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IDAHO RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

FALL 2018

2019 Calendar Sale

The 2019 Peace Corps calendars are now available and just in time for Christmas and holiday giving!

As always, the calendars feature beautiful photos taken in host countries, past and present, and an amazing array of holidays and commemoration days from around the world.



The prices are:

1-2 = \$12 each

3 or more = \$10 each

If you need one mailed, postage for one is \$2.50

You can mail your check to:

IRPCV Treasurer 1011 N 5th St Boise ID 83702

Calendars will be available to pick up at upcoming IRPCV activities: Holiday Parade (11/17); Social Night at White Dog Brewery (11/17); and the Holiday Party (12/8) at the Boise Jewish Community Center. You can also contact a board member to make special arrangements for a pick-up.

If you wish to pay using PayPal or your credit card, please calculate what your order total is and pay using the "Donation" page. Also, please send an email to irpcvtreasurer@gmail.com to confirm the order and your address if you wish the calendar to be mailed.

Contact Steve Randolph with any questions at irpcvtreasurer@gmail.com.

Annual IRPCV Holiday Party!

*Dec. 8th 6-9:30pm
Synagogue Social Hall*



Renew your membership for \$15 at the holiday party and get one calendar for \$10!

what a deal!

Please bring food (no shellfish) and drink to share along with a white elephant gift.

Hope to see you there!



Peace Corps Story Slam



Join members of the Boise State Peace Corps Community during International Education Week 2018 for the 2nd annual Story Slam!!! Come and listen to returned Peace Corps Volunteers share short stories about their Peace Corps service built around 1 meaningful image. In addition to their stories we will have Boise State students who are set to join the Peace Corps following their graduation, share their own stories. Following the stories there will be a Q&A about Peace Corps service. A FREE lunch will be served prior to the start of the program.

When: Friday, November 16th, 2018, Free lunch starts at 12:00 and Story Slam will run from 12:30 – 1:30.

Where: Student Union Building (SUB) on the 2nd floor in Bergquist lounge

And if you are still hungry for stories....

We will be partnering with Treefort/Storyfort 2019 to do a similar Story Slam event where 5-6 Idaho RPCVs will share their stories. Stay tuned for more information and event details!

Dave and Sonya Greeger are hosting Byron and Margarita Battle. Byron was PC Mexico director when we served there and is visiting the northwest.

We'd love to give him a fantastic IRPCV welcome, so please join us!

**November 10th 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Lost Grove Brewing Co.**



Meet our new Vice President Luis Islas



I am originally from East Palo Alto California and moved over here when I was a teen. I then went on to do my undergraduate studies at William Penn University where I Triple Majored in political Science/Pre-law/History. I was then offered a graduate assistantship at the same university focusing on quasi endowments and received my Master in Business Leadership degree. Upon graduation I wanted to attend law school but felt as though I still hadn't given all of myself to communities so I wanted to take some time and do that, fortunately Peace Corps gave me that opportunity. I served as a TEFL volunteer in the most remote village in southern Madagascar Tsihombe. It was a life changing experience, it truly was the hardest job I will ever love. Southern Madagascar has been declared in a state of emergency by the UN due to the 3 year drought that has been going on and as such many of my secondary projects revolved around food insecurity and hunger relief with other NGO's. I arrived back to the states in August of last year and I knew that I now had a different passion, so I decided to forego law school and pursue food insecurity here in the states. I now work at The Idaho Foodbank as the Development Coordinator.

For those who've walked with IRPCVs in a parade, you know how much energy and fun comes with it. These parades offer a chance for members of IRPCV to connect and have a great time, and they also offer great visibility for our organization, and for what we represent. For the coming Holiday Parade, and for the many parades that will come after, we encourage all our members to walk with IRPCVs, and also to carry the flag of your country of service. Won't it be a lovely sight to see dozens of flags carried proudly? If you would like to join us, we ask that you purchase a 3 x 5 ft flag for consistency's sake. We hope to see you at the Holiday Parade, and to see as many countries of service represented as possible!



2019 Memberships Due

Renew your membership for 2019 by January 31st, 2019. When you renew at the holiday party you will receive a calendar for \$10!!

You can renew or join online NOW at www.idahopeacecorps.com. You can also mail your annual payment to Steve Randolph at 1011 N. 5th St, Boise, ID 83702. First time IRPCV members can join for 1 year free!

Thanks to all who have already renewed their IRPCV membership.





Upcoming Events

Nov 10th: Meet PC Mexico Director Byron Battle - 4-7pm Lost Grove

Nov 17th: Holiday Parade—meet at 11th and Bannock at 8:15am

Nov. 17th: White Dog Brewery (705 W Fulton St.) -- 4:00 pm

Dec. 8th: Holiday Party (Synagogue Social Hall, 11 N. Latah St.) - 6:00 pm

Jan. 4th: First Friday at Five @ Boise Brewing, 5pm



Jan. 13th: Board Meeting at noon

First Friday at Five!

Starting in January, we will host a meet-up every first Friday of the month at 5pm at Boise Brewing.

Tie-Dye Peace Corps Shirts for sale!

\$10!

medium, large or extra large

They are hand dyed!

Email Chloe at rosschloe@hotmail.com



Get Ready for....



Peace Corps Week!

Peace Corps Week commemorates President John F. Kennedy's establishment of the agency on March 1, 1961 and celebrates all the ways that Peace Corps makes a difference at home and abroad.

The 2019 Peace Corps Week theme is "A day in the life of...."

Stay tuned for the IRPCV sponsored events the week of February 24th.

Go to <https://www.peacecorps.gov/peace-corps-week/> for information about what the National Peace Corps Association is doing to commemorate the week.

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