



Connecticut RPCV E-News

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National Peace Corps Association

“On March 1, 2012 the National Peace Corps Association will hold its eighth annual National Day of Action in support of the Peace Corps, the one day of the year when we encourage everyone to take five minutes to contact their members of Congress.

Plan a March 1st Action in Your Community!

“Not coming to Washington? Remember that while we will have a contingent of advocates on Capitol Hill March 1st, the biggest voice on that day will be the phone calls and emails you send from home!

Taking that action from home should take only five to ten minutes. If you can devote some more time for action, there are a number of activities you can consider.

Follow [this link](#) for some possibilities, or contact us with an idea of your own.”

membership

Call for Recipes

International Game

Have you paid your annual dues? You support helps us stay connected!

Click [here](#) to join or pay your membership fees!

Stay connected through our Peace Corps links - just click below!

CT RPCV Website

Get updated news about events and our members!

National Peace Corps Association

Stay connected to our national community and representation in Washington!

Peace Corps Website

The Mother Ship – full of information for RPCVs from how to spread the word to finding great job opportunities!

Peace Corps Encore!

Want to do it again? Encore! sends former Peace Corps Volunteers and staff members back into the field on short-term assignments (typically three weeks to three months) that match

“Winter 2012 RPCV Career Conference and Peace Corps Week Festivities: Washington, DC

Monday, February 27, 2012 - Friday, March 2, 2012

Location

Peace Corps Headquarters, 1111 20th St., NW, Washington, DC 20526

Time

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Description

Each Returned Volunteer Services career conference draws over 150 RPCVs from all around the U.S - make sure you're one of them! At this five-day intensive conference, you'll learn in-depth strategies to make yourself stand out from other job-seekers. You will also have opportunities to celebrate Peace Corps Week and "bring the world home" through a variety of Third Goal activities. This conference provides an excellent opportunity to network with other RPCVs and RPCV-friendly employers, so if you're feeling lost and lonely in this difficult economy, please join us.”

For more information, please visit

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=resources.returned.cares.carevents.event&eventid=44>



CT Food Bank ...

CTRPCV will sort food on April 21

The Connecticut Food Bank annually distributes more than 15 million pounds of food to six of the state's eight counties. Donations come from the food industry, through community member and corporate contributions, and via government subsidies.

their professional expertise with specific social needs.

Contact Us

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Other links of interest :

Peace Corps Online

The Independent News Forum serving Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

PC Online Crossroads

Links to every Peace Corp website you can think of!

Peace Corps Writers

A site for returned Peace Corps volunteers to post their stories. Offers writing workshops, awards, publishing, and other resources; newsletter archives, etc.

Global TeachNet

The objective of Global TeachNet is to promote students' knowledge of, understanding of and respect for the people, cultures and nations of the world. Global TeachNet is this country's premier resource for global education.

At the CT Food Bank donations are organized and sorted by products before they are distributed at the warehouses. Member programs send representatives to the warehouses to shop for food that is then distributed to those who need it most at local food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters.

CTRPCV volunteers will inspect, sort and pack non-perishable food at CT Food Bank in East Haven on Saturday, April 21st from 9 AM to noon. Families welcome... it's a great service project for kids. If you are interested: call Lois Fucci at 203-239-0169.

Global Health & Innovation Conference 2012 Presented by Unite For Sight, 9th Annual Conference Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA Saturday, April 21 - Sunday, April 22, 2012

Please visit <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference> for more details.

"A Meeting of Minds"--CNN

The Global Health & Innovation Conference is the world's largest global health conference and social entrepreneurship conference. This must-attend, thought-leading conference annually convenes 2,200 leaders, changemakers, students, and professionals from all fields of global health, international development, and social entrepreneurship. [Register during January to secure the lowest registration rate.](#)

Interested in presenting at the conference? [Submit a social enterprise pitch](#) for consideration.

The conference's confirmed speakers include:

Keynote Addresses

- **Sasha Dichter**, Chief Innovation Officer, Acumen Fund
- **"Mission in a Bottle: From Yale Classroom to Beverage Change Agent," Seth Goldman**, President and TeaEO of Honest Tea
- **Jeffrey Sachs**, PhD, Director of Earth Institute at Columbia University; Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University; Special Advisor to Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon
- **Sonia Ehrlich Sachs**, MD, MPH, Director of Health,

Millennium Village Project, Earth Institute at Columbia University

There will also be speakers on **Global Health and ...** - Design Thinking; Education Initiatives; Environment, Energy, and Food; Film, Photography, Art; Healthcare Delivery Models; Health Policy & Advocacy; Infectious Disease; Maternal and Child Health; Non-Communicable Diseases; Organization Management; Research; Philanthropy; Social Enterprise; Social Entrepreneurship; Social Media & Marketing; Surgery; Technology; Water & Sanitation; "Advice From The Experts" Panels; and See more speakers at <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>



Hole in The Wall Gang Camp

Volunteer Project... Saturday, June 30th in Ashford, CT

On June 30th, CTRPCV's will participate in a volunteer day at The Hole In The Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, CT. Since 1988 the camp has served as a non-profit residential summer camp and year round center for children coping with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. All of the camp's services are free of charge. This unique camp, created by Paul Newman and his friends, provides a sense of normalcy for children who may have missed out on aspects of their childhood. We will be changing bed linens (about 150 beds) for the campers who will arrive the next day. This is truly a rewarding project and well worth our time and efforts.

Please plan to participate and bring your family (children should be 15,16 or older). If you are able to volunteer call or email Lois Fucci, 203-239-0169, lafucci@comcast.net.

WHEN: June 30th, Saturday

WHERE: Ashford, CT

TIME: 9:30 AM -12:00 (noon)

Opportunities to serve through Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven

Every year volunteers contribute over 2,500 hours of time, either individually or as part of a group, to help Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven accomplish its goal of eliminating poverty housing in the New Haven area.

Volunteers participate in a large range of activities on behalf of HfHGNNH, including volunteering on our construction sites or in the office, serving on one of our committees or working on special events.

For information about volunteering as an individual or as a group, please contact Ellen McNally, Volunteer Coordinator, at <mailto:emcnally@habitatgnh.org> or (203) 785-0794, x.10.

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Media recommendation by David Stoloff

Kristof, Nicholas D. and Wudunn, Sheryl (2009). *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.

The authors', journalists for *The New York Times*, purpose for this text is "to recruit you to join an incipient movement to emancipate women and fight global poverty by unlocking women's power as economic catalysts. That is the process under way – not a drama of victimization but of empowerment, the kind that transforms bubbly teenage girls from brothel slaves into successful businesswomen." They describe the tragedies of sex trafficking and world-wide slavery, in magnitude larger than ever on this planet, through the story of its victims. The efforts of new abolitionists, micro-credit programs, education, and medical interventions in raising the quality of life for women and all members of endangered communities proceed a list of action plans for the reader. They include four steps on can take in the next ten minutes to make a difference – 1) open an

account at <http://www.globalgiving.org> or <http://www.kiva.org>; 2) sponsor a girl or a woman through Plan International, Women for Women International, World Vision, or American Jewish World Service; 3) sign up for e-mails updates on <http://www.womensenews.org> or <http://www.worldpulse.com>; and 4) join the CARE Action Network at <http://www.can.care.org>. This text has been selected as the book of the year being read by the entire UCONN community.

GrantStation membership

CTRPCV has a membership in GrantStation for one year. This enables us to search their data base to see if there are grants that we can apply for that would help us fund our CTRPCV Community Service Grant Fund. If anyone has some knowledge of how to apply for grants and would be interested in helping to search for grants, please contact Maureen Shanley at MaureenShanley@hotmail.com.



“Exotic” --- Recipes ... share yours!

At our Potluck Dinners people are always asking for the recipes of the food they just ate. Please think about making copies of your recipes to hand out. This is just another way to “Bring the World Back Home Again”! We’d love to put them on our website too!



Recommended places for unwinding

Introducing a new section for the CTRPCV e-newsletter where members share a special place for unwinding in the world. The location may be in Connecticut or anywhere

away from home. Please send a short description (100 words) to the [e-newsletter editor](#) with the name of place, location, cost for the rental, amenities, local places of interest and restaurants, transportation, contact information, and other details.

February 2012:

**Puerto Rico Vacation Home recommended
by [Louise Cox \(Vania\) \[davlouc@cox.net\]](#):**

The rental is in Mayaguez, the western part of PR.

Cost is:

1-4 people, 1 bedroom \$550/week . Plus \$70 cleaning fee

5-6 people, 2 bedrooms \$650/week. Plus \$75 cleaning fee

7-8 people, 3 bedrooms, \$750/week. Plus \$80 cleaning fee

We don't have specific addresses of places to eat. etc. We just explored the area (as a PCV does) and found many things. There are Walgreens around, K-mart, GPS and cell phones work fine. Mario and Mercedes are completely bi-lingual. The owners are very helpful. For more details and comments by those who have stayed there, please visit <http://www.vrbo.com/262214>.

For additional information on the properties:

<http://www.homeaway.com/search/keywords:Mayaguez%2C+Puerto+Rico> [when you click on this, look down to 'Affordable Country House in Tropical Forest'. This is where we stayed. The other is nearby, smaller, more intimate]

Louise

An International Game

So... you think you know your geography?

Take the "Pilot's" test below.

<http://www.lufthansa-usa.com/useugame2007/html/play.html>

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PEACE by piece

New York Regional Office Newsletter

Share a story and photos from your Peace Corps experience!

Peace Corps invites current and returned Volunteers and Staff to share a story and photos from your Peace Corps service or employment. Help us reach our goal of collecting stories and photos from each country where Peace Corps has served, and from each decade of Peace Corps history.

Volunteers

[Contribute a Volunteer Story](#)

[Contribute a Volunteer Photo](#)

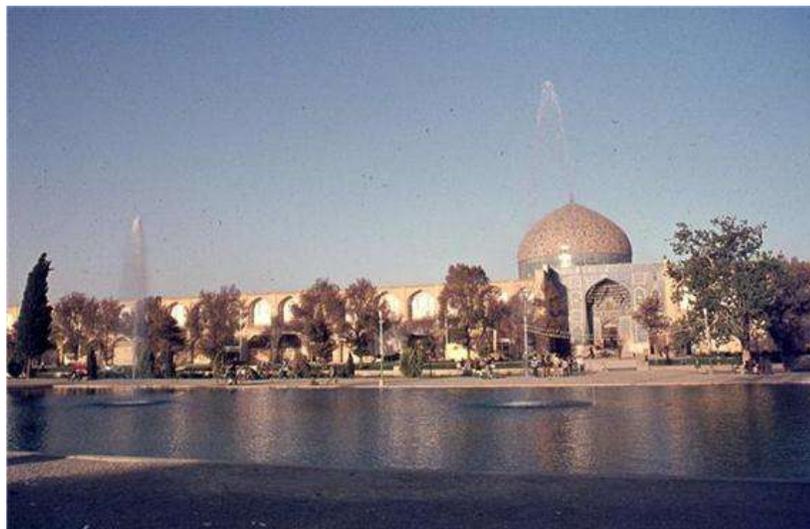
Staff

[Contribute a Staff Story](#)

[Contribute a Staff Photo](#)

If you are not a Volunteer or Staff but would like to submit material to the Digital Library, please contact us at digital@peacecorps.gov.

For more information on what the digital library is and is not, download [Using the Peace Corps Digital Library](#): a guide for the Peace Corps community (PDF).



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