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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!



Newsletter

April 2019

Quick Event Links

April 27: [Annual Cinco de Mayo Party](#)

April 28: [Bon Voyage Picnic at A.D. Barnes Park](#)

May 19: [Partnership Lunch at Kavkaz Restaurant](#)



Our 20th Everglades Outing

This year's event was a success! After some uncertainty and a schedule change, last Saturday, March 30th, we had a beautiful day in **Everglades National Park**. We had a wonderful group of children and chaperones from [Chapman Partnership](#) and another from [Touching Miami with Love](#). With support from **Kiwanis**, RPCVSF hosted about **85 kids** and guided them through a special day in this unique place. For some, it was their first time to the Park, and they remarked about how **amazing** it all was. There was a lot of wildlife out that day. One girl counted **18 alligators** lounging around in one small area.

We are so proud to be able to host this event every year, but we couldn't do it without all of you. **A big thank you** to all the volunteers who came out and helped for the day.

Here are a few pictures from the day. Visit or [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page for more.





Above: Everglades locals, a rare **White Morph** and a not-so-rare **Alligator**



Above: Kicking off the day with some **breakfast**, thanks to John & Betsy Calkins!





Above: The wonderful **ENP Park Rangers** helping kids become **Junior Rangers**!



Above: Having fun after lunch with the **ENP Fire Fighters**

Miami Fellows

Deadline: May 12, 2010

Deadline: May 13, 2019



The [Miami Foundation](#)'s fellowship program is now **accepting applications**. Their signature **15-month leadership program** is open to individuals five to 15 years into their careers who live and work in Miami-Dade. Now in its 20th year, the Foundation is looking for candidates who demonstrate strong **community leadership, passion** for

Greater Miami, and **dedication** to move this city forward. If this sounds like you or someone you know, check out the [guidelines](#) and apply before May 13 at 5 p.m. Best of luck!

NOTE: This program is not sponsored by RPCVSF.

[More Information](#)

New Politics Leadership Academy

Deadline: April 8, 2019

Program: April – June 2019

[New Politics Leadership Academy's](#) flagship political leadership program [Answering the Call](#) is seeking [applications](#) from military veterans and **national service alumni** who wonder if they feel called to **lead through public service**. Join the movement of service leaders around the country who are working to **revitalize our democracy** through a second service in politics.



This program is not a motivational seminar designed to convince anyone to run for office, nor is it a technical training on how to raise money and recruit volunteers. It's a **five-session group program** given over the course of five weeks which invites you to undertake a deeply personal journey and reflect on **who you are as a leader** and if you feel called to political service, now or in the future.

If you would like to learn more about the Academy, their offerings, and how to connect your network to this resource, **please reach out** to Stephanie Armstrong at stephanie@newpoliticsacademy.org.

NOTE: This program is not sponsored by RPCVSF.

[More Information](#)

[Email Stephanie](#)

Grant Opportunities

Lawrence Foundation Grants

Deadline: April 30, 2019

Award: between \$5,000 and \$10,000

The [Lawrence Foundation](#) is a private family foundation based in California, which is focused on providing grants to support environmental, human services, disaster relief, and other causes. Since the foundation began in 2000, they have received over 12,000 grant applications and approved 610 of them, providing over \$5 million. Awards are available to nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status, as well as public schools and libraries. Check out their [grant guidelines](#) to see if your organization is eligible. Good luck!

[More Information](#)

The Lead2Feed Challenge

Deadline: May 31, 2019

Awards: range from \$1,000 to \$10,000



Calling all middle and high school teachers! The [Lead2Feed Challenge](#) is looking for student teams from public, private, or charter middle or high schools. Each team must create and execute a **service-learning project that raises awareness of hunger by establishing a goal** that attempts to

solve a local, statewide, or national hunger-related issue; **develop an action plan** to achieve the goal; and **demonstrate leadership**. Each entry also must include a written summary or video overview of the project as well as quantifiable results. The program helps build leadership skills while building activism and community awareness.

[More Information](#)

Travel Corner

RPCVSF Goes to Thailand

October 27 – November 9, 2019

The fearless Greg Zell (RPCV Nigeria) will lead a group to Thailand for two weeks this fall. This is a rare trip of the entire country at a **four-star** level. It has been put together by the established Thai travel agency, [UME Travel](#).

The itinerary starts in **Bangkok**, one of the most crowded, vibrant capital cities in the world. We visit the major royal and religious sites, the **floating market**, and the canal network. Then, it is on to **Kanchanaburi** and the **River Kwai** and its new bridge.

Kanchanaburi and the River Kwai and its new bridge.

Following that, the group will visit a reconstruction of a **Japanese POW camp** and beautiful **Commonwealth War Memorial Cemetery**. Next, there's a tour of the ancient ruins of **Ayutthaya**, the ruined ancient capital of Siam. Then, the tour will ascend into the mountains of **Chiang Rai** and **Chiang Mai**, where we mix with the elephants. Finally, the group will relax at a tropical beach resort in **Phuket**. This trip takes through many different areas of amazing, beautiful, delicious, historical Thailand.

The cost for the tour is \$2275 per person for 12 people, double occupancy. Airfare is not included. Flights from MIA are approximately \$1300 per person. The travel agency will assist in booking, or you may book yourself.

Please [email us](#) for more information. **RSVP** for the trip **before April 23, 2019** to ensure your space and the trip rate.

NOTE: This is not a fundraiser. The Trip Leader is not compensated.

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