



# Connecticut RPCV E-News

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## Upcoming Events:

### CTRPCV Calendar

December 9, 2012	Sun	<b>CTRPCV Holiday Party,</b> Windsor Locks, CT
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### CTRPCV Holiday Party ...

Sunday, 12/9, 1-4 PM. Come and share a fun filled afternoon!

Louise Cox (Sierra Leone,'67-9) and David Vania (Iran) have been kind enough to open their home to our CTRPCV group for a HOLIDAY PARTY on December 9th from 1 PM - 4PM.

Our hosts will prepare a ham and CTRPCV will supply the soda & paper/plastic products.

Attendees are asked to bring your favorite holiday appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. If you'd like, bring some wine or beer. Juice, coffee/tea will be provided.

We would appreciate an **RSVP** so we can prepare ahead of time. *Let Louise know what food item you plan to bring. Call or email Louise at (860) 386-6699 or email : [davlouc@cox.net](mailto:davlouc@cox.net)*

so that we will know how many people are planning on attending... and so we don't end up with 12 desserts and no appetizers, wine or beer.

**Please bring... Something Special for the**

**Raffle...** an item that would make a *nice gift* for a friend or family member.

**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.

Contact Us

<http://www.ctrpcv.org>

[ctrpcv@gmail.com](mailto:ctrpcv@gmail.com)

Other links of interest :

Peace Corps Online

*The Independent News Forum serving Returned Peace Corps Volunteers*

PC Online Crossroads

We would appreciate something that is *a bit special*. In the past we have raised \$550 at this event for our CTRPCV Community Service Fund.

Since we are asking for a higher quality raffle item for this Holiday Event, the price of instant raffle tickets will be higher than normal. As always, the proceeds will go to our Community Service Fund.

Directions:

12 Ross Way, Windsor Locks, CT. (860)386-6699

GPS or Google can give the best directions or call us ahead of time. They live near the airport.

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A message from Joan Leonard [jaleonard@snet.net](mailto:jaleonard@snet.net)

Jonathan Pearson, the Peace Corps political advocate in Washington, will be in Connecticut over the holidays. He is available to meet for lunch in Clinton at Aqua restaurant Thursday, December 27 at noon with any RPCV who wish to talk with him, get informed about Peace Corps advocacy and share ideas. I will be bringing copies of the letter we have signed on to that is being sent to President Obama to the holiday party. It advocates for a high level of funding for Peace Corps and promotes the idea that the new Peace Corps director be a RPCV.

For more information, please contact [jaleonard@snet.net](mailto:jaleonard@snet.net)

Rocky's Aqua

- (860) 664-3788                      (860) 664-3788
- [rockysaqua.com](http://rockysaqua.com)

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*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.*



### **"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.

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### **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. 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](mailto:epigirl105@yahoo.com)

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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](mailto:stolofffamily@yahoo.com)

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### **Peace Corps Digital Library**



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