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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

May 2017

## Bon Voyage!



The rain last Sunday meant that this year's family Bon Voyage **picnic** at Oleta State National Park was a smaller gathering than usual...but still a success! Three invitees, who are off to **Ghana**, **Belize**, and the **Ukraine**, respectively, came to join about a dozen RPCVF members and Peace Corps recruiter Steve Hunsicker to talk, share knowledge, reminisce, and have a bite to eat. We even had two local teachers interested in serving in the future come to learn more. **Best of luck** to the three women who are about to begin their service; we hope to see you in two years when you return!

when you return:

## Project Funded: Thanks to you



Panamanians living in the hills of Herrera will have more light this rainy season. Thanks to contributions through the Peace Corps Partnership Program, Hannah's project is now **fully funded**, and she sends her **thanks**. Her community will receive the **solar panels** they need to bring light, safety, and security to 16 families across five communities before rainy season begins. Thank you to all the RPCVSF network who contributed to helped.

## Upcoming Events

### Cinco de Mayo Party

May 6, 2017

Next Saturday is the annual [Cinco de Mayo party](#)! The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. **Bring a dish** to share and BYOB. Take a dip in the pool. Don't miss the **piñatas** at 7 p.m. and the **mariachis** at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, or to help out, please contact [helenedudley@yahoo.com](mailto:helenedudley@yahoo.com).

There will also be an informational display about The Colombia Project (TCP), which provides micro-loans in Colombia. Plus, the Fair Trade Market will be here!



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### PeaceJam + Partnership Dinner

May 13, 2017

Craving **Colombian food**? Join us at 6 p.m. on May 13th at Monserrate Restaurant to get your fix and support the [Peace Corps Partnership Program](#) too. The meal will kick off with *empanadas* and *picadas*. Then stick around for some *bandeja paisa*, *pollo á la plancha*, or *ajiaco santafereño*, and don't even think of leaving before having some *très leches* cake, chocolate cake, or flan.



The guest speaker for the evening is **Maria Naranjo**, who works with [PeaceJam](#), an international educational program that connects fourteen **Nobel Peace Prize winners** with young people.

Its mission is to create a generation of socially conscious young leaders who are committed to positive change in themselves, their communities, and the world.

Being a Partnership Dinner, we will vote from a selection of **Partnership Projects** requesting financial assistance. \$35 per person includes a \$9 donation to a project, which is **matched 100% by RPCVSF** — your dues at work! If you can't make it, consider making a donation to the program. Good food, good friends, and worthy projects await at [Monserate Restaurant](#), 2093 Coral Way, Miami.

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## Call for Volunteers

May 20, 2017

The Miami New Americans Campaign (NAC) **Multi-site Mega Event** is almost here. Make a difference in your community and volunteer at their **citizenship clinic** at the Miami Dade College (MDC) Hialeah campus. The Miami NAC is a collaboration of local community organizations and legal service providers which helps legal permanent residents become U.S. citizens by completing naturalization applications at free events in South Florida. The Miami NAC, in partnership with the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) ProBono Legal Services and Miami Dade College at MDC's Hialeah Campus, are **looking for volunteers** to help complete applications, interpret, help with logistics, and more. Volunteers must attend a mandatory training, either in-person or online, and will be provided with breakfast, lunch, and a T-shirt on the day of the event. Join us to help people on the path to citizenship. If you have other questions, please email Yesenia Arocha at [yesenia@cabaprobono.com](mailto:yesenia@cabaprobono.com).



More Information

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## Travel Corner

GREAT TRAVEL NEWS! In just a few days, a new, more reasonably priced safari to **Botswana** and **Zimbabwe** for November will be announced. Instead of heading to the Okavango Delta, you'll now have an opportunity to get up close and personal with the lions of Zimbabwe's **Hangwe National Park**. Not only will you see Botswana's Chobe National Park, now there's also a tour of **Great Zimbabwe**, a lingering African mystery. Traveling with RPCVSF in Africa, you'll eat well, drink well, and get customized tours that you'll never forget.





Please contact [travel@rpcvsf.org](mailto:travel@rpcvsf.org) if you are interested and would like to learn more.

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