



Connecticut RPCV E-News

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	June 19 - 21	NPCA Conference in Nashville
	Saturday, June 28 th 9:30 am - noon	The Hole In The Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, CT
	Saturday July 12 5:30 PM	La Fonda Colombian Restaurant 269 Franklin Ave Hartford, CT 06114 Hartford
	Saturday, August 2 nd Noon – 3 PM	Annual Summer Picnic Guilford, CT
	Saturday Sept.13 th	CTRPCV Annual Potluck Dinner In Rockfall @ CT Forests & Parks Bldg. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board Meeting (2 PM)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All are WELCOME• Optional hike on marked trails (4 PM)• Potluck Dinner (5:30 PM)• Presentation by Elizabeth Toomey

Gang Camp
in Ashford,
CT, June
28th

**Help
wanted at
CTRPCV**

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Game](#)

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your annual
dues? You
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us stay
connected!

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- Built a bridge in Madagascar using a CTRPCV Community Service Grant

ImPACT Fest Hartford

Join CT RPCV Terese Maineri at ImPACT Fest Hartford, June 14, 2014 from 11AM to 6PM. Terese will be sharing her art impacted by her Peace Corps experience in Guatemala. ImPACT Fest is a pop up market started in South Africa to help the homeless find economic opportunity. Hartford will continue the tradition to bring attention to the plight of the homeless and celebrate Hartford's diversity. For more information go to: www.hartfordimpactfest.com. Terese would like to invite fellow RPCV to join her at the Abyssinian Ethiopian Restaurant, 533 Farmington Avenue, Hartford following the art event.

Do you have another Event or a Community Service Project that may be of interest to CTRPCVs?

Please email David Stoloff [eNewsletter editor, stoloffd@easternct.edu] to let him know about your project.

MEET AND GREET FELLOW RPCVS

- Create a NIGHT OUT with CTRPCVs that can be as simple as "Lets meet at [your favorite bar or restaurant].
 - Host a POTLUCK DINNER and get to know more CTRPCVs.
- Are you involved in a Community Service Project that could use some helping hands?

Let David know and we can let other CTRPCV members know the details.

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!

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

Hole in The Wall Gang Camp

Volunteer Project... Saturday, June 28th in Ashford, CT



On June 28th, 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, lafj@att.net.

WHEN: June 28th, Saturday
WHERE: Ashford, CT
TIME: 9:30 AM -12:00 (noon)

Hartford Area Restaurant Meeting

[PC Online](#)

[Crossroads Links](#)

to every Peace

Corp website you

can think of!

Saturday, July 12 @ 5:30 PM

- **La Fonda Restaurant**
269 Franklin Ave Hartford, CT 06114
It has authentic Colombian cuisine, with natural juices, appetizers and drinks will be available. Dinners range from around \$12 to around \$20.
- We will be meeting at 5:30 PM.
- Everyone will be responsible for their own meal and drinks since we can have individual checks.
- Everyone is invited to bring an item for our instant raffle to help raise funds for the CTRPCV Community Service Grant Fund.

If you need more information please contact:
Kyle Wilkinson (860-882-9319)
kylewilkinson@email.com

PCV Isabel Bauerlein in Nicaragua received a CTRPCV Community Service Grant

Dear Connecticut Returned Peace Corps Volunteers,

I would like to give you all great big hugs in person, but seeing as though I'm in the middle of the Nicaraguan jungle, an email to show my gratitude will have to suffice.

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donation to my Peace Corps Partnership Project to start a community English learning center. The donation from CT RPCVs made a huge difference and helped us get the funds quickly.

My community and I are so excited to begin work on the building renovations, making the furniture, transporting the thousands of donated books to Nueva Guinea and starting to organize the library. We are thrilled to connect teachers to teaching materials, students to practice materials, and community members to opportunities to learn English. The lending library will also work to help cultivate a culture of reading here. We are excited to meet the community's interests and needs and to empower local community members to learn and teach English. I'm confident this project will greatly help the people of Nueva Guinea grow in their educational and professional opportunities.

Without your help and support, this project would not have been possible.

Thank you so much.

Abrazos,

Isabel Bauerlein

CTRPCV ANNUAL SUMMER Picnic!!!

What: Potluck style picnic at the beach

When: **Noon - 3pm, Saturday, August 2nd**

Where: 178 Durham Road, Guilford, CT 06437

At the home of Joan & Jeff Leonard



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

Joan and Jeff Leonard have graciously offered to host this year's CTRPCV Summer Picnic at their home in Guilford.

The picnic date is for rain or shine because Joan says there is enough space inside if the weather is inclement.

What to bring:

your own drinks, something to grill, and a dish or dessert to share. Portable chairs would be a good to bring.

(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 2 from 12-3p.m. at 178 Durham Road, Guilford, CT 06437. There is limited parking available so we are going to ask attendees to drop off their picnic items at Joan's and then go and park at the computer parking lot. We will shuttle people back and forth.

If you have any questions about the picnic, or about rain cancellations on the day of the picnic, please call Joan Leonard at 203-988-8260. (jaleonard@snet.net)

We hope to see you there!



Directions:

Location: Joan & Jeff Leonard, 178 Durham Rd. Guilford, CT 06437

Directions from East (From New London) – Take I-95 to Exit 58. Right off exit onto Route 77/Durham Rd.

Go north six-tenths of a mile on Rte 77/Durham Rd. Past the police/fire station, tennis court, graveyard. Pass Hubbard Rd on left. Around curve, next left is Sign 176-186 Durham Rd. Look for mailboxes in a small covered structure. Take left onto street/driveway. House is next to last at end of street/driveway.

Directions from West (From New Haven) – Take I-95 to Exit 58 to traffic light. Left off exit onto Route 77/Durham Rd. Follow above directions.

Directions from North (Middletown, Hartford) – Take Route 9 to Middletown then Route 17 to Durham. Go straight through town on Main Street (Rte.17) south. Go through traffic light, then bear left at second fork onto Route 77 south to Guilford 8.4 miles; Cross Route 80 and proceed 3.8 miles, slow down; Sign 176-186 Durham Road will be on right. Look for mailboxes in a small covered structure. Take right onto street/driveway. House is next to last at end of street/driveway.

If you need help with directions, call 203.457.7007.

CTRPCV needs more PAID MEMBERS

You are one of over 400 returned Peace Corps volunteers and/or friends of the Peace Corps who are receiving this e-newsletter. The Connecticut RPCV has about 85 dues paying members.

If you are interested in participating in the above 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/>.

Help Wanted at CTRPCV:

- **FILLED>>>** We need a **SECRETARY** to take notes at our board meetings that occur 3 to 4 times a year.
- **FILLED>>>** 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.
- **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.
- **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.

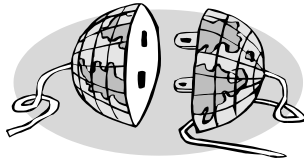
JOBS ARE BEING FILLED 😊

- **Jonathan Rosario** is connecting CTRPCV members through the social media on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.
- **Carmen Britton** is our new secretary.
- **Dan Rosanno** is our new membership chair.
- **Doug Latham** is our member-at-large and he will also assist with the membership.
- **Elizabeth Toomey** will be our calendar updater and will post information on appropriate websites.

WHY someone should **join** CTRPCV.

We need to create a list of **benefits** when one is a member of CTRPCV or a few reasons why we should be members of CTRPCV.

- a chance to break bread with people who are not only like you, but also LIKE you.
- connect with an RPCV who might just be your neighbor!
- ability to receive CTRPCV Directory so you can request help with your favorite community service project.
- if you are newly returned RPCV... we will LISTEN to your story because we too have been there! RPCVs are FAMILY. We never tire of hearing your stories, frustrations, what you miss and what you are finding strange about your return
- help an RPCV find a new job through the Mentor program. Mentor a newbie RPCVs and help them navigate their transition
- help support PCVs and/or CTRPCVs through the CTRPCV Community Service Grant Program.
- keep in the PCV loop, know about short-term stints if you are interested.
- find opportunities to continue to serve locally or overseas.
- find someone who: has kids the same age as yours; others who have married host country nationals.
- let others know about YOUR art, social, sport or local community service project.
- spread the GOOD WORD about the Peace Corps.
- **We want to add a page to our website that would offer FREE ADVERTISING for CTRPCV members who own a business.**



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<http://www.mailoutinteractive.com/Industry/View.aspx?id=561443&q=728755441&qz=429acd>

Join us at Peace Corps Connect – Nashville June 19 - 21

and hear from this year's exciting plenary speakers and award winners! [Mike Tidwell](#), RPCV Zaire (1985-87) and founder of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network will share his insights on the role of the Peace Corps community in promoting environmental sustainability for future generations. [Surin Pitsuwan](#), winner of this year's Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award, discusses his connection to Peace Corps and its influence on his life and career. Find out what's new with Peace Corps from [Carrie Hessler-Radelet](#), Acting Director of the Peace Corps.

And, no trip to Nashville would be complete without live music! Come see a performance by the award-winning [Emmylou Harris](#)!

[Register today!](#)

Plus, all registrants will be entered into a drawing to **win** an Android Nexus 7 tablet!!!

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From Peace Corps Connect - www.PeaceCorpsConnect.org

Peace Corps Connect – Nashville 2014

I just returned from my first site visit to Nashville and it was great! I'm very excited for Peace Corps Connect - Nashville. It's a great city that has a lot to offer our community. We hope your group is planning to join us! We'll be getting things together and completed earlier this year, so please be thinking about how your group can get involved. We'd love to be able to showcase all the NPCA Member Groups. For specific questions about and/or suggestions for Peace Corps Connect - Nashville, please email us at events@peacecorpsconnect.org.

We will also be providing regular updates about Peace Corps Connect – Nashville in these monthly emails.

Please email me at emily@peacecorpsconnect.org if you have questions about any of these topics.

Thank you for all that you do for the Peace Corps Community!

Emily Bello (Benin '02-'04)
Manager of Membership and Operations

Other Upcoming events

of potential interest:

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

(Please send David – stoloffd@easternct.edu info about an event
that you want to publicize!!!)



CTRPCV POTLUCK DINNER

- ✓ Open board meeting
- ✓ Hike in the woods

CTRPCV Annual Potluck Dinner

Saturday, September 13 at 5:30 PM

at CT Forest and Parks Bldg. in Rockfall

- **Our Board Meeting** that is open to everyone will be held at **2 PM** in the same room as the potluck dinner. New ideas are always welcome!
- We are also planning a **hike from 4 - 5:30 PM**. The woods surrounding the CT Forest & Parks building where we meet has marked trails that are open to the public. So we would like to take advantage of that opportunity.
- Anyone interested in being with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and hearing our Peace Corps stories is welcome to attend our events!!!

❖ **Elizabeth Toomey** will share with us photos that document her use of the CTRPCV Community Service Grant that she received while she was a **PCV in Madagascar**. A few of us have seen her presentation... you're going to love it!

❖ Come share some RPCV food at our annual potluck dinner.

- Meet & Greet 5:30 – 6 PM.
- Dinner will start at 6 PM.

What to bring:

Food for 6 to share according to the first letter of your last name:

- A-H: main dish for 6 people
- I-S: dessert for 6 people
- T-Z: side dish or salad for 6 people

❖ A **raffle item** or two (optional) - the perfect opportunity to regift!

❖ All the proceeds from the Instant Raffle go into our CTRPCV Community Service Grant Fund.

- Just look around your house...you probably have something that someone else would love. Perhaps you have something special from your country of service! A plant, a cake, a bottle of wine... you name it...

Where:

CT Forest and Park Association Building
16 Meriden Road, Rockfall, CT 06481
...between Meriden & Middletown on Rt. 66

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 that makes it easy to get into the building because there are no stairs. There is a full kitchen and a bathroom for us to use. Maureen will stay in the room to accept food and raffle items since she cannot hike. Yes, her broken is healing... but hiking is not her best activity right now.

Annual Potluck Directions...

Connecticut Forest and Parks Association
<http://www.ctwoodlands.org/> (860) 346-2372]

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 used car lot that was a Citgo gas station, it will be the next driveway on the left. The driveway is hard to see at night.

Send me your news and announcements for the next E-news! MaureenShanley@hotmail.com.

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