

## Upcoming Events 2013

March 2013

**Friday – Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>** Pacific Northwest Regional Returned Peace Corps Meeting – Third Goal Expo – Boise, Idaho  
**See entire meeting agenda and associated news events in this newsletter, pages 4-15**

**March 24th (Sunday) at 2:00**, IRPCV Book Club: River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze by Peter Hessler (RPCV China 96-98).  
 Questions to Kristi Brumley [brumleybooks@me.com](mailto:brumleybooks@me.com) 830-2737

**April 21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday)** IRPCV Annual Meeting and Potluck, Harris Ranch Spring Creek Clubhouse, 3450 S. Millspur Way, Boise, ID 83716 (hosted by Dale and Meg Stephenson, 890-8934). Contact Jennifer Rogers @ [jen30rog@gmail.com](mailto:jen30rog@gmail.com)

**August 1 – 4 2013** Western Regional Campout hosted by Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association, Farragut State Park near Athol, ID. Website registration now open at:  
<http://peacecorpsummercampout.eventbrite.com/>

(See Complete 2013 Event and Planning Calendar pg.19)

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### Regional Meeting Objectives:

- Recognize and reconnect Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) in Idaho and the Pacific Northwest to NPCA & Peace Corps.
- Provide an outstanding education program for RPCV groups in the Pacific Northwest to enhance their organizations, build capacity, extend Peace Corps into their communities and attract 'new' Peace Corps Volunteers.
- Partner with Boise State University International Programs to celebrate students, programs, and possibilities.
- Foster and feature the III Goal of Peace Corps for the general public in an innovative and moving educational experience focused on the outcomes identified by NPCA and Peace Corps.
- Strengthen and enhance the IRPCV & NPCA Organization and membership
- Share the richness of Idaho's Treasure Valley with fun, food, dance and friendship!

## Idaho Spring Newsletter & Special Regional Meeting Edition



### Scheduled events to be held in Boise and vicinity

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The agenda for the upcoming Pacific Northwest Regional Peace Corps Meeting has been included as part of this newsletter because we hope that you will be able to participate in one or several activities. It is not an all or nothing event and if you are only interested in or able to attend one event, then please **register** for that part of the weekend [www.idahopeacecorps.com](http://www.idahopeacecorps.com) We would like a head count for planning and reporting purposes and we want your **participation**. This **newsletter** will serve as your agenda for the conference.

**Please note that the rooms for Saturday will be posted at the event.**

If you have other questions, suggestions or comments, please contact one of the following committee members: Jennifer Rogers [jen30rog@gmail.com](mailto:jen30rog@gmail.com) or Kevin Laughlin [kevinlaughlin@peoplepc.com](mailto:kevinlaughlin@peoplepc.com) . We look forward to seeing you in 2013 at the Pacific Northwest Regional RPCV Meeting! Plan now to Celebrate with our Returned Peace Corps Community in IDAHO.

# WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING IDAHO MEMBERS!

- Harriet Almerico - Morocco 93-95  
    **Matt Anders - Kazakhstan 95-97**  
Christy Babcock-Quintero - Costa Rica 92-94  
    **Mike & Sharon Bixby - Jamaica 68-70**  
Arnold Burgemeister - India 70-72  
    **Jennifer Butler - Micronesia 97-99**  
Lila Cabrera - Paraguay/El Salvador 91-95  
    **Morgan Case - Gabon 96-98**  
Larry Crowley - Bolivia 67-71  
    **Paula Dorney - Kenya 08-10**  
Catherine Emard - Albania 09-11  
    **Diana Gardner - Namibia 10-12**  
Lee Godshalk - Korea 67-69  
    **David & Sonya Greeger - Mexico 07-11**  
Sam Greer - Ethiopia 66-68  
    **Jacqueline Groves - Senegal 77-78**  
Annette Hanson - Costa Rica 80-82  
    **John Hooper - Niger 84-86**  
Aaron Hueth - Kazakhstan 07-09  
    **Pat Hughes - Thailand 71-74**  
Walter Kaiser - Bolivia 98-01  
    **Jenny Kuykendoll - Slovakia 96-98**  
Ingrid Koch-Adler - Turkey 68-70  
    **Phoebe Lansing-Lee - Botswana 09-11**  
Will & Susan Martin - Philippines 95-96  
    **Susan Mason - Honduras 88-90**  
Trish McKernan  
    **Amy Mercer - Paraguay 03-05**  
Jane Pierie - Liberia 84-86  
    **Lenora Retallic - Peru 64-65**  
Jennifer Rogers - Bolivia 98-01  
    **Chloe Ross - Malawi 10-12**  
Kathy Stearns - Dominican Republic 81-83  
    **William Stratton - Colombia 67-69**  
Cory Thiebert - St. Kitts-Nevis - 89-91  
    **Loreen Todd - Thailand 10-12**  
Tom Trail - Ecuador 63-65  
    **Fern Van Maren - Sri Lanka 94-96**  
Mike Weiss - Albania 09-11  
    **Ken Whiting - Micronesia 69-72**  
Charlotte & Jerry Zaugg - Ghana 67-68

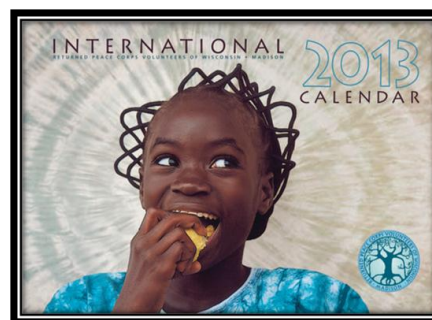
If you haven't paid your dues yet, please consider doing so. Your membership dues are vital to the success of Idaho RPCVs. In addition to our many service activities this past year, we were able to make three \$250 donations to support nonprofit/charitable groups in Idaho: Interfaith Sanctuary, Idaho 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.

Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (IRPCV) dues are \$15.00 per calendar year due in January. You can download a membership form and/or pay via PayPal on our website -

[www.idahopeacecorps.com](http://www.idahopeacecorps.com) or send your check payable to IRPCV to our Treasurer (5349 N. North Glen Lane, Boise, ID 83714). 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](http://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.

## Winter Highlights



### Calendar Sales:

We purchased 200 Peace Corps calendars in 2012 and thanks to the efforts of John Hooper, Jennifer Rogers and Meg Stephenson, they are all sold. We have a profit of **\$807.11** which will allow us to make our annual donations to charities selected by our membership.

Thanks to all of you who purchased calendars and made this a great success all around.

According to the RPCV Calendar Website this project makes a difference worldwide: Since 1961 more than 200,000 Americans have spent time serving in communities over-seas. Many returned home wishing they could do more. For the last 25 years, the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers in Madison, Wisconsin have been producing the International Calendar. It features countries where Volunteers have served. Net proceeds from International Calendar sales - more than \$1 million since 1988 - have been donated to community projects around the world.

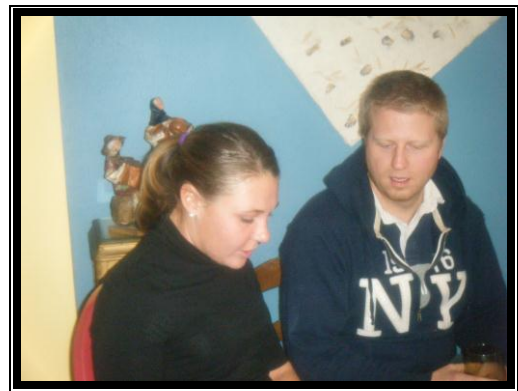


Visit our Face book Page:  
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers – Idaho

Holiday Party Photos:



And spotted at the Venezuelan Arepa Brunch...



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Volunteer Meeting – Third Goal Expo**

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**Session Descriptions - Friday March 1, 2013**

**Third Goal – NPCA Day of Action – Act Locally Influence Globally**

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Option 1: Idaho Food Bank Volunteer Activity – 3562 South TK Ave., Boise**  
(behind JoAnne Fabrics on Federal Way) (208) 336-9643  
IRPCV Contact Person: David Snyderman IRPCV Paraguay 91-93,  
El Salvador 94-95 (208) 344-1506

Join fellow volunteers in a volunteer activity at the Idaho Food Bank. Food Bank staff will meet you there and show you the tasks that are needed. In the past we have bagged bulk lentils for individual distribution and worked with frozen bread products. It could be chilly so bring a jacket or sweater and gloves.

**About The Idaho Foodbank (IFB)**

The Idaho Foodbank is an independent nonprofit organization that has worked with a network of partner agencies to distribute free emergency food to individuals and families in need for more than 25 years. More than a statewide distribution system, this network of more than 200 partner agencies consists of emergency food pantries, community kitchens, shelters and programs that collectively work together to relieve hunger in Idaho.

IFB provides programs that serve an important role in communities that lack resources for hungry families and children. These programs include:

- **Backpack Program:** supplies weekend nutrition to school children who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend.
- **Mobile Pantry Program:** provides emergency food to rural areas and areas lacking emergency food services.
- **Grocery Alliance Program:** partners with grocery stores and supermarkets to provide fresh nutritious food.
- **Picnic in the Park:**The Picnic in the Park Program provides nutrition for food-insecure children during the summer months, when the school lunch they depended on is unavailable.
- **Idaho Community Gardens Program:** coordinates food distribution between local community gardens and emergency food pantries throughout the state.
- **Beef Counts:** an innovative program established and endorsed by the Idaho Cattle Association, The Idaho Cattlewomen Council, Agri Beef Co., and the Idaho Beef Council to provide fresh beef into the Foodbank network.



Individual donations, grants and corporate donations are the primary sources of funding for The Idaho Foodbank. The organization does not depend on government funding or subsidies. Food donations are accepted from manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, community and corporate food drives and through the national Feeding America network. Tax-deductible cash donations are critical to underwrite the costs associated with acquiring, transporting, warehousing and distributing food throughout the state of Idaho.

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**Option 2: Botanical Garden and Old Penitentiary Docent Led Tour**  
by **Kevin Laughlin** IRPCV Belize 79-81, 2355 Old Penitentiary Road,  
Boise (208) 343-8649  
IRPCV Contact Person: Chloe Ross, Malawi 10-12 [rosschloe@hotmail.com](mailto:rosschloe@hotmail.com)



Located in Boise's Old Penitentiary Historic District, the Idaho Botanical Garden is dedicated to enhancing our community's quality of life through fostering a love of nature and developing intellectual curiosity in people of all ages. Originally the site of the tree nursery and grounds of the State Penitentiary, the Garden is a living museum.

The Garden provides enriching garden experiences through educational programs, botanical collections, a variety of entertainment, cultural and community events. It is also a refreshing and inspiring year-round outdoor destination for local residents and out-of-town visitors.

Nestled at the base of the Boise Foothills, the Idaho Botanical Garden offers a beautiful location to host weddings, celebrate birthdays and hold private events. Each year, the Garden invites the community to a variety of events that highlight the Garden through music, art, and seasonal celebrations.

**Support the Garden:**

The Idaho Botanical Garden is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. A private entity, it receives no city, state or federal government funding for operations. The Garden relies on memberships, program fees and donations to sustain educational programming and plant collections and to enable future development.

**Membership:**

An Idaho Botanical Garden Membership offers free general Garden admission, advance concert ticket purchasing opportunities, exclusive admission to member-only events like the annual plant sale, discounts on education classes and in the Garden store. Revenue from Garden membership supports daily operations.



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**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial Docent Led Tour** by Michael Bixby, IRPCV  
Jamaica 68-70, Karen Martz and Bill Brudenell; 770 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Boise (208) 345-0304  
IRPCV Contact Person: Phoebe Lansing (208) 386-9065

Enjoy a docent led tour of The Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial, a .81-acre educational park inspired by Anne Frank's faith in humanity.

Learn about:

- Anne Frank Tree Saplings
- The Quote Wall
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Bethine and Frank Church Writing Table
- Anne Frank Statue
- Stone Bookcase
- The Cityscape Wall and Butterfly Poem
- Donor Walls and Pavers



The Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial is for drop in use only and may not be reserved.  
[Idaho Human Rights Education Center](http://Idaho Human Rights Education Center)    [info@idaho-humanrights.org](mailto:info@idaho-humanrights.org)    208-345-0304  
801 S. Capitol Blvd, Suite 102  
Boise, ID 83702

**6:00 pm – End**

**Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Potluck and Regional Meeting**

First Congregational United Church of Christ – 2201 Woodlawn Avenue, Boise  
IRPCV Contact Person (dinner): Fern VanMaren, IRPCV Sri Lanka 94-96 (208) 433-0556

- 6:00 pm Gather (Idaho Peace Corps Taxi will be set up)
- 6:15 pm Welcome by Jennifer Rogers and Erin Erickson
- 6:30 pm Dinner
- 7:15 pm Regional Team Leader Meeting (All Welcome) – Fireside Room
- 8:30 pm Share Your PC Experience Through Music and Art; Sonya and Dave Greegor, IRPCVs Mexico 07-11



Generous sponsor of Friday's dinner

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**Session Descriptions – Saturday March 2, 2013**

**Boise State University Student Union Building**

**Registration – BSU Student Union Building 1<sup>st</sup> floor – Outside the Forum Room**

**8:30 am All Day - Display of Peace Corps Story (50<sup>th</sup> Panels):** The story panels displayed at the Idaho Historical Museum during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be on display at various locations in the Boise State Student Union Building. There will be two panels outside each of the meeting rooms and others in strategic areas of the SUB.

Sam Greer, Ethiopia 1966-1968

Mike Philley, Borneo, East Malaysia 1969-1972

Pat Hughes, Thailand 1971-1974

Kevin Laughlin, Belize 1979-1981

Dave Peckham, Gabon 1983-1985

John Hooper, Niger 1984-1986

Meg and Dale Stephenson, Mali 1986-1988

Carolle Skov, Grenada 1989-1991

Lorissa Wilfong Holt, Hungary 1994-1996

Kristi Brumley, Bulgaria, 1998-2000

Jennifer Rogers and Walter Kaiser, Bolivia 1998-2001

Dan Broockman, Haiti, 2001-2003

Heather Jasper, Morocco 2005-2007

Aaron Hueth, Kazakhstan 2007-2009

**9:00 – 9:30am Welcome & Introduction: Thinking about Peace Corps Programs (Forum Room)**

- Erin Erickson: Regional Peace Corps Representative – Seattle Office Moldova 07-10
- Christy Babcock: BSU Director of International Student Services and IRPCV Costa Rica 92-94
- NPCA: Video
- Jennifer Rogers: President of Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Bolivia 98-01



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**9:40 – 10:30 Session I: Telling our Peace Corps Stories**

**1. Service Learning and the Peace Corps: Engaging Students in the Classroom -  
Dale Stephenson Presenter; Boise State University; Room Assignment:**

What will be covered: This presentation will highlight the use of a University course, Global Environmental Health, to promote the application of knowledge of cultural differences to matters of local, regional, national, and international importance. Through the lens of a former RPCV (Mali 86-88), attendees will see how the Peace Corps experience can be used to engage students in the classroom.

Outcome: This presentation will provide RPCV attendees with insight on the effectiveness of using service learning to enhance interest in the Peace Corps and promote mutual understanding of cultural differences among diverse peoples.

**2. Panel Discussion: Peace Corps Volunteers in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Erin Erickson –  
Seattle Peace Corps Office, Regional Representative, & RPCV Moldova 07-10  
Room Assignment:**

What will be covered: Discover what Peace Corps service entails in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Join a panel of recently-returned Peace Corps Volunteers who will share about their rewarding Peace Corps service overseas and answer questions from the audience.

Outcome: Learn how recently returned volunteers adapted to life in a new foreign culture in this age of increasing technology (how does it compare to earlier volunteers).

**3. Peace Corps Response (Tentative) Room Assignment:**

What will be covered: Peace Corps Response has Opportunities available for RPCV's and professionals with at least 10 years of experience. When you serve as a Peace Corps volunteer you bring your skills and experience to projects in places where you are needed most. Consider one of the many rewarding, short-term assignments in countries around the world.

Outcome: Learn how to find and view the open positions and apply online.



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**10:40 – Noon Session II: Three Simple Goals = Success for 52 Years**

**1. Tips for your own Advocacy and Your Role in the III Goal of Peace Corps -  
Advocacy That Works: Lorna Jorgensen, NPCA, IRPCV Thailand 80-83**

What will be covered: “NPCA and its supporters advocate on issues of importance to the Peace Corps community, including an independent and robust Peace Corps. We also seek to add the experienced voices of returned Peace Corps Volunteers to other issues of global concern. As a former lobbyist in Idaho, Lorna Jorgensen will discuss advocacy and tailoring the Peace Corps Message so that it does not fall on deaf ears. You have to know your audience and then tailor your message so that it is a appealing.

Outcome: Learn about Lorna’s efforts in DC with NPCA and how it was received. Gain tips for your own advocacy and your role in the Third Goal of Peace Corps.

**2. Peace Corps & Grad School: Why not do both? Erin Erickson – Seattle Peace  
Corps Office, Regional Representative, & RPCV Moldova 07-10 Room  
Assignment**

What will be covered: Learn about Peace Corps service from a returned volunteer who served in the Republic of Moldova and assisted with the development of non-profit organizations and their programs geared to support at-risk youth while completing a master’s degree through the Peace Corps Master’s International program.

Outcome: Discover how you can make the most of Peace Corps service while overseas and after you return home through various educational opportunities.

**3. Have Passport and Syllabus – Will Travel: Professor Emeritus Michael Bixby,  
IRPCV & BSU College of Business IRPCV Jamaica 68-70; Room Assignment:**

What will be covered: RPCVs come home and may work on the third goal. They also become advocates for continued study abroad. Michael Bixby has successfully fostered faculty, student, and staff partnerships with the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) and Boise State University for three decades to see the world. He has lived and taught students in four different countries. Faculty, students, and others interested in teaching abroad will be feted with slides, stories, and tips for those who want to make it work with their career and family.

Outcome: This is a great resource for RPCVs and potential PCVs to learn “how to live and achieve the Peace Corps 3<sup>rd</sup> goal”.



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**12:00 – 2:00pm Idaho Famous Potato Bar & Around the World Exhibits**

**2:00 – 3:30pm Session III: Capacity Building Before, During & After  
Peace Corps**

**1. RPCV Group Development, Capacity Building & PC Partnerships: Chuck  
McConnell, Columbia River PCA. President, Ukraine 08-11; Room Assignment**

What will be covered: Columbia River Peace Corps Association is a large and active RPCV group. What are the association's activities? Does it enjoy special local conditions that have enabled its growth? Are there special local problems? How does CRPCA define, and how has it met, the challenges of keeping an RPCV group alive and relevant? Where do leaders come from? This will be a discussion of the big, existential questions that face all of our groups...framed by the experience of one.

Outcomes: Aspects of CRPCA's story are unique to our place and cannot be replicated elsewhere. But others are truly universal and can be applied, or adapted, by any RPCV group anywhere. By exploring, together, the CRPCA story, workshop attendees can reconsider and reframe their own association's situation and opportunities.

**2. Bringing Peace Corps Values to Your Own Financial Future – Sustainable  
Investing: Kathy Stearns, CFP and IRPCV Dominican Republic 81-83; Room  
Assignment**

What will be covered: All investments have social, environmental and financial impacts. The question is, "what kinds of impact?" This presentation will offer an array of options to help ensure that your investments have a positive impact. Whether you have millions or a small IRA and a bank account, you can put your money to work in a way that helps you build your own financial security while supporting the environment, communities, and corporate responsibility.

Outcomes: RPCVs care about the world and their role in the world. It is hard to figure out how to carry that concern over to one's own financial security. This presentation will help participants be good stewards of their income and investments, so they can build a secure financial future for themselves while having a positive impact on communities, the environment, and other issues they care about.



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**2:00 – 3:30pm Session III: Capacity Building Before, During & After  
Peace Corps (cont.)**

**3. Understanding New Media, Marketing & Social Media Apps for RPCVs and  
RPCV Groups: Aaron Hueth – IRPCV Kazakhstan 07-09 and Chloe Ross –  
IRPCV Malawi 10-12**

What will be covered: Join recently returned RPCVs Aaron Hueth and Chloe Ross who use Social Media in their jobs, job searches, and in the work of the Peace Corps III Goal! Get it straight from generation X on the ins and outs of Social Media and apps that will help you to better connect to your Peace Corps Service.

Outcome: This fun and fascinating Class will provide you with relevant information, cultural, technological understanding about Applications, blogging, media and marketing as RPCVs! Don't Miss It!

**3:40 – 4:30pm Session IV: Closing Session Q&A**

1. Sharing Lessons Learned: General Session Discussion
2. Peace Corps Response Overview (tentative)
3. Event Survey

**6:00 – 9:00pm BSU International Food, Song, and Dance Festival, Jordan Ballroom**

The 34th annual International Student Food, Song and Dance Festival celebrates Boise State's international population on Saturday, March 2, in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 6 p.m. Free parking is available in the Lincoln Avenue Garage.

**What is the Third Goal? (from [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov))**

**Third Goal**

The Third Goal of the Peace Corps aims to help Americans understand the people and cultures of other countries. It is one of the three goals that support the mission of the Peace Corps to promote world peace and friendship.

**Why is it important?**

When Volunteers and friends of the Peace Corps support and engage in Third Goal activities, they help Americans gain a greater understanding of the world. They foster the spirit of world peace and friendship. They may also inspire Americans to be civic minded by example.



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**Agenda Sunday March 3, 2013**

**Bogus Basin Winter Adventure 8am – 2pm**

8:30am SHARP: Bus departs for Bogus Basin from the Free Park and Ride at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and Bannock

Bring your own lunch or purchase at the main lodge

Options – On your own or in groups of your choosing:

1. Cross Country Skiing at the Upper Lodge
2. Snowshoeing at the Upper Lodge
3. Downhill Skiing at the Main Lodge
4. Lounge Lizards – Take your pick

11:00 am – 1:00pm Tubing (15 reserved and must make reservations ahead of time \$10/person)

Lunch: Meet at the J.R. Simplot Lodge or Nordic Lodge (more food options at J.R. Simplot Lodge)

2pm or 5pm – Bus Returns to Boise

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Christopher Pohl, IRPCV Malawi 10-12 [Christopher.pohl1@gmail.com](mailto:Christopher.pohl1@gmail.com)

Information for Bogus Basin (prices reflect any discounted rates for our group)

- Alpine Downhill \$38.00 + ski rental
- Tubing \$10 per person (must register and reserve)
- Nordic \$5.00 trail pass + ski rental \$11.00 ½ day
- Snow Shoe Rental \$10.00
- Learn to Nordic package \$25.00



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NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK 2013 NEWS ARTICLE | BOISE, ID

To: Meleia Egger, Peace Corps Office of Third Goal & Returned Volunteer Services  
Erica Burman, NPCA Director of Communications  
Meg Stephenson, IRPCV Newsletter Editor

Fr: Jennifer Rogers, IRPCV President 2012-2014  
Kevin M. Laughlin, IRPCV Past President 2012-2014

Re: Idaho (IRPCV) National Peace Corps Week Articles for 2013 |  
Promotion for March 1-3, 2013 PNW Regional Peace Corps Meeting in Boise, Idaho

As the Peace Corps turns 52, Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers' pooled our best resources to make an impact here in the Gem state. Provided below are nine articles that reflect the spirit and purpose of Peace Corps III Goal to Bring the World Home.

In addition we are using this set of articles to promote The Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers hosting of the 2013 Pacific Northwest Regional RPCV Meeting March 1-3, 2013 in Boise, Idaho.

We would like to invite all those who want to learn, explore and gain new insight into Peace Corps and its 3rd goal. Join future Peace Corps Volunteers, students, faculty, RPCVs and friends for Peace Corps updates, workshops, and networking!

The agenda includes: service/tour options plus dinner on Friday. A full day of food, education, & networking at BSU on Saturday; RPCV winter adventures at Bogus Basin Ski Area on Sunday; free housing and lots of fun! Registration and more information at: [www.idahopeacecorps.com](http://www.idahopeacecorps.com)

Thank you for publishing one or more of these stories during this year's Peace Corps Week, February 24-March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013.

#### Sunday, February 24: Grow Your Family Tree

- Visit by Son of Peace Corps Volunteer Sparks Bolivian Romance & Next Generation of Volunteers [Special Article written by Harriet Almerico for National Peace Corps Week | February 24 - Grow Your Peace Corps Family Tree | Harriet retired as an Adult Basic Education Instructor at Boise State University. She is an Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (IRPCV) an served in Morocco 1993-1995, | e-mail: [harenco@msn.com](mailto:harenco@msn.com)]

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#### Monday, February 25: Inspire Global Learning

- **Helping Li Chi...Understand the Notion of 'American' Volunteerism** [Special Article written by Bonnie Thompson Gentil for National Peace Corps Week | February 25 – Inspiring Global Learning | Bonnie is a retired Teacher from the Boise School District presently teaching at an International School in Dongguan, Guangdong, China. She is an Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (IRPCV) and served in Senegal 1980-'83, | e-mail: [bonniegentil@gmail.com](mailto:bonniegentil@gmail.com)]
- **Volunteerism Inspires Global Learning "Little by Little You Finally Get There"** [Special Article written by David Dean for National Peace Corps Week | February 25 – Inspiring Global Learning | David has a Ph.D. in Adult Education and is retired from the Idaho Department of Education, Division of Professional Technical Education. He is currently is a substitute teacher for the Boise School District and world traveler. He is an Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (IRPCV) who served in Kenya from 1965 to 1968 | Phone: 208-921-7805; E-mail: [idahodavegdean@gmail.com](mailto:idahodavegdean@gmail.com)]

#### Tuesday, February 26: Share Culture from Around the Globe

- **Global Cultures...Exploring Beyond 'Perceived' Boundaries!** [Special Article written by Aaron Hueth for National Peace Corps Week. | February 26 - Share Culture from Around the World| Aaron has a Business Marketing Degree from Northwest Nazarene University. Aaron served as IRPCV Vice President from 2010-2011 and has taught English as a Second Language in Korea. He presently works at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center as a Community Resources Specialist. He is an Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (IRPCV) who served in Kazakhstan 2007-2009| Phone: 208- 336-1227; [cincygriffy@gmail.com](mailto:cincygriffy@gmail.com)]

#### Wednesday, February 27: Invite the World to Your Table

- **Respect & Dreams Come True for "Experienced" Idaho Peace Corps Volunteer** [Special Article written by Loreen Todd for National Peace Corps Week | February 27 – Invite the World to Your Table| Loreen has an MA in International Relations, is a retired Teacher, and returned to Boise to continue her volunteer experience with her grandchildren. She is an Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) and served in Thailand 2010-2012 | E-mail: [lorentodd@me.com](mailto:lorentodd@me.com)]

#### Thursday, February 28: Foster Global Citizenship

- **Peas, Plants, and People Helped Idaho Peace Corps Volunteer get the Pulse of Bolivia** [Special Article written by Walter J. Kaiser, for National Peace Corps Week. | February 28 - Fostering Global Citizenship | Walter has a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology and is a retired USDA-ARS Research Plant

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#### Friday, March 1: Champion RPCVs as Global Professionals

- **The Shock of Coming Home... Employment After International Service** [Special Article written by Diana Gardner for National Peace Corps Week | March 1 – Champion Global Professionalism] Diana has a M.S. International Studies and is a Management Assistant, Passport Acceptance Agent for International Learning Opportunities at Boise State University, Boise, Idaho. She is an Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (IRPCV) who served in Namibia 2010-2012 | Phone; (208) 602-1586; E-mail: [dianalea024@yahoo.com](mailto:dianalea024@yahoo.com)]
- **Life from City of Trees inspires broadest 'Educator' at stops Around the World** [Special Article written by Heather Jaspers for National Peace Corps Week | March 1 – Champion Global Professionalism | Heather is a foreign language teacher and has a MS in education. She has taught in the Boise School District, Turkey and is presently teaching at an International Baccalaureate school in Bangladesh. She is an Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (IRPCV) and served in Morocco 2005-2007| e-mail: [ezeurjasper@gmail.com](mailto:ezeurjasper@gmail.com)]

#### Saturday, March 2: Act Locally, Influence Globally

- **Generosity, Skills & Help from Foreign Shores to Gem State Doors** [Special Article written by Cathie Scott for National Peace Corps Week | March 2 - Act Locally, Influence Globally | Cathie is the volunteer coordinator at the Idaho Food Bank in Boise, ID. She is an Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (IRPCV) who served in Micronesia, 1989-1991. | Phone 208-336-9643; E-mail [volunteerservices@idahofoodbank.org](mailto:volunteerservices@idahofoodbank.org)>]

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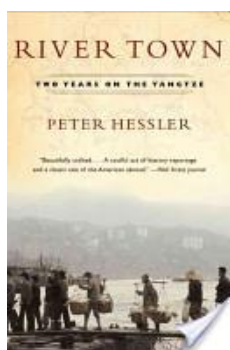
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## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### IRPCV Book Club discussion

Book: River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze  
Author: Peter Hessler (RPCV China, 1996-1998)



Date: Sunday, March 24, 2 p.m. (1.5-2 hours)  
Feel free to bring friends or snacks if you want.  
If you have been to China, bring pictures.  
And if you are feeling really ambitious, bring book discussion questions.

Location: Home of Ingrid Adler  
1707 N. Harrison Blvd. (the road that extends to Bogus Basin)  
Boise, ID Ph. 336-3279 or ick2adler@yahoo.com

### Regional Campout registration information

The Western Regional Campout will be hosted by the Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association from **August 1-4th at Farragut State Park near Athol, ID.**

Reservation and registration now open:

<http://peacecorpsummercampout.eventbrite.com/>

Farragut State Park, near Athol, Idaho, on Lake Pend Oreille, offers multiple opportunities for recreation and fun for all ages.

INPCA has reserved space in the Larch Campground within the Buttonhook Group Camps.

Activities within the park include hiking ( more than 45 miles of trails within the park boundary), boating on the Lake, swimming holes (but no life guards), visits to the park museum for a look at the interesting history of Farragut, wild life viewing including mountain goats, porcupine, wild turkey, whitetail deer and the occasional black bear. Birders will also be rewarded. There is an equestrian area, but riders must provide their own horses. Three 18-hole golf courses and a shorter 9-hole family course are in the park area.

### Considering a CSA this year?

Check out Global Gardens! Get your fresh, local veggies and support a refugee farmer at the same time! Looking for some good volunteers, too -check our website!

[http://www.idahorefugees.org/home/global\\_gardens/](http://www.idahorefugees.org/home/global_gardens/)



Refugee Community Agriculture, Boise, Idaho, USA



NPCA Appoints New President

Dear NPCA Member Group Leaders,

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Glenn Blumhorst (Guatemala 1988 – 91) as President of the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA).



Glenn Blumhorst's appointment follows an extensive nationwide search that began in Fall 2012. A search committee of the NPCA Board of Directors selected him from a robust pool of highly qualified applicants. Glenn comes to the NPCA with 25 years of international experience, 18 of them working with ACIDI/VOCA. Glenn has held leadership positions in small scale projects and complex multinational operations. He has experience servicing and managing large grants and developing strategic partnerships.

Glenn, who served in the Peace Corps with his wife, Cathy, will begin his role leading the NPCA community on February 25, 2013. Those attending any of the upcoming events between February 28 and March 2, including Capitol Hill Advocacy Day, Director's Circle Weekend and Board of Directors Meeting, will have the opportunity to meet him in person.

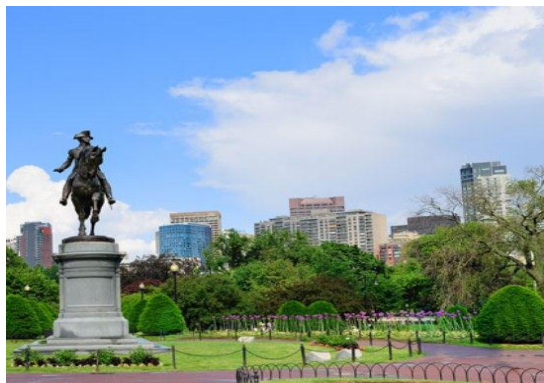
Please join us in welcoming Glenn to the NPCA.  
Best Wishes, Tony Barclay, Chair, NPCA Board



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](mailto:erica@peacecorpsconnect.org). You just might make the next issue of WorldView!

**Peace Corps Connect - Boston 2013 – Registration OPEN**



Join NPCA June 28, 2013 and June 29, 2013 at the [Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School](#) for two days of reconnecting with the Peace Corps community and learning from and about fellow Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. Friday's sessions will feature member group sessions and reunions as well as sessions about NPCA Advocacy, telling your Peace Corps story and career development. Saturday's sessions will focus on RPCVs and their unique ways of "bringing the world back home" as well as a session with our [Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award](#) winner. NPCA will present [awards](#), followed by a celebratory reception, to the winners of the Wofford Award, Sargent Shriver Distinguished Humanitarian Award and the Loret Miller Ruppe Award for the outstanding member group community service followed by a celebratory reception.

In between sessions, visit our vendors and exhibitors at the Exhibit Hall which will showcase organizations, RPCV products and services, and member group activities.

Looking for more fun? Join the [Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers](#) for its special Sunset Cruise on Boston Harbor on Friday June 28, 2013.

**REGISTRATION RATES**

Early bird registration rates end on March 31, 2013! We hope to see you there! Log in and register [here](#).

**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](#)

**Returned Volunteer Activities and News**

Louise Davison practicing the Third Goal:

You just never know. It's never too late. At 65 I went into the Peace Corps. And now, nearing 70, I've found the best job I've ever had—right here on the Palouse. Within ten miles of my home, I've traveled to twenty-five countries and counting.

After returning from Peace Corps, Neill Public Library's Director approached me to teach English as a Second Language [ESL] at the library. I had recently certified to teach ESL (with the intention of going back overseas), so I agreed not to teach per se but to hold ESL conversations. The library sent out the word and the rest is currently an unfolding adventure that is as good as traveling around the world. Moscow's library called a bit later and asked if I knew anyone who would do the same in Moscow. Long story short, I now meet in both libraries twice weekly, and only skip these magic sessions when I have to!

Pullman's group once had twelve countries represented one night, which might sound unmanageable—until you meet these intelligent, humorous, adventurous people. Our discussions have ranged from military service to care for the disabled, inheritance customs, weddings, and funerals. We have riotously covered body parts, favorite vacations, and the lives our grandparents lived. We've had phenomenal parties and picnics with spectacular food. We always laugh. Because of mutual trust, there is incredible openness and true friendships have formed. And tears upon departures. Moscow's group—a steady six or seven women this past year—from Egypt, China, and Turkey—has covered everything from sex education to the prejudice these lovely professional women have endured on KLM airlines and at the Palouse Empire Mall. So many visiting scholars and graduate students come to our towns now; they go off each day to conduct their research or study with colleagues in a language-rich environment. Most come with spouses and families, and it is the spouses who are more or less left out. (I know because I "lived" this in 1970 in Norway and suffered the blackest depression of my life.) The official university language programs are terrific, but expensive, and young children often prevent this and other options anyway. The conversation groups provide a unique social and learning opportunity: sure, we "do" vocabulary and work on pronunciation—continuously— but what's really happening is that we are *all* learning the reasons behind, and the differences between, our cultures. And, ah, those smiles of recognition that light up the room when we discover our similarities.

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness . . . . Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime" [Mark Twain]. Stop vegetating. Travel the world without spending a dime. Create an ESL group of your own. There are more than enough visitors to go around.

## Common Ground

The most fun job I've ever had. And I've learned so much. So very much.

Louise Davison, Ukraine 2008-2010 (lmdavison66@gmail.com)

### Service and Commitment Beyond Graduation: U-Idaho Ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in Peace Corps Rankings

Wednesday, 2/ 6/13, UI website

MOSCOW, Idaho – The University of Idaho has a long-standing tradition of opening doors for students to the world, and this year, that effort is being recognized as the university ranks seventh on the Peace Corps' 2013 Top Colleges amongst medium-sized schools.

"We are proud of taking our tradition of service learning and the spirit of helping others worldwide," said University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis. "We are pleased to see the great work our students do while at the university and as alumni."

Currently, there are 33 undergraduate alumni serving in the Peace Corps; historically 521 Vandals have served overseas in the program. Graduating senior Alex Rheault, of Fargo, N.D., hopes to join the swelling ranks. She has been nominated to the national office and is waiting for an assignment for environmental education.

"I've volunteered all my life," said Rheault, an environmental science major with a Spanish minor. "I want to help people, bring ideas to another country to help them live in a more sustainable way. I really look forward to learning a lot from them as well."

On a high school mission trip to Peru, Rheault saw firsthand the living conditions in a developing nation. The trip reinforced her desire to give her time, skills and resources to help other people, but not necessarily "save" them.

University programs like the Alternative Service Break, Paint the Palouse and Saturday of Service helped Rheault solidify her desire to serve in the Peace Corps and help others while gaining invaluable experience. Currently, she serves as the volunteer coordinator at the Sustainability Center.

"It's really getting me excited to go, especially when I see the joy when people volunteer," said Rheault.

Rheault has several new experiences to look forward to. Marya Nowakowski, Peace Corps regional representative in Spokane, said that beyond learning a new language and culture and broadening their worldview, Peace Corps members receive technical training and leadership skills that will help them secure employment after their two-year term is up.

"One of the characteristics of students we meet at the University of Idaho is they have really good work experience and volunteer experience from home and on campus," said Nowakowski, who was recently on the University of Idaho campus for its job fair. "There is real advocacy for hands-on experience and education."

Currently, more than 8,000 volunteers are working with communities in 76 host countries on projects related to agriculture, community economic development, education, environment, health and youth development.

The annual list recognizes the highest volunteer-producing colleges and universities for small, medium, large and graduate institutions. While the University of Idaho ranked seventh for medium-sized colleges, 5,000–15,000 undergraduates, the university is in the top 10 with universities such as Western Washington University, American University, The George Washington University, Cornell University and Georgetown University.

"Every year, graduates of colleges and universities across the United States are making a difference in communities overseas through Peace Corps service," said Carrie Hessler-Radelet, acting director for the Peace Corps. "As a result of the top-notch education they receive, these graduates are well prepared for the challenge of international service. They become leaders in their host communities and carry the spirit of service and leadership back with them when they return home."

The University of Idaho is one of 23 universities from the West Coast producing globally-minded leaders who turn idealism into action as Peace Corps volunteers, according to Janet Allen, regional manager for the Peace Corps West Coast.

"Peace Corps announces 'Top Colleges' annually to recognize the schools that contribute the most alumni who are making a difference overseas through volunteer service," said Allen. "Personally, I'm thrilled to see the University of Idaho in the top 10 for the first time."

During Peace Corps service, college graduates make a difference in communities overseas. Volunteers return home as global citizens with cross-cultural, leadership, language, teaching and community development skills that position them for advanced education and professional opportunities in today's global job market.

## University of Idaho



## IRPCV 2013 Planning Calendar



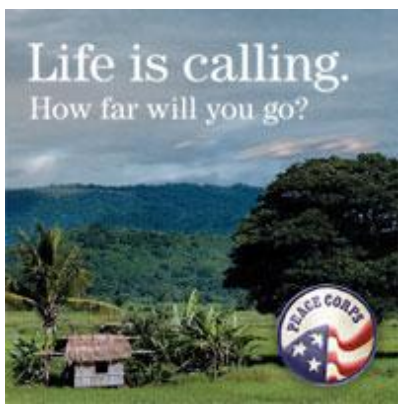
### 2013 Events

**Friday – Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>** Pacific Northwest Regional Returned Peace Corps Meeting – Third Goal Expo – Boise ID

**Saturday, March 2,** 6:00-9:00pm, Jordan Ballroom BSU International Food, Song, and Dance Festival

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>,** 2 p.m. IRPCV Book Club Meet Up!  
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Questions: Contact Kristi Brumley 830-2737 or brumleybooks@me.com

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** IRPCV Annual Meeting and Potluck, Harris Ranch Spring Creek Clubhouse, 3450 S. Millspur Way, Boise, Idaho, 83716 (hosted by Dale and Meg Stephenson, 890-8934). Questions to Jennifer Rogers [jen30rog@gmail.com](mailto:jen30rog@gmail.com), 336-1227



**TBD late spring Bon Voyage Party at the Botanical Gardens.** Help send off new volunteers in style. Contact Kevin Laughlin (208-672-1763, [kevinlaughlin@peoplepc.com](mailto:kevinlaughlin@peoplepc.com))

**July 4<sup>th</sup> 2013** We the People Annual Parade with the IRPCV taxi and barbeque to follow. More details to come, Contact Carolle Skov at 344-5218, [carolle40@aol.com](mailto:carolle40@aol.com)

**TBD summer evening IRPCV night at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival.** This year we plan to volunteer and enjoy the play. contact Harriet [harenco@msn.com](mailto:harenco@msn.com) 208-283-7511

**August 1 – 4 2013** Western Regional Campout hosted by Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association, Farragut State Park near Athol, ID. Website registration now open at: <http://peacecorpssummercampout.eventbrite.com>

**Friday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** "Friends of Thailand" (FOT) Annual Board meeting and IRPCV potluck to welcome our fellow PCVs who served in the Kingdom of Thailand. FOT works closely with Peace Corps Thailand to support its mission and to fund projects by NGOs and PCVs currently serving in Thailand. FOT has been praised by Peace Corps Washington as one of the most effective RPCV groups to support current Peace Corps programs. For more information visit <http://friendsofthailand.org> or contact Pat Hughes & Trish McKernan at [twopats@mac.com](mailto:twopats@mac.com)



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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 31 enrolled NPCA members and 32 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.

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