



Connecticut RPCV E-News

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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

You are one of over 300 returned Peace Corps volunteers and/or friends of the Peace Corps who are receiving this e-newsletter. The Connecticut RPCV has about 75 dues paying members. If you are interested in participating in the following CTRPCV events, please also consider joining our group. [Please click here to join and/or pay your annual membership fees!](#)

Please also consider joining the Connecticut Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/37593849149/>.

Upcoming Events:

CTRPCV Calendar

Spring-Summer 2013	Next Step Travel – Dominican Republic and Guatemala
Friday & Saturday, June 28-29, 2013	Peace Corps Connect: Boston 2013
Saturday, June 29, 2013	Peace Corps Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Service Project
Saturday, August 10	CTRPCV Annual Summer Picnic Hammonasset State Park, Madison, CT
September TBD	Annual Potluck Dinner & Meeting

Help Wanted at CTRPCV:

- We need someone who will be our CALENDER poster who will

Get updated news about events and our members!

National Peace Corps Association

Stay connected to our national community and representation in Washington!

Letter from Congressman Joe Courtney supporting the Peace Corps

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

Other links of interest :

Peace Corps Online

The Independent News Forum serving Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

PC Online Crossroads

update our CTRPCV calendar, post our events on the NPCA website, and just get our info about events “out there”.

- Connect RPCVs with requests for speakers. We get about 3- 6 requests a year.
- Restaurant/Potluck/Friday Night Out... Coordinator...

Basically someone who is interested in hosting one of these events contacts you and you share “The Plan” that CTRPCV has developed to help them organize their event.

JOBS ARE BEING FILLED:

- Fundraiser- we need to think of ways to replenish the funds for our CTRPCV Community Service Fund. We can think big& small... all ideas are welcome. **[Al May is heading up this committee, but he would love some help. Any ideas are welcome!]**
- **Jonathan Rosario will be connecting CTRPCV members through the social media** on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.

Next Step Travel

National Peace Corps Association members love to travel and to travel with a purpose. And who better to travel with than Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and their friends and families?

NPCA Next Step Travel program features small group travel (up to 20), hands-on service projects, educational programs and a close-up view of the impact of volunteer service. Our all-inclusive trips are operated by Discover Corps, a program of Terra Education, an experienced leader in educational travel. Their CEO, Andrew Motiwalla, is also a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Honduras 1996-98)! Tickets are available – purchase early using the registration forms below and make your plans.

- **Request More Information**
- **Phone: 1-619-202-4114 1-619-202-4114**
- **Email Us**
- **Registration Form** (*Fill out, print, and submit via mail, email, or fax*)

Upcoming Trips – Spaces Still Available!

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.

Dominican Republic – [click here to find out more](#)

- May 18 – 27, 2013
- May 18 – May 31, 2013

Guatemala – [click here to find out more](#)

- June 1 – 10, 2013
- June 1 – 14, 2013
- August 24 – September 2, 2013
- August 24 – September 6, 2013



Hole in The Wall Gang Camp

Volunteer Project... Saturday, June 29th in Ashford, CT

On June 29th, 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 29th, Saturday

WHERE: Ashford, CT

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

Peace Corps Connect: Boston 2013

SAVE THE DATE – Event is June 28-29, 2013

Join us for the National Peace Corps Association’s second annual gathering — **Peace Corps Connect: Boston 2013**. We invite you all to Boston, Massachusetts on the weekend of June 28-29, 2013 for an event that will encourage you to continue “bringing the world back home” while visiting with friends and having fun.

This being for the Peace Corps community, key elements of this event will be highly interactive and incorporate career networking and knowledge-sharing. By bringing our collective experiences together can support each other and help to solve important development challenges.

Join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter using hashtag **#PCCBOS13**

Why Should You Attend?

Be a part of something bigger than yourself: We all share a Peace Corps history. Now is the chance to connect in-person and combine our collective experiences to learn from each other and help all of us succeed. You’ll make new friendships that might last a lifetime.

Groups: This is a great time to get together with people who served in the same country or live in the same region! Contact Emily Bello to learn more.

Attending

Location: The Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur Boston, MA 02115

Registration: We will announce registration prior to the event. There will be discounts for NPCA members, seniors and recently returned RPCVs as well as special Member Group deals. This is a good time to ensure that your membership is up-to-date. *Learn more*

Schedule: *Check back regularly as more details will be added.*

Where to Stay / How to Get Around

Transportation: Find out more about Boston transit here.

Airport: Book your airline tickets now! The closest airport is Boston's Logan Airport (BOS).

Ground: Most trains and buses connect in Boston's South Station.

Accommodations: NPCA is negotiating group rates at local hotels for event attendees. *Check back for updates.*

Alternative Accommodations: The National Peace Corps Association is partnering with Tripping.com to bring you alternative, affordable accommodations during the Annual Gathering. It's easy! Go here to search the Boston Rentals that are available during the weekend's activities. *(All bookings made through this link via Tripping will help to support the National Peace Corps Association.)*

Sponsorship

Become a Sponsor: There are many ways that you or your organization can sponsor this event. *Learn more*

Exhibit Hall Requests: You may request a table at the Exhibit Hall. To request a table contact *Development*.

Program Ads: For more information on placing an Ad contact Development.

CTRPCV Picnic at the Beach!!!



Our big annual potluck picnic – all are welcome including perspective RPCVs

What: Potluck style picnic at the beach

When: Noon – 3pm, Saturday, August 10th

Only lightning & thunderstorms will make us cancel

because we have a large pavilion to protect us from the sun and rain.

Where: Picnic Shelter #1 Hammonasset State Park, Madison, CT (just off I-95)

What to bring: your own drinks, something to grill, and a dish or dessert to share.

(CTRPCV will provide the paper and plastic products and mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, charcoal.)

Raffle: There will be an INSTANT RAFFLE and the proceeds will go to the CTRPCV Community Service Grant Fund. Please bring something from your travels, a plant, a bottle of something, use your imagination... the more items we have the more winners there will be!

Come out and join your fellow Connecticut RPCV's for an afternoon of fun in the sun!

Our annual picnic will be held this year on Saturday, August 10th from 12-3p.m. at Hammonasset State Park in Madison, CT, just off I-95. We will be at picnic shelter #1. Please note, that there is a parking charge for entering the state park. However, if you are 65 or older, you can apply for a senior park pass, which lets you enter free of charge. You can also purchase family park passes that allow you access to all state parks. Check out www.ct.gov/dep for more information on these passes.

If you have any questions about the picnic, or about rain cancellations on the day of the picnic, please call Maureen Shanley's cell (203)788-0163. We hope to see you there!



**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

from



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

In February 2012, Peace Corps created a new office to help elevate the Third Goal and strengthen Americans' understanding about the world and its peoples. As we reflect back on our first year as the Office of Third Goal and Returned Volunteer Services, we would like to share some office highlights and put you in touch with some of our new offerings.

This Office is an important part of Peace Corps' efforts to support the continuation of service at home by promoting Third Goal activities. We also provide career, educational, and transitional assistance to over 3,500 Volunteers who return to the U.S. each year.

Did you know:

* We launched RPCV Career Link in January, which replaces the old Hotline jobs bulletin with an interactive, real-time jobs platform. Whereas we used to have 40 jobs advertised at any given time, we now have well over 300 vacancies posted, and users can easily search for vacancies.

* We hold returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) Career Conferences in

D.C. and around the country, and we have developed an on-demand library on career-related topics to assist RPCVs in the job search.

* Since the beginning of the year, we've had more than 1,000 people register their Third Goal events and activities for Peace Corps Week 2013 - a 400+ percent increase from the same period last year.

* We are revamping the Correspondence Match program and World Wise Schools website to extend our Third Goal reach and impact to K-12 audiences. And we are always looking for educators to connect with these resources.

* We rely on YOU to tell us what you need, what would be useful, what's not helpful, and what's out there that we should know about.

Thank you for your service. We hope to hear from you!

Eileen Conoboy

Director, Office of Third Goal and Returned Volunteer

What is the Third Goal?

The Third Goal of the Peace Corps aims to help Americans understand the people and cultures of other countries. When Volunteers and friends of the Peace Corps support and engage in Third Goal activities, they promote peace and friendship, and help Americans gain a greater understanding of the world.



Each month, Impact Newsletter features a story about the experience of a returned Peace Corps Response Volunteer. We are always looking for new perspectives from the field and would love to hear from you! Please send your story and at least three photos with accompanying captions to pcresponse@peacecorps.gov. We appreciate the many Volunteers who help Peace Corps achieve the Third Goal!

Open Positions

Peace Corps Response currently has open assignments in various programs around the world. We encourage you to browse the highlighted positions listed below as well as search our database for additional

opportunities.

Needed: Food Production Educators, proficient in written and spoken Spanish - Guatemala

Partner: Feed the Future
RPCV Only

Needed: An Education Quality Assurance & Standards Specialist, with a Ph.D. or Master's Degree in education or social science - Lesotho

Partner: Council on Higher Education
RPCV Only

Needed: A Sanitation Specialist, with advanced Spanish language skills - Peru

Partner: Provincial Municipality and Regional Health Department
Open to All

Needed: A Special Education Training Specialist, with a degree in special education or occupational therapy - Philippines

Partner: Norfil Foundation, Inc
Open to All

Needed: Two Public Relations Specialists, intermediate Russian language skills - Ukraine

Partner: All-Ukraine PLWH Network

Open to All



The Next Step In Changing The World

Advocacy

NPCA and its supporters advocate on issues of importance to the Peace Corps community, including an independent and robust Peace Corps. We also seek to add the experienced voices of returned Peace Corps volunteers to other issues of global concern.

[View the National Peace Corps Association's legislative victories](#)

NPCA also serves to convey the voice of the Peace Corps community and ensure that the Peace Corps remains true to its founding vision

and mission.

Find out the results of the largest independent survey ever conducted to ask Returned Peace Corps volunteers about their experience serving in Peace Corps and beyond.

Check out: [Survey Results Are In: Peace Corps' Impact Over 50 Years.](#)

An example of advocacy,

CTRPCVer Atty. Joan Leonard, jaleonard@snet.net, Clinton, CT received this letter from Congressperson Joseph Courtney discussing his support for the Peace Corps, shared at

<http://www.ctrpcv.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/response-from-Joe-Courtney-0413.pdf>

Upcoming events of potential interest:

**These are events that involve fellow RPCVs...
we'd like to let you know about them...**

**(send David info about an event
that you want to publicize!!!)**

1) Angels in the Casa Art Show

Saturday, May 18, 2013, 6pm –midnight, Art Space Gallery, Return Peace Corps Volunteer, Terese Maineri (Guatemala 2003-2005) to show at Angels in the Casa Art Show.

Please join us for this once in a lifetime celestial Celebration of Art, Music, Food and Wine!

Angels in the Casa Art Show

This event will be a celestial celebration of eclectic talent featuring a collection of artwork in various media including

painting, drawing, sculpture and digital art. All ideologies dealing with the theme of angels will be represented. Additionally, festivities will include a live angels costume celebration for those who would like to participate. The goal of this presentation is to be both entertaining and inspirational and to provide art lovers and collectors with a one of a kind, colourful, sensuous and inspiring array of artistic treasures to enjoy.

*Opening Reception
Saturday, May 18, 2013
6pm -midnight
Art Space Gallery
555 Asylum Ave
Hartford, Ct. 06105*

*Musical guests include:
Soulful Harpist Catherine Brockbank
Singer/Songwriter Xenia Dunford
And
DJ Benjamin Michael
Parking directly across the street at Train Station
\$5.00 vouchers available at gallery*

2) Willimantic Boom Box Parade, July 4th, 2013, 11 am – , Main Street, Willimantic

Consider joining RPCVs at the world-famous Willimantic Boom Box Parade on Thursday, July 4th. The parade starts at 11 am on Main Street, with celebrants playing their boom boxes with patriotic music from local radio station, WILI-AM. For the happenings at past Boom Box Parades, visit <http://www.wili-am.com/parade.htm>.

David Stoloff, RPCV Zaire 1973-75, will buy CTRPCV members their first beer sampler at at WilliBrew -
<http://willimanticbrewingcompany.com/> after the parade, if you contact him at stoloffd@easternct.edu .

3) Walktober

Eastern Connecticut, October – November 2013

If you might be interested in a fall-time stroll in the forests and historic towns of Eastern Connecticut and the Last Green Valley, please see the developing list of events at

<http://www.tlgv.org/resources/walktober2013info.html>

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after your walk, if you contact him at

stoloffd@easternct.edu .

4) **WYNTON MARSALIS...**



PRESENTS

“ABYSSINIAN: A GOSPEL CELEBRATION,”

Attention jazz and gospel music fans:

Christian Community Action (www.ccahelping.org), a New Haven-based ecumenical social services agency where CTRPCV Vice President Al May (Costa Rica 70-72) serves as development director, is sponsoring a fundraiser on Tuesday, October 22 at Woolsey Hall at Yale University in New Haven. It will feature the noted jazz musician Wynton Marsalis. Called “Abyssinian: A Gospel Celebration,” the show was written by Marsalis for the

200th anniversary of New York City's historic Abyssinian Baptist Church. Also featured will be the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. This will be the only New England performance of this show this year. Tickets go on sale after September 1. For further information, contact Al at (203) 777-7848 x 19 or amay@ccahelping.org.

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