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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

March 2018

A Global Mamas Success Story

Meet **Deborah Asmah**, a seamstress in [Global Mamas'](#) Cape Coast location. She was, and remains, ambitious. Her first stepping stone was to attend a vocational school where her abilities earned her **master seamstress** status, but even a master seamstress needs a market. She joined Global Mamas in 2009, received additional training, and is very proud of the **creative designs** she has developed. The steady orders she fulfills for Global Mamas gives her the confidence that there will be a paycheck this month and the next and a year from now. This security provides the foundation for a **stable financial life**. In addition to helping her meet the day-to-day needs of her family, this income has allowed her to open her own shop and purchase land — the first step to owning her own home in Ghana! **Support Deborah** and her ambitions. Buy one of her aprons at our **Fair Trade Market** and check out [the boxy blouse she designed](#). Thanks so much for your continuing support of our Market.



Call for Suggestions

Do you have an idea for a **great restaurant** to host a Partnership Dinner? Do you know of a **great bar** that we could host a happy hour? If so, our event coordinators would love to hear from you.

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Upcoming Events

Project Update and Happy Hour with The Colombia Project / TCP Global

Thursday, March 8

Are you wondering about **the latest news** from The Colombia Project / TCP Global? This Thursday from 6–8 p.m. join them **poolside** for a project update and happy hour. **Dr. Jay Eastman**, co-founder of the [Casa Colibri Clinic](#) in Guatemala will be there as a guest speaker. There's a **suggested donation** of \$20, which includes wine, soft drinks, and light refreshments. Free valet parking is available. The Fair Trade Market will be there, too! The event is at [2901 South Bayshore Drive](#) in Miami.



(Please note that TCP Global is not affiliated with RPCVSF. This event is being cross-promoted as a courtesy to interested RPCVSF members.)

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South Beach Walking Tour

Saturday, March 17

Perhaps you remember Ocean Drive in the '80s ... **a very, very sleepy place**. And, now, well, it's quite different. How did it move from one extreme to the other in a 30-year time span? For answers and insight, please join us at **10:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, March 17** for a **South Beach Walking Tour** with **George Neary** (RPCV, St. Vincent and the Grenadines). Meet us under the time/date sign at [10th Street and Ocean Drive](#). George has been in the midst of South Beach's renovation since 1992 and is currently Associate VP/Cultural Tourism at Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau. He's been so much a part of Miami Beach that December 13 was proclaimed "George Neary Day" by Miami Beach's Mayor and City Commissioners. After the tour, we'll **meet for lunch** at [Puerto Sagua](#), 700 Collins Ave. Please RSVP so we can give the restaurant a heads up. Hope to see you there!



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Cooking and Conversation Club

Saturday, March 31

This month's Cooking and Conversation Club will teach you not one but **TWO delicious Asian recipes**. How could you say no to **Korean BBQ & Thai fried rice**? Join the club by bringing your appetite and a side dish to share! The event will be held at Mary's house, 531 Hunting Lodge Drive, Miami Springs, FL 33166. Space is limited, so RSVP today!

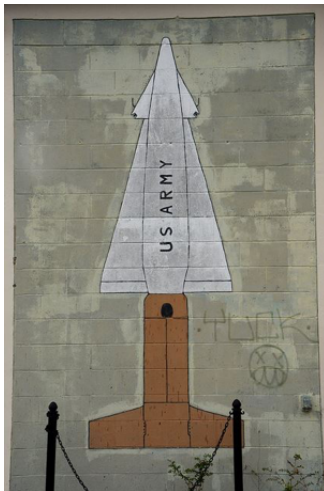
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Nike Missile Base Tour

Sunday, April 8

Do you remember, or have you heard about the **Cuban Missile Crisis**? Did you know that **Everglades National Park** houses one of the best-preserved relics of the **Cold War** here in Florida?



An historic [Nike Hercules Missile Site](#), called Alpha Battery or HM-69, remains virtually the same as it was when official use of the site was terminated in 1979. This missile base was built by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, completed in 1964 **at the height of the Cold War**, immediately following the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962. At a time when national security against Soviet attack was America's main priority, the United States Army chose this [strategic site within Everglades National Park](#), located 160 miles from the Cuban coast, to build an anti-aircraft missile site.

We've arranged for a **tour of the site**, to be given by **Ranger Leon Howell**, on **Sunday, April 8th**, at **2:00 pm**. This exciting and timely tour will last approximately 90

minutes. There's **no charge for the tour**, but the park will charge its **regular entrance fee**. If you'd like to carpool (either provide one or get a ride) into the park, please be at the Coe Visitors Center by **no later than 1:30 pm**.

After the tour, some of us will be going to one of the local Mexican restaurants to partake of some yummy "vittles," and we'd be happy for you to join us!

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Bon Voyage Picnic

Sunday, April 22

Celebrate Earth Day and help send off the latest invitees to their Peace Corps adventures at our annual **Bon Voyage Picnic**. The family potluck will be held from 2–5:30 p.m. at [A.D. “Doug” Barnes Park](#) in Shelter 3. From 2–4 p.m., Enjoy relaxing, snacks, **palm frond weaving** with George Fitzpatrick, and other **fun activities** for the kids. The park also has nature trails, a pool, and a playground. Snacks and beverages will be provided, but feel free to bring more! From 4–5:30 pm, we will **honor the upcoming PCVs** and **share a potluck meal**. You are encouraged to bring a dish from your country of service. Drinks and kid/adult-friendly sandwiches will also be provided. The picnic and park entrance are free. Rain or shine! The park is located at [3401 SW 72nd Ave, Miami, FL 33155](#). Contact **Patty** pharespl@gmail.com if you have questions.



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Volunteer Opportunity

Global Field Academy

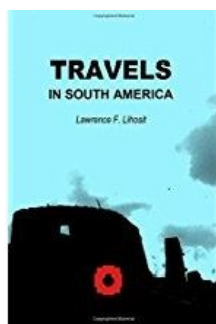
The [Global Field Academy](#) is [Educate Tomorrow](#)'s new initiative, which seeks to pair professionals, artists, and the like with students to **create a non-traditional learning space**. They are looking for **volunteers and tutors** to work with youth from Pre-K to 12th grade. They do two field days per week and three workshop days per week, and they are always looking for great guides and educators. If you have time and energy to share as an academic or extracurricular tutor/guide, Virginia would love to hear from you.



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Books & Travel Corner

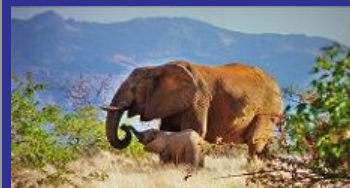
An Epic Voyage



Russia

Former RPCVSF President Tuey Murdock (RPCV Colombia) will be living in **Moscow**, Russia until sometime in 2019. Tuey would enjoy assisting any RPCVSF member with **travel to Russia**. [Email us](#) and

Namibia, anyone?



Climb into a dark spider infested *Moche* burial chamber, listen as Indians advise how to apply an Andean hot springs mudpack, hide from the Chilean army, and more with **RPCV Lawrence F. Lihosit** (Honduras, 1975–77). His recently published ***Travels in South America*** will take you on a wild adventure. Available on Amazon.com.

Russia. [Email us](#) and we'll get you in touch with her.



Would you like to go on **safari in Namibia**? Travel is looking to put together a trip in September or October. If you're interested, please [email us](#). We need **six people** to confirm the trip. **Claim your spot** for this fantastic getaway today!

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