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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 2019

## ***Quick Event Links***

For more details and more events, please visit our [website](#).

**December 7:** [Annual Holiday Party](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**February 1, 2020:** 21st Annual Everglades Outing





## 33rd Annual General Meeting

RPCVSF held our 33rd Annual General Meeting at the 94th Aero Squadron on October 26th. Over 30 people were in attendance that afternoon. **Adam Housh, Peace Corps recruiter** for the Miami area gave an update about recruitment. Our **guest speaker County Commissioner Eileen Higgins**, who gave an engaging speech about **the intersection of service and politics** and gave us an update on **local Miami political initiatives, successes, and struggles**.

After the lunch, the current Board stayed to **elect officials** for the new year. We're happy to announce the results:

**President**, Jennifer Wos  
**Vice President**, David Garcia  
**Secretary**, Mary Lamberts  
**Treasurer**, Doris Vincent  
**Controller**, Marvin Hancock

Thank you to all of the RPCVSF community and the board who came out to join us. Special thanks to Commissioner Higgins and her staff, Adam, and the restaurant staff for making the afternoon a memorable one.







**Photo Above:** From left to right: RPCVSF President Jen Wos, Miami-Dade District 5 County Commissioner Eileen Higgins, and RPCVSF members Helene Dudley and George Neary



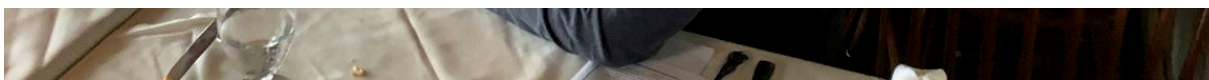


Photo Above: Many of our RPCVSF community at the AGM

## Give Miami Day

[Give Miami Day](#) is less than two weeks away, and RPCVSF is participating once again. Donations will be allocated to our **Spirit of Service-Learning Award (SSLA)**, and our goal is to supplement the assistance from the Armando Alejandro, Jr. Memorial Foundation's to adequately **honor the 2020 SSLA nominations**.

The Award Winners and Honorees have been ever so appreciative and propels them to do even more. One of the 2017 winners excitedly told Josh Young at a recent event that she applied for, and received, the **endowed teaching chair** at her campus, crediting the SSLA as an affirming boost to apply. The Monday after the this year's event, two of the awardees at David Garcia's high school sent out emails outlining programs **continuing their service-learning initiatives**.



We're doing **something special** here, and we're looking to move it forward. Please consider a donation to RPCVSF this year to support our Spirit of Service-Learning Award on **Thursday, November 21st**. Thank you!

[More Information](#)

## Fair Trade Market

This month's FTM spotlight item is the **Batiked Bucket Bag** from Global Mamas. Made from **100% organic cotton** and **handmade** at Global Mamas' Ashaiman Batiking and Sewing Center in **Ghana**, these bags are great for carrying it all. [Read more](#) about the Center and Mamas who work there. See [our website](#) for more details. For more information or purchase, please email [ftm@rpcvsf.org](mailto:ftm@rpcvsf.org).



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## Volunteer Opportunity

### RPCV Global Village Service Vacations in Immokalee

[RPCV Global Village](#) is a new non-profit bringing Returned Peace Corps Volunteers to Immokalee, Florida to **serve the local farm-workers** with a variety of programs.



From January through April of 2020, RPCVs will fly or drive to SW Florida, at their expense, and assist with one of the following programs: **teaching English to adults**, building/teaching community gardens, assisting at a local **nature center**, teaching simple **accounting** and family **budgeting**, **nutrition** education, light **construction**, assisting at local **health clinics** and more.

Food, housing, and transportation will be provided during their stay. Housing will be dormitory-style, with a few semi-private spaces for couples. Volunteers will also be asked to help with kitchen chores and make a small donation to defray expenses.

**Space is limited** and [applications](#) will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Questions? Contact RPCV Global Village's Founder **Greg Plimpton** at [greg@rpcvglobalvillage.org](mailto:greg@rpcvglobalvillage.org).

More Information

Apply Now

## Grant Opportunity

### The Walmart Foundation

**Award:** \$250–\$5,000

**Deadline:** December 31, 2019



[Walmart.org](#) is offering funding through its [Local Community Grants](#) program. There are **eight areas of funding** offered, including after **school enrichment**, tutoring, vocational training, **recreation opportunities**, arts and cultural experiences, relationship building, and **environmental sustainability**. The initiative must benefit low income individuals and families in the United States. In order to be eligible, the organization must be a 503(c)(3) nonprofit, a recognized government entity, K-12 public or nonprofit private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university, or a church or other faith-based organization.

[More Information](#)

## Travel Corner



Are you ready for our **first safari of 2020**? Well, keep your eyes on our website! We hope to announce the itinerary and dates to **Tanzania**, including **Zanzibar** and a fabulous day trip to , the former capital of German East Africa (Tanganyika). (You may have heard about it being bombed by the Robert Redford character in the film *Out of Africa*.) All this, and much more, in the merry month of May.

\*NOTE: These are not fundraisers. The Trip Leader is not

compensated.\*

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