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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida is *your* group—please join us for fun get-togethers, community service activities, job/life networking, great events, stimulating conversation, and much more.
Read on and get involved!



Tropical Currents

The RPCVSF Newsletter

June 2020

RPCVSF is outraged and saddened by the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and all of the others before them.

We **believe** in racial justice and equity.

We **stand** with protesters to press for an end to abuse of power.

We **advocate** for change through our elected representatives.

We **uphold** our moral obligation to confront systemic racial injustice.

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#NotOneMore

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said,
“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent
about things that matter.”

So, what can we do?
RPCVSF is part of the ongoing conversation with [NPCA](#) about how affiliate
groups can take action. Here are some resources to contact Congress, join the
task force started by [RPCV/W](#), and mobilize voting efforts in Florida.

If you have other ideas or suggestions, please email president@rpcvsf.org.

Email Your Representatives

Join the Task Force

Voter Registration Volunteering

Join us at these virtual events.
See you on Zoom!

June 13: The Tragedy of Eritea, Hosted by Gulf Coast
RPCVs

June 14: Virtual Storytelling Open Mic



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SAVE THE DATE!

June 13, 2020

**The Tragedy of Eritrea...
and How a Peace Corps Legacy is Helping**

A Zoom presentation hosted by Forrest and Gina Walker
Gulf Coast RPCVs with Guest Speaker John Stauffer,
President of American Team for Displaced Eritreans

Learn how and why Eritrea has...

- become “The North Korea of Africa”
- horribly mistreated its people
- caused 500,000 citizens to flee as refugees
- isolated itself from outside inspection

Hear how a PC legacy NGO has...

- assisted Eritrean refugees in many countries
- advocated for human rights in Eritrea
- created awareness about Eritrea



Date: Jun 13, 2020 (Saturday)
Time: 2:00-3:00 PM EST

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 742 3202 2076
Password: 8FkasL

Please note you must use the password to gain entry to this!



RSVP

Everyone loves a good story. And RPCVs have some really good ones, some crazy ones, and some hilarious ones. Join us for our very 1st **storytelling open mic**. Our theme is "tales from the road", so think back on all those crazy

travel stories you've got stored up and choose one to share.

Time slots are **five minutes each** and space is limited. Visit our website to RSVP and state whether you have a story to share or if you'd like to be an audience member. After your register, you'll receive a confirmation email with the Zoom call details. Hope to “see” you there!

Virtual Birdwatching



[The Purple Martin Conservation Association](#) has a [Nest Cam](#) featuring this **Purple Martin** family: Manha, Paya and their six eggs! Their names are from the Nheengatu language, which is spoken by the indigenous communities in the Amazon basin—the wintering grounds of Purple Martins—where the PMCA is conducting ongoing research. In the Nheengatu language, *Manha* means mother and *Paya* means father.

Click [here](#) to watch as they try to successfully raise their nestlings in Presque Isle State Park in Erie, PA. **Hatching day** should be June 19th! Please help support PMCA's conservation efforts by sharing the [nest cam](#) with your friends and family.

Watch Now

FAIR TRADE MARKET NEWS

Linda Whitmyre



This Month's Fair Trade Product Spotlight focuses on ...Shopping!

Are you missing the Fair Trade Market? Did you see an item during one of the Fall events that you thought would be perfect for your aunt's June birthday? Perhaps you made a mental note to buy it during a Spring event? Well, there were no Spring events. To waylay any lingering despair, you can still make that purchase. These are some of the items that have been extra popular over the years:

- silk/cotton blend **SCARVES** from **Vietnam** (\$18)
- wire **BOWLS** from **South Africa** (\$20 - \$55)
- **APRONS** (\$30) and **WALLETS** (\$9) from **Ghana**
- **EARRINGS**, studs (\$22) and teardrop (\$25) from **Nepal**



To purchase or inquire about another item that comes to mind, please email us.

BOOK REVIEW

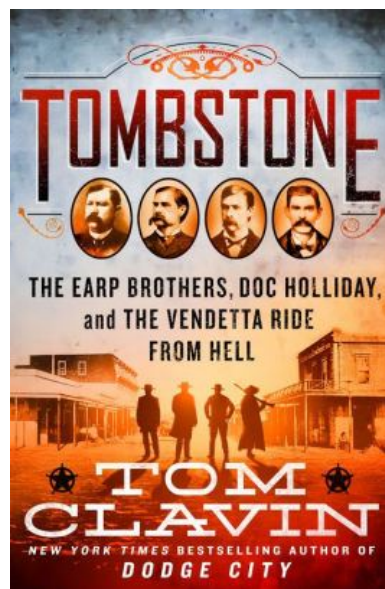
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TOMBSTONE

The Earp Brothers, Doc Holliday, and the Vendetta Ride from Hell

By Tom Clavin

This light, fact-filled read is perfect for a pandemic, particularly if you might appear on Jeopardy!. Find out so many things about so many people and places you already know so little about.



Wyatt Earp was tall and good-looking. He spent a lot of time in saloons but was a teetotaler who rarely shot his gun. Doc Holliday was a dentist, glued to Wyatt. Not a good shot with a pistol; deadly with a rifle; definitely not a teetotaler. Lots of women around: many for rent in brothels without penicillin; many “wives” with little regard for legalities or ceremonies. This is Apache territory, so Geronimo and Cochise and Taza, Son of Cochise, make an appearance. Kate Elder (Doc’s companion), Chisum, and McClintock, names from John Wayne movies, all show up. Wells Fargo bank and stagecoaches are prominent. Meet Bat Masterson, good guy, and lots of bad guys, too.

The gunfight at the OK Corral located on Allen Street is a major feature of the book, with 30 seconds of violence in a vacant lot on Fremont Street in back of the OK Corral. It attracts a lot of tourists to this former mining boomtown in the

the OK Corral. It attracts a lot of tourists to this former mining boomtown in the southeast corner of Arizona. Its population has hovered around 1500 for decades and hasn't been the seat of Cochise County for years.

Being that the story takes place in the wide-open spaces of the last western frontier, the major players, good and not so good, are peripatetic. A few maps might be helpful to illustrate the word "near" which appears often. The Vendetta Ride refers to Wyatt's last big effort in town to avenge the death of his brother Morgan who was ambushed walking home from a saloon one night.

JOB ALERT



The Institute for Civic Engagement and Democracy (iCED) at Miami Dade College is looking for a **full-time Program Manager** at the Hialeah Campus to manage and lead day-to-day operations and priorities; create, lead, and implement campus civic learning, democratic engagement, changemaking, voter engagement, and myriad other **civic engagement** programming, and more. To read the full job description and apply:

1. Go to: <http://www.mdc.edu/jobs/>
2. Select: **Prospective Employees**
3. In "Keywords" enter **1000202** and click search.

For more information, please contact Josh Young at jyoung@mdc.edu.

COMMUNITY ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

from our friends at Refugee Assistance Alliance & TCP Global

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ALLIANCE

Founded in 2017, [Refugee Assistance Alliance](#) (RAA) supports underserved Middle Eastern, African, and Asian refugee families living in social isolation throughout South Florida. Through tutoring and mentorship, RAA helps them learn English, earn GEDs, gain financial empowerment, make friends, and excel in school, work, and their community at large.

Our friends at RAA are one of five finalists for a rebrand worth \$50K from [ThinkSo](#), and they're in **1st place**! There are just a few days left to vote...now **through June 11**. Thanks for the support!



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