

Connecticut RPCV E-News

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International Game

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 – more details below.

Saturdays, June 15, July 13	Community Service project to help build a library In Nicaragua
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
August 2013	Next Step Travel – Guatemala
Saturday, August 10	CTRPCV Annual Summer Picnic Hammonasset State Park, Madison, CT
Saturday, September 7	Fall CTRPCV Potluck Picnic at Sean Sullivan's in Darien

Peace Corps Update

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

Click <u>here</u> 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!

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!

Contact Us

http://www.ctrpcv.org

ctrpcv@gmail.com

Other links of interest:

Peace Corps Online

Help Wanted at CTRPCV:

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

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.

Upcoming Trips – Spaces Still Available!

Guatemala - click here to find out more

- 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 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, lafj@att.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.

TWO Community Service Days to help in Nicaragua



When: 9 AM- 2 PM, Sat., June 15 Sorting & packing boxes.

And 9 AM - 4 PM, Sat., July 13 Packing boxes in the truck that will go to Nica!

Sorting materials & packing boxes

*** Read in the below article about helping a PCV start a LIBRARY in Nicaragua;) CT Quest for Peace will send the books and teaching materials to her.

Come for any length of time that works for you. If you are going to be there for a long time, bring something to eat. Coffee will be served;)

Where: Bridgeport

Sponsor: Maureen Shanley [contact me at 203-775-9222 or

maureenshanley@hotmail.com]

CT Quest for Peace is a faith-based non-profit organization that provides humanitarian aid to the poor of Nicaragua through a variety of educational, healthcare, arts and microfinance initiatives. They work with Nicaraguan community-based partners so that they can assist Nicaragua's neediest through trusted community-based organizers in Nicaragua. All CT Quest-funded humanitarian aid programs are provided freely to needy Nicaraguans regardless of religion, creed, race or tribal origin. While there are five programs that support Nicaraguan families' independence. CTRPCV has been asked to help with the Humanitarian Cargo Aid **program**. This vital program helps Nicaraguan families overcome generational poverty and it is the backbone of CT Quest's work in Nicaragua since the donated cargo shipments do triple service. Cargo shipments provide quality goods to the poor, create funding for community programs and build relationships between you and the people of Nicaragua. Donations are stored at Bill Evan's warehouse in Bridgeport, but many items need to be boxed or re-boxed so that the boxes have no empty space. CTRPCV will meet at Bill's warehouse and work from 9 AM until 2 PM on June 15 and 9 AM – 4 PM. On July 13. Bill will have all the packing supplies, but you might want to bring your favorite tape dispenser (gun) like I do.

I have been working with CT Quest for Peace for years and I have traveled down to Nicaragua to see the various projects and to work with Donna Tabor (RPCV/Nica.) in Granada, Nicaragua. I have seen firsthand that these projects are working and that every effort we make here is greatly appreciated by the recipients. On a personal level, I would be pleased if you could come and assist us in our efforts to send humanitarian aid to the needy in Nicaragua. Please contact me at 203-775-9222 or maureenshanley@hotmail.com to let me know if you are able to help with this project. On the day of the project, call me on my cell 92030788-0163.

For information about CT Quest for Peace go to http://www.ctquestforpeace.org.

If you want to bring donations, contact Maureen Shanley at (maureenshanley@hotmail.com) to see what they need. CT Quest is always looking for SUMMER clothing, school supplies for children, books in Spanish, wheel chairs, kitchen utensils, and bed linens.

Directions to Bill's Warehouse:
William Evans Painting Co.
394 Main St.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Bill's Cell: 203-216-2115
Maureen's cell for June 16th... 203-788-0163

Directions: Basically... follow signs to the Port Jefferson Ferry. At ferry entrance, turn right, 2nd building on the left is 394 Main St. Northbound on RT 95 (Connecticut Tnpk.) Take Exit 27. Go straight off exit ramp for 3 blocks. Turn right onto Broad St. Go 200 yds. and go under the railroad bridge. Take immediate left onto Ferry Access Rd. Go 1 block to intersection. Turn right onto Main St. Travel 100 yds. The building is on left. Bill will have a sign in front and one of his trucks. Both have the name "William Evans Painting Co.".

<u>Directions Southbound</u> on RT 95: (Connecticut Tnpk.)
Take Exit 27. At bottom of ramp take immediate left onto Broad St. Go 200 yds. and go under the railroad bridge. Take immediate left onto Ferry Access Rd. Go 1 block to intersection. Turn right onto Main St-. Travel 100 yds. The building is on left. The name is "William Evans Painting Co.".

ENGLISH LIBRARY FOR TEFL STUDENTS

- ☆ CTRPCV will collect the books and teaching materials
- **☆ CT Quest for Peace will sent the LIBRARY to Nicaragua**

By... Maureen Shanley

Please read the stories below because this is the first time that all three of my VOLUNTEER JOBS have come together. **This is truly serendipitous**;)

I can't tell you how happy it makes me to **KNOW that we can actually create an English Library for a town in Nicaragua**. One of my "Bucket List" ideas was to create a library for a PCV. I had thought that I would only be able to do this by leaving money in my Will to CTRPCV (which I still intend to do). But God has given me the opportunity and the ability to make this happen NOW!!!

I know this article is a bit long... but I am so EXCITED that I want to tell you everything!!!

Original Request from:

Isabel Bauerlein

TEFL Peace Corps Volunteer in Nueva Guinea, RAAS, Nicaragua

I am currently working on a project to start a Community English Learning Center in Nueva Guinea with an English library and access to computers and internet. The center will also provide a space for future teacher workshops, homework help for high school students, English classes and conversation groups. I have a building donated by the Mayor and we are working on getting the city to pay for lights, internet and the salary for a full time person to work the center.

This request was forwarded to me by Donna Tabor an RPCV, ex-pat, who continues to live in and work with the poor in Granada, Nicaragua. You might remember her name because CTRPCV has helped her schools in the past.

Here is HOW the STORY COMES TOGETHER!!!

- 1. As many of you know, I was a **teacher for 32 years**. Since I am on the CEA-Retired Advisory Board, I have asked my 30 board colleagues to collect books at their former schools and public libraries. And now I am going to ask you to read the WISH LIST that Isabel sent me and ask you if you can gather any of these materials too. You can give them to me at any CTRPCV event or you can come to help us pack the truck. June 15, July 13, and Nov. 2 are already scheduled as work days, but we will add more packing days at CT Quest for Peace in Bridgeport in September and October.
- I am also Vice-President of CT Quest for Peace whose mission it is to help the poor in Nicaragua. So I have permission to send whatever books we collect FROM now until November and we will send them to Isabel in July or later in November.
- 3. God only knows how many years I have been on the CTRPCV Board as President or Vice-President!!! (I am very proud that I helped to create and fund the CTRPCV Community Service Fund. That I hope will be my legacy to CTRPCV.) Of course the request for the English Library in Nicaragua came via Peace Corps connections.

So my years of... teaching, assisting the poor in Nicaragua, and working with CT Returned Peace Corps Volunteers has come together at one beautiful moment in time!!! I know that by December when the CT Quest for Peace cargo container arrives in Nicaragua that Isabel will have most of the materials that she will need to open a fully stocked English Library!

After I wrote to Isabel and told her that I would make sure that she would receive enough books to fill her library, I received this email from Isabel.

Maureen,

There are literally tears in my eyes as I am writing this. I cannot believe your generosity. I am so, so grateful for your help with this project. I can't wait to tell my counterpart teachers about it. I'm also excited to tell my mom that she doesn't have to limit the donation size from my home town to my brother's two suitcases.

I finish my service in November 2014. I am looking for English books because this is an English library and resource center, but I would also love bilingual children's books where the books are written in both languages. In general I am looking for preschool

board books (for children aged 0-4), emergent reader books, picture books, children's fiction and non-fiction (elementary aged books), leveled readers, book series (like Magic Tree House), young adult literature (middle school aged), magazines, comic books, graphic novels (are particularly good for English language learners because of the picture support), English grammar books, and **Spanish/English dictionaries**, and any board games or card games. The users of the center would be children up through adults, but they are all learning English as a second language, so I would prefer to have a lot of easier texts (books ranging from a pre-school to a middle school aged level). Books that are motivating for kids in the US are also motivating to kids here.



If you wanted specific book ideas, any of these would be wonderful:

Junnie B Jones books
Captain Underpants
Harry Potter
Judy Blume books
The Lightning Thief series
Diary of a Wimpy Kids books
Magazines (Time, Time for Kids, Sports Illustrated, Sports
Illustrated for Kids, National Geographic, Highlights, Babybug)
The Hunger Games trilogy

Dr. Seus books
Frog and Toad books
Martha Speaks books
Clifford books

Magic Tree House series

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe series

Any ALA, Caldecott, or Newberry award winning books Shel Silverstein or other playful poetry books Modern encyclopedias with colorful pictures I Spy books Ripley's Believe it or Not books Sports books (soccer, baseball in particular) Books that feature Hispanic characters

Part of the goal of the library is to help English teachers and offer them materials they can check out and use in their classes. Any tactile English teaching materials would be amazing as would a few class sets of books (alphabet letters, numbers, shapes, manipulatives, mini-whiteboard, etc).

Learning English as foreign language books and grammar practice books would also be helpful.

There are several university students and English teachers applying for scholarships to study in the United States, and any GRE, TOFL, or GMAT study guides/prep books would be helpful.

Nicaragua is very religious and I've had several people ask me for an English bibles. A few bibles and children's bibles would probably well used here.

I wanted to send you two pictures so you can see the space we are working with. To be honest, it isn't huge, but it's in a great location and it's free. Right now, it is covered in advertisements for a telephone company, but it will get painted. The upper floor has the potential to be an outdoor reading space, a cafe to generate money for the center, or maybe even renovated and enclosed for more space for books or to teach English classes. We don't have any furnishing yet and we would eventually need book shelves, tables and chairs. The hardest part of this project was figuring out how to get books down here and now that problem is solved. I am currently applying for a Peace Corps grant to help with the project and that money can be used to furnish the inside if needed, but we should talk about what could possibly be brought in the truck and I'll adjust my Peace Corps request accordingly.

I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am. I'm thrilled to work with you on this project.

Thank you, thank you, thank you,

Isabel Bauerlein

TEFL Peace Corps Volunteer in Nueva Guinea, RAAS, Nicaragua



I have tagged some book shelves that we have in the CT Quest for Peace warehouse in Bpt. for Isabel. Today at the warehouse I packed up 3 boxes of board games. But she will need all sorts of supplies to set up this library. I really don't know all the other things she will need, but if you think that you have something she could use you can email her at <isabelbauerlein@gmail.com> to make sure that she can use your donation. There is no sense sending down something that she can't use.

Making this project happen is not something that I can do by myself, but I am in the position to...

Ask MANY people for help.
SO THAT IS WHERE YOU COME INTO THE PICTURE....
Any help that you can give would be greatly appreciated.

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!

Fall CTRPCV Potluck Picnic at Sean Sullivan's in Darien on

Sat., September 7. (Rain date Sunday September 8).

Time 1 PM - 4 PM.

Details will follow in the next e-newsletter.



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 <u>e-newsletter editor</u> 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 -

Partner: Provincial Municipality and Regional Health Department *Open to All*

looded: A Special Education Training

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



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: <u>Survey Results Are In: Peace Corps' Impact Over 50</u> 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) 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.

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

2) 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
David Stoloff, RPCV Zaire 1973-75, will buy CTRPCV members their first beer sampler at WilliBrew - http://willimanticbrewingcompany.com/ if he is available after your walk, if you contact him at stoloffd@easternct.edu.

3) 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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Have you paid your dues??? Do you have a new email address??? Click here to join or pay your membership fees!