

## Peace Corps 30th Anniversary Special Edition

Former Peace Corps Volunteers who worked in Brazil and more than one hundred other nations around the world will convene in Washington, D.C., from August 1-4, 1991, to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Peace Corps. Festivities and meetings are being planned to honor the contributions of all who have served and to highlight the continuing need for citizen-to-citizen work to promote global understanding and peace. On the following pages is detailed information about activities and events that will take place.

Friends of Brasil, the alumni group for former Peace Corps Volunteers and staff who worked in Brazil, will be holding its own reunion with special meetings and social events. These FOB goings-on will be scheduled around the major events of the larger 30th Anniversary Conference of the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

### A Brief History of the Peace Corps in Brazil

Peace Corps programs in Brazil began in 1962 and ended in 1980. At one time or another, PCVs worked in all the regions of the country, at the invitation of host country agencies in both the public and private, non-profit sector. During this period more than 4000 volunteers worked in the areas of Community Development, Agriculture,

Health and Nutrition, Education, Rural Electrification, Environmental Conservation, and Business, among others.

By the end of the 1960's, Peace Corps programs began to be concentrated in the South-East, Central-West, Northeast, and North regions of Brazil. After 1975, volunteers were assigned to only Bahia and points north. Finally, Peace Corps programs were phased out entirely by the end of 1980, evidently as a result of complex political factors both within Brazil and between Brazil and the United States.

Brazil Peace Corps programs touched the lives of thousands of volunteers, their host country counterparts, extended families, and communities. Most former Brazil volunteers, like most other PCVs who worked around the world, wouldn't hesitate to agree that they got more than they gave from their experience. Another facet of our collective experience in Brazil has been lasting personal links that many former volunteers developed with their host country. According to anecdotal reports, Brazil is one of the countries that has seen a high percentage of former PCVs stay on or return for work in other fields. In addition, there have been many marriages between former volunteers and Brazilian nationals.

### Looking to the Future

Brazil, like the U.S., has changed a great deal since the time of the Peace Corps program. The challenge to Friends of Brasil is to build upon our past experiences to help guide our plans for involvement in the present. Besides personal reconnections, most of our



members have a strong interest in learning about, and helping to support, projects that are helping to make a difference in the lives of Brazilians. When Peace Corps began, Brazil had primarily an agricultural economy. Now, most Brazilians live in cities. There have been political changes in Brazil as well, the most significant being the return to civilian, elected government. It may well be that in the future we may be able to be involved in the development of bilateral volunteer programs between the two nations, as we share many mutual issues and concerns.

The 30th Anniversary celebration of the Peace Corps will give us a chance to reflect on the past, and to work on developing a vision for the future. The strength of Friends of Brasil is you, our members and soon-to-be members. If each of you can make a small commitment of your time and energy, together we can begin to help make a difference in educating those here in the U.S. about Brazil and in working with Brazilians to help in their own country.

**Join us in Washington, D.C., this  
August!  
Join Friends of Brasil Now!**

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**Friends of Brasil** is an alumni organization for former Peace Corps Volunteers who served in Brazil; however, membership is open to all those interested in Brazil. FOB is affiliated with the National Council of RPCVs, based in Washington, DC.

We strive to keep our members informed about current events and issues in Brazil, to maintain ties with Brazil and the Brazilian people and with relevant organizations in the US. We aim to help increase awareness and understanding of Brazil here in the US and support grassroots development projects in Brazil.

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**Friends of Brasil**  
P.O. Box 92  
West Newton, MA 02165  
(617) 899-2703

FOB holds yearly reunions in conjunction with the National RPCV conference and publishes the quarterly newsletter **Jornal da Amizade**. Annual dues, which includes a subscription to **JA** and a member directory, are \$15.

*Send material for newsletter to:*

**Jornal da Amizade**  
7303 23rd Ave NE  
Seattle, WA 98115  
(206) 525-1270

## Friends of Brasil '91 Reunion

Come celebrate 30 years of the Peace Corps  
with Friends of Brasil!  
August 1-4, 1991, in Washington, D.C

- **Meet** old friends and colleagues from your Peace Corps days.
- **Learn** what is happening in Brazil today.
- **Enjoy** Brazilian food, beverage, and music.
- **Help** support Friends of Brasil.
- **Join** the group and receive our **Jornal da Amizade** newsletter and a copy of the latest **FOB Directory** of former PCVs and staff.

Plans are now under way for FOB group gatherings, including a Friday afternoon update on contemporary Brazil, a Saturday reception at the Brazilian Embassy, a special FOB social hosted by members, dinner at a Brazilian restaurant, and much more!! Friends of Brasil will also have a booth at the Exhibit Pavilion on the Mall (helpers needed!) and will be electing officers and planning for the coming year.

Obs. It is possible to attend the FOB Reunion regardless of whether one is registered for the National Council of RPCVs Conference. We hope that you will join in **all** the festivities, but there is no obligation.

A small fee will be charged to cover expenses of the FOB reunion events.

Please fill out the brief form below and send it to one of the FOB Reunion organizers to let them know that you are coming:

Lacey Gude  
1316 New Hampshire Ave. NW, # 501  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
(202) 833-3614

or

John Reeder  
909 N. Madison  
Arlington, VA 22205  
(703) 536-7834

### Yes! I am coming to the Friends of Brazil Reunion.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name in PC (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

State and Years of Peace Corps service: \_\_\_\_\_

*Are you a member of Friends of Brasil? If not, join now!! Use membership form on page 8.*

I want to help with the Reunion \_\_\_\_\_

I can work at FOB Exhibit booth \_\_\_\_\_

**Brazil 13 Reunion**

Are you looking for your group? Chances are we are trying to locate you, too! If you were in Brazil #13 (October, 1964–October, 1966) and trained at the Experiment in International Living, Brattleboro, Vermont (Oct.-Dec., 1964) and the Virgin Island (Jan., 1965) and went to Mato Grosso, Bahia, Espirito Santo, Minas Gerais, or possibly other states, in Community Health Projects, chances are you were in our group.

We will be having a reunion for all former members of the group, starting on Wednesday, July 31, at one of the NCRPCV Conference hotels (location to be announced). On tap for Wednesday evening at 5 p.m. is a social hour, to be followed by a dinner. Thursday, August 1, we will meet for brunch, before joining up with the main conference and general FOB events.

Please let us know right away if you will be coming.

Call or write:

Betty (Reeves) Shackelford	or:
P.O. Box 749	Joan & Dave Drenth
Marysville, CA 95901	10301 Brunswick Circle
(916) 742-4500 (days)	Bloomington, MN
55438	
(916) 786-2685 (evenings)	(612) 835-1093

**Brazil 21 Reunion**

Calling all 1965-1967 PCVs who trained at the University of Florida, beginning June 1965, for Urban Community Development projects in Bahia, Paraiba, Distrito Federal and possibly other states. If you would like to have a training group reunion in D.C. at the 30th Anniversary Conference, please contact:

Elizabeth Scheffey Santos (BA, '65-'67)  
 P.O. Box 994  
 Pottstown, PA 19464  
 (215) 326-9156

**Reunion For Brazil RPCVs of June 1966-68**

Were you part of the group that trained at Georgetown University in the Summer of 1966? Three groups: Electrical Engineering (Group 512-66-07-06); School Lunch (Group 512-66-08-06) and University Education (Group 512-66-09-06) took their Portuguese training together at Georgetown; some stayed at the National 4-H Center. The University Ed. group may have been called “Brazil 31.”

Some of your training mates would like to have a group reunion at the FOB/NCRPCV Conference in August. If you were part of one of these training groups, please contact:

Barbara Pugh (RN, '66-'68)  
 8123 SW 57th Avenue  
 Portland, OR 97219  
 (503) 244-9081

**Hotel Registration for the National Conference**

For those planning to stay in a hotel during their attendance at the 1991 NCRPCV Conference, use the form on the reverse. To guarantee room in your preferred hotel, be sure to send your request as soon as possible. This form must be sent separately from the Conference registration. Mail to:

RPCV Travel  
 P.O. Box 8614  
 New Haven, CT 06531





## Conference Registration

On the reverse is the registration form for the 1991 NCRPCV Conference. If you plan to attend the conference, use this form; included is membership in the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

The theme of the conference is Continuing to Serve and a new element has been added—Volunteer Day. Conference attendees will spend their Volunteer Day in non-political service activities that reflect topics of concern to communities throughout the country.

Choose the area of your preferred activity by checking one of the following:

- Education
- Health
- Housing
- Environment

To complete your registration, attach your fees and this form, then send everything to this address:

NCRPCV/30th  
2119 S Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005-4011

If you have any questions regarding the conference, call the NCRPCV at:

(202) 462-5938

Note: FOB members have until the extended deadline of June 15 to register at "early bird" rates.

## Precisamos de Vocês!

To members and non-members alike: **Friends of Brasil needs your active participation**

Here's what you can do:

- 1) Join or renew your membership now!
- 2) Come to the 1991 FOB Reunion
- 3) Volunteer to be a group leader in the 1991/92 year!

We've come a long way in the three short years since Friends of Brasil began. We've begun to reconnect with former PCVs and staff who served in Brazil, but still need to locate some 3000 of you. We've published eight issues of our informative newsletter, as well as two membership directories. We've been running a successful fund-raising campaign that has enabled us to begin to make donations to a self-help training project for small farmers in Brazil, and to two US-based groups.

We exchange newsletters with several national groups both in the U.S. and in Brazil.

We'd like to do even more! With your help, we can! But without it, Friends of Brasil is in grave danger of extinction! If you want to see us continue, to see Jornal da Amizade and directories continue to be published, to continue to have reunions and reconnect with old friends, to continue to our links with Brazil, then volunteer now!

A new slate of officers is needed as of August 1. All positions are open: Co-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as chairs for all committees and additional Board members. Those of us who served in the past will help you learn the ropes; the experience is rewarding. The jobs are not difficult, but your commitment is needed now for our group to continue. To volunteer, please let us hear from you ASAP! Contact the current Co-Presidents:

Joan Ramos  
7303 23rd Ave. NE  
Seattle, WA 98115  
(206) 525-1270

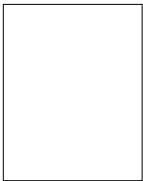
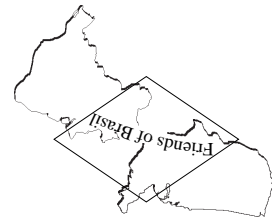
Tom Folan  
P.O. Box 92  
West Newton, MA 02165  
(617) 899-2703

Thanks; we're awaiting your call.

**Directory Information/Membership Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Peace Corps Service or other Brazil experience (mo/yr):  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Departure \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Program(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Country (if not USA) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Home: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Site(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Work: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Member of National Council of RPCVs? \_\_\_\_\_ Current Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Friends of Brasil  
7303 23rd Ave NE  
Seattle, WA 98115



**Join/Renew Friends of Brasil now!**

Enclosed is payment for:  \$15/household  
 \$10/student/low-income  
 This is a Renewal  Add \$5/Overseas mail  
 \$20/Single NCRPCV dues  
 \$27.50/Family NCRPCV dues  
Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate those areas in which you can contribute your energy to Friends of Brasil:

- Social
- Newsletter
- Membership
- Education
- Fund Raising



Please make checks payable to "Friends of Brasil" and mail with this form to:  
Friends of Brasil • c/o Karen Thielke • 19518 14th Ave. NW • Seattle, WA 98177



Please list below the names & addresses of other RPCVs or Staff who served in Brasil so that we can add them to our mailing list: \_\_\_\_\_  
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