



Connecticut RPCV E-News

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Some Upcoming CTRPCV Events:

Ebola Relief Fundraiser	Sunday, November 16 th 2014, 2-5 p.m. Toshi's Livingroom & Penthouse 1141 Broadway (corner of W 26 th St.) New York City, NY
International Education Week (November 17-21)	Contact thirdgoal@peacecorps.gov
Thursday November 20	Peace Corps Prep events at the University of Bridgeport Invitation from Steve Hess – stevehess2011@gmail.com

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). April 25th

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Thursday, October 30, 2014

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Dear RPCV Groups,

This year, to celebrate International Education Week (November 17-21), we’re challenging RPCVs to literally bring the world home by participating in our Map Mural Challenge. Remember those cool map murals we did during service? This challenge is your chance to bring that same colorful, tangible

reminder of the larger world to your communities here at home.

Partnering with the Department of Education, we're identifying schools that would like to host RPCVs to paint a map mural. In addition, over 50 educators have already requested map murals and classroom speaking engagements. Please [contact us \(thirdgoal@peacecorps.gov\)](mailto:thirdgoal@peacecorps.gov) if you're interested in being paired with any of these schools. (Make sure to tell us where you're located and whether you're interested in helping paint a map mural, talk about your Peace Corps experience or both!)

For more information and resources on International Education Week, join our Facebook [group](#).

We can't wait to see all of your beautiful map murals!

Thank you for your continued service,

Meleia Egger

RPCV Malawi 2007-2009

Third Goal Program Specialist-RPCV Group Liaison

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Peace Corps Office of Third Goal and Returned Volunteer Services

1111 20th St NW

Washington, DC 20526

Invitation from Steve Hess – stevehess2011@gmail.com

CT RPCVs:

You are all welcome to attend next week's (Thursday November 20) Peace Corps Prep events at the University of Bridgeport, and meet UB's first cohort of Peace Corps Prep undergraduates.

Life in the Peace Corps: The Stories of Returned Volunteers

3:00pm – 4:15pm in Carlson Hall, Room 153

Inauguration of the UB Peace Corps Prep Program, featuring Ally Snell, Director of the Peace Corps Office of Diversity and National Outreach

4:30pm-5:45pm in the Schelfhault Gallery at the University of Bridgeport's Arnold Bernhard Center



CTRPCV HOLIDAY PARTY

Sun... Dec. 14

1 - 5 PM



Come and share a fun filled afternoon!

Maureen Shanley is opening her home for our CTRPCV group for a HOLIDAY PARTY on December 14.. 1 PM - 5 PM. Maureen will prepare a main meat dish and CTRPCV will supply the soda and paper/plastic products.

Attendees are asked to bring your **favorite holiday appetizer, salad or dessert** to share. If you'd like, bring some wine or beer. Eggnog will be served.

As a special treat Maureen has holiday and special mugs for everyone to use and take home!

Please RSVP...

Let Maureen know what you plan to bring. Call Maureen at 203-775-9222 or email maureenshanley@hotmail.com so that we will know how many people are planning on attending... and so we don't end up with 12 desserts and no appetizers.

Please bring...

something Special for the Raffle...

an item that would make a *nice gift* for a friend or family member. We would appreciate something that is *a bit special*. In the past we have raised \$550 at this event for our CTRPCV Community Service Grant Fund.



Since we are asking for a higher quality raffle item for this Holiday Event, the price of instant raffle tickets will be higher than normal. Tickets will be \$10 each & 3 for \$25. As always, the funds will go to our Community Service Fund. Please look for something special for this raffle.

Volunteering in CT's prisons

Doug Kulmacz encourages CTRPCVs to consider volunteering in CT's prisons. To find out about volunteer roles, Doug invites us to visit the Department of Corrections' website at www.ct.gov/doc From the Home Page, just below the Banner/Picture there are two columns of text. Third up from the second column click on "Volunteer & Recreation Services". If you have any questions, please contact Doug at the following addresses:

Doug Kulmacz, Director
CT/DOC VIP & Recreation Unit
24 Wolcott Hill Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109

(CTRPCV-Micronesia, Palau Is., Youthworker, 1977-79)
(CT-VISTA-CT Legal Services, Paralegal, 1976-77)

Office: 860.692.7580

FAX: 860.692.6263

doug.kulmacz@ct.gov

www.ct.gov/doc

Notes from North of the Border – RPCVs of Western Massachusetts

From Joan Perreault [jmperreault@gmail.com]

Saturday, October 18, 2014 8:49 AM

Hello everyone,

After four years of managing this RPCV list and coordinating potlucks and get-togethers, I am proud to pass on the torch to an enthusiastic and capable RPCV. Matt Vaughan returned earlier this year from his service in Paraguay, and is looking forward organizing some events in the Western Mass/Southern VT/Northern CT area. Be on the lookout for future emails from Matt! (Email - [mattjohnvaughan@gmail.com])

It has been a lot of fun coordinating events with this group and meeting so many wonderful people. I'm still around, so I'll look forward to seeing many of you in the near future!

Sincerely,

Joan Perreault

RPCV Dominican Republic, 2006-2009

Also another message from Joan –

Here's an introductory message from our wonderful new Regional Peace Corps Recruiter, based out of Agawam, MA. (Heads-up - she's looking for volunteers!):

Hi RPCVs,

My name is Kate Schedel and I am the new Peace Corps Recruiter in Western Mass and Northern CT. It was great to meet so many of you at the awesome potluck Joan and Anton hosted last month. It seems like there is a lot of interest in helping out with upcoming events, and I am very lucky to have you all in the area.

I have scheduled two RPCV panels and am looking for 5 RPCVs to sign up on each panel. I would really like some diversity as far as sector and location so we can give interested students a well-rounded idea of Peace Corps service (and so they don't have to hear me go on and on and on about how fantastic Health Education in Albania is all the time!) The dates for the events are as follows:

- 1) Smith College on November 5 from 5 - 6 pm.
- 2) Mount Holyoke College on November 20 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

Please email me at kschedel@peacecorps.gov if you are interested in sharing your story at one of these events with the following information:

Name

Country of Service

Dates of Service

Sector of Work

A SHORT description of the work you were doing

Looking forward to hearing from you and many thanks for helping out with events!!

Kate Schedel kschedel@peacecorps.gov

**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.



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

NPCA Ebola Relief Fund - new microsite and fact sheets

Thank you to those Member Groups who have made contributions to the Ebola Relief Fund and/or are planning upcoming events to benefit the fund.

NEW! Visit our new microsite at www.NPCAEbolaRelief.org to learn more about this effort and to download full- or half-page fact sheets for sharing at your events.

Be sure to take a quick look at the reminders list at the bottom to see if your group needs to follow-up/respond to anything there as well.

Thank you for all you do for and with the Peace Corps community!

Best regards,

Anne Baker
Vice President

_ This is quite the busy fall season! Read below for some reminders, action items, and information to share via your group communications.

Ebola Relief Fundraiser



In partnership with the National Peace Corps Association's Ebola Relief
Fund

Sunday, November 16th 2014

2-5 p.m.

Toshi's Livingroom & Penthouse

1141 Broadway (corner of w 26th St.)

New York City, NY

Featuring musical performances, a comedian host, a guest speaker from

the Peace Corps, light appetizers & a raffle!

Get your tickets online at

<http://howiseetheworld.myevent.com/>

Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award Nominations extended through November 24 (please distribute widely)

Recognize an outstanding global leader who was inspired by Peace Corps with a nomination for NPCA's highest honor: the Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award. Nominations are accepted year-round, but must be submitted by November 24, 2014 to be considered for the 2015 award presented at Peace Corps Connect - NorCal in June. Visit our website (www.peacecorpsconnect.org/about/awards/) to learn more about how to nominate someone for this or another NPCA award.

If you have questions regarding anyone's eligibility for the award, please send an email to woffordaward@peacecorpsconnect.org.

Participate in International Education Week - from Peace Corps Office of Third Goal and Returned Volunteer Services (please distribute widely)

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Group Leaders Forum Steering Committee

We had a good preliminary meeting yesterday with our new Group Leaders Forum Steering Committee. We would love to include a couple of representatives of geographic and national member groups, in particular. Interested? Contact Maricarmen at npcaglf@peacecorpsconnect.org.

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Best regards,

Anne Baker
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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=626719&q=799188767&qz=e3bcee>

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/resources/returned/home/>

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.



Peace Corps Response is recruiting talented Volunteers to serve in a wide range of positions and countries including Georgia, the Philippines and Vanuatu. Opportunities are available in all six program areas and selected applicants can be in the field as early as January.

If you are interested in learning more about Peace Corps Response, please visit our website (<http://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/response/>) or send an email to pcresponse@peacecorps.gov to schedule an informational interview with a recruiter.

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.

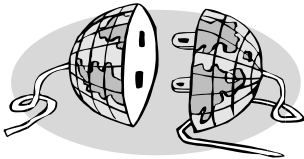
JOBS ARE BEING FILLED 😊

- **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.
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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 Corpss.
- **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@easernct.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@easernct.edu

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