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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**

**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2021**





REGISTER HERE

Once you're registered you'll be sent location and directions.

JOIN US FOR OUR **HOLIDAY PARTY** ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 from 6-9 pm at Ana's.

BYOB  
POTLUCK  
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE  
KIDS TOY or CASH DRIVE  
FAIR TRADE MARKET

Bring your mask to wear indoors when you're not eating or drinking. There will be plenty of space and chairs to sit outdoors but toss a chair in your trunk just in case.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2021 AGM was held on October 16 at 94TH AERO SQUADRON. It was a very successful meeting with great attendance, great food, a great guest speaker and above average camaraderie. The board of directors also welcomed two new members, Linda Telfer and Larry Ceiter.

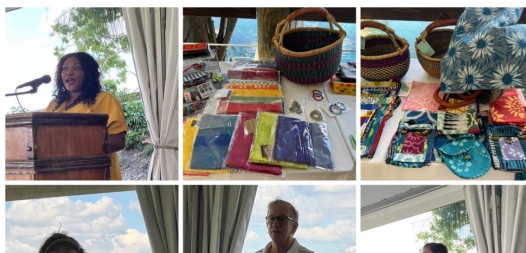
welcomed two new members, Linda Teller and Larry Geller.



Our guest speaker Julien Musenge Musomali, children's rights activist, published author, pre-law student and founder of Liberated Hearts Foundation (LIHEF), came to the U.S. from her home in Zambia just over one year ago. Musenge shared her story, which she wrote about in her book, *Glow After Pain*, available on Amazon. Her beautiful daughter was captivated by her mother's voice.

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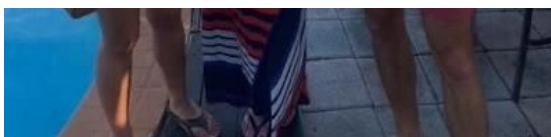


## ANNUAL POTLUCK POOL PARTY RETURNS WITH A SPLASH!

Over 42 members, friends and family attended the event on Saturday, November 13, in Surfside, Florida. It was a glorious day and a good time was had by all.







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## Volunteer and Paid Opportunities Shared by Josh Young

### Help Refugees Learn English with Paper Airplanes

Paper Airplanes is a nonprofit organization registered in the USA that matches conflict-affected individuals (primarily Syrian refugees) with personal tutors for 12-16 week sessions conducted via Skype and other video conferencing platforms. Training and a detailed curriculum are provided. Visit [www.paper-airplanes.org](http://www.paper-airplanes.org) for more information, or contact RPCV Josh Young who is a volunteer with the program ([joshyoung590@gmail.com](mailto:joshyoung590@gmail.com)).

### Immediate PT Program Coordinator Position Available with Miami Dade College

MDC's Institute for Civic Engagement & Democracy is looking to hire a PT Coordinator for our Padron Campus in Little Havana to oversee all our community engagement programming [www.mdc.edu/iced](http://www.mdc.edu/iced). Exciting and challenging position with flexible hours (~25 per week) and pay between \$22-25 per hour. Contact RPCV Josh Young at [jyoung@mdc.edu](mailto:jyoung@mdc.edu) for more info.







## **RPCV SPEAKERS MATCH PROGRAM FOR RECRUITING**

The Speakers Match program is at the heart of fulfilling the Peace Corps' Third Goal to increase Americans' understanding of other peoples and cultures.



**Wednesday, December 1, 2021  
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET**



**PEACECORPS.GOV**

**Zoom**

**[REGISTER ONLINE](#)**

If you require a reasonable accommodations when attending a Peace Corps event, please email [mcolon@peacecorps.gov](mailto:mcolon@peacecorps.gov) and provide details of the reasonable accommodation you are requesting.

REGISTER ONLINE

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## **RPCVSF INVITES MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO PARTICIPATE WITH FEEDING SOUTH FLORIDA**

South Florida's leading domestic hunger-relief organization serving 25% of the state's food insecure population, which is estimated around 700,000 food insecure



people in Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties. Feeding South Florida is the largest provider of emergency food assistance in each county of those counties.

Feeding South Florida partners with nearly 500 retail stores who donate food that would often otherwise be discarded. They assist individuals directly with choice pantries and deliveries for home-bound seniors.

Feeding South Florida asks for individuals and groups to volunteer to work a three-hour shift inspecting the donated food, sorting it into food types (pasta, breakfast foods, grains, etc.) and then boxing the food for distribution. Individual members of RPCVSF have volunteered to work with Feeding South Florida as individuals but it has been suggested that if we a few (or many) people who could agree to regularly volunteer on a Saturday for a morning shift, 8:30 – 11:30 am, then we could have an impact as a group, provide an important service to the community and promote awareness of the Peace Corps. An added benefit would be that we could gather for lunch afterward for a bit of socializing. FYI – children are also welcomed to serve with their parents.

If people are interested in this opportunity and can commit to somewhat regular participation (for example, the second Saturday of each month – note that the date is not fixed yet) please contact Larry Geiter at [lgeiter@gmail.com](mailto:lgeiter@gmail.com).

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### KIDS RULE IN 2022!!



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The 2022 International Calendar brought to us from Madison WI RPCVs is an **ALL-KIDS CALENDAR**. Each month features a child from a country where Peace Corps Volunteers have served. The charming young lady on the cover

These corporate calendars have arrived. The charming young lady on the cover is from Mongolia. Children from Niger, Afghanistan, Thailand, Uganda, Lesotho, Kenya, Ecuador, Haiti, India Pakistan and Armenia are featured on other months.

Again this year, calendar purchases are online directly from the Madison RPCV group.

Calendars are \$15 each ... \$14 if you buy 3-6, \$10 if you buy 7-30. Shipping is \$2 per calendar, decreasing with purchases of 5 or more.

Use Coupon Code **PC4RPCVSF** for a \$1 discount, plus RPCVSF receives a referral fee.

Thanks for your support and best wishes for a healthy, fulfilling and kind 2022!!!

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# LIBATIONS AROUND THE GLOBE

BY

GREG ZELL





**Singapore Sling:** When in Singapore try a Sling, preferably at Raffles, one of the great colonial hotels. If you are refused entry to the Long Bar because of the truly Byzantine dress code, go around to the pool bar entrance. Cherry brandy provides the dominant flavor with a splash of gin to add kick.

**Pisco Sour:** When in Chile or Peru, this grape brandy cocktail is a must. A splash of egg white insures a frothy head. In Peru, the head features a couple of drops of Angostura Bitters.

**Caipirinha:** In Brazil, this is the drink of choice. Made from cachaca (unaged rum) and muddled lime wedges, it tastes like a daiquiri relative. Travel prefers caipirinha maracuja made with passion fruit.

**Wine:** Did you know France dumps its lower grade wines in Southeast Asia? The natives drink very little imported wine so this is for the tourists. You don't need to know a lot about wine when you order a glass in southern or east Africa, due to competition from South Africa.

**South Africa sparkling wine:** El cheapo is about \$12 US a bottle; the good stuff is about \$17 US a bottle. Spring for it.

**Whiskey and whisky:** If you ask for whiskey outside of the States, expect to get Scotch whisky. Very little American bourbon is exported beyond Europe. The Commonwealth is everywhere so you might find Canadian whisky available upon request.

**Mojitos:** The rum producing countries have made this drink very popular. Mint leaves grow close to the ground so they must be thoroughly washed. The question comes up in countries where you don't drink tap water "was the mint washed in purified water?"

**Water:** The modern approach in countries where tap water should not be drunk is to provide each traveler with a plastic bottle with their name on it. It's filled with purified water from a fountain in the hotel lobby. Travelers keep it with them at all times. DO NOT BRUSH YOUR TEETH WITH TAP WATER. This is also an effort to solve the world-wide plastic pollution problem. In every instance, the trip leader is in charge of water distribution.

**Gin and tonic:** In the early 1960s, as the British Empire was transforming into the British Commonwealth, there was no longer any need for the dedicated servants in the Colonial Service. It was folded into the Foreign Service where the colonials were treated as rubes and pariahs by the elitists. On top of that, their turf was being invaded by American Peace Corps volunteers in what were countries within the British sphere of influence. There was only one thing to do: Be nice and helpful to the Yanks. Make sure you drink plenty of gin and