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Summer is over, let's get back to work and get together!



NEWSLETTER

July 2016



What does the New Logo Mean?

"There is no path to Peace
Peace is the path."

-Ghandi

[Renew your membership today](#) memberships lapse on March 1.

Photo: Peace Corps Old & New Logo

Steve Rawlings, Sternberg Nature Center Volunteer
Award Winner to Host Butterfly Garden Workshop this
Fall



Having been born in Volusia County, FL., Steve is a fourth generation Floridian. After graduating from FSIJ with a BS in



education, he joined the Peace Corps and served in South Korea (K-19) teaching English in a middle school. Following his service in the Peace Corps, he received a Master's degree in Counseling from Florida State. Steve married his wife, Judy, in 1983 and settled in Miami where he spent 29 years working at the South Miami Hospital Addiction

Treatment Program. They have one son who is married and lives here in Miami. Upon retiring in 2013, Steve completed his certification as a Master Gardener and spent many volunteer hours working at a youth academy, the Doc Thomas House (headquarters of the Tropic Audubon Society), and at the Miami Dade Extension Service responding to questions from the public who call for advice on their plants. (Photo above from left to right: Joe Barros, President of the Tropical Audubon Society, Steve Rawlings (K-19) and Lewis "Brother" Mileage, Board Member and Ground Chair, Tropical Audubon Society)

In April, 2016, Steve received the "Steinberg Nature Center Volunteer Award" for my work on maintaining the butterfly garden at the Center located at the historic Doc Thomas House in South Miami. Moreover, Steve is willing to host a special workshop for RPCV's to learn how to garden and create a butterfly garden. If you interested and would like to help him organize such an event please reach out to Steve at antinarell@aol.com

Don't Miss These Upcoming Events

July 31, 2016 - Come join RPCVSF at Marlins Park on Sunday, July 31st for a game between the St. Louis Cardinals and Miami Marlins. Game time is 1:10 pm. You'll enjoy this afternoon at the old ballgame whether you're a die-hard baseball fan hoping to catch Ichiro's 3,000th hit, a Cardinals fan, a fair weather Marlins fan thankful for finally having a decent team, or just an RPCV looking to hang out! [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

August 5, 2016 - Dance Africa Miami & Fashion Show (Featuring Linda Lubin, RPCV)

If you are missing your days as a PCV in Africa, or if you are interested in experiencing African culture - including dance, drumming, food, and art, please plan to attend DanceAfrica Miami on Aug. 5-7. The program is below - the host, Delou Africa, Inc., is a Knight Foundation Arts Challenge grant winner and this promises to be a great event!

No need to register with RPCVSF, or for the free activities. The concerts and professional dance/drum lessons require registration with the event host/tickets - for more details please visit: <http://adddff.delouafrica.org/>

This is a family-friendly event, with a FREE children's village all day Saturday including drumming, dancing, face painting and crafts.

And, our member Linda Lubin (RPCV Kenya, '04-'06, Gambia '10-'11) will be featuring fashions from her company "All Over Africa" at noon on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Miami location at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex, at 212 NE 59th Terrace, Miami.

For our Broward and Palm Beach area members, please note that events also will be held at the Miramar Cultural Center, 2400 Civic Center Pl, Miramar.

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RPCV Author Highlight: Carolyn Klepser "Lost Miami Beach"

Carolyn Klepser, is an RPCV author based in south Florida that has wrote: "Lost Miami Beach" for History Press (aka Arcadia Press). She is now working on an updated Centennial Edition of Howard Leinberg's 1994 book, "Miami Beach" A History." She sells them at discount to RPCVs at \$15. Contact her directly to order your own. 305.538.4984.

Reel Topics ... & Talk

RPCVSF Past President and two time volunteer, Helene Dudley is interested in working with others to start a documentary-discussion series. She would be happy to host at her house (2151 SW 17 St) and has an outdoor projector that she could transport to other venues. Films suggested to date include Citizen Four (Edward Snowden and the surveillance state), Taking Root (about a Nobel laureate from Kenya), Inequality for All (Robert Reich on wealth and income disparities in the U.S.) and Living on a Dollar a Day all of which she has. She is still trying to locate Sugar Babies (Haitian children working the DR sugar cane fields), Tejido's Juntos (about the Alta Gracia fair trade Tee-shirt factory in the D.R.) and Time to Choose (Global Warming). If you would like to host a movie night, suggest a film or volunteer to lead a discussion, please contact helenedudley@yahoo.com.

What Do You Think About Peace Corps & The New Logo?

Recently, I visited the Senator Rubio's Office to meet Ms. Jeanette Rubio with NPCA President Glenn Blumhorst. We have visited several public offices over the past few years to remind them of the value of Peace Corps and to encourage full and increased funding. We are able to share personal stories like when was serving in Niger, West Africa a 98% Muslim country on September 11th when the world changed. I served over the following year when propaganda in the form of t-shirts and posters would applaud the leaders of the devastating attack. There were about 150 of us in country at the time and just about every single one of us had to educate our new colleagues, friends and family about what this propaganda meant. The affect: just as quickly as the materials arrived, we never saw them again. Our new families and friends informed the buyers, and the market place and stood with us against terror. We were able to have these conversations with genuine concern, personal stories, and care for each other. This is the power of the Peace Corps. To put things into perspective the Peace Corps entire requested budget is just under \$500 million; equivalent to one F/A-18 Hornet and an F-22, half a luxury cruise ship, or enough cash to provide 46.5 million people food through food pantries and meal programs. Another area of business we covered on these meetings is the ability to add the "Peace Corps" logo to our grave sites when we all move on. Apparently, there is no provision currently allowing for it. I believe that will change soon, but I am wondering, Peace Corps just changed their logo, so does that mean the old logo is fair game for headstones? And if so which one would you don for all eternity? The RPCVSF logo is a reflection of the old logo, so do we now update our logo. There is a lot to say about Peace Corps and our service. We would like to hear your thoughts, think of it as a letter to the editor. Please send them to president@rpcvsf.org and we will include some of them in our next letter. We really do want to hear from you, we want to hear about your new job, if you recently retired, awards, new family

Greg Zell
Nigeria, 1962-1964
Attorney

Directors

Grace Dessa
Nicaragua, 2003-
2005
Educator, Florida
Virtual

Byron Hauser
Ukraine, 2011-2013
Professor, Miami
Dade College

Corey Lewis
Haiti, 2002-2004
Manager of
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Center for Literature,
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China, 2009-2011

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Honduras, 2004-
2006
City of Hollywood

Marilyn Page
Marshall Islands,
1966-1969

Patty Phares
Samoa, 1972-1975

Doris Vincent
Venezuela, 1964-
1966
Retired International
Credit Card Services
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Members at Large
Even though we have
a few hundred
members we are
always seeking
assistance to lead
events, groups, and
small projects. If you
have a desire to get
involved at any level,
please contact
Virginia Emmons
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members... anything to get us more and more connected!

In Service & Peace,

Virginia Emmons McNaught

President, RPCVSF

Upcoming Member Events

Calendar



[Come Join RPCVSF at Marlins Park](#)

31 Jul 2016 1:10 PM (EDT) • Marlins Park



[Dance Africa Miami and Fashion Show featuring RPCV Linda Lubin](#)

05 Aug 2016 5:00 PM (EDT) • Little Haiti Cultural Complex, 212 NE 59th Terrace, Miami (events ALSO in Broward at Miramar Cultural Center, 2400 Civic Center Pl, Miramar)



[Happy Hour - Hollywood](#)

05 Aug 2016 6:00 PM (EDT) • Taco Beach Shack, 334 Arizona St., Hollywood, FL



[RPCVSF Goes to Namibia](#)

20 Aug 2016 (EDT) • Namibia



[Key Largo 2016 RPCVSF Members Retreat](#)

09 Sep 2016 5:00 PM (EDT) • Amoray Resort, Mile Marker 104, Key Largo, FL



[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

10 Sep 2016 11:00 AM (EDT) • Amoray Resort, Mile Marker 104, Key Largo, FL

[RPCVSF Cooking & Conversation Club-click here](#)

[RPCVSF Dive Club - click here](#)

[All Upcoming Events-click here](#)

Do you not see an event you are expecting here? Or do you have an event or group you would like to organize for RPCVSF or need volunteers for a community project please email Virginia Emmons McNaught at president@rpcvsf.org

Post It! From Our Members

Job Announcements

See this link for new job opportunities that link Peace Corps service: [Career Opportunities](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Micro-finance Volunteers requested to assist Gary Snow in establishing a training programs for his projects. Mr. Snow is establishing a foundation to commemorate his wife Marisol who passed away shortly after being medically evacuated from their site in Botswana due to health problems. Gary will be returning to Botswana soon and is requesting assistance from volunteers who are interested. Gary can be reached at fgarysnow@gmail.com

[Educate Tomorrow](#), lead by two Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, seeks volunteer educational mentors for youth "aging out of the foster care system." Join us to learn more about the amazing opportunities to do great third goal work with other returned volunteers.

[Deliver the Dreams](#) Seeks volunteers to assist in family weekend retreats for families with serious medical issues. Contact Elizabeth Coomber RPCV for more details: ecoomber@deliverthedream.org

[The Riverside House's](#) "Thinking for Change" life classes are weekly classes for 12-15 people, but far exceed that so they in seeking volunteers, Spanish speaking preferred, to assist. The day/times are flexible. Please contact Larry if you are interested volunteering at larrysilvester@me.com RPCVSF thanks Larry for his continued service and dedication to making our community a better one.

[Interpreter Bank](#)

RPCVs with foreign language proficiency can be a huge help during times of need. RPCVs who are available may be asked to support as interpreters for newly arrived immigrants, especially unaccompanied minors project.

Please fill out the registration form with the language you speak and your fluency level. Please list if you speak, read, and/or write.

If you would like to have something posted here in the next newsletter please send your announcement to Virginia Emmons McNaught at president@rpcv.org

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