

February 25 - March 3, 2018 Peace Corps Week commemorates President Kennedy's establishment of the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961.

Peace Corps Week: GRANT & MCKENNA NEED HELP



GRANT MATTHEWS IS Calling all recently returned First Coast RPCVs!!

My Campus Ambassador at UNF McKenna Korzeniewski is going all-out with her plans for PC Week and is seeking some RPCV support! She is planning 4 events, and would like 'official' RPCV coverage at 2 of them involving service testimonials and sitting on a panel discussion. Here are the 2 events she would like to have a First Coast RPCVs at:

(Pictured left is Tracie Thornton, Gabon, recruiting at Edward Waters in 2017)

***MONDAY 2/26 : Peace Corps Info Session**

(1) recently returned Volunteer, any region or sector

Small Meeting Room, Student Union, Building 58W Room 3605, 2-3:30 pm

RPCV to speak at PC Week/PC Prep info session

https://www.peacecorps.gov/events/18_vrs_pcweekinfosession_unf_2018226/

***Thursday 2/22: Tom Byerly, Liberia, is hosting info table at UNF Public Service/Non-profit Fair.**

Additional RPCVs would be welcome!

Student Union Ballroom on campus, 1-3:30 pm (must get parking pass)

***Wednesday 2/28: Give Peace (Corps) A Chance!**

ALL FIRST COAST RPCVs INVITED TO SOCIAL HOUR/Meet-up and BANNER PAINTING)

"*Brothers Within*" will be playing some mellow tunes, while participants can contribute to painting and drawing the Peace Corps banner that will be hung in the Student Union. Anyone is welcome to join the festivities, sit and relax with some live music, and put their name in a raffle for awesome Peace Corps swag!

Student Union Outdoor Plaza, 6-8:30 pm (Live Music, Banner painting, PC Raffle)

https://www.peacecorps.gov/events/18_vrs_pcweeksocial_unf_2018228/

***FRIDAY 3/02: Film Screening and Interactive Discussion**

(1) Female RPCV, preferably who served as an Education Volunteer

Auditorium Room, Student Union. Building 58W Room 2704, 7pm

This will be a series of short films provided by the PC, which I (McKenna) will be discussing more in detail between segments. This will be a very interactive and engaging session from UNF's student ambassador to the general public for those interested in getting involved with the PC. Planning to partner with the UNF Women's Center for an open Q&A as we progress to discuss frequently asked questions about diversity and girl empowerment, and misconceptions.

If you want to help contact Grant or McKenna:

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WEBSITE UPDATE

SPECIAL OFFER the 40 th Person to log in to the Award winning website (for the first time) will get a free calendar.

WE HAD TWO WINNERS FROM THE LAST EMAIL BLAST: A TIE

Lisa Harris Torres, Honduras, 1993-1995. Lisa has been to several AGMs, and we hope to see her again soon

Ted Mooney, Senegal, 1975-1977 & Country Director in Uganda & Lesotho. Ted with his partners is owner of City Bistro, St. Augustine, home of our Happy Hours.

We invite you to log in to our [new website](#), and get up to speed on just some of the events we have planned.

If you have not yet logged in, and created a password, please do! You already have an account, so just [click here](#), enter your email address, and select "Forgot Password" to create a new one!

EVENTS

Check out the events we have planned for the coming year starting March 3rd with our [Stand-up & Stride Walk-Run](#).

So far we only have 5 people signed up! Come on out and join us

We are happy to post your event on our website, just send the details to us at fcrcpv@gmail.com.

ADVOCACY ALERT

We are planning a series of visits to our Representatives in March. Please let us know if you are able to join by sending an email to fcrcpv@gmail.com

Cant make a live visit? Take 5 minutes to send a message by [clicking here](#).

Meanwhile the news is not good regarding the Peace Corps Budget. **The President's FY 19 budget requests \$396.2 million for the Peace Corps, a nearly \$14 million cut from current Continuing Resolution levels, and \$2 million less than the Administration requested last year. The budget blueprint also requested a 30% cut to the International Affairs Budget (vis-a-vis FY 17 enacted levels).**

ARE YOU ON OUR WEBSITE AND DON'T KNOW IT?

We have posted over 300 pictures on our website. Check out the banners and especially the [PHOTOS](#) tab under Membership Spotlight

NEWS ARTICLE ON OUR WEBSITE HOME PAGE

Check out an update from Jennie Davis, Senegal, 2011-2013, who finished her Masters at Duke last year, and is happy to bring you up to date via My Peace Corps Story Podcast [Click Here](#)

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