



Connecticut RPCV E-News

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Some Upcoming CTRPCV Events:

WalkOctober in Eastern Connecticut	See below for more information.
Thursday, October 23 – Friday, October 24, 2014	United Nations/RPCV Career Conference
Sunday, December 14, 1 – 5 pm	Please save the date – CTRPCV Holiday Party, Maureen Shanley’s home, 1 – 5 pm, More details to follow.
	Tentative dates for CTRPCV Board meetings – January 10th (1/17 as a possible snow day).

Advocacy

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](#)

[National Peace Corps Association](#)

Stay connected to our national community and representation in

April 25th

Potential WalkOctober hikes for CTRPC

We had planned a hike for our annual meeting in Rockfall last month, but we were rained out. Please let David Stoloff – stoloffd@easternct.edu – know if you might be interested in meeting after these Sunday hikes in October to have a small CTRPCV gathering at the WilliBrew.

Sunday, October 12, 1 p.m.

What's Hidden Along the Rail Trail in Chaplin?

Rte. 6 to Chewink Rd. to Air Line Trail crossing. 860-617-3308  860-617-3308.

You'll be surprised by what you'll find on this pretty walk in the Fall countryside. Railroad anecdotes, old stonewalls, and much more. 1.5 miles, 1.5 hours. Sponsored by: CT Eastern Railroad Museum. Sunday, October 12, 1 p.m.

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*

Stories in Stone

Nathan Hale Cemetery, Lake St., Coventry,

CT. Park at Patriots Park. 860-742-6917  860-742-6917.

Discover the stone carver's art and hear stories of some of the citizens and heroes who are buried in the Nathan

Hale Cemetery. 1 hour, 0.5 miles. Sponsored by: Nathan Hale Homestead.

Sunday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.

Nature's Secrets and Wonders: Forest Walk for Families

Mansfield Hollow State Park, Rte. 195 to
Basset Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT.

860-450-0435  860-450-0435.

Explore the flora and fauna of our local woodlands as it prepares for winter dormancy. We'll delight in the wonders of nature with games and play, and draw on Jewish wisdom to inspire awe for the natural world. Please register by emailing jkidsnect@gmail.com. 1 hour, 0.25 miles. Sponsored by: J-Kids of Northeast CT (Temple Bnai Israel).

Sunday, October 26, 1 p.m.

Between a Rock and a Marshy Place

Wolf Rock and Sawmill Brook Preserves,
Crane Hill Rd., Mansfield, CT. South on Rte.
195, right onto Brown's Rd. near the intersection
with Rte. 89. At the first fork, take

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[Crossroads](#)

Links to every

Peace Corp website

you can think of!

the left onto Crane Hill. Trail head on right.

Park on roadside. 860-429-6257  860-429-6257.

Begin with a climb to Wolf Rock and enjoy a spectacular autumn view. Then we will explore the Sawmill Brook

Preserve including the spectacular Sawmill Brook Marsh. We will be identifying trees, birds, and wildflowers. Be

prepared for wet spots depending how busy the beaver has been. 2 hours, 2 miles.

Sponsored by: Mansfield Parks

Advisory Committee.

Might any of the above events work for a CTRPCV event?

To see the entire listing of walks and events, please visit

<http://209.200.25.36/~thelastg/tlgv/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/TlgvWalktober2014web.pdf> .



From [Shannonigans McBride](#)

[October 2 at 4:49pm](#)

Hi CT RPCVS!!

I hope you are having a wonderful fall thus far; I still can't believe October is already upon us! I am reaching out to you today because there are several recruitment events going on at Yale University in New Haven, CT next week and it would be wonderful to get an extra person on board to help cover these events if possible. Please let me know if you are interested and available to help. Thank you!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 (6:30pm-8:30pm):...

2014 GLOBAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES FAIR
The Anlyan Center for Medical Research (TAC)- Lobby
300 Cedar Street, New Haven, CT 06511

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 (7:30pm-9:00pm):
ATHLETICS CAREER FAIR
Payne Whitney Gym
70 Tower Parkway, New Haven CT 06511

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 (12:30pm-2:30pm)
EDUCATION NETWORKING EVENT
Sterling Memorial Library (Lecture Hall and Memorabilia Room)
120 High Street, New Haven CT, 06511
Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Invitation from

Byron L. Williams

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Due to the success of the first United Nations/RPCV Career Conference in 2013 the Northeast Recruitment Office and Returned Volunteer Services are bringing this conference back to New York City on October 23rd and 24th! We are anticipating an impressive turnout of RPCVs from across the Northeast. Spaces will go fast so follow this link to register for the sessions you'll be able to attend and spread the word!

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/resources/returned/careercen/carevents/136/>

Thursday, October 23, 2014: RPCV Regional Career Event:

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center

55 West 13th Street, 2nd Floor

New York, NY 10011

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Overview

9:15 – 10:45 a.m. Storytelling in the Job Search: The Elevator Pitch & Interviewing

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. Resume Writing 101

11:45 – 12:00 p.m. Tips for Making the Most of the Career Fair

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Leveraging Noncompetitive Eligibility (NCE) in the Federal Job Search

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Peace Corps Response Info Session (optional)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Career Fair featuring approximately 30 RPCV-friendly employers

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. "Around the World Fair" hosted by the Northeast Regional Recruitment Office. RPCVs are invited to host tables representing their countries of service in this high-profile, public celebration of Peace Corps service.

Friday, October 24, 2014: United Nations (UN) Career Day:

Jacob K. Javits Federal Building

26 Federal Plaza

Conference Rooms A & B

New York, NY 10278

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Registration

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Welcome

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Demystifying the UN – an Overview (with Q&A)

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Working at the UN Panel

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Networking/Conversations with UN Staff

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Q&A/Wrap Up

Stay tuned for the RPCV Happy Hour to Follow!

Contact Information

Office of Third Goal and Returned Volunteer Services

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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]
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 Stoloff (stoloffd@easternct.edu) know and we can let other CTRPCV members know the details.



Nominations open for the Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award - deadline October 31

The National Peace Corps Association's Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award is named for the former U.S. Senator and special assistant to U.S. President John F. Kennedy who was instrumental in the formation of the Peace Corps. It is given annually to an outstanding global leader who grew up and continues to live in a country where Peace Corps Volunteers served and whose life was influenced by the Peace Corps. We invite NPCA member groups to identify and nominate candidates for this award.

Past winners of this award are:

- 2011 - Atiku Abubakar of Nigeria
- 2013 - Dr. Mohamud Sheikh Nurein Said of Kenya
- 2014 - Dr. Surin Pitsuwan of Thailand

While nominations are accepted year-round, to be considered for the 2015 award, all nomination materials must be received by October 31. Please visit

<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/about/awards/> - for nomination instructions and to learn about the past winners.

NEW! Education Small Grants

We are pleased to announce a new small grants program for members and member groups with grants of up to \$500 awarded quarterly to fund community projects/events that promote Peace Corps' Third Goal. This goal is to "strengthen Americans' understanding about the world and its peoples" by way of returned and current volunteers, as well as friends of the Peace Corps, sharing their Peace Corps experience and host country culture. These grants are intended to educate Americans about other peoples and countries of the world. The project must be short term (less than one month) and of a local scope and scale. Projects will engage with local schools, libraries, and/or community organizations.

Applications and supporting materials will be accepted on a rolling basis. Applications will be reviewed and awarded quarterly. Learn more and download the application from

<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/resources/education/> .

Communicate with your representative to the NPCA Board of Directors

To facilitate your communication with the NPCA Director elected to represent your region on the NPCA Board of Directors, we established permanent emails as follows

Northeast: NPCANortheast@peacecorpsconnect.org (Teresa Devore)



See the latest news at

<http://www.mailoutinteractive.com/Industry/View.aspx?id=605567&q=775353531&qz=b3add0>

7:03pm Sep 29

I have an opening for 2 PhD students at the University of Connecticut in the field

of International Water Resources. Topics will likely be related to climate change impacts on water resources and health in developing countries. If you are interested please send me a message: [Jon Mellor](#) Assistant Professor, RPCV Uganda ('07-'09)

An opportunity from [Hesperian Health Guides](#)

Peace Corps Volunteers and RPCVs tell wonderful stories about how [Where There Is No Doctor](#) and other Hesperian books have helped them handle emergencies, promote health, help their host families, or care for their own health during their time in the Peace Corps. Whether *Where There Is No Doctor* was your go-to health reference or just your bedtime reading, every story you share helps us develop books and resources that better meet the needs of Peace Corps host communities and Volunteers.

[Send us](#) your story about using Hesperian books during your time in the Peace Corps, and be entered to win a Hesperian library for your host community. Humor, heroism, hysteria, hypochondria - we want to hear it! Include in your submission the name of the country, region and village where you worked and how you used *Where There Is No Doctor* or other Hesperian book. You'll get bonus points if you include a photo or video. **The three Peace Corps Volunteers or RPCVs who submit the best stories will win a complete library of Hesperian publications, to be designated to their host community.**

So write a few paragraphs and send them to us by **September 30th**. Your participation will help extend the impact of these books and Peace Corps Volunteers for a new generation. Send your story to Lizzie LaCroix at rpcv@hesperian.org.

Please help us spread the word to other RPCVs! Share this email and join "[Friends of Where There Is No Doctor](#)" on Facebook to stay connected with other RPCVs dedicated to global community health issues. [Hesperian Health Guides](#) is a small nonprofit organization and depends on your support to keep our books updated and translated. Please consider [purchasing](#) a book or making a [donation](#) today.



Friday, September 26, 2014

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Dear David,

The Peace Corps in conjunction with NPCA and RPCV/W will be hosting a town hall for RPCVs on Oct. 14 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. EDT. Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet (RPCV Western Samoa, 1981-83) and potentially other Peace Corps leaders will be answering questions about important topics identified by you, the RPCV community.

Please submit your questions – including your name, country, and dates of service – to thirdgoal@peacecorps.gov (Please use “Town Hall Question” in the subject line.) or tweet them to @PCthirdgoal with the hashtag #Pctownhall. RPCV groups are also encouraged to submit questions on behalf of their groups. **Please submit all questions by Oct. 6 so your interests can drive the program.**

We will send an update in the coming days with details about the event and information about how **RPCVs across the country** can participate virtually.

RPCVs in the D.C. metro area are invited to attend in person at Peace Corps Headquarters, 1111 20th Street NW, Washington, D.C. Seating is limited so [register today](#) to reserve your spot.

We look forward to answering your questions about the many exciting changes at Peace Corps!

Regards,

Peace Corps Office of Third Goal and Returned Volunteer Services

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Join the conversation. Follow us on Twitter [@PCThirdGoal](#).

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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/37593849149/) 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 😊

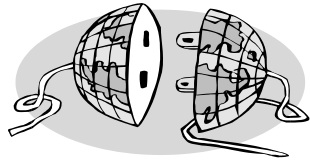
- **Jonathan Rosario** is connecting CTRPCV members through the social media on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.

- **Carmen Britton** is our new secretary.
- **Doug Latham** is our member-at-large and he will also assist with the membership.

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!!!!

Volunteer opportunities

The International Institute of Connecticut is looking for volunteers to become mentors to our refugee client one day a week for one hour. When a refugee arrives in Bridgeport, they often come with nothing and know no one. A mentor would be a liaison between the client and the Bridgeport community. Mentors can do a variety of activities with their mentee. They may bring refugees grocery shopping, they may cook a meal together or they may just do something fun to build a friendship.

If this is something you believe your members may enjoy, please feel free to pass on our the attached flyers and e-mail me for more information. I would also be pleased to come speak with your group. We would love to have your help. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mattea Heller
Volunteer
International Institute of Connecticut
Bridgeport, Connecticut

<http://iiconn.org/>

The International Institute of Connecticut (IICONN) is a non-profit, non-sectarian agency dedicated to helping foreign-born persons achieve self-sufficiency. Our services include refugee

resettlement,
English and citizenship classes, counseling, translation/interpretation services and legal assistance.

IICONN advocates for fair and equitable treatment of immigrants, refugees and others, and works to increase public awareness of the contributions of foreign-born persons to American culture and values.

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

Addressing Critical Needs Around the Globe

Peace Corps Response provides qualified professionals the opportunity to serve in rewarding, short-term assignments, in various programs around the world. When you serve as a Peace Corps Response Volunteer, you bring your skills and experience to projects in places where you are needed most.

Search for positions, apply, or modify an existing application here:

[Search ♦ Apply ♦ Update](#)

See the latest resources at <http://www.peacecorps.gov/resources/returned/home/>

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!!!)**

Send us your news and announcements for the next E-news! MaureenShanley@hotmail.com or
stoloffd@easternct.edu

Have you paid your dues??? Do you have a new email address???

[Click here to join or pay your membership fees!](#)