



Newsbits

Steve Vetter's special Facebook site

President and CEO Steve Vetter travels the globe representing Partners of the Americas work, and Facebook is one of the best ways to follow his adventures. Find Steve at www.facebook.com/vetterconnect.

A site with resources for teaching/learning English produced by Ian Brailsford <http://cocha-lina.yolasite.com/> Ian was a Teacher-in-Residence participant in 2010.

Grant Development Workshop

At the September Board meeting Kitty Stalberg presented a workshop on the details of developing a grant to present to Partners International. It will assist more NCPOA members to participate in the process of preparing a grant proposal.

Expanding our programs

Have a good idea for a speaker or a presentation of interest to expand the opportunities for our members to attend and to enrich the international experience of members of NCPOA and others? Let an officer of our partnership know.

Pay your dues easily online now! Go to the Website www.ncboliviapartners.org, go to the DONATE page, and you'll be able to make a secure payment of dues or other donation!

NCP History

Years ago a small committee put together a history of our partnership, which was founded in 1976. Kitty Stalberg as Past-President has written the summary of her two years as president to bring it up to date.

The history is available in digital form

NC Partners Website Visit our Website at www.ncboliviapartners.org to see news, calendar, photos, past issues of the newsletter, and more! You'll find Partners International at www.partners.net Dues and other payments and donations may be made at our Website through PayPal.

Annual Meeting

Steve Gibson is interested in applying for Del Mar Funds to fund the cost of solar stoves--\$150 per stove (\$1500 total). Dr. Joseph Molnar, who has been involved in the medical team project of surgery for children with severe burns, also is involved as he sees the stoves as a way to prevent burns.

Presenters at the meeting were Kathy Johnson of Interact, just returned from her project visit to Cochabamba



Kathy, speaking about how to prevent and intervene in family violence.



Linda Watson, member of the team who presented conferences on Autism in major Bolivia cities (Cochabamba, La Paz Santa Cruz)

← Linda, shown here with Betsy Crais, another participant in the group of four presenting in Bolivia.

and Laura Cernikova (shown below), 2012 Teacher-in-Residence in Cochabamba.



Attendees also watched a message to our Partnership from Steve Vetter <http://youtu.be/RZ5DfRr9g9I> and a video on Partners Network & Affiliations. In his "fireside chat", he mentioned by name some of the projects of our Partnership --of Steve Gibson, Carlos and Wilma Vargas, the Autism conferences, Elena Jimenez.



Cell Phone and Printer Cartridge Fundraiser

I recently sent in some donated printer cartridges, older cell phones, and a digital camera to the cash-for-recycling place we have dealt with over the past several years, and we are receiving a check for NC Partners. Don't forget to collect these items --your own, ask at your office, or any groups with which you're associated-- and turn them in at a meeting, or if you have a bunch, connect with Sallie Abbas for info on how to ship them directly, via FedEx, at no cost to you, and NCPOA benefits!

Thank you to Mary Helen Ferguson, Heike Meissner, Rodney Swink, and some others for helping collect these!

Wreath Sales Fundraiser



Again this year Rodney Swink headed up the wreath-selling project. This is a way to bring in funds for the NCPOA programs. Thank you, Rodney!

One of the new initiatives Steve mentioned was 100,000 Strong in the Americas in which the Department of State will collaborate with Partners and NAFSA to increase study abroad throughout the Western Hemisphere.

The following officers were elected and began their terms of office:

President - Chris Stalberg; Vice-President – Karen Brown; Treasurer – Judy Gibson (continuing); Secretary - Kitty Stalberg; Past-President/Advisor – Sallie Abbas; Board Members are Rodney Swink, Steve Gibson, George Wilson, Virginia Freedman, Richard Whitmore, Ben Timmons, Deborah Wilkes, March Krotee, Don Hopkins, Robert Pyle, Carlos Vargas, Laura Cernikova, Hank Graden. The meeting finished with members' Table Discussions regarding the Annual Plan



Steve Vetter, President of Partners of the Americas, shared this quotation recently:

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give others permission to do that same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." -Nelson Mandella Inaugural Speech, 1994, written by Marianne Williamson.



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Board Members:

Includes the Executive Committee above, and Hank Graden (chair), Karen Brown, Mary Helen Ferguson, Virginia Freedman, Stephen Gibson, Judy Gibson, Hank Graden, Don Hopkins, March Krotee, Heike Meissner, Larry Nelson, Robert Pyle, John Sabella, Christian Stalberg, Kitty Stalberg, Rodney Swink, Benson Timmons, Carlos Vargas, Deborah Wilkes, Richard Whitmore, L. George Wilson.

Subcommittees and Chairs:

Culture and the Arts - Art Waber, Martha Keravouri, Lee Moore
 Health and Clinical Practices-Carlos Vargas, Ben Timmons
 Agriculture -Steve Gibson
 Emergency Preparedness- Steve Cohen
 Education –Karen Brown, Deborah Wilkes
 Sports -March Krotee
 Membership - Virginia Freedman
 The committees Women and Development and Democratic Initiatives are not active.
 We are in need of someone to lead the Social Committee

Officers of the Cochabamba Partners

[The change to new officers will take place in late January or early February]

Past President: Dra. Daysi Marlene Mercado V.
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President: Arq. Rosario Claros
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Vice President: Lupe Buendia

General Secretary: Monica Niño De Guzman

On the Calendar (2013):

Executive Committee meeting	January 14, February 11	Cyberspace, via Skype
Board Meeting*	March 16, 9am-noon	A&T Univ. Greensboro
Executive Committee meeting	April 8 May 13	Cyberspace, via Skype
Board meeting*, Mid-year meeting	June 15	TBD
Executive Committee meeting	July 8, August 12	Cyberspace, via Skype
Board Meeting*	September 21	TBA
Executive Committee meeting	October 14 November 11	Cyberspace, via Skype
Board meeting*, Annual Meeting	December 14	TBD

*Quarterly Board Meetings are held on Saturdays, 9:30-12:00. Members may attend these meetings.

Partners Blog www.partnersoftheamericas.net

Don't forget to check the Partners blog to find out what's going on in other Partnerships (This is different from the Partners of the Americas website at www.partners.net)

Look what was featured in a recent one!

Thursday, December 6, 2012

North Carolina Partners' Autumn 2012 Newsletter

Get the latest updates from the North Carolina-Cochabamba Chapter in the most recent edition of the *Cocha-Lina Herald*.



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Posted by Team Partners at 11:21 AM No comments:
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What else is there? Youth programs, follow-up articles on Colombia, sports for development programs, health, energy, employment, so much more!

Photos below from Kathy Johnson's presentation at the Annual Meeting (see p. 1)

