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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!



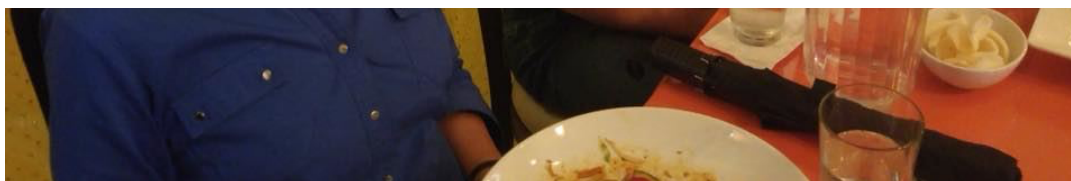
Newsletter

September 2018

Double Dinner!

RPCVSF hosted two **successful partnership dinners** last month, one in Hollywood and another in Miami. Both the [Indonesian](#) and [Argentinian](#) food were wonderful, and we **raised over \$1,000** (including the RPCVSF match) to support a **Girls Greenhouse Initiative** in Armenia (led by a PCV from Florida) and **Resources for Girls' Empowerment and Equality** in Moldova. Please see our website for [more details](#) and [pictures](#) from both events. Thank you for supporting these dinners. They really do make a global impact.





Upcoming Events

THIS WEEKEND: Annual Retreat in Key Largo

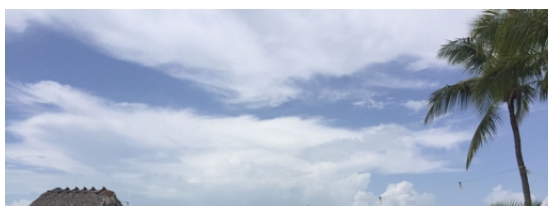
Friday–Sunday, September 7th–9th



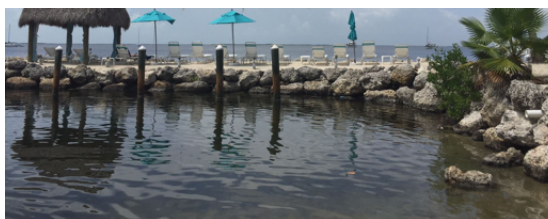
The wait is almost over! Retreat festivities begin this Friday at [Tower of Pizza](#) at 6:30 pm.

Haven't registered yet? It's not too late to join in the fun.

Call [Amoray Resort](#) to make your reservations for Friday and Saturday night: (305) 451-3595. Be sure to tell them you are with the Peace Corps Volunteers group for a **20% discount off the room rate.**



If you want to share a room, please let us know and we'll try to match you with a roommate for the weekend. Kids are very welcome! For the **full weekend itinerary**, please see our [website](#). We look forward to seeing you in the Keys!

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Yellow-Green Farmer's Market

Sunday, September 30th

Please join us for **Sunday brunch**, followed by shopping at the [Yellow-Green Farmers Market](#) in Hollywood, just off I-95. We'll meet for brunch at **ChillBar** at **10:30 am**. Then, after enjoying great food and company, we'll head out to fill our carts and tote bags with items from **South Florida's largest farmers' market**. There's something for everyone; you'll find produce, baked goods, olives, cheeses, soaps, hummus, Amish butter, and prepared foods from at least fifteen countries including Thai, Bahamian, and Indian. Hope you can make it to our Broward brunch! The market is located at [1940 North 20th Road, Hollywood, FL](#).

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Spirit of Service-Learning Award & Potluck Dinner

Saturday, October 6th

Did you know pre-schoolers can be expelled from Head Start? They can! This is one of the situations being addressed by a 2018 Spirit of Service-Learning winner. To learn how this situation is tackled via service-learning, plus other intriguing classroom/community service-learning projects, please join us for the annual **Spirit of Service-Learning Award** and Potluck Dinner!



We hope you can join us for this very special evening to honor teachers for their remarkable work combining service and learning in their classroom and inspiring their students to be **more carina. enaaed citizens**.

The teachers being recognized engage their students with the formerly homeless, with adults with developmental disabilities, incarcerated youth, Head Start centers, character education programs in the public schools, pine rocklands restoration projects, and with other local non-profit agencies. Not only will you be inspired, you'll also be able to see for yourself how Service Learning is creating **changemakers through education**.

The event is on Saturday, October 6 from **5:30–8:30 pm** at the [Miami Springs Lions Club](#). Bring a dish or dessert from your country of service...and BYOB. Please visit our website for more information and to register.

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Annual General Meeting

Saturday, October 20th

Our Annual General Meeting is for all members and friends of RPCVSF. Over a delicious **buffet lunch**, we'll review the prior year and our plans for the future year, as well as **elect** members of the Board of Directors for the upcoming year. **Former Ambassador Leslie Rowe**, wife of RPCV Ted Dieffenbacher, will speak about her experiences in many countries with the Department of State. The event **11:30 am–1:30 pm**. Admission is \$30



per person. The event will be held at the [94th Aero Squadron](#) located at [1395 NW 57th Avenue, Miami, FL 33126](#). Help us celebrate our past successes and prepare for liftoff on the next ones. Hope you can join us!

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Finding *Ubuntu* in Miami

Sara Greene loves science. After her PC service in the Ukraine, she moved to South Africa to study. She learned a ton and launched her career. Now, a [Miami](#)



Leaders alum and working as the Director of Development for Major Gifts at the [Zoo Miami Foundation](#), she says she sees people following the **concept of ubuntu** every day, they just give it a different name here. Philanthropy and giving of yourself and your resources is the exact spirit of *ubuntu*.” Translated literally, *ubuntu* means “humanity” but at its heart, it means “**I am because we are**” to embody all that we become when we act with compassion as a community.

As we know, a rose by any other name is just as sweet.

We're glad to have Sara as part of our RPCVSF network and are proud of her work in the field. Read more about her story [here](#).

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Volunteer Opportunities

Cooking and Conversation Club

Our **Cooking and Conversation Club** events are small on purpose. They are a wonderful way to build a close-knit community, learn a new cuisine, share a home-cooked meal, and have great conversations too!

So far, we've learned recipes from **India, Thailand, Haiti, and Korea**. It's been an interesting and delicious mix each time.

During the meal and afterwards, we ask questions. Everyone is invited to toss a written question into the basket. The question goes around the table for everyone to answer and then we pick another. One of the **memorable questions** we discussed recently was "What preoccupies you these days?" and one of the answers was "many empty hours after retirement." Whether you have lots of free time or are looking for a brief respite from a busy life, the club needs you!



The club is **looking for volunteers** to a gathering of 12 people at their home and volunteers to demonstrate how to cook a cuisine of your choice. If you'd like to help, please **contact Hyon O'Brien** at 786-327-9200 or hyonobrien@gmail.com. Thank you all for making our life in South Florida enjoyable and special.

[Email Hyon](#)

Peace Corps Advocacy

For many years, **Ana Ciereszko** has been our **South Florida advocate** and worked with NPCA to promote Peace Corps. This has kept her on the forefront of Peace Corps issues

and provided a structure (with NPCA guidance) for advocacy work. She is relinquishing this volunteer position and looking to pass the baton. She is very willing to mentor our next advocate. Information regarding the expectations and opportunities available to a **Peace Corps Advocate** can be found on our website [here](#).



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Career Opportunity



bills!

Looking for the next step in your career? Maybe you've just returned from your service? **Peace Corps** is hosting a [career conference](#) at their [headquarters](#) in **Washington, DC** from September 24th through the 27th featuring career workshops, networking, a job fair, and more. Since you've already done the "toughest job you'll ever love," now it's time to find one that's a good fit and pays those Stateside

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