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WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING IDAHO MEMBERS!

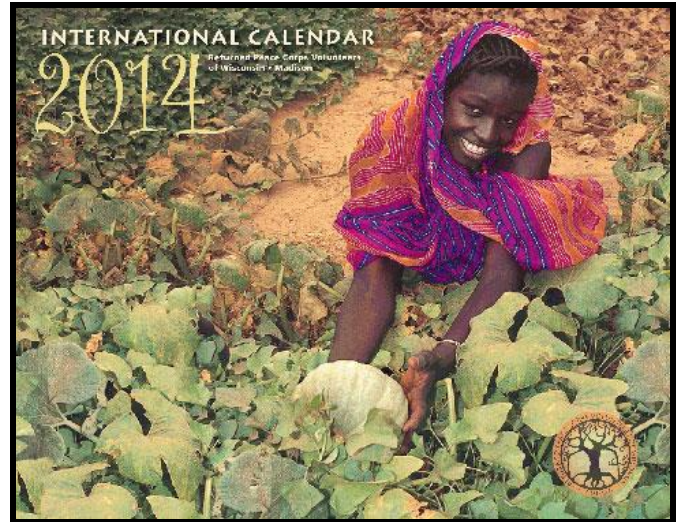
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If you haven't paid your dues yet, please consider doing so. Your membership dues are vital to the success of Idaho RPCVs. Together we can make a difference and fulfill the 3rd goal of the Peace Corps by teaching about the peoples and cultures we served.

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 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. NPCA will forward the IRPCV dues to us.

Idaho Fall Newsletter



2014 Peace Corps Calendars Now Available

Why buy this calendar?

- To support development and educational projects worldwide - every year 100% of the proceeds from the International Calendar are donated to projects around the world;
- To connect with other cultures;
- To enjoy stunning photos from around the world and share them with friends, family and colleagues;
- To inspire curiosity and wonder.

This is IRPCV's major fundraiser and it allows us to donate to local charities of our choice and the calendars make great gifts. Please contact Chloe Ross at rosschloe@hotmail.com.

Price: \$12.00 each or 3 for \$33.00 or 6 for \$60.00.
(Sales tax included)



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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers – Idaho



Spring Highlights

Kaiser Kabin Weekend



Father's Day Weekend in June, a group of RPCV's and family members enjoyed a lovely gathering at Walter and Jen's cabin nestled in the woods outside of Ketchum, Idaho. The Kaiser Kabin weekend was enjoyed by all, cooking meals, hiking to an alpine lake, taking walks around the area, and riding mountain bikes on the trails of Baker Creek. Many tried their luck at fly fishing Baker Lake, and many chose to hang out at the cabin enjoying one another's company and conversation.

In typical Peace Corps fashion, the meals were fabulous – steak and potatoes Friday night, but the highlight was the delicious paella Jen made on Saturday night. She must have been Basque in another life!

Many, many thanks to Walt and Jen for their generosity in sharing their lovely cabin with us all. We had a blast!

AUGUST UPDATE FROM JEN: Unfortunately, fire has burned through an area about a mile and half from the cabin as I write this. A few structures burned and the firefighter's first priorities are the towns and primary homes for those residents. For those that were able to make this year's kabin outing, and those who have participated in previous years, I'm really glad you were able to see that part of the Sawtooth Mountain area in all it's glory. Areas that we visited, such as the road to Baker Lake have already burned. Although it will not be the same for quite some time, fire does bring new growth and new opportunities. We have at least a couple mycologists in the group, so maybe the next outing will be mushroom hunting.



We the People 4th of July Parade

16 IRPCV's, friends, and family marched with the taxi in this year's 4th of July Parade. Our taxi was one of the first 30 units in the parade this year, which was a nice place to be. In the future we would like to coordinate with other international groups. We'd love to serve as parade marshal - maybe someday. There was quite a crowd at the BBQ afterward at Fern's house. Thank you to Pat Hughes and Trish McKernan for taxi delivery and Fern VanMaren for hosting the event. As usual, everyone pitched in - good food, great conversations, amazing friends.



The T-Shirt Tie Dye Party

Wearable PR Fundraiser

A big shout out to Charlotte and Jerry Zaug for hosting the IRPCV Tie-Dye Party at their home on July 6th. We dyed all 50 of the t-shirts and they came out beautifully, colorful and unique. Many of the attendees have already purchased theirs (\$15.00 each), but plenty remain and the rest will be sold at various venues to continue the fundraiser.

The day was hot, but everyone pushed through the tying, dying, rinsing, and hanging process in tremendous fashion, taking numerous hydration breaks. Charlotte had previously arranged for a local business to add our IRPCV logo to each shirt and she also took care of the final washing and setting of the colors. To top off the day, we enjoyed a lunch of pulled pork and all the fixings, relaxing under a shady canopy of hops. We could have lingered all day.....

Shirts are \$15 and for now can be picked up at Jennifer Rogers' house (208) 336-1227 or cell (208) 484-7511



Message from our President – Jennifer Rogers

July 17th was the IRPCV Executive Board Meeting and we had a nice little crowd. In addition to regular business we finalized the elections for 2014-2015. By unanimous vote: Chloe Ross - President, Diana Gardner - Vice President / Advocacy, Aaron Hueth - Service Chair. Over the remainder of the year each of these newly elected officials will meet with the current officers to facilitate a smooth

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transition from 2013 to 2014. Everyone is encouraged to share their ideas with the current or new officers and help our organization improve.

Matt Anders has been making updates to our web site and things are really shaping up. Everyone is encouraged to check it out. The newsletters are posted, some of the pictures (slide shows) are up and running, and our donation button has been added. There is also a list of donation recipients with their web links. So, when that friend or colleague asks how they can help you know where to send them. If you haven't already heard, we are an official 501(c)3 and donations are tax deductible. I digress - the focus here is that Matt is doing a super job - THANK YOU!!

2013 Western Regional RPCV Campout



This year's IRPCV Regional Campout was hosted by the Spokane RPCVs at Farragut State Park on the beautiful shore of Lake Pend Oreille. RPCVs and their families from Oregon, Washington and Idaho pitched their camps together for a weekend of great company, hilarious Peace Corps stories and delicious food.

Despite the first day's drizzle, the campers enjoyed meeting old and new friends, hiking, gorgeous drives through northern Idaho, various water activities and visiting the museum which details the history of the massive WWII Farragut Naval Training Station.

Acting NPCA Regional Rep Paulette Thompson conducted the annual Regional meeting where the groups shared their activities and accomplishments for the past year. Columbia River RPCVs (Portland) is currently the most active group with 250 paid members. Bill Stein, past President, said that the secret to their success is that they have so many members who are willing to pitch in and help do the work. (Check out their website for ideas about what IRPCV might do:

CRPCA.org) Idaho is second with 80 paid members and a growing list of activities. Paulette reported that NPCA's main target this year is to lobby Congress for more Peace Corps funding. She urged all of us to contact our Congressmen to urge them to support the Peace Corps. Tyler Watson (Bulgaria 2012-13) won the award for being the most recently returned IRPCV.

Mark your calendars for next August's campout which will be hosted by SEAPAX (Seattle RPCVs). It is always a pleasure to get acquainted with your Regional Peace Corps family and to place your pin on our world service map!



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity Build

Hopefully by the time this newsletter is published we have enough people signed up for the build, as well as sufficient commitment from others to provide food for lunch. If you need to check on volunteer availability, please contact Jane at 761-9211 or janeymo@hotmail.com

Here are the details for the build:

The address is 7950 W Preece Dr. That is behind Home Depot off of Milwaukee. We will start at 8am so please arrive by 7:45. Bring work gloves. All other tools will be provided. We will break for lunch at 11:30 and we will be done by about 3.

IRPCV Night at the Shakespeare Festival



This year we elected to serve as volunteers for the night's performance scheduled for September 8th. We plan to arrive by 5:30, set up, help direct viewers and take care of trash and recycling. It's easy, fun, and free! Plan to pack a picnic dinner as volunteers are

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allowed to enjoy their meal and refreshments as soon as the play begins.

This year's selected play is **The Foreigner**: "Pathologically shy Charlie Baker needs to get away, and his friend Froggy knows just the place- his favorite little fishing lodge in rural Georgia. To get Charlie some much needed peace, Froggy convinces the locals that his friend doesn't understand English. Before long, Charlie finds himself privy to assorted secrets and scandals discussed in front of him. Nonstop hilarity ensues and builds to an outrageously funny climax in which the "foreigner" just might save the day." Contact Harriet harenco@msn.com 208-283-7511

IRPCV Book Club Discussion



The last book club discussion had to be postponed, but we plan to reschedule for early October and will send the updated information soon. Again, the Discussion will revolve around the works of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo de Rivera. Find a biography or book of paintings or just watch the movie or a documentary. Questions: Contact Kristi Brumley 830-2737 or brumleybooks@me.com

IRPCV Welcomes the Friends of Thailand Board

Potluck - Social Gathering
Friday, October 11th - 6 PM
Glenbrier Neighborhood Clubhouse
7007 Bunch, Boise

Come meet the board members who direct one of the NPCA's most successful affiliate groups! Pat Hughes and Trish McKernan will be hosting the 2013 annual board meeting here in Boise. Eight of the 9 current directors are planning to make the trip from Virginia, South Carolina, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Laos. This group's Peace Corps service to the Kingdom of Thailand spans from 1961 through 1994!

Friends of Thailand (FOT) was established in 2002 as a social group to help reconnect the Thai RPCV community and to address Peace Corps' 3rd goal: to educate Americans about the Kingdom of

Thailand. After the December 2004 tsunami devastated parts of southern Thailand, generous donors began to send FOT thousands of dollars, trusting that this organization would ensure that their money would reach the people who most needed assistance. Since that fateful event, FOT has granted funds to five major NGOs and more than 80 PCV projects in Thailand. FOT enjoys a long and harmonious relationship with Peace Corps Thailand. All PCV projects FOT considers funding are pre-approved by the staff of Peace Corps Thailand. Current Country Director Kevin Quigley, RPCV Thailand and past NPCA President, is a long-time member of FOT. Kevin attended the 2012 FOT board meeting in Bangkok which was held in conjunction with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Peace Corps Thailand.

Mark your calendars and join us to welcome these members of your Peace Corps family to Idaho!



The Village Bicycle Project

The Village Bicycle Project is one that Idaho RPCV's have supported in the past with a donation to their cause. They are looking for about 10 square feet of temporary storage to hold 20 bicycles until September 27 when they will be taken to Seattle for the next container loading - headed to Africa. You can contact Mike O'Neil or Dave Peckham. Mike's contact info is moneil@gocougs.wsu.edu and phone is 509-432-1204. Dave's info (he is out of country) ghanabikes@yahoo.com and 509-330-2681.

If you want to learn more about their work, visit the web site at <http://villagebicycleproject.org/>



Peace Corps Connect - Boston 2013 Summary

What an inspiring, motivating and exhilarating time in Boston as the Peace Corps community gathered for Peace Corps Connect 2013! Thanks to all of you who were a part of it!

Over 365 returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs), current and former Peace Corps staff, friends and family joined us for a jam-packed agenda of plenary sessions, panel discussions, practical workshops, open forums and exhibits. The hallways were abuzz with lively chatter and a permeating energy. Attendees represented a good cross section of our community, including RPCVs who had returned as recently as April, as well as others celebrating more than 50 years since their return.

If you weren't able to trek to Boston, you're still able to vicariously experience Peace Corps Connect.

- Check out [Facebook](#) photos of our community at the annual gathering
- Watch the Peace Corps Connect recorded final session and awards ceremony
- Read Global Citizen Award recipient Dr. Mohamud Said's [acceptance speech](#)
- Join Public Radio International's Marco Werman for [The World](#), featuring Dr. Said and RPCV Russell Morgan (Kenya 1966-69)
- Follow the frenzy of activity as captured on NPCA's [@pcorpsconnect](#) Twitter account

As we roll out plans for Peace Corps Connect 2014, set for **June 20-21 in Nashville**, we look forward to working closely with the NPCA member groups, the Peace Corps, and others to ensure that Peace Corps Connect is truly a community-driven endeavor. Toward this end, we will be seeking your input to the programming, logistics and priorities for the conference, so stay tuned. Drop me a note. Give me a call.

We have a tremendous amount of innovation, creativity and resourcefulness to showcase and share. We are confident that Peace Corps Connect will be a premier forum for connecting, informing and engaging the Peace Corps community in our continued global service. We encourage your group to plan to be a contributing actor in Boston by exchanging experiences with other groups as we strengthen each other.

Thinking about holding a country of service reunion? Host it in Nashville. Got a nifty community engagement approach? Share it in Nashville. Need support for membership management? Get the tools in Nashville. What happens in Nashville, doesn't stay in Nashville. It strengthens our collective efforts.

Your stalwart colleagues at Tennessee Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (TNRPCVs) are already organizing and mobilizing to welcome us with some good 'ole southern hospitality. So, save the date - we'll see ya'll there!

*Glenn Blumhorst – President
RPCV Guatemala (1988-91)*

PC Announces an online survey and other programs

Looking for opportunities to help strengthen your Peace Corps community?

As we approach the 35th anniversary of the founding of the NPCA in 1979, we envision an ever more robust, vibrant community that continues to make a difference in the world beyond our Peace Corps service. There are many ways to contribute to your community. Here are four that don't require much time, effort or money:

Take Our 10-minute Survey - Plan our Future

As NPCA's small Washington staff works to serve and connect with the Peace Corps community, it's a good opportunity for some long-range strategic planning. You can help a great deal by taking (and sharing) our [community survey](#). Thank you in advance for your time. I really look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your input.

[TAKE OUR COMMUNITY SURVEY](#)

Get Connected

Join the NPCA today. If you are a serving PCV, or are an RPCV either within one year of your close-of-service date or have never been a member, your first year is FREE. Visit

<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/membership/> to sign up.

Membership dues are invested back in your community through member services and benefits.

Join the Mentoring Program

This NPCA program is aimed to assist new RPCVs seeking advice on anything from career choices to getting re-established in a community. Consider becoming a mentor for other RPCVs and give them a leg up on the competition. Visit

<http://mentoring.peacecorpsconnect.org>

Be a Citizen Advocate

NPCA is the only organization that leads a coordinated, nationwide effort to amplify the voice of the Peace Corps community to our elected representatives. Urge your members of Congress to support strong funding for the Peace Corps. Get started by contacting us at advocacy@peacecorpsconnect.org.

Thank you for your input, your engagement and for sharing this information with your friends!

Onward and upward,

Glenn Blumhorst - President NPCA
(RPCV Guatemala 1988-1991)

GET A JOB! HIRE RPCVs!

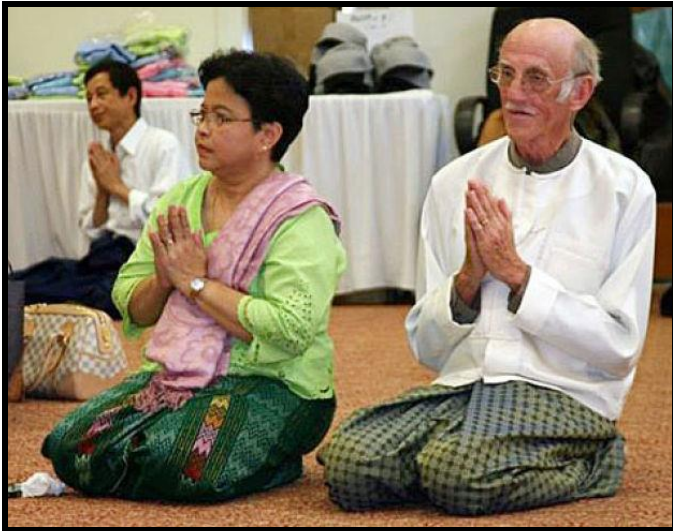


Would you like to hire RPCVs -- and all the outstanding qualities that they offer?

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

The following was taken from the Times News on July 21st 2013. Ken is an Idaho RPCV who served in Micronesia from 1969-72



Twin Falls Couple Share Their Experiences as Buddhist Monk and Nun

TWIN FALLS • Ten years ago, Ken and Kyi Kyi Whiting got married in Las Vegas. But while that may conjure images of the Little White Chapel and an Elvis impersonator officiating, the Whitings' ceremony was at the nearest monastery to Idaho they could find.

On June 7, they went back to the Chaiya Meditation Monastery to celebrate their 10th anniversary. For more information on the Chaiya Meditation Monastery in Las Vegas, go to www.chaiyacmm.org

American tradition calls for a gift of tin or aluminum to commemorate a 10th anniversary, but the Whitings didn't give each other material goods. Instead, they had their heads shaved and shared an experience that involves separation, meditation and few words.

For 10 days, the Whitings and family friend Htay Aung Zaw lived as Buddhist monks and nuns. It was the first time the Whitings had become a monk and nun. It was the third time Aung Zaw had become a monk; he also has lived as a monk in monasteries in Burma and Malaysia. On June 26, the Whitings and Aung Zaw's family reunited in Ken and Kyi Kyi's Twin Falls home to talk about their experiences.

Ken, 66, joked that he actually had to grow hair before it could be cut, but Kyi Kyi, 57, wasn't sure if her new hairstyle suited her.

The shaving of their heads was one of the first steps to becoming a monk and nun. Ken said the shaving of the head is for simplicity.

"It's nice and cool. I feel like there is a fan on my head," Kyi Kyi said. "Usually hair is a Burmese woman's life."



Despite having very short hair, Kyi Kyi said, the lifelong Buddhist had wanted this experience for some time.

"I want to feel good. I decide to do it," Kyi Kyi said. "My mother said she was very proud of me."

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The Whitings are Buddhists of the Theravada Tradition, which is considered the oldest form of Buddhism and stresses individual enlightenment.

"All good Buddhists should at least once in their lifetimes be monks and nuns," Ken said. Idaho has no monasteries, so the couple attend the Magic Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Twin Falls.

The man who became Buddha originally came from a royal family but gave it all up to become enlightened, the Whitings said.

"That's why before becoming a monk, people dress up like royalty to symbolize that," Ken said. "Buddha was not a god; he was an enlightened person. He is the messenger."

After shaving their heads and dressing like royalty, they had to ask permission from the head monk to become a monk and nun. The entire ceremony is done on the floor in the ordination hall.

During the Whitings and Zaw's stay, five other people became adult monks, five became nuns and, among those under age 21, seven became monks or nuns.

Although Kyi Kyi has been a lifelong Buddhist, Ken came to the faith after meeting her. But he says he's been a Buddhist his whole life and simply didn't know it.

"Just say you are (Buddhist), and you are," Ken said. "There is no baptism or initiation ceremony."

Steps must be taken to become a monk and nun, though. After shaving their heads, dressing like royalty, participating in a parade and asking permission to become a novice monk or nun; the Twin Falls residents had to follow 10 precepts, or suggestions, such as no sleeping on a bed, no dancing, no eating after noon. Monks 21 and older have 227 precepts.

"When you are in the monastery, it's hard to break (such habits)," said Ken, who also celebrated his 66th birthday in the monastery. Men and women sleep in different areas of the monastery. The only interaction is in the main hall, but they still stay on gender-specific sides.

The Whittings also spent their anniversary not being married, as no jewelry is allowed. Lifelong monks and nuns are not allowed to marry.

"You are not married. I had to take off my wedding ring," Kyi Kyi said.

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Ken and Kyi Kyi met on a kind of blind date.

Ken was in Burma with a childhood friend when they had dinner at Kyi Kyi's sister's house. The sister told Ken about Kyi Kyi, who lived in Idaho. Ken was living in Ohio, and Kyi Kyi's sister thought Idaho and Ohio were the same place or near each other. Despite the distance, Ken ended up traveling to meet Kyi Kyi. Eventually he moved to Idaho and they married. They said they only had to call the Chaiya Meditation Monastery, and it provided everything from the cake to the guests.

"All we literally had to do was show up, like instant wedding," Ken said.

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A typical day as a Buddhist monk or nun starts by waking at 3:30 a.m. to meditate from 4 to 5 a.m. Morning chanting and breakfast is at 6 a.m. From 9 to 10 a.m. is meditation. Lunch is at 11, followed by more chanting. Finally the day ends with meditation from 2 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.

"You keep your mind purified. You can sit for one hour or walk for one hour," Kyi Kyi said. "We try to be like higher up in normal life if we can." While meditating, one focuses only on breathing in and out.

"We are practicing the awareness of body," Kyi Kyi said. "I feel really relaxed, and even my back pain went away. Now I just meditate."

After the 10 days, or however long one stays, the monk or nun are released by getting permission to discard their robes, the Whittings said.

Aung Zaw welcomed the trip as Idaho has no monasteries.

He, his wife, Ayemi, and their two young daughters have lived in Twin Falls for a year. Aung Zaw fled Burma in 1996, and met his wife in Malaysia. Their daughters accompanied them to the Las Vegas monastery. A Burmese person's life has 12 special ceremonies, and the girls each got one. The 1-year-old received her first blessing, and 5-year-old Nono underwent an ear-piercing ceremony.

The Whittings and Aung Zaw and family all plan to go back, and Ayemi may become a nun and Nono a "little nun."

A Request from Peru

Dear Idaho RPCVs-

My name is Meghan Flaherty, and I am a Peace Corps Volunteer currently serving in Peru. While I work as part of the Community Economic Development program, I also focus on promoting gender equity as a member of the **Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GenEq) Committee**. The GenEq Committee is one of Peace Corps' worldwide initiatives, dedicated to helping volunteers, staff, and host country counterparts consider gender roles and implement gender awareness and women's empowerment activities in local communities.

As part of this initiative, Peru's GenEq Committee has developed the **2014 Peruanas Poderosas (Powerful Peruvian Women) project**, comprised of three main components:

- 1) A 12-month calendar highlighting the stories of exemplary female professionals throughout Peru, which will be distributed to adolescent girls and high school teachers along with links to an accompanying website of supplemental resources;
- 2) Twelve community awareness events to honor the calendar's featured women and provide a public forum to raise consciousness of the role of women in the professional world; and
- 3) Five regional workshops where PCVs and their high school teacher counterparts will receive training on implementing vocational orientation programs for youth in their communities.

Through this project, we hope to address a **significant area of need in Peru**: the country's public high school curriculum does not incorporate important vocational orientation topics, such as exposure to a variety of career fields, planning for the future, résumé writing, and communication and leadership skills. In the context of a machismo culture, where gender roles often limit women to certain sectors of society, Peru's female adolescents are particularly in need of such a program to empower them to overcome traditional norms and pursue paths of higher education and professional careers. The inspiring examples of the Peruanas Poderosas and education in vocational skills will serve as a stepping-stone to a brighter future for Peru's young women.

However, **to accomplish this project, we need your help!** While community partners have already contributed 53% of the required budget, the GenEq Committee is raising the remaining funds through a Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) grant. Consequently, I ask each of you to please consider donating to this worthy cause and supporting a project that will have a significant impact on the lives of Peruvian girls. Donations are tax-deductible, and can be made through this secure Peace Corps website:

<https://donate.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=donate.contribute.projDetail&projdesc=13-527-026>.

We appreciate any help you can offer, as even the smallest donation will make a difference! With sincere gratitude,

Meghan

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October, TBA, Food Bank Service Project

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

The **SEAPAX** Newsletter is always looking for articles of interest to the RPCV community in the Northwest.

The Newsletter is e-published monthly on the first Monday of the month. The **deadline** for submitting articles for the following month's publication is the **last Monday** of the current month.

Types of articles we would like to publish:

- Write ups of events in which RPCVs have participated.
- Postings about upcoming SEAPAX and community events and meetings.
- Job postings.
- Upcoming events of interest to the community
- Remembrances and anecdotes from your PC service, especially if they relate to the current month or season.
- Photos of interesting cultural events or occasions, especially if they relate to the current month or season.
- Leadership and service opportunities.
- Domestic and international news relevant to the mission of SEAPAX.

Guidelines:

- Short articles, around 200 words, work best. It is great if you can provide a photo or graphic to go with the article.
- Links to longer articles are fine.
- No commercial or sales messages.
- Please provide your name, country and dates of service to byline your article.
- We reserve the right to edit articles for length, cancel or delay publication at our discretion.

Send them to news@seapax.org



(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 28 enrolled NPCA members and 52 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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