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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida is *your* group—please join us for fun get-togethers, community service active job/life networking, great events, stimulating conversation and much more. Read on and get involved!



# **NEWSLETTER**

# December 2016





#### Dear RPCVSF members:

As we prepare to welcome a new year, we are thankful for many things at RPCVSF:

- 1. Our more than 250 great members, who continue to help us host fun events and do good works in local community and in our Peace Corps communities, including donating nearly \$1,000 each year to Peace Corps Partnership Program.
- 2. A newly elected Board of Directors—with Marvin Hancock as our President and Caryn Lavernia as Vice President. Marvin and Caryn, along with twelve other Directors, are available to talk with you ab any ideas you have for RPCVSF. Please write to Marvin and Caryn at <a href="mailto:RPCVSF@rpcvsf.org">RPCVSF@rpcvsf.org</a>.
- 3. Our many members who continue to happily lead our projects, events, and activities—
  - Jennifer Amores (Instagram/Facebook)

- Ana Ciereszko (Holiday Party hostess and advocacy liaison with NPCA)
- Helene Dudley (Cinco de Mayo party hostess and Reel Topics film series)
- Virginia Emmons McNaught (Everglades Outing Part 2 for older youth)
- Marvin Hancock (Pres. and Webmaster)
- Steve Hunsicker (Bon Voyage picnic and lots of Peace Corps recruiting events)
- Barbara Junge (Membership Retreat in Key Largo)
- Joy Klein (Everglades Outing group camping coordinator)
- Willie Kotas (Newsletter and LinkedIn page)
- Mary Lamberts (Secretary and Food Coordinator for Membership Retreat in Key Largo)
- Caryn Lavernia (Vice Pres. and RPCVSF events and outreach)
- Renee and Corey Lewis (events for families with little kids)
- Ed McGrath (Controller)
- Lindsey Nieratka (Everglades Outing manager)
- Hyon O'Brien (Cooking & Conversation Club)
- Patty Phares (our new Souvenir & Book Exchange Project)
- James Scheidegger (PCDivers Club)
- Doris Vincent (Treasurer and Peace Corps Partnership Program funding coordinator)
- Daryl Wall (Habitat for Humanity building day coordinator)
- Linda Whitmyre (Fair Trade Market)
- Jen Wos (Newsletter)
- Josh Young (Spirit of Service-Learning Award)
- Greg Zell (RPCVSF Travel Coordinator).

We would love to have your name added to this list of great people—let us know what interests you  $\epsilon$  we'll get you connected. And if you want to learn more about these folks, visit our <u>Member Directory</u> (must be logged in as a member on our site to view our Directory).

#### 4. A full calendar of great events, including:

### • RPCVSF Annual Holiday Party and Gift Drive

Holiday Party this **Saturday, Dec. 3**, 6–9 p.m. Please bring a fun gift to exchange and a new unwrapped gift for children in foster care. Plan to do your holiday shopping at our Fair Trade Market!

- RPCVSF Cooking and Conversation Club Luncheon
  - The Cooking & Conversation Club, **Jan. 14**, 11 a.m. 2 p.m. where we'll learn to make Indian
- 18th Annual Everglades Outing

Join us on **Jan. 28** at 8:30 a.m. for the 18th Annual RPCVSF Everglades Outing. We will host children from local shelters and other community programs. To register for the Outing, you mulogged in as a member on our website.

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The Peace Corps Partnership Program Dinner, featuring Korean food and an update on currer events in Korea, is on **Feb. 25** at 5 p.m.

5. Lots of ways to stay connected! Are you with us on these sites? It's easy—just click on the image:







## Are you a member of NPCA? It's free!



## Did you know you can support RPCVSF while you shop online?

We participate in the AmazonSmile Program. To sign up and participate at no cost, please select Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida, Inc. as your charity when you visit <a href="http://smile.amazon.com">http://smile.amazon.com</a>.



# Other ANNOUNCEMENTS and NEWS from our Member

#### Hello RPCVSF!

<u>Kuli Kuli</u>, an RPCV-founded company, is looking for Brand Ambassadors in the Miami area! Kuli Kuli sells food produ made from moringa, one of the most nutritious plants in the world. Founder Lisa Curtis learned about it in Peace Corp Niger. Our products include Pure Moringa Vegetable Powder, all natural Moringa Superfood Bars, and Moringa Greer Energy Shots (a cross between a green smoothie and a cup of coffee).

We are looking for someone to help support our sales in the Miami area by conducting in-store samplings of our product and representing our brand at local events. We find that RPCVs are our best pool of applicants, since many of them le about moringa while serving (including me). This is a part-time, flexible work schedule position.

Thank you,

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To renew RPCVSF

To RSVP for an RPCVSF event,

We hope to see you soon. Thank you for your membership in RPCVSI

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