



Connecticut RPCV E-News

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

Upcoming Events:

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September 22	Sat	Arranged through The National Peace Corps Association Social Network	Global House Party – Would you like to host a party?
September 29	Sat.	2 – 5 pm 5 - 8:30 pm	Board Meeting. & General Annual Mtg.- CT Forest & Parks

Annual CTRPCV Potluck Dinner

Join us on September 29th at 5 PM

... for an evening of fabulous fun with old and new friends!

The 1st TEN RPCVs to arrive will receive a Peace Corps tote bag!!!

If you come to the Board Meeting at 2PM you will be guaranteed a gift!!!



All RPCV's are invited to attend our Board Meetings. Having new voices is always good because the discussion helps us to re-evaluate practices and enables us to incorporate fresh, new ideas!!!

This is ALWAYS a great meeting because families & friends can come and have a great time... we eat strange foods, feel reinvigorated with that ole' PC feeling, and share stories about when we were PCVs.

We'll meet at the CT Forest & Parks Building in Rockfall at 5 PM & we'll start eating at 5:30 PM. But we'd like you to know that from 2:00 - 5 PM

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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 their professional expertise with specific social needs.

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[Other links of interest :](#)

there will be a Board Meeting. All are invited to participate in our board meeting, often one good idea leads to another and we want to hear your ideas.

At the potluck dinner:

Great Guest Speaker ~

***** You will be the SPEAKER!!!**

- We will all introduce ourselves so that you will have a chance to possibly meet someone else who served where you did or meet a neighbor who is an RPCV.
- You are asked to bring 2 – 4 photos on a CD that you can use so you can illustrate the PCV story that you want to share.
- Please invite anyone who might be interested in joining the PC. This will be a perfect meeting for them.

★ There will be a short business meeting.

We'll elect the 2012-13 CTRPCV Board and Committee Members and Committee Chairs.

Nominations will be welcome at the meeting. We'd like more Board Members. In particular we need Committee members, but anyone who attends Board Meetings regularly has an equal vote.

If you have any ideas for a community service project that you are involved with that could use some help... please contact Maureen Shanley.

If you want to organize a potluck dinner or a restaurant dinner meeting, please share your ideas with Maureen. If you would like to be the Restaurant/Potluck Coordinator... it's yours for the asking!

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Thank You...

Rich Dann, Lois Fucci and Bill & Dulari Collier

... For your many years of service to the CTRPCV Board

Please come to this meeting to honor them!!!

They have devoted MANY years to serving as: chairs of a multitude of committees, treasurer, membership chair, vice-president, and president of CTRPCV. In addition they have helped organize: conferences, community service projects, monitor CTRPCV Community Service Grants, CTRPCV fundraisers, legislative action to procure retirement credit in CT for teachers who were PCVs. Most importantly, on a personal note, they have always been there to support me. There have been times when being president was weighing heavy on me, but I always knew that they were there and would pitch in and help whenever I asked. I value their friendship even more than their ever present service to CTRPCV. Please

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.

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Instant RAFFLE ...

We'll have another one of our famous instant raffles!

Please bring an item or two to raffle because our proceeds help **support the CTRPCV Community Service Fund**. Just look around your home... you must have something that someone else would love.



Annual Potluck Directions...

Place:

Connecticut Forest & Park Association headquarters is located in the middle of Connecticut on Route 66 between Meriden and Middletown. It is a spacious room with all the tables and chairs that we could possibly want. There are large windows to let in sunlight. We will meet on the first floor that is on ground level. There are no stairs, it is easy to get into the building and we have a full kitchen and a bathroom available.

When:

Saturday, September 29
Board Meeting ~ 2 PM to 5 PM
Annual Meeting/Potluck Dinner ~ 5 PM until we decide to leave.
** We will eat at 5:30 PM.

What to bring?

The event starts at 5 PM and the meal begins at 5:30 PM.

According to the 1st initial of your last name...

Please bring:

- A - H side dish/salad for 6
- I - S main dish for 6
- T - Z dessert for 6

Driving Directions:

Connecticut Forest and Parks Association
[www.ctwoodlands.org / (860) 346-2372]
16 Meriden Road, Rockfall, CT 06481... between Meriden & Middletown on Rt. 66.

Take I-84 to I-691 which becomes CT-Rt. 66. Coming from the Waterbury, drive approximately 4 mi. on Rt. 66, CFPA will be on your left. It's just after the 4th stop light. Once you pass a building that was once a gas station, it will be the next driveway on the left. The driveway is hard to see at night.



Global House Party on September 22, 2012

How often do you get asked to put on your volunteer cap to simply have a good time? Would you like to host a party?

Now, the National Peace Corps Association is asking you to do just that!

We need 250 Volunteers to host a Global House Party on September 22, 2012.

Will you serve by hosting?

This won't be just any party. It will be a time to celebrate and commemorate the Peace Corps Act which was signed on September 22, 1961. Did Peace Corps impact your life? For better or worse, service has probably changed you. Now is your chance to share the Peace Corps experience with your current (and future!) friends and neighbors.

It's easy - just sign up to host your party now.

We've created a handy toolkit to give you some ideas for hosting your party. But, in true Peace Corps style, the food, music, location, and other logistics are really up to you!

After the parties, we'll collect the names of all attendees to show what happens when the Peace Corps Community acts together. PLUS, this will be a great time to move forward with the National Peace Corps Association's Find the 250k campaign.

If you haven't heard yet, we are looking for EVERY volunteer and staff member of the Peace Corps. Why? Because we believe that together, the Peace Corps Voice is stronger for advocacy, cultural understanding, and service. Each volunteer is important. So far, we have found 87,178 of the people who will serve by 2016. That's why we need your help.

We are asking every Global House Party attendee to give \$10 to the Find the 250k fund. This way, we can ensure a lasting legacy for Peace Corps.

You can even donate now! As a nonprofit organization, we really need your monetary help at this critical time to ensure that we keep the Peace Corps flame alive and help you to stay connected to other Peace Corps Volunteers.

THANK YOU!

Visit The National Peace Corps Association Social Network at:

http://community.peacecorpsconnect.org/?xg_source=msg_mes_network

Letter from Anne Baker, Vice President,
National Peace Corps Association



Dear Maureen,

As Peace Corps enters its second half century of service to our country and to the world, we focus on its Third Goal: bringing the world back home. Next week, we're bringing the world to Providence - and you are invited!

What: Third Goal Expo: Building Global Communities

When: Saturday, September 22 from 1 – 5 pm

Where: Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, RI

Cost: None – it's free!

Join Returned Volunteers, families and friends of currently serving volunteers, educators, applicants and others interested in promoting cross-cultural understanding for an afternoon of exploring, engaging and learning about how you can build global communities wherever you live. This event is free and open to the public. Invite your family and friends to attend. The discussion will be of special interest to teachers, so encourage your friends involved with both formal and informal education to attend.

- Learn how you can engage in bringing the world home to classrooms and communities. **Free resources for the classroom will be available!**
- Discover Peace Corps connections and hear from local Returned Volunteers on how Peace Corps shaped their lives and careers
- Share your ideas to elevate the Third Goal
- Explore countries around the globe through the individual stories of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and their friends and families
- Attend a special introduction and screening of “Leh Wi Tok: When Radio Gives a Voice to the Voiceless”

Where else can you find so much in one afternoon? Your hosts - National Peace Corps Association, Peace Corps, and Rhode Island Returned Peace Corps Volunteers - look forward to welcoming you. For complete, up-to-date details on the Expo and to register in advance (not required, but helpful for our planning), visit <http://bit.ly/ProvidenceExpo>

See you there!

Anne Baker

Vice President

National Peace Corps Association

P.S. – Please help us promote this event by sharing this invitation

with family, friends, teachers, co-workers, neighbors....

Book NOW to travel with RPCVs to Guatemala and the Dominican Republic this fall through NPCA's new Next Step Travel.

<http://travel.peacecorpsconnect.org>

CTRPCV Annual Summer Picnic

... 'twas a wonderful day!

August 25th was a bright and sunny day and it matched the attitude of the 75 RPCVs and perspective PCVs who gathered at Hammonasset State Park, Madison, CT. The tables were laden with all sorts of foods to share and the chatter was on going. It was truly wonderful to have people seeking information about becoming PCVs and those who have already been invited to join the PC come to join us and to have them listen to our STORIES. It was truly a win-win situation.



"EXOTIC" RECIPES ... SHARE YOURS!

At our Potluck Dinners people are always asking for the recipes of the food they just ate. Please think about writing down your recipe and making copies to hand out at the potluck dinner. We would love to include your recipes in our E-newsletter.

PEACE CORPS PLAYGROUP for KIDS

I am interested in getting together with other RPCVs who have little kids and want to meet up for monthly playdates. Now that Spring is here, and Summer is around the corner, I would like to set up monthly gatherings in different places (i.e., children's museums, the zoo, the aquarium, local farms, bicycle trails and parks, bouncy "fun" zones, etc.). The possibilities are endless. If you are interested in being a part of this playgroup, please send me an email with your name, your child's name (or children's names) and age(s), and the town where you live. Expressing your interest doesn't commit you to participate, but it will help me gauge the level of interest and plan the location of the playgroups. Also, if you have any thoughts or ideas regarding the playgroup, please include this with your email. All input is most appreciated.

Keri Singh (Thailand, '94-'96) Email: epigirl105@yahoo.com

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A thank you note from Margo, Peace Corps Volunteer, Angaur Island, Palau, email: margo@palaunet.com to BookAid@aol.com and President Shanley:

Dear Peggy,

Thank you for the four boxes of books you sent back in January! The books arrived in Palau, and were sent to the Peace Corps office, some time in March, according to one of the other Volunteers who was in the office. Unfortunately, at that time we were between local staff support members, so I'm not sure when exactly the boxes reached Palau. The books were stored at the Peace Corps office until Ministry of Education got involved, and the books arrived here on Angaur Island at the end of April. Thank You!



I've attached three photos. The first is of the Third to Fifth Graders with their favorite selections. The second is of the recently combined Seventh and Eighth Grade English class with "The Pearl" (yes, nine boys and one girl, all cousins!).



The Third to Fifth Graders' hands-down favorite was "Puss in Boots", perhaps because of its "adorable" small size, or perhaps because they were already familiar with the story from cartoons.

Ironically, you sent 6 copies of "The Pearl" in a previous shipment and I passed them along to a Peace Corps Volunteer here in Palau, teaching high school. She said that her students *loved* "The Pearl", which I thought would be too difficult, but had already sent her copies on to *another* PCV, who teaches at Palau High School. As you see, we now have copies ourselves again since you sent them in this shipment, and I'm encouraged to try it myself next year! Thank you!

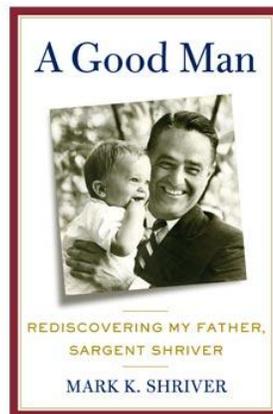
Also in that previous shipment were three copies of "Call It Courage", a coming-of-age story about a Polynesian island boy. The then 3-member Seventh Grade class loved this book, and through Peace Corps Family and Friends we received enough copies for the larger Eighth Grade class to read it as well. Thank you for this wonderful book! The students were split between which they preferred, "Call of the Wild" or "Call it Courage". It was wonderful to be able to read both excellent books as a whole class. We celebrated with movie night, watching a DVD of Charlton Heston in the Disney version. The book was better, of course!

The last photo is of me with the graduating Eighth Grade class. The graduates must leave Angaur Island next school year to live with relatives 4 hours away by boat and attend the only public high school in Palau. We'll miss them. Thank you for sharing your books with us this year! Margo, Peace Corps Volunteer, Angaur Island, Palau, email: margo@palaunet.com



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Media recommendation by Maureen Shanley



“A Tribute to Sargent Shriver

After a lifetime of searching for the path to his father's success in the public arena, Mark instead turns to a search for the secret of his father's joy his devotion to others, and his sense of purpose. He discovers notes and letters from Sarge; hears personal stories from friends and family that zero in on the three guiding principles of Sarge's life-faith, hope, and love-and recounts moments with Sarge that now take on new value and poignancy. In the process, Mark discovers much about himself, as a father, as a husband, and as a social justice advocate. *A Good Man* is an inspirational and deeply personal story about a son discovering the true meaning of his father's legacy.” from <http://www.sargentshriver.org/>

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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.

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An International Game

Visit the Peace Corps Challenge Online Game –
<http://www.peacecorps.gov/kids/>

suggested by David Stoloff – stolofffamily@yahoo.com



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From <http://www.peacecorps.gov/engage>

Peace Corps Digital Library



Although we are into our 51st year, check out these photos that truly capture the Peace Corps experience by viewing the official Peace

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