. Learn in this Newsletter about the people you are helping and the impact you are having! With your support, we bring resources to the grassroots.

2006 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

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Fond Farewell and Warm Welcome to Departing and New Third Year Volunteers

Laura Sundquist, the third year PCV who worked so hard to advance Fondo Q's goals this past year is leaving Peace Corps. All the Board members applaud her dedication to the Fondo Q's vision and wish her well.

Laura shared with us some thoughts about her work with us. First, she spoke about the impact of the large number of grants that Fondo Q approved this past quarter, saying "Thank you so much for approving all the requests. I just talked to Monica, the PCV who requested the Blind/Deaf school training for Edwin Santana, she's ecstatic." (See related article by Jennifer McGowan).

Laura also described what the last year meant to her. "I want to thank you all for the wonderful opportunity it has been working with FQ. It has been so enjoyable to work with such caring people who continue to serve after PC. I'm ending my three-year + PC service at the beginning of June. During my last month of service, I will be training Joanna Mauer, PCVL for water, on how to manage the FQ records here and the Yahoo email account, jmauer@do.peacecorps.gov. I look forward to seeing many of you again at the 45th Anniversary in Feb. Thank you again. Laura!" Laura plans to work in the DR for at least the near future, and she has agreed to continue as a Member of FO's Local DR Committee.

Fondo Q warmly welcomes Joanna (jmauer @do.peacecorps.gov) who joined us in early June as DRPC's Third Year PCV assigned by PCDR Director Romeo Massey to work with FQ. She wrote, "I'm from Silver Spring, Maryland, and I graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering just before coming to Peace Corps. I finished my two years of service in November; I



Joanna Mauer, new Third Year Peace Corps Volunteer, serving as liaison to Fondo Q.

lived in a small campo outside of Jarabacoa and worked on the construction of an aqueduct and latrines. I'm currently the PCVL for the Water/Sanitation sector. I'm looking forward to working with FQ this year!"



45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PEACE CORPS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Plan now to join with Peace Corps Friends and colleagues to celebrate 45 years of continuous service, friendship, commitment and development in the Dominican Republic.

The Peace Corps - in partnership with Fondo Quisqueya and Friends
of the Dominican Republic – invites you to join us
for the

**45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF PEACE CORPS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

February 8 -11, 2007 in Santo Domingo

Hotel Melia Santo Domingo will serve as the 45th Anniversary Hotel. We have received a very special anniversary rate. Please use the hotel form in this newsletter to make your reservation directly with the hotel. The reservation deadline is **December 8, 2006**.

Fondo Quisqueya and Friends of the Dominican Republic are making plans now for the special events – **workshops and seminars, 45th Anniversary Gala, 45th Anniversary lunch, planned reception at the Presidential palace, special excursions** and much more.

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PEACE CORPS DR 45th ANNIVERSARY HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM
Peace Corps Dominican Republic, Fondo Quisqueya & Friends of the Dominican Republic
From 08 to 13 February, 2007, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

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Month Day Year

Departure _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

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First Name _____

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Zip Code _____

Country _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

Type of room : Single _____ Double _____

Flight # _____

Arrival time _____

Smoking Room _____ Non smoking _____

Deluxe _____ US\$105.00 Royal Service _____ US\$ 135.00

This special rate includes breakfast and is the same for single or double occupancy. The rate does not include a 26% government tax.

- ****Royal Service** includes:** Buffet breakfasts, Welcome drink. From Monday to Friday open bar from 12:00 M. until 10:00 p.m., "Premium Bar" from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Select Hors d'Oeuvres, fruit basket at all times in our lounge, shoe shine and light ironing (up to 6 pieces).
- Suite and Junior Suite available. If you are interested, please let us know.

Reservation Guarantee

To guarantee your reservation, please provide us a credit card number (Visa, American Express, Master Card). After the cut-off date (December 08, 2006), the hotel will charge two nights on your credit card; the same will apply for no shows.

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Hail and Farewell: A Change in Peace Corps Program and Training Officers

Fondo Q sends a special thank you to **Michael McCabe** who served Peace Corps and Fondo Q for the past four and a half years as the PC/DR Program and Training Officer (PTO). Mike came to Peace Corps after working as Vice-President of Programs for Youth Service America (YSA), a national alliance of over 200 organizations working to promote service-learning. Mike previously worked with organizations such as the United Nations Children's Fund as a Program Officer in the Dominican Republic, and as a consultant on youth issues for a number of domestic and international organizations.

He is a graduate of Georgetown University and received his Master's in Public Administration from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University. In July, Mike will assume his new Peace Corps post - Chief of Programming for the Inter-America and Pacific region. Best of luck, Mike.

Donald Clark was formally announced as Mike's replacement. Don officially began his new job as Program and Training Officer on May 28, 2006. He was the Associate Peace Corps Director for Community Economic Development, having joined the PC/DR staff in July 2004. Don served as PCV and Regional PCVL in Bolivia and worked with PC/Paraguay as Technical Training Coordinator for years prior to joining PC/DR.

Don holds a BA in Social Science from St. Bonaventure University, NY. He also has a Masters Degree in International Development Studies from University College Dublin, Ireland. He has nine years of overseas academic and professional experience in Latin America and Europe, strong Spanish skills, and an in-depth knowledge of Peace Corps programming and training. Welcome, Don.

NEWS FROM "FRIENDS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC" by John Evans

FDR's mission is to help bring together the community of returned Volunteers and staff in the US. FDR offers two ways for individuals to support the DR today with tax deductible contributions. The Program Development Fund directly supports current volunteers and PC programs with such items as testing equipment for Special Education, tools for Water/Sanitation, books and software for education, and emergency relief following hurricanes and floods. The Community Challenge Fund (CCF) gives small grants - maximum \$2,000 - for community infrastructure projects in poor communities, usually coordinated by a current Volunteer. All donations to CCF are matched and are greatly appreciated. Send them to John Evans, FDR Treasurer, 4512 Park Road, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Friends of the Dominican Republic ("FDR") is a co-sponsor of the 45th anniversary celebration of Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. The February 2007 event is a terrific opportunity to see old Peace Corps and Dominican friends from recent years or decades past. Some DRPC groups have already begun efforts to locate long-lost members. Why not try to get your group together? Start spreading the word and encourage as many friends as possible to join in the celebration of 45 years of unbroken friendship and cooperation with the DR. We look forward to seeing many RPCVs, former staff, and family members.

Read more about FDR at <http://www.fotdr.org> www.fotdr.org. FDR also announces that Jim Shrefler is the new editor of CyberNews. To receive the monthly CyberNews, send your email address to Janice Jorgensen: MembershipDirector@fotdr.org.



What Will You Leave Behind?

By Patricia Rambasek

Everyone leaves footprints. Our footprints are made by the impression of our lives on the sands of time. A person is remembered for: Character, Accomplishments, Kindness, Compassion, Humor, Generosity, and Values. When we leave positive impressions behind, we enhance the lives of our friends and loved ones. We give them footprints to follow.

Thoughtful estate planning is one means we have to make a print in the sand, to help others recall our values. For example, consider the effect of a plan that not only includes provision for family members, but resources for charitable organizations like Fondo Quisqueya.

An Estate Gift Makes a Positive Statement. When you include Fondo Quisqueya in the final disposition of your estate, you declare to your family and friends that you believe in and care about the mission of Fondo Quisqueya. Your parting gift becomes a clear declaration of your values.

An Estate Gift Provides Needed Funding. Estate gifts are especially valuable, not only because they tend to be larger than annual gifts, but because they often come at critical times. They provide that extra boost to the budget that can make the difference between program advancement and program retrenchment. Estate gifts can be designated for a specific purpose or they can be unrestricted for use where needed most. They can fund endowments that perpetually provide an ongoing witness to your friends and loved ones that you believe in the work of Fondo Quisqueya.

An Estate Gift Encourages Imitation. There's something about a well-planned estate gift that influences others to "go and do likewise." As friends and family members plan their own estates, they may recall your generosity and thoughtfulness. Your gift may unlock resources for Fondo Quisqueya from other estates. A gift from your estate can make a world of difference for Dominicans and the Dominican Republic. Thank you for considering support of our mission in this meaningful way.