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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

November 2018

Outrageous October!

October was a busy month for RPCVSF. We had a lot of **incredible events** with our community. Check out some **photo highlights** here. For more details and more pictures, visit our [website](#).

The **Spirit of Service Learning Award Dinner** was held at the Miami Springs Lions Club on October 6th and we had the opportunity to **honor educators** who incorporate Service-Learning into their classroom. These teachers have passion and they are getting their students to create change. There were **four winners and four finalists**. Congratulations to all!



Our 7th installation of the **Cooking and Conversation Club** met on the 23th and was a

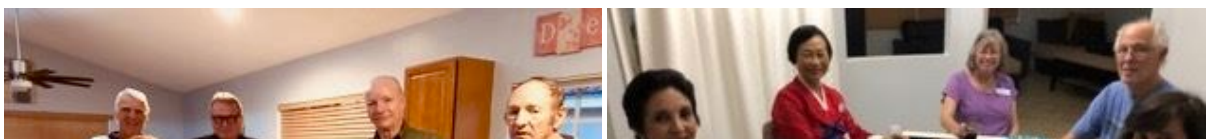
Our 7th installation of the **Cooking and Conversation Club** met on the 20th and was a success. We met at Barbara Junge's lovely home in **Fort Lauderdale** and enjoyed **Haitian legume** (vegetable stew) and **diri blan** (white rice) along with all of the potluck sides from the other foodies. It was a fun and delicious afternoon.



At our **Annual General Meeting**, we gathered at the **94th Aero Squadron**; heard a **wonderful speech** from our guest speaker former Ambassador Leslie Rowe; wished Steve Hunsicker **good luck** in his life post-Peace Corps recruiter; and **elected our board**, including a warm welcome to Deborah Paris as our **newest board member**. Thanks to all who came out.



Last but not least, Michelle Kelsey graciously opened her home for an **International Potluck** on the 27th. **Good food and good people** always make for a wonderful evening, and this was no exception. Thanks to everyone who came by.





Give Miami Day

Thursday, November 15th

[Give Miami Day](#) is next week and you can help RPCVSF with a donation. This year, our goal is to fund our [Spirit of Service-Learning program](#).

Support Us On



Beyond the awards themselves, there are also limited program costs, around the award event itself. Currently, the main financial contributor to this program is the **Armando Alejandro Jr. Memorial Foundation**; their generous support covers more than half of the expenses, but there was still a shortfall...and that's without any K-12 winners this year!

Feedback from attendees at the 2018 Spirit of Service-Learning event was very positive. The word Linda heard most was **"inspiring"**. The teachers are doing some incredible work in our community. And, most importantly, the **teachers feel honored**. One Winner mentioned that this is the **"best thing that has happened to her in her 40-year career"**.

We're doing something special, we're proud of it, and we are looking to continue it. Help us **keep this program alive and support our teachers**. Please consider a donation to support our Spirit of Service-Learning program on **November 15th**!

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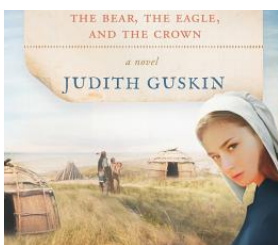
Upcoming Events

The "Mother" of Peace Corps @ Books and Books

Friday, November 9th



Dr. Judith Guskin, RPCV Thailand and considered the "mother" of the Peace Corps, will be discussing her newest book at [Books and Books in Coral Gables](#), on Friday, November 9th, at 6:30 pm. The book, *Longing to Be Free – The Bear, the Eagle and the Crown*, is an **historical novel inspired by true events** and set in tumultuous times (1620-1677) in colonial New England and London. The



times (1650–1677) in colonial New England and London. The richly-detailed novel brings to life the leaders, Native Americans, colonists and members of the London Parliament, whose beliefs and actions shaped history for generations.

Please note this is not an RPCVSF-sponsored event.

[More Information](#)

Diplomacy Begins Here Summit with Global Ties Miami

Thursday, November 15th

Please join [Global Ties Miami](#) to help celebrate **international exchange programs** and **promote diplomacy** in South Florida on Thursday, November 15th, at the [Diplomacy Begins Here Summit](#).

Please also plan to attend a reception at the [Wolfsonian-FIU on South Beach](#) the night before the Summit, to celebrate the launch of the **60th Anniversary year of Global Ties Miami** (formerly known as the Miami Council of International Visitors). More details and registration information are at: [Global Ties Miami's 60th Anniversary Celebration](#).



As returned Peace Corps Volunteers, we believe in the power of people-to-people diplomacy and its ability to promote peace. In recognition of this shared mission, RPCVSF members are entitled to a **discounted first year membership** in Global Ties Miami.

Click here to join [Join Now](#), and use this code when you join: **RPCVSF2018**.

Please note this is not an RPCVSF-sponsored event.

[Register](#)

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 8th

Speaking of tradition, what holiday season would be complete without Ana's holiday party? Not this one. So, mark your calendars. Get your **white elephant gift**, your **toy donation**, and your **potluck dish** ready. Oh and our **Fair Trade Market** will be there,



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Saturday, January 26th



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Thursday, November 15th

am to 1:15 pm.

[Register today](#) to have an opportunity to **ask questions** about application requirements, curricula and joint degrees, financial aid, and career opportunities.



Representatives from **leading professional schools of international affairs and policy** will be available to connect with prospective students. They can learn about masters, mid-career, and PhD programs around the world. So, if you've been thinking about going back to school, this could be for you.

[Register](#)

Travel Corner

CIE International Travel has an interesting new **10-day package** for 2019: five days in **Iceland** and five days in **Ireland**. If you want to check out two very cool islands that start with *i*, contact travel@rpcvsf.org.



Our former RPCVSF president Tuey Murdock (Colombia) will be **leaving Moscow** this summer. She is happy to assist any member who wants to travel to Russia as a tourist while she is still there.

Tuey will be moving with her foreign service daughter to **Windhoek, Namibia**, this summer for three years. She welcomes visitors there too. For more information, please contact travel@rpcvsf.org.

[Email Travel](#)

Oh, and one last thing...

The **2019 RPCV International Calendars** have arrived. Visit rpcvsf.org or email ftm@rpcvsf.org for pricing and details. Get yours today!

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