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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

September 2019

## Quick Event Links

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

**September 21**

[Partnership Lunch](#)



Join us for lunch at [Asian Fusion Cafe](#) in Palmetto Bay to support a PCV project. If you can't make it, consider making a [donation](#). We'll match it!

**October 12**

[Spirit of Service Learning Awards](#)



Celebrate incredible educators in the the South Florida community with us. Bring a potluck dish to share!

**October 26**

[Annual General Meeting](#)



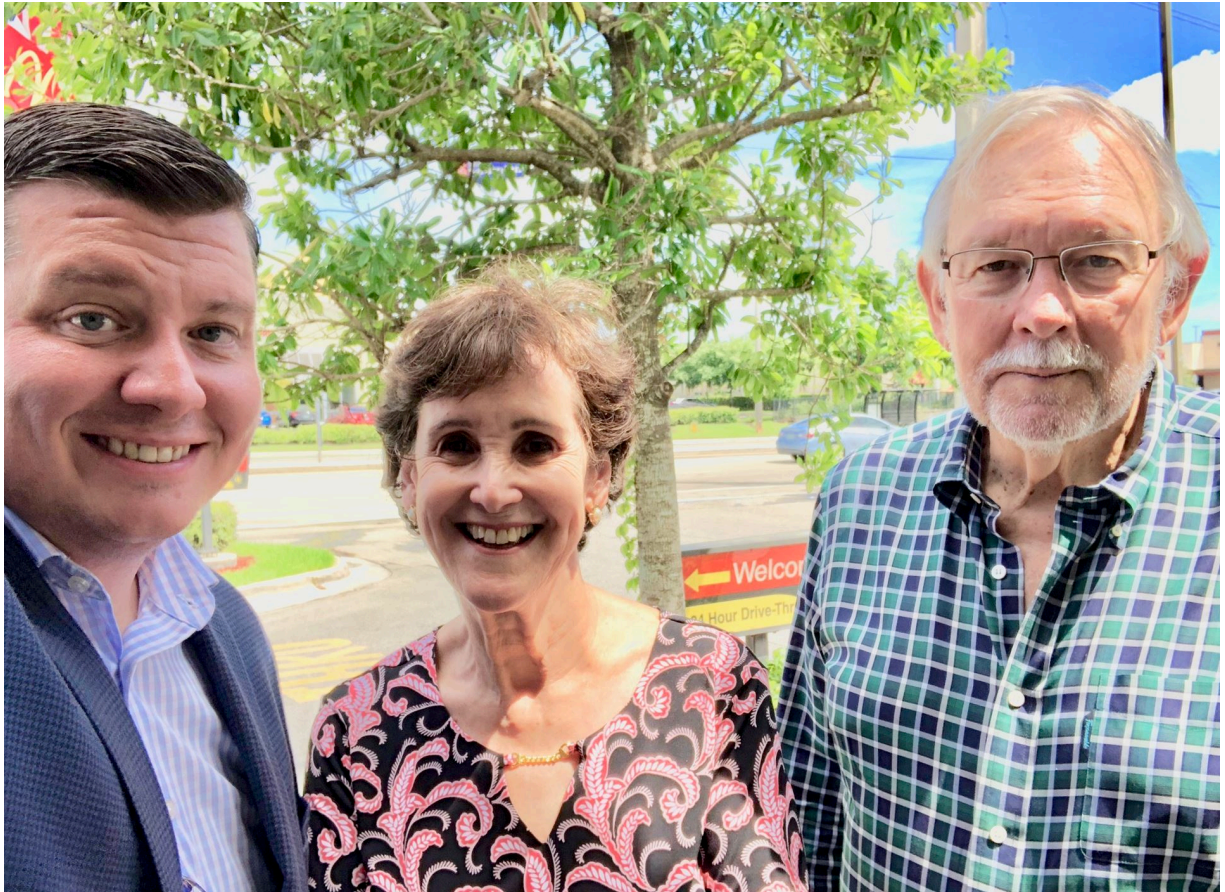
Join us to hear our guest speaker Eileen Higgins, meet the board, share your ideas, and enjoy lunch at the [94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron](#).

**Advocacy at RPCVSF**



The Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida care about **the future of Peace Corps**. We want to extend a **big thank you** to Ana, Marvin, and Doris for taking the time to meet with Florida representatives to provide updates of the work PCVs do and to advocate for continued Peace Corps **funding and support**.

If you would like to participate in Peace Corps advocacy work with RPCVSF, please email [rpcvsf@rpcvsf.org](mailto:rpcvsf@rpcvsf.org), and you can get involved!



**Photo Above:** September 5, 2019 - RPCVSF Members Ana Ciereszko and Marvin Hancock visit with Ryan Hnatiuk, Regional Director at U.S. Senator Rick Scott's West Palm Beach Office to provide updates on Peace Corps.

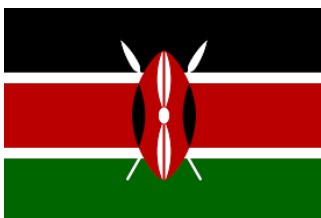






**Photo Above:** August 28, 2019, RPCVSF Members Ana Ciereszko, Doris Vincent, and Marvin Hancock visit with Lea Padron, Regional Director at U.S. Senator Marco Rubio's Miami Office to provide updates on Peace Corps.

## Peace Corps Returns to Kenya



Over 5,000 volunteers served in Kenya from 1964 to 2014, when the Peace Corps closed its program. Next year, that number will start to grow again. The Peace Corps announced that in **2020**, the program will **re-open** and will focus on **math, science, and deaf education**. For more information about the program and available posts, please follow the link below.

[Read More](#)

## Grant Opportunities

### The STEAM Educator Grants

**Award:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** October 15, 2019

[The National Society of High School Scholars](#) offers a grant to support science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (**STEAM**) **activities, innovation, and classroom excellence**. Grants may be used for supplies, materials, field trips, and other resources that enhance STEAM teaching and learning. Eligible applicants are public and private **high school teachers** in the United States, US Territories, or internationally. Educators must be NSHSS members to apply. Good luck!



[More Information](#)

## Travel Corner

### Thailand Trip

There's still time to join us in Thailand. If you're





interested in our **comprehensive tour** happening November 5–18, 2019, [email travel](#) ASAP so we can squeeze you in!



## Safari 2020

Travel is currently planning a safari for 2020. Maybe August. Maybe Namibia, the most interesting country. Maybe Tanzania, including Zanzibar. Perhaps both. Most packages to Tanzania do not include Zanzibar. Ours will. Animals and Islam. Our former president Tuey Murdock (Colombia) and her family live in Windhoek, capital of Namibia. They are most gracious hosts. Email [travel@rpcvsf.org](mailto:travel@rpcvsf.org) to let us know your thoughts on this. Your life is incomplete until you see Africa.

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

Email Travel

## Communications Volunteer

Are you good with words? Savvy on social media? Like to keep people in the know? RPCVSF is **seeking assistance with communications**. No prior journalism, communications, or editing experience required. If you're interested in **volunteering a little of your time**, please email Jen at [newsletter@rpcvsf.org](mailto:newsletter@rpcvsf.org). Let us know if you'd like to flex your communication and journalism muscles for a good cause. Thank you!

Email Jen

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