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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 2019

## Quick Event Links

July 27

[Marlins vs. Diamondbacks Baseball Game](#)



Home plate box seats and your RPCVSF friends await you for this Saturday evening game.

September 6–8

[Annual Retreat in Key Largo](#)



Join us for a beautiful weekend at [Amoray Dive Resort](#) in Key Largo.

## Partnership Lunch

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, twenty-six RPCVs and guests enjoyed a delicious **Georgian-Armenian lunch** at [Kavkaz Restaurant](#). In addition to the great fellowship and wonderful

Anniversary lunch at [Taverna Restaurant](#). In addition to the great fellowship and wonderful food, we donated a **total of \$520** (\$260 collected and \$260 RPCVSF match) to a [Peace Corps Partnership Project](#) called “Growing Seeds & Skills: Teaching Business to Domestic Violence Shelter Residents” which is run through the [Anti-Violence Network](#) in the Republic of Georgia.

The program will teach 15–20 **survivors of domestic violence** marketable **small-business skills and organic-growing practices** through a series of six workshops at a new greenhouse. The project also includes the necessary supplies and materials for the greenhouse structure.

The project organizer reached out to thank us. If you’d like to check how the project is going, follow the [Anti-Violence Network on Facebook](#). **Many thanks** to those who attended!



Above: Our group at the latest partnership lunch

## Member Meet-Ups

Have you ever really wanted to do something but just didn't move on it because you didn't want to go alone? Maybe you've always wanted to **bike Shark Valley** on full moon, just not solo! Thinking about heading to Fakahatchee Strand to **see the ghost orchid** but want a buddy? Well, fear not! RPCVSF is initiating Meet-Ups for members.



To view **meet-up ideas**, visit [our website](#) and click on the [Meet-Up & Members Blog](#) in the left navigation menu. You'll be able to see what's coming up. However, in order to comment, RSVP, or leave a post of your own, you need to **login**. To **post your meet-up**, write a brief description of the event, including the date, time, location, and your contact info. To **respond about a meet-up** or ask a question, "add a comment" or send an email to the organizer.

Our very first meet-up was on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at WDNA's jazz event, featuring **jazz violinist Federico Britos**. It was a blast! Our next one is a [happy hour in Coral Gables](#) at [Graziano's Mercado](#) to kick-off summer on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

We hope that the RPCVSF Meet-Ups help our members get together more often and get to know one another better! Hope to see you soon!

## Travel Corner

### RPCVSF Goes to Paris



You know the song...*I love Paris in the springtime, I love Paris in the fall*. Well, fall it is. **September 15–29** to be exact. The fearless Greg Zell (RPCV Nigeria) will lead a trip to Paris. Visit **Notre Dame**. Go on an excursion outside the big city, perhaps to Versailles, Giverny, or Malmaison. Stop by Napoleon's tomb at **Hotel des Invalides**, and stop in the sculpture garden at the **Rodin Museum** to get there. Your life is incomplete until you have seen the Eiffel Tower up close live and in person. Those plastic versions do not do it justice. Accommodations are planned for the four-star **Hotel Mayfair**, unless you want something less expensive. It is a block away from **La Place de la Concorde** and the **Champs Elysees** in one direction and a long block to the entrance of the **Louvre** in the other. Starting to sound *bon* yet? Email [travel@rpcvsf.org](mailto:travel@rpcvsf.org) if you are interested and we will keep you advised.

### Thailand Trip

Say *sawahdee* to this beautiful and delicious country with a great group. The RPCVSF Trip to Thailand is very much a work in progress, departing the US on **November 6, 2019**. There are only **five slots left**, so if you are interested, email [travel@rpcvsf.org](mailto:travel@rpcvsf.org) now for more information and to **reserve your space**.

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## Volunteer Opportunity

### Summertime in Coconut Grove

The [Rotary Club of Coconut Grove](#) is working with the [City of Miami Parks Department](#) and the [Citizens for a Better South Florida](#) to **provide more enrichment activities** in the West Grove this summer.

Based on responses from the **Rotary Club's** pilot survey at **Carver Elementary School** and learned that many children wanted more summer activities. Through the RPCVSF and Rotary networks, we have already lined up possibilities for **carpentry, palm weaving, business skills, orchid raising, and nutrition**. Kids also **requested activities in science, art, and safety**. If you have a few hours free to teach a fun activity or skill, contact [Helene Dudley](#) for more information. Thank you for supporting our local youth!

Email Helene

## Grant Opportunities

### Crayola's Creative Leadership Grants

**Deadline:** June 21, 2019

**Awards:** \$2,500 plus Crayola products valued at \$1,000



[Crayola](#) is seeking proposals from elementary and middle schools for their **2019 Creative Leadership Grants**. Crayola, in collaboration with the National Association of Elementary School Principals, is accepting applications through June 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have creative leaders at your school, click the link for more information and apply soon!

More Information

### NWEA Educators for Equity Grant Program

**Deadline:** June 30, 2019



**Awards:** \$10,000



The [Northwest Evaluation Association \(NWEA\)](#) brand-new **Educators for Equity Grant Program** is offering a new initiative to help teachers **foster growth** for students who face **systemic barriers to academic opportunities**. Programs must foster academic growth among minority students, English language learners, or economically disadvantaged students. If this sounds like you or a teacher or a non-profit you know, apply today!

[More Information](#)

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