



# Connecticut RPCV E-News

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All membership, donation, activity announcements, Peace Corps stories, and correspondence may also be sent to **CTRPCV, P.O. Box 1803, Hartford, CT 06144.**

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## CTRPCV events

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The Hole in the Wall

## Some Upcoming CTRPCV Events:

Saturday, June 28 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 am - noon	The Hole In The Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, CT
Sunday, June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 11 am -	Peace Corps Northeast Regional Office 's participation in New York City's Pride March and Pride Fest
Saturday, July 12 5:30 PM	La Fonda Colombian Restaurant 269 Franklin Ave Hartford, CT 06114 Hartford
Friday, July 25 2014, 5 pm -	Western MA RPCVs' PotLuck 197 River Road, Whatley, MA 01093
Saturday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup> Noon – 3 PM	Annual CTRPCV Summer Picnic Guilford, CT
Saturday Sept.13 <sup>th</sup>	CTRPCV Annual Potluck Dinner In Rockfall @ CT Forests & Parks Bldg. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Meeting (2 PM)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ All are WELCOME</li></ul></li><li>• Optional hike on marked trails (4 PM)</li><li>• Potluck Dinner (5:30 PM)</li><li>• Presentation by Elizabeth Toomey</li></ul>

Gang Camp  
in Ashford,  
CT, June  
28th

**Help  
wanted at  
CTRPCV**

[International  
Game](#)

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Advocacy

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

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Corps  
Association](#)

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

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## 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](mailto:stoloffd@easternct.edu) ]  
to let him know about your project.

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## 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.

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## Hole in The Wall Gang Camp

**Volunteer Project...**  
**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in Ashford, CT**

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](mailto:ctrpcv@gmail.com)

Other links of interest :

[Peace Corps Online](#)

*The Independent News Forum serving Returned Peace Corps Volunteers*



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](mailto:lafj@att.net).

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

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## Greetings, fellow RPCVs!

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Peace Corps will be celebrating Pride Month at New York City's Pride March and Pride Fest on Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone should get ready to strut their stuff with their Peace Corps wear or Host Country traditional wear in one of the world's largest pride marches. Spread the word and sign up [here](#).

[NYC Pride March](#)

Sunday June 29th 2014

[PC Online](#)

[Crossroads Links](#)

*to every Peace*

*Corp website you*

*can think of!*

Line up: 11am

Step Off: 12 PM

Begins at 36th st & Fifth Ave and ends at Christopher & Greenwich Streets

To continue honoring Pride Month, the Peace Corps Northeast Regional Office will also be holding a special RPCV panel titled **“Have Rainbow, Will Travel Panel Discussion: Stories from LGBTQ Returned Volunteers”**. This panel discussion will highlight the LGBTQ experience in peace Corps. We are in need of 4-5 individuals to participate in this special panel, so **please contact Johanna Sanchez** at [jsanchez@peacecorps.gov](mailto:jsanchez@peacecorps.gov) to RSVP!

**[“Have Rainbow, Will Travel Panel Discussion: Stories from LGBTQ Returned Volunteers”](#)**

Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm to 6:30pm

Peace Corps Northeast Regional Office

201 Varick Street, Suite 1025

New York, NY 10014

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## **Hartford Area Restaurant Meeting**

### **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

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## 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

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**CTRPCV ANNUAL SUMMER Picnic!!!**  
**Come out and join Connecticut RPCV's for an afternoon of fun in  
the sun!**

**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



**At the Connecticut RPVC big Annual Potluck Picnic  
all are welcome  
including perspective PCVs  
& anyone interested in learning more about the  
PEACE CORPS ☺**

**Rain or Shine:** Joan and Jeff Leonard have graciously offered to host this year's CTRPCV Summer Picnic at their home. The picnic date is for rain or shine because 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, lawn blankets, coolers with ice would be a good to bring.
- If you have a portable table and/or a portable barbecue, please let Joan know because we need them for the food.

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

**Parking:**

Our annual picnic will be held this year 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, or if you have a table or grill that you can bring please call Joan Leonard at 203-988-8260. ([jleonard@snet.net](mailto:jleonard@snet.net))

CTRPCV website has more information about the group. [[www.ctrpcv.org](http://www.ctrpcv.org)]

**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.

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Sherry Anderson, RPCV, Panama 2000-2002 announces this volunteer opportunity - no payment would be received:

"Last September, I trained in the internship at CTV-21 in Newtown, Charter Communications cable community access television with Max Arzu, among others.

Max has developed a 30 minute career development show in which he interviews guests from different parts of Connecticut about their careers. The main goal of the show is to make sure that viewers are getting the best information possible to assist them in what steps to take to be successful in their chosen career path. The show is for all audiences, but is mainly directed towards H.S. and college students. So far he has had a basketball coach, a social worker, and an illustrator (painter) for children's books. It would be great to have someone (or two people) in a career post Peace Corp to talk about his or her experiences in the PC and then getting into his or her career. Max's next show will be taped in July, but he will be doing one about once a month. If anyone is interested, they can reference my name (I'm usually graphics person on his show) and email Max at [max\\_arzu@yahoo.com](mailto:max_arzu@yahoo.com) or call him at 203 437 2295. The taping is done in the CTV-21 studio in Newtown off Exit 10 of I-84.

Also, as a separate program, I am planning on producing a show interviewing a small panel of RPCV's demonstrating our diversity and discussing our experiences. This would either be 30 or 60 minutes. If anyone is interested in the panel program or has questions about it, please email me at [Lilysail@yahoo.com](mailto:Lilysail@yahoo.com) with your age group, ethnic group, and country. This will be an informative and fun experience for all. I have no particular date in mind at this time. Maybe in the fall, depending on the participants.

Thank you for your interest in our Third Goal."



# THE MRZU SHOW

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## **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/>.

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## **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.

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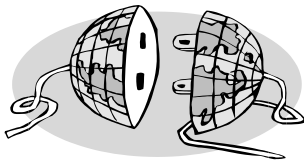
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## **WHY** someone should **join** CTRPCV.

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 or 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.**



**STAY CONNECTED!!!!**

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

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**AN INVITATION FROM JOAN PERREAULT**

**[JMPERREAULT@GMAIL.COM] AND THE WESTERN MA**

## **RPCVS:**



**WHAT:** RPCV POTLUCK **WHEN:** Friday, July 25, 2014, any time after 5pm  
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**WHERE:** 197 River Road, Whatley, MA 01093 (GPS does not always like the house location, so directions below)

**HOSTS:** Mary Ellen (Paraguay 00-02) and Joe Liseno (Bolivia 96-99)

Any questions the house number is [413 665 4019](tel:4136654019)

They have two dogs who don't like other dogs at their house, so sorry, please leave your four legged friends at home.

There will be hotdogs, ham/veggie burgers as well as ice cream "cake".

Please bring a side dish and anything you would like to drink.

Service country relics, clothing, stories – encouraged!

### **DIRECTIONS:**

**From 91 N**, exit 24, **RIGHT** at end of ramp.

**RIGHT** at next light/intersection onto Sunderland Road/Route 116.

Approximately 1 mile, **RIGHT** at next light/intersection onto Sugarloaf Street

(If you go over the CT river you missed the turn)

At bottom of small hill you will come to a stop sign.

**RIGHT** at stop sign onto River Road.

Approximately 1.7 miles down on the **RIGHT** hand side will be #197. White split level ranch house with grey shutters, yellow sun porch, fenced in yard.

Park in the driveway or on the lawn.

**From 91 S**, exit 24, LEFT off of ramp back over highway, pass through one set of lights then follow directions above starting with step b).

**From Amherst area**

Route 116 West towards Sunderland. Go over the CT River and take your first LEFT after the bridge this is River Road. Approximately 1.7 miles down on the RIGHT hand side will be #197. White split level ranch house with grey shutters, yellow sun porch, fenced in yard. Park in the driveway or on the lawn.

RSVP: Please call or email Mary Ellen directly to RSVP - [meliseno@acad.umass.edu](mailto:meliseno@acad.umass.edu) or 413-665-4019

Hope to see some of you there!

Zoe Armstrong (Peace Corps Recruiter, Vermont)

[zarmstrong@peacecorps.gov](mailto:zarmstrong@peacecorps.gov)

Joan Perreault (Volunteer)

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## 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](mailto: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.

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**Send me your news and announcements** for the next E-news! [MaureenShanley@hotmail.com](mailto:MaureenShanley@hotmail.com).

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