



Connecticut RPCV E-News

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CTRPCV Calendar

Wednesday,
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Sunday, February 3

Saturday, February
16

Thursday, February
28

Saturday, April 20
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2013

Friday & Saturday,
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CT Food Bank, East Haven

**Next Step Travel – Dominican Republic and
Guatemala**

Peace Corps Connect: Boston 2013

Skype RPCV panel – January 23, 2013

Please join by Skype an RPCV panel for an author event on Wednesday, January 23 between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. EST. The panel discussion will follow the author's readings of several sections of *The Complete Guide to Joining the Peace Corps*, based on interviews with returned Peace Corps volunteers. Panel members will reflect on their service and answer audience questions.

To participate, please contact author Sharlee DiMenichi at 610-570-6260 or sharleedimenichi@yahoo.com to provide your Skype name.

Those new to Skype can follow the link below to learn how to set up an account and participate in a video call.

support.skype.com › Support

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Peace Corps Update

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annual dues? You
support helps us stay
connected!

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pay your membership
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Stay connected through
our Peace Corps links -
just click below!

CT RPCV Website

Get updated news about
events and our
members!

National Peace Corps
Association

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!

Peace Corps Encore!

Want to do it again?
Encore! sends former
Peace Corps Volunteers
and staff members back
into the field on short-

For information on The Complete Guide to Joining the Peace Corps (Atlantic Publishing), please see the link and review below.

<http://www.amazon.com/Complete-Guide-Joining-Peace-Corps/dp/1601382847>

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO JOINING THE PEACE CORPS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW EXPLAINED SIMPLY provides political science and travel collections with specific keys to the application and selection process for the Peace Corps, surveying how to prepare for service, what to expect, and how to keep in touch with home. From preparing to leave to returning, this offers advice and case studies from past volunteers and is a fine pick for any general collection.

Thank you!

Best Regards,

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Run for Refugees 2013

**Sunday, February 3 at 10:00am at
IRIS - Integrated Refugee &
Immigrant Services in New Haven,
Connecticut**

**“Save the date for the 6th Annual Run
for Refugees on February 3rd 2013!
*Presented by the Africa Plan Foundation***

**Super Bowl Sunday
10:00 a.m.**

term assignments (typically three weeks to three months) that match their professional expertise with specific social needs.

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Other links of interest :

Peace Corps Online

The Independent News Forum serving Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

PC Online Crossroads

Links to every Peace Corp website you can think of!

Peace Corps Writers
A site for returned Peace Corps volunteers to post their stories. Offers writing workshops, awards, publishing, and other resources; newsletter archives, etc.

Global TeachNet
The objective of Global TeachNet is to promote students' knowledge of, understanding of and respect for the people, cultures and nations of the world. Global TeachNet is this country's premier resource for global education.

Wilbur Cross High School New Haven, Connecticut

More than 700 runners and walkers are expected to start their 2013 Super Bowl festivities early with this fun-filled event that raises funds to help refugees start new lives in Connecticut.

The 5K race begins at New Haven's Wilbur Cross High School and features a picturesque course through East Rock Park. Fundraise for IRIS or pay a flat entry fee — prizes will be given to the three participants who raise the most funds for IRIS!"

For more information, please go to
http://irisct.org/run_for_refugees.html

CT RPCVs Help Darien Book Aid Help PCVs



February 16, 2013 Saturday... 9 – 1 PM

If you can help with the packing of books. PLEASE CONTACT MAUREEN so that she will know who is planning on attending this event.
[MaureenShanley@hotmail.com or 203-775-9222]

A few years ago when we packed books at DBA, a PCV on his way to the airport to return to his PC post in Africa stopped by DBA to thank them for the books they had sent to him and to tell them the difference that these books were making in his village. His visit made us (CTRPCVs) realize that our few hours of packing boxes of books for PCVs **IS REALLY IMPORTANT.**

Perhaps some of you read books that were in the PC library in your country that DBA had sent.

Please give a few hours to return the favor and support a PCV who is now serving.

Darien Book Aid is a non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to fostering peace and friendship through the distribution of free books. Approximately 60% of DBA's shipments fulfill requests from current PC Volunteers. DBA needs volunteers to pack boxes, select books to ship, sort books and much more. As Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, you know how much of an impact educational materials can have on a community.

You can also Bring books – check their website <http://dba.darien.org>

Frequently Requested Books

- * Children's Books - for all ages - preschool to teen levels, fiction and non-fiction

- * Classics - and simplified classics

- * Dictionaries in English, picture dictionaries, Spanish/English and French/English dictionaries

- * Encyclopedias on CD ROM. Other information on CD ROM (PC format)

- * English readers and grammar

- * Crafts & how-to Books

- * Health, "Where There is No Doctor" type books

- * Science

- * Agriculture, vegetable gardening, beekeeping, animal husbandry

- * Ecology and environment

- * Books in Spanish or French for native speakers in all subjects

- * Paperback editions of recent novels (mysteries, fiction, etc.)

- * National Geographic - no more than 5 years old

- * Textbooks

Text books (not older than 10 years) with up-to-date content are accepted.

Darien Book Aid would love to hear for you. For more information about them, visit on the web at <http://dba.darien.org>. If you're interested in volunteering individually, you can call (203)655-2777 or email darienbookaid@yahoo.com.

Directions to Darien Book Aid Plan, Inc.

Northbound: Take I-95 to Exit 10. Take Noroton Avenue toward Long Island Sound. It T's at US Route 1 - the Boston Post Road.

Take a left and you will find Book Aid on the right, about 1/2 a block down at 1926 Post Road.

The white wooden building looks like an old firehouse with a "bell" tower on top of the building.

Southbound: Take Exit 11. Make left onto US Rt. 1 for about 1+ mile. DBA is on left just after the 5th light.

Preparing for the National Day of Action – Feb. 28, 2013
from **Jonathan Pearson**, the Peace Corps political advocate
in Washington, jonathan@peacecorpsconnect.org

“For the 9th consecutive year, the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) is organizing a National Day of Action to correspond with Peace Corps week.

- **Thursday, February 28th** is the date for this year's Day of Action.
- **Everyone can participate**, whether making an important phone call or playing a more active role.

With just over six weeks to go, here is our first Day of Action update.

The deadline for registering for the Capitol Hill component of our Day of Action is Friday, February 22nd. Please register as soon as possible by contacting jonathan@peacecorpsconnect.org.

We realize not everyone can make it to Washington on February 28th, but we hope you will set aside a few minutes on that day to write or call your lawmakers.

In the meantime, we are collecting your comments on why the Peace Corps still matters to our country, and how your Peace Corps experience benefits the city or state where you currently live.

Please take a few minutes to [offer your comments](#).

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e6qxeiuyhaec7pfa/a01fhhc9buaty/questions>

We are collecting your comments and organizing them by state, so they can be included in the packets we will leave with lawmakers during the Day of Action.”



CT Food Bank ...

CTRPCV will sort food ... on April 20

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 20 from 9 AM to noon. Families welcome... it’s a great service project for kids. We are limited to 15 people, so if you are interested please call Lois Fucci at 203-239-0169.

Next Step Travel

National Peace Corps Association members love to travel and to travel with a purpose. And who better to travel with than Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and their friends and families?

NPCA Next Step Travel program features small group travel (up to 20), hands-on service projects, educational programs and a close-up view of the impact of volunteer service. Our all-inclusive trips are operated by Discover Corps, a program of Terra Education, an

experienced leader in educational travel. Their CEO, Andrew Motiwalla, is also a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Honduras 1996-98)! Tickets are available – purchase early using the registration forms below and make your plans.

- **Request More Information**
- **Phone: 1-619-202-4114 1-619-202-4114**
- **Email Us**
- **Registration Form** (*Fill out, print, and submit via mail, email, or fax*)

Upcoming Trips – Spaces Still Available!

Dominican Republic – [click here to find out more](#)

- February 16 – 25, 2013
- February 16 – March 1, 2013
- May 18 – 27, 2013
- May 18 – May 31, 2013

Guatemala – [click here to find out more](#)

- March 9 – 18, 2013
- March 9 – 22, 2013
- June 1 – 10, 2013
- June 1 – 14, 2013
- August 24 – September 2, 2013
- August 24 – September 6, 2013

Peace Corps Connect: Boston 2013

SAVE THE DATE – Event is June 28-29, 2013

Join us for the National Peace Corps Association’s second annual gathering — **Peace Corps Connect: Boston 2013**. We invite you all to Boston, Massachusetts on the weekend of June 28-29, 2013 for an event that will encourage you to continue “bringing the world back home” while visiting with friends and having fun.

This being for the Peace Corps community, key elements of this event will be highly interactive and incorporate career networking and knowledge-sharing. By bringing our collective experiences

together can support each other and help to solve important development challenges.

Join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter using hashtag **#PCCBOS13**

Why Should You Attend?

Be a part of something bigger than yourself: We all share a Peace Corps history. Now is the chance to connect in-person and combine our collective experiences to learn from each other and help all of us succeed. You'll make new friendships that might last a lifetime.

Groups: This is a great time to get together with people who served in the same country or live in the same region! Contact Emily Bello to learn more.

Attending

Location: The Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur Boston, MA 02115

Registration: We will announce registration prior to the event. There will be discounts for NPCA members, seniors and recently returned RPCVs as well as special Member Group deals. This is a good time to ensure that your membership is up-to-date. *Learn more*

Schedule: *Check back regularly as more details will be added.*

Where to Stay / How to Get Around

Transportation: Find out more about Boston transit here.

Airport: Book your airline tickets now! The closest airport is Boston's Logan Airport (BOS).

Ground: Most trains and buses connect in Boston's South Station.

Accommodations: NPCA is negotiating group rates at local hotels

for event attendees. *Check back for updates.*

Alternative Accommodations: The National Peace Corps Association is partnering with Tripping.com to bring you alternative, affordable accommodations during the Annual Gathering. It's easy! Go here to search the Boston Rentals that are available during the weekend's activities. *(All bookings made through this link via Tripping will help to support the National Peace Corps Association.)*

Sponsorship

Become a Sponsor: There are many ways that you or your organization can sponsor this event. *Learn more*

Exhibit Hall Requests: You may request a table at the Exhibit Hall. To request a table contact *Development*.

Program Ads: For more information on placing an Ad contact Development.



Recommended places for unwinding

Introducing a new section for the CTRPCV e-newsletter where members share a special place for unwinding in the world. The location may be in Connecticut or anywhere away from home. Please send a short description (100 words) to the [e-newsletter editor](#) with the name of place, location, cost for the rental, amenities, local places of interest and restaurants, transportation, contact information, and other details.

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An International Game

Visit the Peace Corps Challenge Online Game –
<http://www.peacecorps.gov/kids/>

suggested by David Stoloff – stolofffamily@yahoo.com



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

Peace Corps Digital Library



Although we are into our 51st year, check out these photos that truly capture the Peace Corps experience by viewing the official Peace Corps Digital Library. RPCVs from the past 50 years have shared their life-changing experiences.

Visit today! - <http://collection.peacecorps.gov/>

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