



**33RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS
OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.**

- 10:30 AM Registration
Fair Trade Market opens
Sales open for RPCV of WI – Madison’s
2019 International Calendar
- 11:20 AM Buffet Brunch is Served
- 12:15 PM Welcome Remarks – Jen Wos
Election of 2019-20 Directors - Greg Zell
- 12:30 PM Introduction of Speaker – Jen Wos
Guest Speaker – Eileen Higgins
All Kinds of Service
- 1:30 PM Adjourn – Jen Wos

1:40 PM Jen Wos to convene the 2018-19 Board of Directors of RPCVSF and hold the election of Officers/Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Controller and Secretary). New President will then preside and call for a motion to adjourn meeting.

Eileen Higgins – Eileen serves as County Commissioner for Miami-Dade’s 5th District, includes the cities of Miami and Miami Beach, the urban neighborhoods of Brickell and Downtown; the working, industrial Miami River; tree-lined Coral Way neighborhoods like The Roads, Silver Bluff and Shenandoah; the South and Mid parts of Miami Beach; and Little Havana and West Flagler, as County Commissioner Eileen has been an advocate for our local residents and small businesses. She has fought for transportation solutions, championed affordable housing, helped Flagler St. businesses suffering through endless construction recovery, and defended our environment and green space.

Early in her career, inspired by a work assignment that exposed her to poverty in the developing world, Eileen Higgins became committed to the causes of global poverty alleviation and community development. She worked with Mercy Corps; she traveled to Transylvania as a member of the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council. Then, Higgins decided she wanted to make development work her life's work. She left her position as global marketing director for Jose Cuervo and signed up for a three- year stint as the U.S. Peace Corps country director for Belize.

In Belize, what Higgins calls "a mini-melting pot of Central American and Caribbean cultures," two-thirds of the population was under the age of 25, with little to no job prospects. As a result, much of Higgins' team's development efforts are targeted at the country's youth. Volunteers support the efforts of emerging local 4-H clubs and after-school programs; assist teachers in rural villages with literacy efforts; and support government-sponsored HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns, targeted largely at young women. She is proud to serve as County Commissioner in District 5 where many families still need a boost out of poverty.