



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.**

Some Upcoming CTRPCV Events:

Sunday, December 14, 1 – 5 pm	Please save the date – CTRPCV Holiday Party, Maureen Shanley’s home, 1 – 5 pm, More details and directions below.
	Tentative dates for CTRPCV Board meetings – January 10th (1/17 as a possible snow day). April 25th

Saturday... April 18, 2015, 9 AM to noon.

CT Food Bank ... CTRPCV will sort food - CT Food Bank in East Haven. If you are interested: call or email Lois Fucci, 203-239-0169 or lafj@att.net.



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.

Directions to **Maureen Shanley's Home:**

14 Twilight Lane

Brookfield, CT 06804

Home: 203-775-9222 Cell: 203-788-0163

Take I-84

Get off at Exit 7 (Left handed exit when heading north toward Hartford.)

Follow exit for almost a mile to the first exit (Exit 11) that is Federal Rd.

End of ramp at light make a left.

(You will be crossing old Rt. 7 now called Federal Road just in case you decide not to take I-84).

Continue straight for 3 1/2 miles.

Go straight, through a series of 3 quick lights.

(You're on Candlewood Lake Road. On right will be Kohl's Dept. Store; on left Office Max & a strip mall.)

Go straight at a stop light and a blinking yellow light.

Continue on the main road. You'll see a small row of stores on the right. Immediately past the stores on the left there will be a sign for Candlewood Shores.

Make a left into Candlewood Shores.

Go up and over hill.

Count roads on your right because you will want to take your 5th right just at the bottom of the hill, which is Twilight Lane.

My home is the 1st house on the left... 14 Twilight Lane. (Grey house with red shutters)

From: Elaine Nelson <elainelson@att.net>

Date: November 19, 2014, 9:24:01 AM EST

To: "president@ctrpcv.org" <president@ctrpcv.org>

Subject: Speaker Bureau Request

Reply-To: Elaine Nelson <elainelson@att.net>

I coordinate the cultural arts week program at our elementary school (grade PK - 8) in Pomfret, CT. This year we are studying Ghana and are looking for a "keynote" speaker to kick off our week of studying the country. The kickoff day is March 2 and we would like to do an early morning 45 minute whole school assembly for grades 1 - 8 to give everyone some basic background information about the country. Would there be anyone in your speaker's bureau that might be interested in doing that for us? I look forward to hearing back from you. Thanks so much. Elaine Nelson - elainelson@att.net

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



CT Food Bank ...

CTRPCV will sort food ... on

Saturday... April 18, 2015

The Connecticut Food Bank annually distributes more than 15 million pounds of food to six of the state's eight counties. Donations come from the food industry, through community member and corporate contributions, and via government subsidies.

At the CT Food Bank donations are organized and sorted by products before they are distributed at the warehouses. Member programs send representatives to the warehouses to shop for food that is then distributed to those who need it most at local food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters.

CTRPCV volunteers will inspect, sort and pack non-perishable food at CT Food Bank in East Haven on Saturday, April 18st from 9 AM to noon. Families welcome... it's a great service project for kids. If you are interested: call or email Lois Fucci, 203-239-0169 or <mailto:lafj@att.net>.

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.

From North of the Border:

From: Matt Vaughan [mattjohnvaughan@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 8:11 PM

Subject: RPCV Happy Hour Wed Dec 3rd at 6pm

Hi Everyone,

Thanks again to all those who made it out to our last RPCV Happy Hour. You're all once again invited to our next **RPCV Happy Hour at Northampton Brewery on Wednesday, Dec 3rd at 6pm.**

[Click here for directions.](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Northampton+Brewery/@42.31732,-72.630216,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0xc9b17017c6301564) - <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Northampton+Brewery/@42.31732,-72.630216,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0xc9b17017c6301564>

This is a great chance to meet other RPCVs in the Pioneer Valley and share our Peace Corps experiences with one another.

What: RPCV Happy Hour

When: Wednesday, Dec 3rd at 6pm

Where: Northampton Brewery 11 Brewster Ct, Northampton, MA

Who: RPCVs in the greater Western Mass area - feel free to invite friends who might not be on this list.

RSVP: Reply to this email if you can attend, or text Matt at [610-457-0189](tel:610-457-0189)

Also, **please let me know if any of you would be interested in hosting an RPCV Holiday Party and Potluck the week of Dec 8th or 15th.**

Thanks,

Matt

PS - If you have moved or otherwise do not want to be on this list, please let me know.

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Matt Vaughan

RPCV (Paraguay, 2011-2013)

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/mattjohnvaughan>



<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.NPCEbolaRelief.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!

Have your Group Featured on the NPCA Homepage

There are many ongoing ways the National Peace Corps Association recognizes the outstanding work of our affiliated groups, including awards at our national gathering, group news in *WorldView* magazine, features in social media and more! Beginning in the spring and in response to views expressed at an NPCA Group Leaders Forum, we have begun another way to feature member groups: Highlighting one group each month in the Community News section of our website homepage.

Featured to date: RPCVs of Long Island (May), Peace Corps Iran Association (June), Atlanta Area RPCVs (July), Friends of Liberia (August), RPCVs of Los Angeles (September), Friends and RPCVs of Guyana (October) and RPCVs of South Florida (November).

[Read the highlights here.](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/npc/news/community-news/) - <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/npc/news/community-news/>

This is another great way to highlight your good work and bring attention to the broad Peace Corps community. If you would like to have your group featured in the coming months, please contact jonathan@peacecorpsconnect.org.

Peace Corps Community Archives

The Peace Corps Community Archive at American University is looking for donations of personal memorabilia from RPCVs in order to create a living history of the Peace Corps and the communities where volunteers have served. The archive also accepts donations of materials that have been accumulated by any of the regional or country groups in order to give a home to these groups' collections. If you are interested in making a

donation please contact the archive at archives@american.edu by telephone at +1 (202) 885-3256. For more information, feel free to reference the document attached here.

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.

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=635403&q=809443198&qz=8b4fec>

<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

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](#) 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.

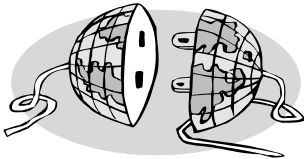
JOBS ARE BEING FILLED 😊

- **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 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@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!](#)
