

Upcoming Events 2012-2013

September, October 2012

December 9th (Sunday) at 3:00, IRPCV Bookclub: Turn Right at Machu Picchu: Rediscovering the Lost City One Step at a Time by Mark Adams. RSVP to Myrna Stahman stahmanmyrna@gmail.com

December 15th Saturday at 6:00pm, Holiday Party at the Bixbys (see detail [this page](#)) Bring your white elephant gift and potluck item – always fun!

Sunday January 6th Board Meeting, Potluck meeting hosted by Jennifer and Walter, 3394 Chickory Way (208) 336-1227. All welcome-

(See Complete 2012 Event and Planning Calendar pg.9)

It's Dues time!

Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (IRPCV) dues are \$15.00 per calendar year due in January of each year. Dues can be sent directly to our Treasurer, Trish McKernan (make your check payable to IRPCV and send to: 5349 N. North Glen Lane, Boise, ID 83714). You can download a membership form from our web site 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!

If you want to join the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) you can also join IRPCV and/or other member groups on their web site - www.peacecorpsconnect.org. NPCA will forward the IRPCV dues to us. If you are currently serving, you can join NPCA for free. You can also join for one year at no charge upon your return from service. NPCA makes it easy to maintain your Peace Corps connections and make new ones through their social networking site, global events and member groups.

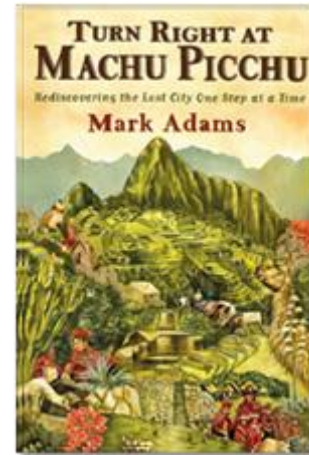
Your membership dues are vital to the success of Idaho RPCVs. In addition to our many service activities this past year, we were able to make three \$250 donations to support nonprofit/charitable groups in Idaho: Interfaith Sanctuary, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program and Good Samaritan Home. Together we can make a difference and fulfill the 3rd goal of the Peace Corps by teaching the people of Idaho about the peoples and cultures we served.

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING IDAHO MEMBERS!

Donna Statler - Belize 89-91

Meg & Dale Stephenson - Mali 86-88

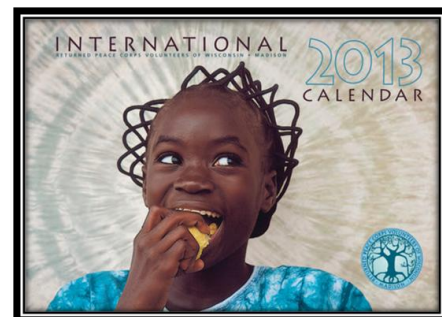
IRPCV Winter Newsletter



Holiday Party at the Bixbys—December 15

Get ready to **celebrate** at the annual Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer holiday party. Sharon and Mike invite you to their home, 1968 Mortimer Court, Boise 83712 (in the Foothills East area). The event will start at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 15—we will plan on eating dinner at 6:30 or 6:45, so we'll have time for the always-fun gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share and a wrapped "white elephant" gift. Maybe we'll have time for a few stories about Christmas or other holiday traditions in countries where you served.

The 2013 International Calendars are still here!



These calendars make great holiday gifts - buy one for yourself and many for your family and friends (member cost only \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00). This is our **largest fundraiser of the year!** Contact John Hooper jhoop2go@gmail.com or Meg Stephenson megletter@msn.com to purchase --- this money supports our local IRPCV activities that contribute to the third goal.

Fall Highlights

Volunteer Night at the Idaho Food Bank in October:



Holiday Parade 2012:



Our ever trusty taxi.....!

Boise Capital Market Calendar Sales:



October 22, 2012, IRPCV volunteers, under direction of John Hooper, manned a booth at Boise's Capitol Market to sell PC Calendars and answer questions about the Peace Corps. At least 10 RPCVs stopped by the booth—3 of them interested in our Idaho branch. Several people nearing retirement were interested in the fact that PC has no age limit. 4 potential volunteers' questions were addressed as well as about 40 general conversations with the public.

Update your current Address on the Peace Corps Site:

Please stay in touch with the Peace Corps by updating your contact information on the Peace Corps website. Please visit www.peacecorps.gov/rpcv for the details.

GET A JOB! HIRE RPCVs!



Would you like to hire RPCVs -- and all the outstanding qualities that they offer?

Or are you an RPCV looking for a job that aligns with your passions?

Check out the [Next Step Job Finder](#) for available positions geared to the Peace Corps Community. If you are an employer, you can post your available job or internship [here](#)



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Venezuelan Arepa Brunch

Come welcome in 2013 at a Venezuelan Arepa brunch.

When: Sunday January 20th 2013 10:30 am

Where 1414 N. 15th Street Boise (lila & Dave's)

What to bring: one of the following;

1. 6 eggs
2. Cheese
3. cut up fruit
4. Juice
5. butter

Please RSVP and tell us what you will be bringing. 344 1506 or

lilainboise@gmail.com

Regional Campout dates for your calendar!

Hello all regional group leaders,

My name is Sarah Achaoui and I am the president of the Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association. I am pleased to report that we have finalized the date/location of our Western Regional Campout. It will be held **August 1-4th at Farragut State Park near Athol, ID.**

We have reserved a group campsite and will be accepting payments when we get our website set up. I wanted to get in touch with any of your members who would like to bring their RV's, because those sites are reserved very far in advance, and there are only a couple sites left. Please refer those members to me if they have any questions at inpca.spokane@gmail.com.

Please set this date in your calendars - more information to follow.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks-

Sarah Achaoui, President, INPCA

Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, Morocco, 2009-2011

A special invitation from Columbia River Peace Corps Association (CRPCA):

CRPCA's Winter Weekend 2013 - YOU are invited!

RPCVs and their families from throughout Oregon, Washington, and Idaho are invited to participate in the first-ever Peace Corps night at [Mazama Lodge](#), at the 4,000' level on the south side of Mt. Hood. The Columbia River Peace Corps Association's 4th annual Winter



Weekend is scheduled for **Friday, January 4 to Sunday, January 6, 2013.** CRPCA has reserved the entire lodge from noon Saturday to noon Sunday, and we're encouraging folks to stay Friday night as well.

CRPCA's Winter Weekends are among our most family-friendly events. Each year some of us sled down the hill in front of Mazama Lodge, while others snowshoe or cross-country ski out the front door. Inside we find games and books, and we enjoy delicious food and fireside conversations with friends new and old. Mazama Lodge has a stunning view of Mt. Hood in sunny weather, and it's a delightful place to be when snow is falling.

Reserve bunks today for Saturday night!

If you only wish to stay Saturday night, your only payment will be to CRPCA. **RSVP required by Mon 12/31/2012** so Mazama Lodge knows how much food to order. The per-adult and per-child rates include a bunk in one of three dorm rooms, plus lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Please see our [Checkout & Donate page](#) for payment options, then see the next section below if you'd also like to stay Friday night.



- **Per adult (ages 13+): \$56.**
- **Per child (ages 2-12): \$40.**
- **Optional private room charges:** On top of the per-adult and per-child charges, you and your family and friends may reserve one of the lodge's private rooms for Saturday night. The cost per room is \$20 for Ape Cave (sleeps 10), \$20 for Trillium (sleeps 4-5), and \$15 for Klickitat (sleeps 2-3).

Make a weekend of it!

We've got the whole lodge reserved for Saturday night, but several CRPCA members, family and friends plan to also stay Friday night, and we'll appreciate company! Reservations are strongly recommended.



- **Reserve Saturday night through CRPCA** as described above.
- **Reserve Friday night through the [Mazama Lodge reservations page](#).** Scroll the calendar to January 2013. Identify your number of guests, use 1 as the number of nights, then click the D circle for Friday, January 4. On the next page you'll enter your contact and credit card info, and you'll get a customized lodging quote when you specify the number of Mazama members, members of affiliate organizations (such as Oregon Nordic Club, Sierra Club, and Trails Club of Oregon), and non-Mazama members. In the box at the bottom of the page, type whether you'll want to order dinner Friday and/or breakfast Saturday. Your card will not be charged until Friday, January 4.

What to bring

- **All vehicles require a Sno-Park permit.** Most Winter Weekend attendees will want the \$7 weekend permit or the \$20

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annual permit, while our Saturday visitors will want the \$3 daily permit. Oregon Sno-Park permit vendors are available at [dozens of statewide vendors](#). Sno-Park permits issued by California, Idaho and Washington are honored in Oregon.

- **Suggested packing list:** gear for snowplay (sleds, snowshoes, skis), winter layers and footwear, sleeping bag, pillow, towel, headlamp or flashlight, and anything else you bring when spending a night away from home.
- **Alcohol:** BYOB alcohol consumption is permitted beginning at noon Saturday, but not before.
- **Technology:** Cell phones work at Mazama Lodge, and the lodge offers free wireless internet connections. There's a TV in the basement for the kids, but they may be more interested in foosball, ping pong, and pool.

Directions

If you've never before been to Mazama Lodge, we recommend printing and studying the [Map & Directions to Mazama Lodge](#). Use the winter directions. Up to four vehicles at a time may park at the base of the trail to the lodge. You may access this loading and unloading zone via the first left turnoff from the Timberline Road, 1/10 of a mile uphill from US 26. Note that this road is unplowed, and that you will need to move your vehicle to the Sno-Park across US 26 for the duration of your stay. It's a good idea to drop the kids off along with your gear, as crossing US 26 on foot can be dicey. It's a five-minute, snowy, uphill walk to the lodge from the loading/unloading zone and a ten-minute walk all the way from the Sno-Park.

This will be a special event!

Erin Gettling will lead a snowshoe outing on Saturday, and Karen Cellarius is organizing a family-friendly talent show and game night for Saturday night.

Questions? Please get in touch with Bill Stein at winter@crpca.org or 503-830-0817.



If you have not yet taken action, we are assisting the group [Health Justice for Peace Corps Volunteers](#) in circulating a survey which seeks to assess both the scope of debilitating injury or illness over the years, and the challenges Returned Peace Corps Volunteers have faced in receiving the care, attention and support they need and deserve.

Please [follow this link](#) to take the survey. The group is interested in hearing from all RPCVs, including those who had no medical concerns during service. *Our thanks to the more than 2,000 individuals who have already taken the survey.*

After you have taken the survey, please share it with 5 - 10 other fellow RPCVs and ask them to do the same.

Acting Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet is expressing her commitment to ensure that sick or injured RPCVs receive the help and support they deserve. [Read her statement.](#)

Peace,
Jonathan Pearson, NPCA Advocacy Director, Micronesia '87-'89

2013 Presidential Inauguration

NPCA is working with the RPCVs of Washington, DC to secure a place for the Peace Corps Community in the 2013 Inaugural Parade. The application has been submitted, but we don't expect to hear whether the application was approved until early December.

Assuming we are approved, there will be a limited number of spots for Community members to march in the parade. We would like to offer some of those spots to official NPCA Member Groups. Member groups will be guaranteed a spot in the parade to be filled by a member group representative on a first come first serve basis for a \$150 contribution. This contribution will help cover the cost of participation that is determined by the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

If your group would be interested in being considered for one of these positions, please email me at emily@peacecorpsconnect.org. We will contact those groups that expressed interest after we are notified of the status of the application.

Member Group Letter to the President

Thank you to the 68 member groups that have already signed on to the letter to the President! We are only 32 groups away from our goal. (The IRPCV Board approved our group signature)

Dear Mr. President,

As representatives of _____ member groups of the Peace Corps community, we congratulate you on your re-election and offer our best wishes to you and Vice President Biden in leading our nation forward.

As you begin your second term, we respectfully request the following:

- *Provide the highest level of funding possible for the Peace Corps in your Fiscal Year 2014 budget request.*
- *Nominate a new Peace Corps Director who will continue to build upon recent progress within the agency.*

We firmly believe our nation leads best when we pursue a foreign policy that prioritizes a peaceful resolution of potential conflicts built on a foundation of collaboration, friendship and understanding. These ideals are central to the spirit and mission of Peace Corps service.

On Peace Corps Funding: We proudly and passionately urge you to provide the highest level of funding possible for the Peace Corps in your Fiscal Year 2014 budget. While our nation faces significant fiscal challenges, we believe recent progress within the Peace Corps must be sustained and advanced.

- *As you know, under your leadership, Peace Corps volunteers and trainees in the field climbed to 9,000, while minority placement reached 20% for the first time.*
- *As you also know, a Peace Corps Volunteer overseas is an American citizen with a cost-effective job, obtaining tremendous skills that benefit our nation. We need look no further than the impact Peace Corps played in the life of Ambassador Chris Stevens to understand the long term benefits Peace Corps service provides to our nation.*
- *The supply of Peace Corps applicants and the many unmet requests for more volunteers remains high, further demonstrating the value of and desire for the Peace Corps. Moving our nation forward must include a robust Peace Corps program.*

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At a time of enormous change in the world, it is ever more crucial that peoples across the globe understand our nation. There is no better or more enduring way to communicate American values and ideals than through the engagement of our citizens in common endeavors to combat poverty, promote understanding and contribute to development than the Peace Corps. Responding to the unmet requests of many countries for new or expanded numbers of Peace Corps Volunteers may be the best foreign policy investment this country can make.

On Nominating the Next Peace Corps Director: We applaud the accomplishments of departed Director Aaron Williams and his team. As you consider your next nomination to lead the Peace Corps, we ask the following:

- Give your strongest consideration (as you did with Director Williams) to nominate a Director who served as a Peace Corps Volunteer. A Director who has served is much better positioned to fully understand the wide array of challenges and opportunities that our Peace Corps volunteers will face in the field.
- Nominate a Director who is committed to continued advancement of key objectives of Peace Corps' June 2010 strategic plan, including an annual review and prioritization of Peace Corps countries of service, advancing minority recruitment and committing to best in class training and program development.
- Nominate a Director who is committed to fulfilling the promise to strengthen services and support to current and returned volunteers who are subjected to violence (including and especially sexual assault), injury and illness incurred during and/or resulting from Peace Corps service.

Mr. President, we thank you for considering these matters which are vitally important to the Peace Corps community

Brag a little

Did you recently do a service project in your community? Is the project you support in your country of service blossoming? If you have news, we want to hear it! No news byte is too big or too small. Send your updates to Erica Burman at erica@peacecorpsconnect.org. You just might make the next issue of WorldView!

Peace Corps Connect - Boston 2013

We are very close to securing a venue for Peace Corps Connect - Boston. This venue will allow for four concurrent group sessions to take place throughout Friday June 28, 2013.

Please let me know if your group would be interested in or is planning to participate by sending me an email at emily@peacecorpsconnect.org. This will help greatly in the planning process. Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these topics.

Thank you for all that you do for the Peace Corps Community!
Emily Bello, Manager of Membership and Operations, Benin '02-'04



Nominations Open for Harris Wofford Global Citizenship Award

First awarded in 2011 on the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps, the

Harris Wofford Global Citizenship Award will be given annually to an outstanding global leader who grew up in a country where Peace Corps Volunteers served and whose life was influenced by the Peace Corps.

The leader should be a person whose life's work has made a significant contribution to the world in a way that reflects the core Peace Corps values of service, peace, development, human rights, health, and understanding. Named in honor of the former U.S. Senator and special assistant to U.S. President John F. Kennedy who was instrumental in the formation of the Peace Corps, the award is endowed through a generous gift from Atiku Abubakar, a leading businessman, philanthropist, and former Vice President of Nigeria.

All nomination materials must be received by Thursday, January 10, 2013.



We Can't Run on Sunshine and Butterflies - Support NPCA!

Sooo, how well do you know the National Peace Corps Association? Our history, our programs, our successes, our challenges? Starting last week, and each Friday through the end of the year, we will be sending you an email that helps tell a part of our story: Where we've been, where we're at and where we want to go. It's part of our **End-of-Year Donation Drive**. We are counting on your support to keep us

moving forward in 2013!

Returned Volunteer Activities

Michael Bixby's piece in the Idaho Business Review:

The Peace Corps and Business: A Positive Connection

My wife and I served in the Peace Corps in Jamaica more than 40 years ago, and this experience has affected the way we think about the world ever since. After the Peace Corps I worked as a lawyer for about 11 years in Michigan, and for the past 31 years I have been a professor in the College of Business and Economics at Boise State University—just retiring in May of this year. During my years at Boise State, I have also taught internationally 4 times through our USAC Studies Abroad program, spending a semester each in Spain (Basque Country), Chile, Italy and China. Those experiences have reinforced my beliefs about the importance of an understanding and appreciation of different cultures (which I first learned in the Peace Corps).

The United States Peace Corps is a well-known and respected program (now in its 51st year) that places volunteers in sites around the world where they spend two years or more working in a wide variety of jobs to assist low-income persons. There are currently some 7000 Peace Corps volunteers serving in 76 countries, at the request of the governments of those nations, performing services under the general direction of the host countries. Over the past 50 years more than 200,000 persons have served as Peace Corps volunteers, including more than 1300 from Idaho.

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What do Peace Corps volunteers do when they come home? Business today is global in scope—we may debate whether this is good or not, but globalization is here. It is difficult to name any type of business that is not affected by, or directly involved in international commerce. During my 31 years of teaching business students at Boise State (both undergrads and MBAs) there has been a steady and continual increase in the importance of “international business.” But what does this mean for our students and what do they need to know in order to effectively operate and compete in the global economy?

Part of being knowledgeable about the international nature of business is not only to know something about international financial and economic issues and business trends, and employment and management and marketing practices, but to have an appreciation for and understanding of the important cultural and social aspects of different regions and nationalities. Speaking the language of another nation is a major added bonus in doing business. Returned Peace Corps volunteers have acquired all of these skills and attributes, and more.

Believe it or not, people all over the world—whether they are Asian, African, South American, European or American—care about the health and welfare of their children and parents, desire decent and rewarding jobs, and want to live in peace and harmony. At the same time, people around the world go about their daily life in vastly different ways, and have different views about the relationship of work and family, and the role of government and religion in their lives, as well as the duties of an individual toward the larger society and community, and expectations about the future.

Understanding these differences in values, beliefs and expectations affects every business enterprise that expects to operate in a global environment. There is no better way to appreciate these differences than living for several years, at a local level in a foreign country—and that is what Peace Corps volunteers have done. Volunteers undertake a “regular” job in each country—perhaps working in a public health clinic, or teaching in a community school, or working to train pre-school teachers at a “basic school,” or assisting a group of fishermen or farmers or small businesses in achieving more effective operating practices. Volunteers live like locals (often with a local family—not in a fancy “western” neighborhood), are trained to speak the language of the country where they are located, interact with local people in that language, and conduct their daily lives in accordance with the culture and principles of their location.

Thousands of Peace Corps volunteers have gone into a variety of jobs with private businesses as well as governmental and non-governmental agencies upon their return to the U.S., and have found that the understanding of different languages, cultures and values gained in the Peace Corps has given them a great advantage when they are asked to assist in “global” enterprises. Instead of just saying “well, that’s how we do it in the United States,” the returned volunteers are able to adapt the best practices of U.S. firms to the different conditions, expectations and mores of the country in which they are operating. Thus the Peace Corps experience not only allowed them to help improve the lives of low income people in a foreign nation, but it gave them the understanding and tools to be a

more effective businessperson upon their return to the United States—a double benefit.

Request from a fellow returned volunteer, graduate student:

Dear Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers,
My name is Amanda MacGurn, and I am a RPCV (Romania '09-'11) and member of the Atlanta Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. I am also a graduate student in public health at Emory University, and I would like to ask you to participate in a survey of RPCVs that I am conducting for my thesis regarding health risk behaviors among Peace Corps volunteers. You will not be linked to the answers provided, and strict measures of confidentiality will be followed to ensure confidentiality of responses.

Note: This survey is intended only for those who **returned from Peace Corps service between 2007 and 2012**.

I would be so grateful for your participation: the survey takes approximately 12-15 minutes to complete. You will receive no direct benefit for completing this survey, but I would be happy to share the results with your group once the study is complete. Thank you, in advance, for your time and participation! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have about this study at amanda.macgurn@emory.edu.

SURVEY LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M3N2J78>

Thank you so much! ~Amanda

Pat and Trish’s adventure in Thailand:

PEACE CORPS THAILAND CELEBRATES 50 YEARS A Perfect Peace Corps Moment!



Pat Hughes (IRPCV Membership Chair) and Trish McKernan (IRPCV Treasurer) joined hundreds of other RPCVs in Bangkok last July to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Peace Corps Thailand. There were sumptuous banquets, formal and informal ceremonies, nostalgic group reunions, a State Department reception, cultural excursions, a seminar on volunteerism at the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a special audience with the King’s personal Secretary Kuhn Assad

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Sarasin followed by an exclusive tour of the Royal Palace in Bangkok. We were honored by the presence of many Thai and American dignitaries, including Her Royal Highness Maha Chakri Sirindorn, US Ambassador to Thailand Kristie Kenney and current acting Director of the Peace Corps Carrie Hessler-Radelet. It was a wonderful "welcome home" for all of us, some of whom had served 50 long years ago and were astounded by the impressive modernization of our beloved second country. We were all amazed at the sincere gratitude that was showered upon us by Thai government officials and by the Royal family. We were overjoyed to see old Peace Corps friends and to meet currently serving volunteers, the only people in the world who have shared our incredible experiences.



Buddhist Priests bless the Peace Corps Office on its 50th Anniversary



Dr. Darryl Johnson (Thai III, Former Ambassador to Thailand & current West Regional NPCA Representative) reminisces with Jon Keeton (RPCV Philippines, past PC Thailand Deputy Director & former S. Korea Country Director)



The King's personal Secretary welcomes RPCVs to the Royal Palace



Peace Corps Thailand staff members celebrate the first Thai-American Peace Corps Volunteer



RPCVs with Her Majesty Princess Maha Chakri Sirindorn

But what we enjoyed most of all was the joyful reunions with our Thai students, friends, and colleagues. They brought their families and friends to meet us. They thanked us for making a big positive difference in their lives. They invited us to stay with them so they could take care of us for the rest of our lives! But the one perfect Peace Corps moment for all of us occurred at the Friends of Thailand farewell banquet in Bangkok.

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kind of difference. Return to your service site. Re-connect with the people you served. Let them tell you how profoundly you touched their lives!

From Our IRPCV President-

It happens every year, and for me, always seems to come to soon. December is here and another year is almost over. I look back on all of the great things we have done in the past 12 months and think about the evenings at the Idaho Food Bank, the Ethnic Brunch at Lila Cabrera and Dave Snyderman's, School Supply Donation Drive at Fern Van Maren's, The BSU International Food and Dance Festival, the Bon Voyage Party at the Botanical Gardens, The Shakespeare night, and the Parades. Kristi Brumley started the book club, Connie Collins has been organizing outreach events, and several people have spoken to community and church groups. I'm sure there are other activities for which people deserve thanks and I sincerely apologize for those I've missed. What I'm getting to, the long way around, is Thank You. Thank you to everyone who has hosted, organized and attended one or more of our volunteer and social activities. It is you that make this group what it is. I am looking forward to another successful year.

If you volunteer or work for an organization that can use volunteers you may want to think about how Peace Corps can partner with you. In general, we all have a lot of commitments, so it is best to find a volunteer night, afternoon, or activity that we can promote as a Peace Corps community event (like the Idaho Food Bank Volunteer Nights). You can call me or email me with the information and we'll get it into the newsletters and updates.

There are a few gaps we still need to fill for the coming year. Below is a list of places where we need organizers and/or committee members. If you can fill one of these, please give me a call.

- Organizer for the February Dinner - Usually held at an ethnic restaurant
- Co-Chair for the March Regional Meeting
- Committee Members for the March Regional Meeting

Merry Christmas,

Jennifer K. Rogers

Idaho RPCV President 2012-13

Bolivia 1998 - 2001

Cell: (208) 484-7511

Creating New Opportunities for Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers: www.idahopeacecorps.com



Sandy Keith (Thai 11, 1965-67) with her student Dr. Yaoapa Nahlik

An RPCV named Debbie was conversing with Yaoapa (the Thai wife of another RPCV) who grew up in a rural town called Payao in northern Thailand. She credited her Peace Corps teacher Sandy for inspiring her to continue her education so that she could become a TEFL teacher. When Debbie pointed out that her beloved teacher Sandy Keith was sitting right at the next table, the room erupted with emotion! The two had not seen nor communicated with each other in 45 years! Until that moment, Sandy was unaware of the impact she'd had on her student's life. Needless to say, there was not a dry eye in the room.



"Come welcome Teacher Pat back home to Thamaka School!"

Most RPCVs wonder if their Peace Corps service really made a positive difference in the lives of the people they served. Well, Pat knows that her presence in a small rural secondary school near the Bridge on the River Kwai 40 years ago did in fact make a difference. Many of her students have succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. Most of them were very poor and had never even seen a foreigner before Pat arrived at their school. Now they are fully engaged with a world that grows more connected every day. The lifelong friendships and cross-cultural understanding spawned by this single volunteer's experience is living proof of the long-term value of the Peace Corps. Neither Sandy's nor Pat's stories are unique. You too have made this

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2013 Events

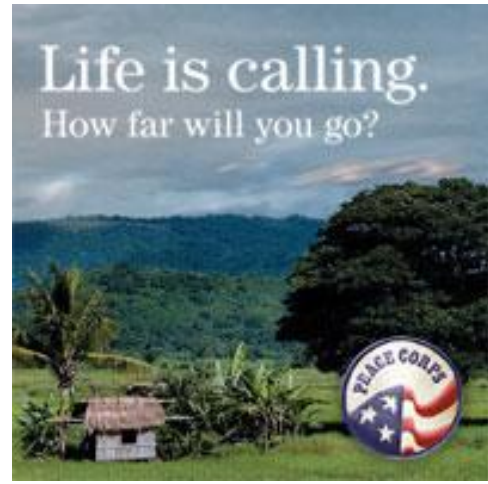
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- March –Regional Meeting – Peace Corps Week – Book Club Meeting
- April –Annual Meeting and Potluck

August 1 – 4 2013 Western Regional Campout hosted by Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association, Farragut State Park near Athol, ID. Website registration soon to come. Questions to Sarah Achaoui: inpca.spokane@gmail.com.



Visit our Face book Page:
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers – Idaho

Are you on our IRPCV e-mail/ mailing list?

If you are not on our e-mail/ mailing list or have recently moved please submit your current email/ mailing address/ phone to: Trish McKernan, IRPCV Treasurer, 5349 North Glen Lane, Boise, ID 83714. 208-853-1051 | twopats@mac.com Thanks

(Cut out this Calendar and Post)

IRPCV: | IDAHO RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Idaho in 1990. | The registered office of the Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (Idaho RPCVs) shall be in the City of Boise, State of Idaho, or such location as determined by the Executive Board. | **Its purpose is to promote educational, cultural and social activities for its members through the following goals:**

1. Provide a statewide communication network of RPCVs.
2. Increase the awareness in Idaho of the peoples and cultures of developing countries and of the Peace Corps.
3. Support Peace Corps and contribute to its policy making process.
4. Extend Peace Corps idealism and the spirit of volunteerism into local community activities.
5. Inform RPCVs of opportunities in education, employment, and social activities.
6. Assist Peace Corps in recruitment, the volunteer in the field and returnee in reconnection.
7. Helping refugees, immigrants and visitors in the same generous spirit with which we were received abroad.

There are currently 27 enrolled NPCA members and 44 associate members of IRPCV. We have about 300 RPCVs that are on our e-mail and/or mailing list that attend one or more of our functions during the program year.

IRPCV Executive Board (Committee) Contact Information 2012-2014:

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