

Idaho Returned
Peace Corps
Volunteers

**COMMON
GROUND**



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Summer 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 15

Idaho Food Bank
3562 S TK Ave (off of Federal
Way) in Boise, 7 pm
Contact: Jennifer Rogers,
jen30rog@gmail.com
336-1227

August 1

International Food Festival
Julia Davis Park
10 am-9 pm
Volunteers needed
to man our booth.
Contact: Aaron Hueth,
cincygriffey@aol.com

August 8

International Cuisine Dinner
Boise International Market, 5 pm
Join us for the last
international cuisine night
for 2015! No RSVP necessary
due to restaurant setting.
Contact: Diana Gardner,
dianalea024@yahoo.com
602-1586

August 13-16

Northwest Regional Campout
Beacon Rock State Park, WA
Thursday, 2:30 pm-Sunday, 1 pm
Contact: Chloe Ross,
irpcvpresident@gmail.com
789-7547

August 19

Idaho Food Bank
3562 S TK Ave (off of Federal
Way) in Boise, 7 pm
Contact: Jennifer Rogers,
jen30rog@gmail.com
336-1227

August 22

Shakespeare Festival:
The Secret Garden
Contact: Harriet,
harenco@msn.com

September

Idaho Food Bank
3562 S TK Ave (off of Federal
Way) in Boise, 7 pm
Contact: Jennifer Rogers,
jen30rog@gmail.com
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September 26

IRPCV Shakespeare Night
for The Fantasticks
Idaho Shakespeare Festival
Contact: Harriet,
harenco@msn.com

October 11

IRPCV Board Meeting
4 pm
10948 Musket Street
Contact: Diana,
dianalea024@yahoo.com

I feel that my father's greatest legacy was the people he inspired to get involved in public service and their communities, to join Peace Corps...and really that generation transformed this country in civil rights, social justice, the economy and everything. ~ Caroline Kennedy

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

October 16

Beer Night: Cloud 9 Brewery

1750 W State St (near 17th Street)
Anytime after work, Diana will arrive by 4:30 pm. Join us for the last Beer Night for 2015. No RSVP necessary - just show up when you can. Cloud 9 Brewery is Boise's first nano-brewery, and the only certified organic (100% organic!) brewery in the state, producing only four barrels per handcrafted batch. They are focused on sustainable, local and organic beers and their brewery also houses a restaurant with a similar focus. Contact: Diana Gardner, dianalea024@yahoo.com or call 602-1586

December

Holiday Parade

Date TBD

Contact: Jennifer Rogers, jen30rog@gmail.com
336-1227

December 12

2015 Annual Potluck Holiday Party

Chloe's House, 4303 Hoover Street, 6 pm

Bring your white elephant gift!

Contact: Chloe Ross,
irpcvpresident@gmail.com
789-7547

IRPCV NEWS

IRPCV Donates \$300 to Soccer/Medical-Awareness Camp in Nicaragua

Casey Mattoon, a currently-serving Peace Corps Volunteer from Boise, Idaho, recently reached out to IRPCV and asked for our help. He was organizing a girls soccer camp, ¡Manos a la Obra!, in Nicaragua. This camp will also help empower and educate youth on HIV and other medical issues. IRPCV responded by sending a \$300 donation through the Peace Corps Partnership Program. Here is an update:

Dear Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers,

I am just writing to thank you again for your help with the Soccer Camp project we are

doing here in Nicaragua. The project was fully funded and we are having our final planning meeting today! So thank you and the entire Idaho Returned Peace Corps board for your support.



Casey Mattoon,
Pacific South Volunteer Leader
Nicaragua
mattooncasey@gmail.com

Volunteer at the Idaho Food Bank

IRPCV has set up a regular volunteer night with the Idaho Food Bank for the third Wednesday of each month through October. The next opportunity is Wednesday, July 15 at 7pm and we have 10 spots to fill. Jennifer Rogers is always taking "reservations". The Food Bank volunteer activities are well-coordinated, therefore, you **MUST** reserve a spot if you would like to participate. Please note: No canvas or open toed shoes are permitted. Depending on schedules and availability we may also plan an "after spot" to quench our thirst after working so hard. Detailed information will be provided once you have RSVP'd. Please reserve your spot with Jennifer Rogers ASAP at jen30rog@gmail.com

IRPCV NEWS

First Annual International Food Festival at Julia Davis Park

We are excited to announce the launch of the First Annual International Food & Culture Festival on August 1, 2015 at Julia Davis Park. The event will feature authentic cuisine from around the world created by the best regional restaurants and eateries. Other features include children's activities, cultural arts and crafts, workshops, beer garden, music and cultural entertainment. With the demand and momentum already in place, this is sure to be a memorable event. The mission of the International Food & Culture Festival is to develop awareness and celebrate diversity through food, entertainment, and education while supporting the community and local charitable foundations. IRPCV will have a booth at the event. We will need help manning it throughout the day, from 9 am-9 pm. Duties will include educating visitors about the Peace Corps and occasional trash duty. We need at least two people throughout the day for shifts of 2-3 hours. If this sounds like something you are interested in, please contact Aaron Hueth at cincygriffey@aol.com.

Wanted: IRPCV Newsletter Editor

Do you enjoy writing, editing and designing? Then join the IRPCV Executive Board as a voting member and help us create our quarterly newsletter!

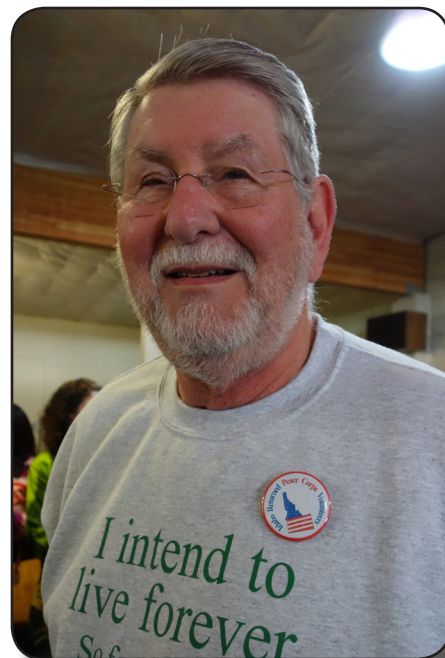
*June 1
Summer Newsletter*

*September 1
Fall Newsletter*

*December 1
Winter Newsletter*

*March 1
Spring Newsletter*

Contact: Chloe,
irpcvpresident@gmail.com



2015 Northwest Regional Campout

Date: August 13-16, 2015 (2:30 pm Thursday - 1 pm Sunday)
Place: Beacon Rock State Park (Group Site G1), Skamania, WA
Pricing: \$18.00 per person flat rate (no matter how many nights you stay.) Kids 14 and under camp FREE! And NO charge for parking.

Located right on the Columbia Gorge, you can enjoy the view from the top of Beacon Rock, visit the fish ladders or just hang out at camp and visit. With room for up to 200 people, this site has plenty of space for games, many tents and small RVs (no hook ups). Activities will include the quarterly regional group leaders meeting on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday, August 15, CRPCA will provide dinner to all campers, and would love it if any local non campers came out to the park to join in! Day-use fee to be paid at the gate. Plenty of parking at the site for our visitors!

To register, please send an email with the number in your party and the nights you will be there to phyllisshelton@cs.com. RSVP as soon as possible so you can be sure to get a spot!

IRPCV NEWS

Idaho Shakespeare Festival Summer and Shakespeare... a Great Combination

Boise is fortunate to have a world-class theater in gorgeous natural surroundings. This year we will have two Shakespeare events. The first event we don't pay any entry fee because we will be doing what we do so well...volunteering. The second play we will attend as we have in the past where we pay a nominal entry fee and have a preshow picnic by the pond followed by seating in the lawn section of the theatre.

The dates to mark on your calendars are Saturday, August 22 for The Secret Garden and Saturday, September 26 for The Fantasticks.

The first date, Saturday August 22 is our night to volunteer for The Secret Garden. To sign up, email Harriet at harenco@msn.com. Volunteering is fun. We still take our picnic and sit

down and enjoy the performance plus we get recognition from the stage as the volunteer group for the evening. We are grateful to Idaho Shakespeare Festival for recognizing our educational contribution to the community by continuing to offer IRPCVs the significant educational discount.

For September 26, the price per person including tax is \$16.96. There are 30 seats available at this price. So if you want to go, sign up early because they always get filled. To order using your credit card call 336-9221, identify yourself as part of Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and give reference #355295. Your ticket will be held at will-call under Idaho Returned Peace Corps volunteers. If you enjoy Idaho Shakespeare Festival you won't want to miss these!



IRPCV Goes Green

Several members of IRPCV have asked about making our meetings more environmentally friendly. At social gatherings such as potlucks, picnics, or after-parade BBQ's we generally have a substantial crowd of returnees, friends, and family that gather to share food and beverages. We go through a lot of paper and plastic products that have a negative impact on the environment and our budget. So we have decided to start moving towards earth-friendly gatherings. The plan is to continue to provide paper/plastic products for these events through the end of year or until current supplies run out. So start getting your kit together now so you are ready for the switch.

What to include in your kit (generally one for each member of your party):

- Use a mesh or cloth bag - easy to wash afterwards
- Plate
- Bowl
- "Silver"-ware
- Glass or cup
- Plastic bag for dirty dishes



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IRPCV NEWS

Serve our Community & Contribute to the Success of the Peace Corps: Join the IRPCV Executive Board

We are starting to look for candidates for our October election.

- **IRPCV President** - Leads IRPCV, and offers social opportunities for IRPCV members
- **Service Chair** - Finds service/volunteer opportunities for IRPCV members
- **Newsletter Editor** - Creates newsletter 4-5 times a year.

For detailed information, contact Chloe at irpcvpresident@gmail.com, 789-7547.

Volunteer Openings: 2016 Regional NW RPCV Campout Volunteers

Since 1991, RPCV groups from the Northwest have been gathering for a weekend campout. Hosting duties for these campouts rotate among the following RPCV groups: Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Eugene and Boise. It is our turn to host the 2016 event.

Would you like to get involved in our 2016 campout? Send a message to the Camp out Coordinator, IRPCV President, Chloe at irpcvpresident@gmail.com.

Council on International Educational Exchange Asks: Could you Host an Exchange Student?

My name is Angie Day, and I am a Local Coordinator in Boise for a non-profit high school exchange organization called CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange). We have students coming to Idaho for the 2015-16 academic year, and we are seeking assistance in finding good homes. What a great way to celebrate American culture by extending a warm welcome to an exchange student with a similar interest to your community!

We accept all kinds of families - kids, no kids, empty nesters, single parents, and so on. The main requirements are kindness and a willingness to learn about another culture. Our students have the appropriate visa and medical insurance, and they pay for all of their own expenses, with the exception of food and utilities. Students are between the ages of 15 and 18.

Please contact Angie Day at angie@cieetreasurevalley.org for more information.

Are you interested in global health and social justice? Want to join a network of human rights advocates enthusiastically committed to social change for health equity?

Join Partners In Health (PIH) Engage

PIH Engage, a network of grassroots teams advocating the human right to health with Partners In Health, is currently looking for passionate organizers to start a new team in Idaho. As a leader in PIH Engage, you will:

- Build a team of dedicated members
- Contribute to nation-wide advocacy and fundraising campaigns
- Participate in trainings
- Connect with our network of hundreds of grassroots volunteers

To learn more about our story and our work, please visit: <http://act.pih.org/page/content/community-organizing>

Sarah Finkel
PIH Engage Team Volunteer
Partners in Health (PIH)

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IRPCV NEWS

Bocce at Ann Morrison Park

There's a new Bocce club in town. Playing bocce is a great way to spend a Tuesday evening at Ann Morrison Park. It's about fun and friendly competition. This is a relaxed, laid-back club where members get together and enjoy the company as well as the game. If you haven't played before don't worry. We offer free lessons. All skill levels are welcome. We hope you will join us. You can email Harriet Almerico, harenco@msn.com (or you also call Gary 484-7925, Harri 283-7511 or Harry 484-7685).

IRPCV Membership and Fairness

-Connie Collins (Ukraine 2003-2005)

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers love to get together for eating, swapping tales and of course ex-

tending our service in volunteering throughout the community. It is through the organization of the IRPCV that social events, opportunities for volunteering, and for recruiting are made possible.

At present there are 66 members in our group—last year about 80—supporting through their membership dues the hundreds of volunteer hours spent organizing events like the cultural dinners, the Christmas party; Shakespeare in the Park, beer nights, grants to volunteer organizations, the IRPCV website, the IRPCV newsletter; etc. Our dues pay for paper plates; cups for our parties; our place in parades; calendars to sell; and taxes. Our dues paid for our wonderful Peace Corps Taxi and the trailer to transport it; those dues paid to establish our non-profit status.

Those hundreds of volunteer hours spent organizing Peace Corps Week; setting up recruit-

ing so that last year Idaho was 7th in the country in recruitment; organizing fun events and opportunities for service are created for all RPCVs whether you are a member or not.

If you are one of the nearly 150 RPCVs in the Treasure Valley, but not a member, the next time you enjoy time with your friends at the Bon Voyage in the Botanical Gardens, Independence Day party, the Christmas party or a night at Shakespeare, please reflect on your membership status. If you do not live in the Valley, IRPCV appreciates your dues to support our representation of you at the state and national level.

The annual dues of \$15 can be paid on our website, www.idahopeacecorps.com or mailed to:

Connie Collins
512 S Eagleson Road
Boise ID 83705

Past IRPCV Events **BSU International Food, Song and Dance Festival**

-Connie Collins (Ukraine 2003-2005)

On April 11, IRPCVs supported the BSU International Students by purchasing a table for the event. Once again, we were seated at the front for the best seats in the Jordan Ballroom. The entertainment was fast-paced and this year the main performers were: Nepalese Dancers and a Nepalese rock

group; an Argentine Tango Duo; a Khakastan balou player; an unique lyrical hip-hop; a quick, masterful slight-of-hand magician; and the finale of song by the Turkish children of Boise. Buffets were set up in four corners of the ballroom with Canadian, South Korean, Saudi Arabian, Mexican and Italian dishes. Turkish coffee was provided for everyone in real Turkish china

cups and saucers. The meal was finished off by honeyed Baklava sold for a dollar as a fundraiser. There were also many different crafts demonstrated and sold. Members and friends in attendance were Aviva Braun, Joan Langford, Kevin Laughlin, Pat Hughes and wife, Trish McClean as well as Connie Collins and her son James Collins.

Past IRPCV Events

Boise Peace Corps Third Goal Festival Report

-Andy Long (Tanzania, 2003-2005)

On Saturday March 7, Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers celebrated Peace Corps Day by hosting the first ever Boise Peace Corps Third Goal Festival at the recently opened Boise International Market (BIM). The market is not only a great place for Americans to experience food and goods from other countries, but also to meet people from around the world who have relocated to Boise and working hard to operate businesses, support their families, and share their culture. To learn more about the market and its mission, visit <http://www.boiseinternational-market.com/>

The festival was setup by IRPCVs and BIM community members from 11 am to noon, a bouquet of tasty smells of cuisine from Colombia, Ethiopia, Iran, strong Lebanese coffee, and tangy North Carolina BBQ scented the air as we set up our Peace Corps Peace Taxi for the performance stage, prepared a recruitment booth, and set up a display of 16 country of service posters created by our members for the 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2011. Around noon visitors started to come inside and look at country posters, ask questions about Peace Corps, and mingle around the marketplace. At 12:30 the first round of food was provided and followed by more and more

up to 2:30 pm. There were too many delicious items to mention!

At 1 pm world music began to ring throughout the market. Feet began to tap and people began to dance with their food. The first set was joyfully played by Marimba Boise, featuring the marimba of course - a large steel xylophone played around the world, followed by a performance by the Boise State Taekwondo Club, a guitar medley and soothing sounds from Aziz - a member of the BSU Advertising Club, and culminating by a stunning drum and dance performance by Danza Azteca Quetzalcoatl. Visitors dined and listened to the global grooves and in between the action were able to learn about the Peace Corps and the countries that Idaho RPCVs served in. In addition to the food and music, Connie Collins, who served in Peace Corps Ukraine, led an excellent activity in which participants could make and design their own

Pysanky egg, a Ukrainian tradition! Over 40 visitors made their very own Pysanky eggs; many followed the traditional designs while others went willie-nillie.

Visitors had a great time at the festival, ate all of the food purchased, and had a great opportunity to learn about other cultures as well as the Peace Corps. This is the essence of the Third Goal! The local news even came out to interview our President, Chloe Ross. After the event, Marimba Boise and Danza Azteca who were performing and experiencing the market for the first time, were invited back to play again in the BIM's Grand Opening in April! We booked them through our many connections and talents of our IRPCV members. We were happy to help make the connection. The BIM businesses made money and visitors found out about a unique multicultural marketplace that is working for the greater good of our community and spreading cultural understanding.



Past IRPCV Events

Liberty Day Parade

-Pat Hughes, Thailand (1971-1974)

IRPCV's walked in the Liberty Day Parade on July 4th and then attended a potluck at Harriet's house. Pat, Trish, Lila, Daniel, Sue Stacy, Lee Godshalk, Loreen Todd and Jerod marched in the parade. There was a great crowd of spectators and we received lots of cheers. One man even stood up and saluted us as we went by! Harriet's shady back yard was most welcome after the heat of the day and the potluck was delicious.

Congrats to IRPCV Aaron Hueth (Kazakhstan 2007 - 2009) and wife Dina Hueth! Their adorable son, Victor, was born on May 8th! Victor was named after Aaron's grandfather. "He was born a few days before Mother's Day so he was a great present from God. We love him incredibly and are so happy to have him in our lives. He loves to talk and meet new people. We look forward to introducing him to you at the IRPCV functions." -Aaron



IRPCVs Participate in Boise Pridefest

-Pat Hughes, Thailand (1971-1974)

Idaho RPCVs had a fabulous and productive day at Pridefest in Boise, Idaho on June 20. The crowd was the largest in the 25-year history of Boise's Pride Festivals. We met up at the Pride Rally on the Statehouse steps and walked in the Pride Parade. We also had an information booth and handed out Peace Corps information to 34 seriously interested individuals of all ages. We chatted with two Peace Corps Volunteers who are scheduled to depart for training in the next few months. One was headed to Ukraine where one of the RPCVs at our booth had served from 2003-05 and the other to

Malawi where another RPCV served from 2010-12.

I especially enjoyed meeting two high school girls who wanted to know what they should plan to study in college to prepare them for Peace Corps service. (I was a freshman in high school when I first read about the Peace Corps in 1961. I made up my mind then and there that I wanted to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer!) It was a great day for human rights in Idaho and for Idaho RPCVs. All of the 10 RPCV volunteers agreed that we should make this an annual event.

In 1990 the Peace Corps became the first US Government agency to officially welcome members of

the GLBT community in its diversity policy, offering equal opportunity to serve as Peace Corps Volunteers and staff. This was in keeping with the spirit of the Peace Corps as envisioned by our founders: that the ranks of Peace Corps Volunteers and staff truly reflect the wonderful diversity of the American people. And in 2013, Peace Corps began accepting married GLBT couples for Peace Corps service. Since 2009, Peace Corps and regional RPCV groups have been educating and recruiting folks attending Pride Festivals all across the country. Idaho RPCVs need to let our local GLBT folks and their allies know about the opportunities Peace Corps has to offer to them.









PEACE CORPS NEWS

Meet our New Idaho Peace Corps Ambassadors

I'm excited to announce the commencement of one of Peace Corps' newer programs here in Idaho. Campus Ambassadors are university students who work closely with Peace Corps Recruiters to raise Peace Corps' profile on campus and introduce it to new and diverse student groups.

The program offers a prestigious internship-like experience on campus where Recruiters can leverage the Ambassadors' knowledge of campus to connect with new applicant pools. Ambassadors receive training and swag and then are set loose on campus to share their enthusiasm for Peace Corps according to an action plan they have formatted with their Recruiter.

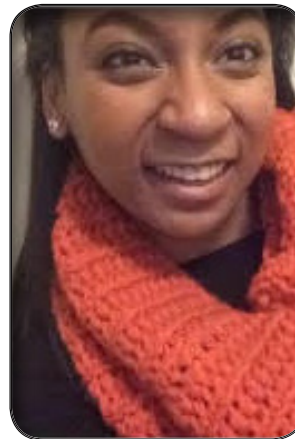
With these being the first Ambassadors in Idaho it is definitely going to be a learning experience for both the Ambassadors and myself. I do have some ideas about work they can do, including ways in which they can assist IRPCVs when you all go to recruitment events, however a lot of it is going to depend on what the

No one officially starts until Late August / Early September, but once they have I hope to be able to collaborate with you all more in order to utilize them to their fullest.

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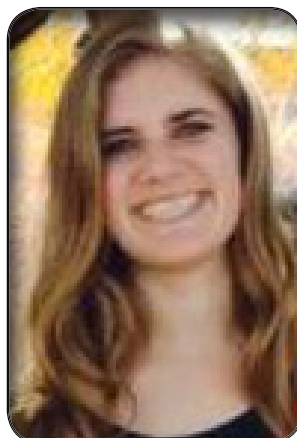
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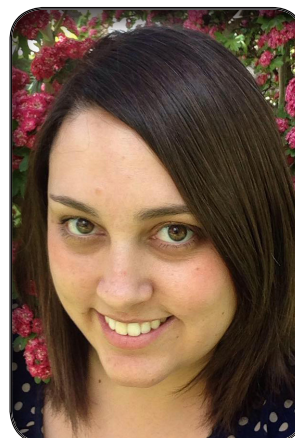
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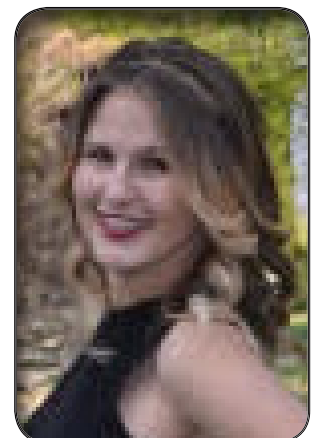
Idaho State University
Sophomore
Anyssa Fernandez



Idaho State University
Sophomore
Shelby Wiedenfeld



Idaho State University
Junior
Stephanie Lloyd



The College of Idaho
Senior
Sydnie Kremin

PEACE CORPS NEWS

Peace Corps Connect at the University of California-Berkeley

-Kevin Laughlin (Belize 1979-1981)

June 5 & 6

The National Peace Corps Association in partnership with the Peace Corps and the Northern California Peace Corps Association did a swell job of hosting our 2015 Peace Corps Connect. I met with RPCVs from around the country, NPCA staff, congressmen and saw a great presentation by our 19th Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radlet (RPCV Western Samoa) and NPCA President Glen Blumhorst, (RPCV Guatemala).

The exhibitors shared ideas, partnerships, and recruited graduate students among the RPCV participants. USC, Stanford SEED and UC programs were also featured. There was a good mix of ages and the workshops I attended on jobs for RPCVs, technology, the Silicon Valley, Tech for Good, Innovation & Entrepreneurs and for Peace Corps Global Presenters were excellent. A new twist was the ability for RPCVs to present Research from Around the World. They shared information about cultural issues, agriculture, local foods, health and safety. Most helpful was social media for our Peace Corps communities and free

software and hardware available from Tech For Good to meet communication needs of RPCV groups.

I attended the NPCA Leaders Forum Sunday morning and have a number of good group capacity building ideas gained from the "World Cafe" activity that could be useful of IRPCVs in the year ahead. Save the date for the next Peace Corps Connect in Washington, D.C. September 2016 to celebrate the 55th Anniversary of Peace Corps.

Two Initiatives for IRPCVs to Consider and Explore: Health Justice For Peace Corps Volunteers

To ensure that Peace Corps Volunteers, sick or injured by their service overseas, obtain the support and benefits to which they are entitled by law. We do this through individual support and advocacy and proposing and encouraging policy change. We offer an opportunity for people to connect with others going through difficult times who might otherwise feel ashamed for getting ill and frustrated by the bureaucracy.

Strategy -- With a spirit of compassion and commitment, we work for health reform for current and former volunteers through:

- Representing the interests of volunteers to the Peace Corps and the US Department of Labor
- Publicizing the challenges facing Peace Corps Volunteers by creating relationships within the National Peace Corps Association, members of the media, and other service agencies
- Constructive conversations with Congressional leaders and their staffs
- Supporting one another through emails and dialogs
- Monitoring the performance of the Peace Corps Medical system through surveys

More info at: <http://www.healthjusticeforpeacecorpsvolunteers.org/>

Are you interested in becoming involved in this task force? Contact: Kevin Laughlin, kevinlaughlin@peoplepc.com

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Visit the NPCA online store at
peacecorpsconnect.org

PEACE CORPS NEWS

Peace Corps: Let Girls Learn Initiative

As part of the U.S. government's commitment to Let Girls Learn, First Lady Michelle Obama and the Peace Corps have formed a powerful collaboration to expand access to education for adolescent girls around the world. Educating girls is essential to healthy and thriving communities but, globally, 62 million girls are not in school, and barriers to adolescent girls completing school are particularly significant. In some countries, fewer than 10% of teenage girls complete secondary school.

This program will address that challenge by empowering local leaders to put lasting solutions in place. Peace Corps Volunteers who live and work at the grassroots level will serve as catalysts of community-led change, and every American can get involved and make a difference. More info at: <https://letgirlslearn.peacecorps.gov/>

If you're interested in building support for Let Girls Learn in your own community, check out the toolkit we've created. It's packed with great ideas for how you can get others involved. http://files.peacecorps.gov/lgl/LGL_Toolkit.pdf

First-Ever Health Justice Awareness Day

The first-ever Health Justice Awareness Day took place on June 25. The purpose of this day is to further identify and raise the profile of members of the Peace Corps community who face medical challenges, build a nationwide support network and begin the long and difficult process of addressing the many health-related issues before us.

For far too long, too many members of the Peace Corps community have faced significant health challenges stemming from their service, and have felt forgotten and alone in their personal battle to get better. All of us—the Peace Corps, the National Peace Corps Association, Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and individuals — have a role to play. What can you do to help? Help us build a national support network by filling out a survey:

I need assistance!

or

I want to help!

For more information and resources, visit:

<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/advocacy/peace-corps-health-justice-awareness-day/>

Peace Corps 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.

New for 2015: You do not need to be an RPCV to apply for PC Response! Peace Corps Response recruits seasoned professionals who have at least 10 years of professional work experience, are doctors and nurses applying for the Global Health Service Partnership, and/or are returned Peace Corps Volunteers who have successfully completed their Peace Corps service.

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

**The Peace Corps
is guilty of
enthusiasm
and a crusading
spirit. But we're
not apologetic
about it.**

~

Sargent Shriver

Thanks to New and Renewing Members

Becky Crieghton
Benin (2012-2014)

Gerard Thornton
Lesotho (2012-2015)



Join IRPCV Today! Become a Member and Renew Now!

Your dues are essential to the continuing success of our organization. And what a bargain! For only \$15 a year, you get 12 months of Peace Corps advocacy, IRPCV activities, updates and information to help fulfill the 3rd goal of the Peace Corps - bring the world back home to Idaho.

IRPCV is run totally by volunteers. The regional Peace Corps Office in Seattle counts on IRPCV to help recruit new Volunteers throughout the state of Idaho. IRPCV expenses are very frugal: National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) annual membership dues, financial support for our NPCA Regional Representative, financial support for our leaders to attend regional meetings plus charitable donations.

Dues can be sent to our Treasurer, Connie Collins (make your \$15 check payable to IRPCV and send to: 512 S. Eagleson Road, Boise, ID 83705). If you have questions,

you may contact her at 208.853.1051. You can download a membership form from our website or pay your dues via Paypal on the site www.idahopeacecorps.com. Spouses and friends are welcome to join our organization as well. Any RPCV who has never been a member of IRPCV can join for one year free of charge!

We encourage you to consider joining the NPCA. NPCA makes it easy to maintain your Peace Corps connections and make new ones through their social networking, global events and affiliate member sites. Most importantly, NPCA is the #1 advocate for the Peace Corps on Capitol Hill. If you are currently serving or you have recently returned from service, you can join NPCA at no charge.

After one year, NPCA dues are \$35 per year and can be paid online. You can join IRPCV and/or other affiliate regional, country and special interest RPCV groups via the NPCA website www.peacecorpsconnect.org. NPCA will forward the \$15 IRPCV dues to us and send you a reminder when they are due again.

Join us today!

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