

Upcoming Events 2013

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(See Complete 2013 Event and Planning Calendar pg.9)

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING IDAHO MEMBERS!

Lowell Abbadini - Paraguay 02-04

[John Adkins - Philippines 63-65](#)

Warren Barrash - Malaysia 70-72, Ethiopia 73-74

[Kristi Brumley - Bulgaria 98-00](#)

Connie Collins - Ukraine 03-05

[Shannon Commers - Botswana 09-11](#)

Steve Commers - Botswana 09-11

[Jimmy Crow - Antigua 71-73](#)

Colleen Crow - Antigua 71-73

[Diana Gardner - Namibia 10-12](#)

Heather Jasper - Morocco 05-07

[Melody Lenkner - Colombia 64-66](#)

Franklin Marsh - Guatemala 76-79

[Len Perkins - Belize 88-90](#)

Geri Perkins - Belize 88-90

[Mike Phillely - Borneo, East Malaysia 69-72](#)

Carolle Skov - Grenada 89-91

[Alexandra Wicher - El Salvador 11-13](#)

Idaho Summer Newsletter



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. 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.

Spring Highlights

Pacific Northwest Regional RPCV Meeting and Conference

March 1-3 was a whirlwind of activity for volunteers in the Pacific Northwest. Our regional meeting and conference was a huge success, all thanks to the numerous presenters, volunteers and IRPCVs who helped out behind the scenes. Erin Erickson was here to present and support our group and I cannot thank everyone enough for their participation and support.



A formal summary has been completed (thank you Kevin Laughlin for crating the bulk of that report) and distributed to NPCA and several of our partners. Thank you letters were sent to all of our partners and presenters and my parents in Wisconsin.



Here is the Outcome Summary that was part of the final report: The Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (IRPCV) and twelve (12) partners facilitated two tours, one service activity, one pot-luck &

program, one regional RPCV meeting, thirteen workshops, supported one International Food Song & Dance Festival and one Winter Adventure at the Pacific Northwest Regional Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Meeting in Boise, Idaho, March 1-3, 2013. IRPCV (Idaho), SEAPAX (Washington), CRPCA (Oregon), INPCA (Washington) and unaffiliated RPCVs from 1964 to 2013 participated in parts of this Gem state event. Friends and family from Idaho & Wisconsin; IRPCVs in China & Bangladesh helped with our program. We believe that over 100 different adults and children participated in one or more aspects of this 2013 educational, cultural, service and social effort by IRPCVs.

If you would like an email copy of the final report, please let me know (jen30rog@gmail.com) and I will send you a copy. I simply cannot thank everyone enough for their contributions to this event. There are so many that contributed - thank you!! Jennifer Rogers



Donations at Annual Meeting

Our IRPVCV fundraising efforts over the year allowed our association, now an official 501 (c) 3, to make a total donation of **\$1,000.00**, divided equally among the following organizations:

Semilla Nueva is a Boise based 501c organization directed by Curt Bowen. "New Seed" helps rural Guatemalan farmers find a path to prosperity, health, and sustainability through sustainable agriculture technologies and farmer to farmer education, <http://semillanueva.org/>

"I guess I want to really say thank you for expanding that community, and for feeling like we are a small part of it, even stateside. I also want to let you know how far we will go to really make that donation make an impact." Curt

Boys and Girls Club of Ada County serves over 2,000 children ages 8-16. The donation will be for a project to buy books, especially nonfiction global books, for the center's libraries. The books will have a stamp stating that the book was donated by the Peace Corps and will serve to introduce the Third Goal. The books may be checked out by children and will be in the collection for years to come. If any member would like to donate books, they may buy and donate them to the Boys and Girls Club.

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Corpus Christi House is a daytime, drop-in shelter, where people can use the bathroom, take a shower, store things, use the phone, check out employment opportunities, get a meal, etc. It's located across from the Sanctuary. It is the only daytime shelter in town and serves an essential community need.

Photos from the Bon Voyage Party at the Botanical Gardens



Message from our President, Jennifer Rogers:

Elections for 2014-2015

As most of you know, the terms for our Board of Directors is two years. After that time, if a board member chooses to continue in their position there have been no objections. We are grateful to those who serve on the board and through their leadership and hard work help steer our group and make things happen. 2014 is an election year and the election will be held at the next board meeting, scheduled for **Wednesday July 17 at 6pm** - a potluck at Jennifer and Walter's House - 3394 Chickory Way, Boise, ID (208) 336-1227. If we receive a significant number of RSVP's we may change the venue to a larger home or clubhouse.

This year John Hooper - Vice President / Advocacy Chair, Carolle Skov - Service Chair, and Jennifer Rogers - President, will be stepping down. Kathryn Wolf - Secretary, Trish McKernan - Treasurer, Pat Hughes - Membership Chair, and Connie Collins - Education Chair have indicated that they are willing to retain their positions. If however, someone would like the experience associated with these positions please contact me (208) 484-7511 and we can discuss the position and what a nomination would involve.

I would like to formally nominate the following people to the Idaho Returned Peace Corps Board of Directors and solicit your comments and feedback for the same:

President - Chloe Ross
Vice President / Advocacy - Dianna Gardner
Service Chair - Aaron Heuth

These three individuals are all amazing Returned Peace Corps Volunteers that have agreed to accept the positions if so elected in July. If there are other interested parties I encourage them to contact me immediately to discuss the possibilities.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

RPCVs from around the Pacific Northwest are invited to march in Portland's Grand Floral Parade

Peace Corps continues to resonate with the Portland Rose Festival! The [Columbia River Peace Corps Association](#) has been invited to march in the Grand Floral Parade for a third consecutive year with our full, 140-flag entry. **RPCVs from around the Pacific Northwest are invited to join us!**

This year's Grand Floral Parade is **Saturday, June 8**, morning to early afternoon (our start and end time will be announced in May). The parade goes forward in any weather, and marchers should be prepared to walk four miles.

RSVP to Brittany McLean, parade AT crpca.org or 817-851-9129, ASAP if you want to march in the Grand Floral Parade. Flags will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis, so in your message, please include:

- Your name
- Phone number
- Email address
- Your country of service
- Other Peace Corps country flags you'd be willing to carry if your country's flag has already been reserved

Marchers will have the choice of wearing host country attire OR [CRPCA's parade t-shirt](#) with khaki pants. Our t-shirts were designed by James Cloutier for maximum visual impact during parades. We're now selling them for \$5.00 each. Order your size (adult S, M, L, XL) on our [Checkout page](#). The t-shirts will be delivered at select CRPCA events this spring, and they'll also be available at our Parade Practice Picnic on Fri 6/07 and on parade morning Sat 6/08. Marchers, please refrain from wearing other USA-printed t-shirts during the parade.

CRPCA's 3rd annual **Parade Practice Picnic** will be on the evening of **Friday, June 7**. The event will begin with a 5:30 pm potluck dinner at the shelter adjacent to Willamette Park's play structure. Please bring your family/friends and a dish to share, with plates, utensils, and drinks for everyone in your party. (BYOB beer and wine are permitted under our reservation.) At 7:00 pm the RPCV participants in our Grand Floral Parade entry will practice flagpole assembly and marching protocol. The Parade Practice is optional for parade participants, but all who've attended this event in past years had a terrific time!

Kaiser Kabin Weekend

June 14th starts the PC Kaiser Kabin weekend near Sun Valley. If you have already RSVP'd - thank you. If not, and you plan to go, the deadline is **June 7, 2013**. In order to plan dinners and breakfasts, RSVPs are a must. Inside spaces have filled up but there is plenty of tent / camper space and a large canvas tent with air mattress is available. We do not have the final cost per person until I finish shopping - nothing too extravagant.....Expect a steak and potato dinner on Friday night. Walter and I will be there by about 2pm that afternoon. Saturday morning we're serving up pancakes and sausage with fruit and dinner will be Paella with chicken, cod, and

sausage. Sunday morning breakfast will be scrambled eggs and bacon with English muffins.

What to do: Hike to Baker Lake on Saturday; Visit Galena Lodge, Redfish Lake, Easley Hot Springs, or the fish hatchery; other hiking trips, horseback riding, mountain biking, fishing (if you have a license) on the Wood River or elsewhere.

What to Bring: Clothing for the adventure(s) of your choice, bikes, hiking boots, swim suit, games, beverages (beer and wine available) lunch items to share, sleeping bags (even for inside if you can) fishing equipment and license, warm clothing for evening.

Other Info: Drought conditions exist in Blaine County and showering will be difficult (16 plus people at the cabin with one formal bathroom). We will have a small porta-potty set up in a tent and there are a lot of trees :-)

Contact: Jennifer Rogers (208) 484-7511 or jen30rog@gmail.com to RSVP

IRPCV Book Club Discussion



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Fourth of July Parade and Barbeque

Join fellow RPCVs and walk along with the Peace Corps Taxi in the Boise 4th of July Parade. Meet at 8:15am to help set up the IRPCV Taxi near 12th and Bannock, contact Skov at 344-5218 with questions. Afterwards there will be a BBQ at Fern VanMaren's house (208) 433-0556 with the time to be determined once we know our # in the parade (we do know we're in the first 30). Some items that would be of use for the event include small tabletop gas grill(s) and extra tables and chairs. Thank you to Sue and Mike Philley who

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brought a bunch of tables and chairs last year. If you can bring some this year please let Fern know. Another option is to bring picnic blankets to spread out on the lawn. As usual, please bring grilling items, a side-dish or dessert and beverages to share.

Tie-Die Party for IRPCV T-Shirts

Charlotte Zaugg is helping us create a new batch of IRPCV T-shirts. A survey at the Idaho Botanical Garden event revealed that most people like the round logo on the front of the shirt, where a pocket might be. We've decided to use the same logo used for the Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer buttons (for sale at \$2 each at most functions). This is similar to the logo used on the taxi banner, but with rounded lettering around the state of Idaho. The tie dye party is scheduled for **July 6, 2013 at Charlotte Zaugg's**, 454-2416.

Western Regional Campout



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. Plans continue to evolve.

The dates are Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 4:00 PM - Sunday, August 4, 2013 at 1:00 PM (PDT). This year's host group is the [Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association](#).

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.

The Peace Corps community has been camping in the Northwest for nearly 25 years! It is an opportunity to reconnect at a personal level with friends and members of the Peace Corps family. The outcome has been fun, fellowship, and foundations for advocacy, the Peace Corps third goal and capacity building among the region's RPCV groups.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/crjtqt9> to register for tent space. The charge is \$31.74 per adult, which includes Saturday dinner. If you are not camping in a tent space, but plan to participate in the Saturday evening dinner, the charge is \$10.00. You can also register for the dinner at this site.

RVs cannot park in the group tent space. If you've got an RV, we recommend making inquiries directly through [Farragut State](#)

[Park](#) or [Silverwood's RV Park](#).

The [Columbia River Peace Corps Association](#) is coordinating a Friday, August 2 group outing to Silverwood Theme Park! Just a twelve minute drive from Farragut State Park is one of the premier amusement and water parks in the Pacific Northwest: [Silverwood](#). If you plan to come to the regional campout and would like to participate in this group outing, CRPCA is accepting reservations now at http://crpca.org/?page_id=994.

Our group rates cover ALL* of the following:

- All-day entry to Silverwood Theme Park (open 11am-10pm, no swimsuits)
- All-day entry to Boulder Beach Water Park (open 11am-7pm, swimsuit required)
- All-day fountain drinks throughout the park (all-you-can-drink sodas, lemonade, iced tea, and water)
- Group buffet lunch: All-you-can-eat BBQ pork, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, vegetarian chili beans, corn bread, country green beans, herb roasted potatoes, corn on the cob, tossed green salad, and fruit mix.
- *Dessert: We'll add ice cream and cobbler to our lunch menu IF we get more than 30 in our group.

Not included in these per-person rates is \$5 per vehicle parking. Children ages 0-2 are free.

- \$45 for ages 8-64
- \$30 for ages 65+
- \$25 for ages 3-7

Silverwood group ticket sales will close on Sunday, July 28. Once you pay for your Silverwood tickets, contact Bill Stein, silverwood AT crpca.org or 503-830-0817, to let him know:

- Your cell phone number
- Whether you plan to pick up your tickets/bracelets Thursday night at Farragut State Park (6-9 pm) or Friday morning outside Silverwood (10:45 am)

IRPCV Night at the Shakespeare Festival



This year we elected to serve as volunteers for the night's performance scheduled for September 8th. We will do set up, help direct viewers and take care of trash and recycling. It's easy, fun, and

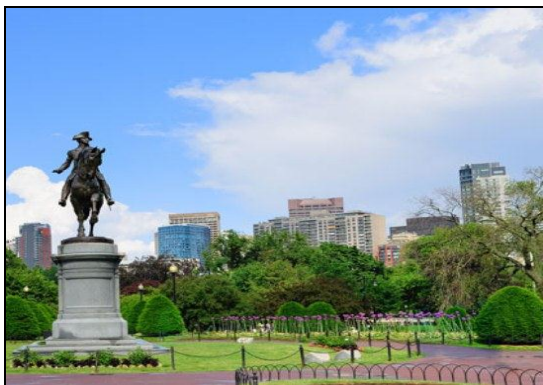
free! This year's selected play is **The Foreigner**: "Pathologically shy Charlie Baker needs to get away, and his friend Froggy knows just the place- his favorite little fishing lodge in rural Georgia. To get Charlie some much needed peace, Froggy convinces the locals that his friend doesn't understand English. Before long, Charlie finds

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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.



Peace Corps Connect - Boston 2013 –



Time flies and we're right around the corner from our second annual Peace Corps Connect! We're working night and day to get all the details just perfect. Have you [registered](#) yet?

Want to see [who else is attending](#)? Our current registration list in alphabetical order and by country of service are posted [here](#). You never know who you might run into!

Our agenda is firmed up and we're adding speakers, panelist and other participants everyday. Check out our [most recent additions](#) and register [here](#). **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. The list is growing rapidly and our spaces are limited, so if you're interested in reserving your own table, please [let us know](#) today!

The [Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers'](#) Sunset Cruise on Boston Harbor has sold out! If you are interested in adding yourself to their waitlist, please contact them at info@barpcv.org. **[REGISTRATION RATES](#)**

Pre-registration and payment is required. We will not be able to accept registrations or funds at the event.

We hope to see you there! Log in and register [here](#).

Peace Corps Announces New Service Opportunity for Same-Sex Couples

Washington, D.C., May 21, 2013 – Peace Corps Deputy Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet today announced that the agency will begin accepting applications from same-sex domestic partners who want to serve together as volunteers overseas. Same-sex couples may begin the application process starting Monday, June 3.

"Service in the Peace Corps is a life-defining leadership experience for Americans who want to make a difference around the world," Deputy Director Hessler-Radelet said. "I am proud that the agency is taking this important step forward to allow same-sex domestic partners to serve overseas together."

Expanding service opportunities to same-sex domestic partners who want to volunteer together further diversifies the pool of Peace Corps applicants and the skills of those invited to serve overseas in the fields of education, health, community economic development, environment, youth in development and agriculture. Married heterosexual couples have been serving together in the Peace Corps since its inception in 1961. Currently, 7 percent of Peace Corps assignments are filled by married volunteers serving together.

The Peace Corps requires formal documentation for all couples who want to serve, and same-sex domestic partners will be required to sign an affidavit before leaving for service that will act as verification of their relationship. The Peace Corps continually works with staff in host countries to identify placements that allow for safe and productive assignments.

Couples who serve together gain a unique perspective of host country customs and culture, but opportunities for couples are limited, as both applicants must apply at the same time and qualify for assignments at the same post. Many factors affect placements, including an applicant's overall competitiveness, program availability, departure dates, and safety and medical accommodations. For any applicant, the number one factor in determining an assignment is the demand from host countries for skilled volunteers.

To learn more about serving in the Peace Corps as a same-sex couple, visit <http://www.peacecorps.gov/learn/howvol/couplesFAQs/>.

Peace Corps Response

Peace Corps Response provides opportunities for qualified individuals to undertake short-term, high impact assignments in programs around the world.

To be eligible for service applicants must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. In addition, Peace Corps Response requires that all applicants meet one of the following eligibility requirements below:

- Have at least 10 years of professional experience (Open to All)

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- A health professional applying to Global Health Service Partnership
- A Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV)

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

And the winners are ...

The Governance Committee of the NPCA Board of Directors announces the winners of the 2013 elections for member-elected representatives to the Board. Except as otherwise stated, terms are for three years.

- **Upper Midwest:** [Jane Bardon](#)
- **The Americas:** [Dennis Grubb](#)
- **West, Central and Southern Africa:** [Gary Schulze](#)
- **Southern Tier (one-year term):** [Angela Harris](#)
- **West (one-year term):** [Paulette Q. Thompson](#)

Thank you to all who ran and congratulations to the winners. Elected candidates will begin their board service at the June 28 meeting in at [Peace Corps Connect: Boston](#).

we're not permitted to share the private contact information of RPCVs, we are happy to promote your group's efforts via e-mail (as time/resources allow) so long as the content of the e-mail relates to Third Goal.

If you are interested in sending a similar message to RPCVs, please get in touch with me. We really hope that all RPCV groups will continue to engage in Third Goal activities and we are here to assist and support you. In addition, our marketing efforts are only as strong as our RPCV contact database, so any help you can lend in encouraging your RPCV friends to keep their contact information current with the Agency would be appreciated:

www.peacecorps.gov/rpcv/info.

As always, we welcome your feedback, insight, and ideas to help guide our office at thirdgoal@peacecorps.gov.

Meleia Egger

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RPCV | Malawi 2007-2009
202.692.2669

follow us on Twitter [@PCThirdGoal](#).

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](#)

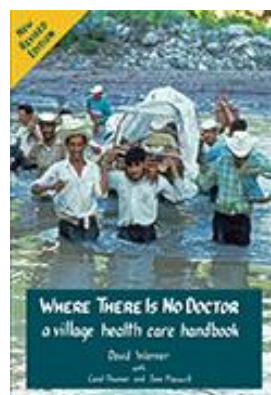
Returned Volunteer Activities and News



Happy Spring to you wherever this finds you! As we in the Office of Third Goal and Returned Volunteer Services work to support Third Goal efforts around the globe, I want to continue the conversation about how we at the Agency can better support your group. We know there is power in numbers, and we know you are doing great things -- as such, we know there is an opportunity here to scale up our collective efforts.

President Kennedy stated that the Third Goal of the Peace Corps is to "strengthen Americans' understanding about the world and its peoples."

One way we can assist RPCV groups is by sending out targeted messages to RPCVs in our database from your group to help you increase awareness in the ever-growing RPCV community. While



Did you use *Where There Is No Doctor*?

This year, [Where There Is No Doctor](#) turns 40. That's 40 years, 19 updated editions, 80 languages, more than 3 million books in circulation, and **more than 120 million people touched by *Where There Is No Doctor***.

Nobody knows the story of *Where There Is No Doctor* better than Peace Corps Volunteers. Help us celebrate 40 years of lifesaving, empowering health information. **Send us your written, recorded, or filmed stories** about using this book during your Peace Corps service, and together we can tell the story of *Where There Is No Doctor*. Send your story and pictures and video files to RPCV@hesperian.org, or [share your story online](#).

Where There Is No Doctor through the decades:

In 1977 I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Mali, West Africa. I was issued a copy of this book and shipped off to a remote village where there was no doctor. With this book and a well supplied first aid kit I

became the only medical alternative for those impoverished villagers that could not afford to go to see the nurse at the local clinic.

Carla Van Blake- Bizzett, RPCV Mali

In 1984 I became a Peace Corps Volunteer and was assigned to Liberia, West Africa (this of course was prior to the civil war). One of the most useful things we were each given was a copy of Where There Is No Doctor. When I, or one of my friends would not be feeling well all we had to do was open up the book and with a bit of searching we were able to diagnose ourselves and determine what we needed to do to feel better. I also learned a tremendous amount of practical first aid which I used with some of the Liberians who were in need of help.

Bob Fixott, RPCV, Liberia

From 1999-2001, I served in Peace Corps Guyana. During my first 2 years there, I worked in a remote, indigenous area and relied heavily upon "Where There is No Doctor" to inspire drawings and messaging for health education clinic tools and health classes at the community level.

Liz Schuster Edghehill, RPCV Guyana, 2011

In 2007, I worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic. For the past two years I have often used "Where There Is No Doctor" and "Aprendiendo a promover la salud" as resources to develop and train health promoters in my town, El Limon de Jimani, of about 3,000 people. I used graphics in the books to inspire didactic materials and both books gave me great ideas about what a health promoter should be and how they should be selected, trained and supported.

Sarah Rives, RPCV Dominican Republic, 2007

Get involved and find out more ways to celebrate 40 years of *Where There Is No Doctor* at www.hesperian.org/rpcv.

Third Goal Language Archive Project

My name is Ray Blakney and I am a RPCV from Mexico. I am working on a 3rd goal project with the PC regional offices and the main office in DC to try to create an online archive to keep the language training material made all over the world from getting lost. I have created a sub-section on my website with all the information I have gathered to date (from over the web and sent to me directly by PC staff and PCV's). I currently have close to 100 languages with ebooks, audios and even some videos.

The next step for this project is to get the word out about this resource so that it can be broadly used by PCVs and others. There should be something there for almost everybody. It is all 100% free to use and share. Here is the page:

<http://www.livelingua.com/peace-corps-language-courses.php>

Thanks for any help you can provide in making this 3rd goal project a success. If anybody in your group has some old material they can scan or already have in digital form, don't hesitate to share my email.

Ray Blakney raymond.c.blakney@gmail.com

Request for host families

Education First (EF) is a Foundation for Foreign Study. We are a non-profit organization that has been in the business of placing Foreign Exchange Students in the United States for over 30 years.

Education First (EF) Foundation is in immediate need of several Boise families willing to host international high school exchange students currently attending school in the area. Kateryna from Germany enjoys music and dance. She also enjoys playing the piano, singing and ballroom dancing. Paulina from Germany enjoys dance, tennis, snowboarding, guitars and cooking. We have several other students male and female in need of a host family. This is an excellent opportunity to share your home, community, and America! Please contact Maureen Tyczka for more information at 340-1788 or maureen.efdoundation@gmail.com

Sign up for Peace Corps e-newsletters

1-Peace Corps e-newsletter (27 months service related info & promoting local events): Here's an example of what people receive when they sign-up: [Peace Corps e-newsletter](#) (Idaho)

2-Peace Corps Response's "Impact" e-newsletter: As shared by Mike Robie, Peace Corps Response (PCR) recruiter- RPCVs and skilled professionals interested in Peace Corps Response positions can sign up for the : [Peace Corps Impact e-newsletter](#) which highlights new PCR assignment openings.

RPCV Career Fair in San Francisco

Are you an RPCV looking to meet potential employers in the Bay Area, get advice on job search strategies, have your resume reviewed and network with other RPCVs from the area? Then be sure to attend Northern California Peace Corps Association's upcoming RPCV Career Fair on **Friday, June 21st in San Francisco!**

The Career Fair is a networking event aimed at connecting Returned Peace Corps Volunteers with exhibitors from for-profit, nonprofit, and government sectors.

Register: <http://norcalpca-rpcv.eventbrite.com/>

Philippines "63-65" Planning a Reunion

We'll be celebrating in the Bay Area this summer 2013. Interested? contact Judith Lessner, 510-652-0432 or 510-459-4396.

Announcing the Paperback Release

A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver by Mark Shriver. If you would like to receive a free copy of this book, please email (emily.kobel@hholt.com).

IRPCV 2013 Planning Calendar



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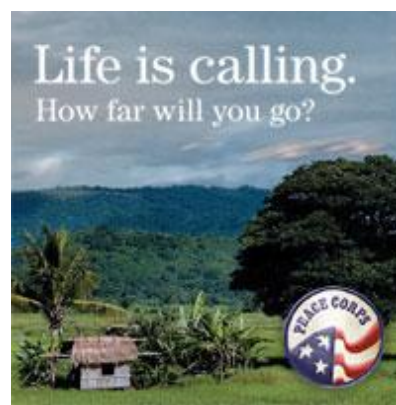
August 1 – 4 2013 Western Regional Campout hosted by Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association, Farragut State Park near Athol, ID. Website registration at: [http://peacecorpsummercampout.eventbrite.com](#)

September 8th IRPCV night at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival. This year we plan to volunteer and enjoy the play, **The Foreigner**. Contact Harriet [harenc@msn.com](#) 208-283-7511

Friday, Oct. 11th "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](#)

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](#)



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

**One of our own,
Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Kirk Janz,
Thailand 81-83
passed away in December 2012.
Our condolences to his family and friends**

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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 45 enrolled NPCA members and 26 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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