

FIRST COAST RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

9th ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD-WORSHAM HALL
1100 STOCKTON STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32204
2pm until 5pm

AGENDA

I WELCOME

II. INTRODUCTION OF 2018 BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Bliss, FIJI
Helen Covington, Tunisia
Nina Frank, Moldova
Chris McMillan, Zambia
Jan Miller, Botswana
David A Miron, Columbia and PC/W
Phil Stantial, Sierra Leone and CD in Slovakia
Rosemary Takacs, Paraguay and Guatemala

III. YEAR IN REVIEW SEE NEXT SECTION

IV, REPORT ON SIGNATURE PROJECT: BERNADETTE MIRON, COLOMBIA

V. REPORT ON NEW WEBSITE---DAVID MIRON

VI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW FCRPCV SINCE LAST ANNUAL MEETING

VII RECONGITION OF ORIGINAL BOARD/FOUNDING MEMBERS

VIII LETTER IN ACCEPTANCE OF THE LORET MILLER LUPPE AWARD- ROSEMARY TAKACS

IX. FINAL THOUGHTS and AJOURNMENT

REMARKS AT THE 9TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JAN MILLER, PRESIDENT FCRPCV, INC.

2017 was an active year with many SOCIAL events in which members could meet and share common interests and experiences. We had several Happy Hours in the Jacksonville area: in Avondale in April and at the Town Center in August. We also have met in May and October in St Augustine at the City Bistro which is owned by PCV and former Country Director Ted Mooney and his wife.

The annual pot luck meeting was held at the Miron's in May in PVB. Unfortunately, our October pot luck was cancelled due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Irma to the black Creek area and loss of the Lipsey's home there.

Our partnership dinner was held in June at Don Juan's Mexican restaurant in Mandarin. RPCV Kaylee Quezada, Azerbaijan, is the assistant Manager. At that event, we voted to support 3 projects and were able to give \$340.00 for a summer camp for autistic children in the Philippines, \$350 for a newspaper project in Moldova and \$ 450.00 for a "Let Girls Read" project in Uganda

NOTABLE FCRPCV MEMBERS

Several FCRPCVs walked in the annual Hubbard House walk in April in support of ELLEN SILER who was retiring after serving as the Hubbard House director for 25 years. Also several members attended the retirement party for BARBARA GUBBIN, who was retiring as director of the Jacksonville public library after 20 years in which the library became nationally recognized.

SIGNATURE PROJECT: WORK WITH REFUGEES:

Members participated in World refugee day in June, providing and handing out American flags to newly sworn in citizens

In July, a Multi-Cultural dinner was held for refugees through Catholic charities. As part of that, FCRPVs baked 1000 cookies for the event, representing "American traditional cookie" and we raised cash donations of \$964.00 as well as \$1228.00 in in kind donations for the project. Bernadette Miron will give a more detailed review of our efforts with refugees.

ADVOCACY

Seven FCRPCVs met with Senator Rubio and Representatives Rutherford and Yoho to advocate for PC funding. In additions, David Miron, Richard Lipsey and Ted Mooney had letters in support of Peace Corps which were published in local papers. (See Links Below) Through the efforts of many nationally and locally, Peace Corps funding has remained stable for the coming year.

<http://jacksonville.com/opinion/letters-readers/2017-04-07/saturday-lead-letter-congress-should-not-cut-small-peace-corps>

<http://www.claytodayonline.com/stories/letter-to-the-editor-open-letter-to-us-rep-ted-yohor-3,6592?>

RECRUITING

Several members have also promoted Peace Corps events at both UNF and JU this year. In addition there was an event promoting Peace Corps service for those over 50, which was held at the Southside Library.

RECOGNITION:

FCRPCV is proud to have received the Loret Miller Runne award from the National Peace Corps

