

**2008 Annual Report**  
**Greater Birmingham Returned Peace Corps Volunteers**  
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**Membership in 2008:** about 22 NPCA memberships; 2 recently-returned RPCVs (free membership for one year post COS date), 2 local members, and about 5 honorary members (trainees and volunteers in the field).

**Planning Meetings/Social Events:** Planning meetings were incorporated into social events this year. July 6, Adrienne Retief hosted a brunch and pool party for members to visit with former GBRPCV, Erin Branigan, who was passing through town. The annual lake party August 23rd, was cancelled at the last minute due to torrential rains; but officers met that weekend for afternoon coffee and planning at the Angus residence. Scott and Claire Alexander were in town and Heather introduced her newborn, Suri.

**Recruitment Events:**

Members assisted the Atlanta Peace Corps Office with Birmingham and Tuscaloosa recruitment visits in both spring and fall at area colleges. Dan Frederick represented Peace Corps at the fall Birmingham-Southern College Study Abroad Fair where 15 students signed interest forms.

The annual “*Bon Voyage*” party was held at Formaggio’s restaurant on Wednesday, April 23. Members of GBRPCV attended and assisted the Atlanta recruiting officers in bidding farewell and offering support to new volunteers. Several prospective volunteers and some parents attended and asked rpcvs about the reality of Peace Corps service.

A Fall Reception was held at UAB’s School of Public Health and co-hosted by the Sparkman Center on September 18. GBRPCVs and recruiters from Atlanta provided information about PC to over 50 interested guests. Two recently returned volunteers led an open discussion incorporating pictures and stories of their projects: Ray Odom talked of his experiences in Uzbekistan and Natasha Varma introduced us to life in Nicaragua. Heather White explained the Peace Corps Masters International program in Public Health at UAB.

**Volunteer Events:**

**School Presentations-*Bringing the world back home***

Heather White spoke to a spring semester UAB undergraduate class in the school of public health called, “Health Without Borders”

October 6, Kathy and Rob Angus presented "The World of Mma Ramotswa" for the women of South Highland Presbyterian Church. The program included slides of places mentioned in the books by Alexander McCall Smith and information on the history of Botswana where they served as PCVs for 3 years.

Heather White gave a presentation about Peace Corps and about the MI program for the Smith Foundation Seminar, October 18, at the University of Montevallo.

**Charitable Giving:**

125 of the International Calendars produced by RPCVs of Wisconsin/Madison were sold by GB/RPCV members. Proceeds from last year's sale were donated to Peace Corps Partnership programs by Alabama PCVs: School yard fence building in Kyrgyzstan(\$75) and a health clinic in Zambia (\$75). These donations were matched by GlaxoSmithKline. Books for Namibia, a library project of current PCV and member of our group, April Pinner, was also given \$50.

**Mailing:** Members are contacted often by email. This year no newsletter was produced because our editor moved to DC. The newsletters are posted on our website: [www.gbrpcv.org](http://www.gbrpcv.org) and sent by email to our members. Members who do not have email are sent paper copies. There was an email sent out in July 2007 including information on the elections and upcoming events.

		<b>2008 Annual Report</b>
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Income	Dues from National	195
	Dues from Local	15
	Calendar Sales	941
	Bank Dividend	1.11
	NPCA Bon Voyage Reimb	100
	Income Subtotal	1252.11
Expenses	PO Box Rental	104
	2008 NPCA Reaffiliation	25
	Postage: care packages	74
	Postage: Calendars	4.5
	Calendar Puchase	540
	Charitable Donations: Pinnear	50
	Charitable Donations: Fences	150
	Recruiting/Nom Party	155.44
	Newsletter (e-distribution only)	0
	Web Hosting	0
	MAP project	0
	Expenses Subtotal	1102.94
Net Income for 2008		149.17
Carryover from previous year		2123.77
2008 End year bank total		2272.94

