

Idaho Returned  
Peace Corps  
Volunteers

**COMMON  
GROUND**



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Spring 2015

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 24

Happy Hour with Our Regional Recruiters - Erin & Amber

When: 5 pm

Where: Flatbread Pizza,  
Zion's Bank Building

### February 25

Recruiting Event at  
Boise State University

When: 9 am-3 pm

Where: BSU Spring Career Fair  
at Jordan Ballroom (SUB)

Contact: Andy Long

Email: [andyjlong@hotmail.com](mailto:andyjlong@hotmail.com)

### February 26

Recruiting Event at Northwest Nazarene University

When: 9 am-2 pm

Where: NNU's Career &  
Graduate School Fair,

Johnson Sports Center, Nampa

Contact: Andy Long

Email: [andyjlong@hotmail.com](mailto:andyjlong@hotmail.com)

### March 1-7

Peace Corps Week

This year, Peace Corps invites current and returned Peace Corps Volunteers to get involved by participating in our Video Challenge and/or participating in Peace Corps Festivals across the United States. These activities are designed to support Peace Corps' Third Goal of sharing other cultures with Americans. For more info,

visit: [peacecorps.gov/resources/returned/thirdgoal/pcweek/](http://peacecorps.gov/resources/returned/thirdgoal/pcweek/)

### March 7

Peace Corps Week  
Celebration at the Boise  
International Market

When: 11 am-4 pm

Where: Boise International Market, 5823 W Franklin Rd. Cultural entertainment, food, Ethiopian coffee, worldly curios, African clothing and local produce! Meet people

from around the world!

Contact: Chloe Ross, 789.7547

Email: [irpcvpresident@gmail.com](mailto:irpcvpresident@gmail.com)

### March 8

IRPCV Board Meeting & Potluck

When: 5pm

Location: 4303 Hoover St., off  
Roosevelt Street near Rose Hill.

Contact: Chloe Ross, 789.7547

Email: [irpcvpresident@gmail.com](mailto:irpcvpresident@gmail.com)

### March 28

International Cuisine Night  
at Noodle Korean

When: 5 pm

Where: 2325 S. Apple St.

RSVP: [dianalea024@yahoo.com](mailto:dianalea024@yahoo.com)

Always a favorite event with IRPCV's, we look forward to seeing you there! This is a new ethnic restaurant in Boise.

Let's give them our support!

[www.noodlekorea.us](http://www.noodlekorea.us)

We are on Facebook!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

### April 12

#### IRPCV Annual Meeting & Potluck

When: Meeting 4-7 pm,  
Location: Harris Ranch Spring  
Creek Clubhouse, 3450 S  
Millspur Way, 83716  
Contact: Meg Stephenson  
Email: megletter@msn.com  
On the agenda: a review of  
the yearly calendar as well  
as speakers presenting on  
potential projects for funding.  
If you prefer just to socialize,  
come at 6 pm and bring a drink  
and potluck dish.

### May 8

#### Second Annual IRPCV Beer Night at Highlands Hollow Brewhouse

Where: 2455 Harrison Hollow  
Blvd, Boise 83702 (near Hill  
Rd and Harrison in the North  
End) Highlandshollow.com  
Contact: No RSVP needed

### June 5-6

#### Peace Corps Connect Conference

Location: University of  
California, Berkeley  
Visit: [www.peacecorpsconnect.org/berkeley2015](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/berkeley2015)

### June 18-21

#### Oregon Camp Out

Location: Milo McIver State  
Park, Estacada OR  
Description: Kingfisher Group  
Site = 100 people, 30 vehicles,  
15 picnic tables, 2 group fire  
rings. Thurs June 18, Fri, and  
Sat, leaving Sun June 21st. 4  
pm check in; noon check out.  
Contact: Brenda Michel, CRPCA  
2015 Campout Co-Coordinator  
(w/ Phyllis Shelton)  
Email: [sweetdreams471974@yahoo.com](mailto:sweetdreams471974@yahoo.com)

## IRPCV NEWS

### Volunteer for Junior Achievement of Idaho

Volunteer to mentor students with Junior Achievement of Idaho. Forty-five minutes once a week for five weeks makes a huge difference in students understanding of careers, finance, and entrepreneurship. Please visit [www.jaidaho.org](http://www.jaidaho.org) and look under the Volunteer tab for opportunities.

Thanks, David Wallas  
RPCV Tanzania 91-93

### Lunch for Literacy and the Learning Lab

A HUGE thanks to Jen for organizing and everyone who contributed to the Peace Corps basket for the Learning Lab Lunch for Literacy. As usual a big hit and a top money maker!  
*Mil Gracias on behalf of all our students.*  
Lila Cabrera

The Learning Lab is a computer-assisted learning center for adults and families with children ages six and under. Students receive basic skills instruction including math, reading, writing, spelling, GED preparation and workplace skills in a comfortable, confidential environment. Children are

placed in a class according to their ability and need. All courses employ computerized, interactive learning systems. Students learn to touch-type and use a computer while improving their basic skills.  
[www.learninglabinc.org/Home.htm](http://www.learninglabinc.org/Home.htm)



# IRPCV NEWS

## Peace Corps Week

### Volunteers Needed for the Boise International Market

This year, Peace Corps Week is March 1-7 and the IRPCVs are hosting an event at the Boise International Market (BIM) on March 7 to promote the market, the Third Goal and the Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

Visitors will experience a multicultural marketplace with food, crafts, and music offered by Boise's diverse refugee community. At the fair, participants can learn about IRPCVs' host countries, Peace Corps service opportunities, and local volunteer opportunities that promote the Third Goal. Most importantly, they will meet people from around the world living in Boise and support their proudly owned businesses. By hosting and organizing the fair, IRPCV hopes to accomplish three goals:

help establish a sustaining customer base for the BIM, expose Boise residents to new food, music, and information about other cultures from around the world, advocate for the Peace Corps' mission and recruit new volunteers.

From 11 am-4 pm, cultural entertainment, extremely tasty food, and booths featuring host countries will be on display. We have invited the Rotary to join us and we welcome VOLUNTEERS to help put on the event. Also, if you have ideas about partnerships, entertainment, or booths, please reach out to Andy Long, our new Education Chair, at andyjlong@hotmail.com or Chloe at irpcvpresident@gmail.com.

This is a new event and we are feeling positive about this partnership, the opportunity to promote the Third Goal and spreading the word about the Peace Corps and the international community in Idaho! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

To learn more about the Boise International Market visit: <http://www.boiseinternationalmarket.com/about-us/>



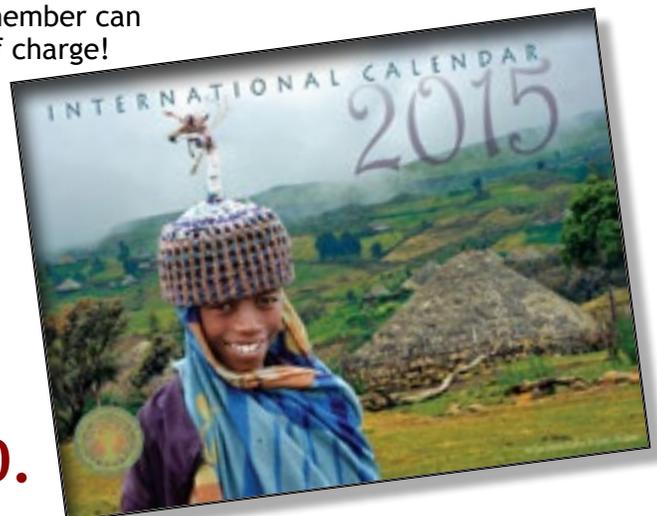
## Dues Reminder for IRPCV Members

If you haven't yet paid your dues, please consider doing so. We operate on a calendar year so dues are due at the first of every year. Your membership dues are vital to the success of IRPCV. Dues are only \$15 a year! You will receive 12 months of information on local Peace Corps activities, advocacy and volunteer

opportunities. Spouses and friends are welcome to join our organization as well. Any RPCV who has never been a member can join for one year free of charge!

Send your dues to our Treasurer, Connie Collins (512 S. Eagleson Road, Boise, ID 83705).

**Congratulations IRPCV's!  
We sold 246 calendar's  
and made a profit of \$1,200.**



## IRPCV NEWS

### You Shop and Amazon Gives: IRPCV Partners with AmazonSmile



AmazonSmile is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Just select Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Inc and shop! Visit: AmazonSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com>



### Dear Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers,

Happy holidays to you and yours from the Seattle Peace Corps office!

Congratulations! Idaho ranks #3 among states with the highest number of Peace Corps volunteers per capita in 2014 (USA Today article)! There's so much to celebrate and it's very clear you're inspiring future PCVs!

Thank you for your personal service overseas, for sharing your Peace Corps stories, and continuing the legacy of promoting world peace and friendship in your communities.

Sincerely,

*Erin Erickson*

Regional Representative - Alaska, Idaho, Montana  
Returned Volunteer, Moldova'07-'10



### Bringing the World Home

During the month of January, RPCV Connie Collins (Environmental Consultant, Ukraine 03-05), presented a short course on Ukraine and its struggle for independence to 140 attendees at the BSU OSHER Center for Life-Long Learning. The 3-session course covered the history from the 5th Century founding of Kiev through the occupation by the Soviet Union; the 2004 Orange Revolution and 2014 Euromaidan protests through the separatist conflicts of today.

On January 25, she was invited for a discussion of Ukraine issues to 12 members of a Sunday Breakfast Club.

In January, Connie also wrote a guest opinion for the Idaho Statesman in response to Andrew Madsen's comments on Ukraine.

Thank you, Connie, for sharing your expertise and meeting the Third Goal!

### Read Me Treasure Valley: Vietnam

Would you like to learn about Vietnam and the Vietnam War? Join this community wide reading project and check out some of these events in February and March!  
[readmetv.com/event-calendar.html](http://readmetv.com/event-calendar.html)

## IRPCV NEWS

### Meet Idaho's New Peace Corps Recruiter!

Amber Gomes started working with the Seattle Peace Corps recruitment office in January 2015 as a Regional Recruiter specifically for Idaho and a few Washington State schools.

Amber received a bachelor's in International Studies and one in Political Science, as well as minoring in Spanish and Psychology at Oregon State University. Immediately after her graduation in June 2012 she left for her Peace Corps Service in Kenya where she served until July 2014.

As a Peace Corps volunteer, Amber worked in the Public Health Sector with Kalawa Health Centre in Kenya. Though she was attached to the Health Centre, where she was able to help with Voluntary Testing and Counseling services for HIV/AIDS and in training Kalawa's first Community Health Workers, a majority of her work took place in the wider community. Utilizing the tradition of International Scouts in Kenya she was able to revitalize the Scouts Clubs in 7 primary schools in the region to

teach Reproductive Health, Agriculture, and a variety of Life Skills topics, as well as hosting an overnight Scouts Camp, and day camps for girls. She was even able to take some of her Scouts to national camps hosted by PEPFAR (President's Fund for Emergency AIDS Relief) which were some of her favorite activities! She also worked with multiple local Community-Based Organizations like Maka (Makinya/Kalawa) and Kyeni Kya Mboo (Light of the Village) to install rain tanks, create an education center and start a goat husbandry project. Her largest project was in conjunction with NGOs World Connect and Books for Africa through which she was able to ship 40,000 books to Kalawa District and coordinate the establishment of libraries with 40 local schools.

For Amber her Peace Corps experience was the fulfillment of a personal goal she had held since she first read about the Peace Corps in a National Geographic



*Amber Gomes  
PC Regional Recruiter*

article when she was 12. More so though, it was an experience that was challenging yet thrilling and rewarding in ways she never could have expected. She says that though she had "studied abroad and traveled before, and had great experiences, there's nothing that can compare to living and working in a different culture and really having the opportunity to make those personal and professional connections with people of another culture".

Amber can be reached at 206.239.6611 or by email at [agomes@peacecorps.gov](mailto:agomes@peacecorps.gov)

### We are Recruiting Speakers!

Help promote peace and friendship by volunteering to talk about your experiences and the Peace Corps to prospective volunteers. Contact Connie Collins at [connie1940@gmail.com](mailto:connie1940@gmail.com) to sign up and for more detailed information.

Thanks to dues and calendar sales in 2014, IRPCV donated to the following organizations:

- BUGS - Boise Urban Garden School \$500
- Peace Corps Volunteer Project (library in Eastern Caribbean) \$190
- Idaho Botanical Garden \$100
- Glow Camp Swaziland \$150

## Meet Our 2015 IRPCV Board Members!



### Chloe Ross

**President (2014-2016)**

**Malawi 10-12**

Community Health Advisor  
Kafulafula, Nandumbo  
Balaka, Malawi

**Career Experience:**

Constituent Services  
Coordinator, City of Boise

“It has been an honor to serve the IRPV as president for the past year. I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know many of our members across the state and am continually amazed and impressed by the wide range of interests and commitment to service of the Idaho members. Last year we held numerous volunteer projects, socials and gatherings and 2015 is shaping up to be even busier! We continue to encourage participation on many levels and if you have any ideas for projects or opportunities please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the other board members. In my spare, I like to bike, hike, ski and play with kitties. As a longtime resident of Boise, I continue to find new and cool things to do around the city, regardless of season or weather.”



### Jennifer Rogers

**Past President (2012-2013)**

**Bolivia 98-01**

Microenterprise Development  
Teacher and Consultant,  
Alegria, Sucre, Bolivia  
Third year as Assistant to the  
Project Director

BA Economics, Ripon College,  
Ripon, WI  
MBA Boise State University

**Career Experience:**

Asset and Operations  
Management for Affordable  
Housing. Currently employed by  
the Idaho Housing & Finance  
Association, working for the  
Housing Company.

“I first met up with the IRPCV group in Julia Davis Park at an Earth Day event. The infamous taxi and then President Sam Greer were there and we immediately connected with the group. That was in 2002 and my partner Walter and I have been involved ever since. It has been wonderful to see the group grow and evolve over the past 12 years and build on the foundation that previous leaders created. IRPCV's serve the Idaho community and I enjoy becoming involved in new ways that really made a difference for our community and our friends abroad.”



### Diana Gardner

**Vice President/Advocacy Chair**

**Namibia 10-12**

Community Health KAYEC  
After-School Program  
Okahandja, Namibia

BA Social Science, BSU  
MA International Studies,  
Oklahoma State University

**Career Experience:**

International Learning  
Opportunities, BSU;  
STD/HIV Prevention Program  
Specialist, State of Idaho

While serving in Namibia, Diana started up an after-school program for OVC teenagers in the Namibian town of Okahandja encompassing approximately 50 vulnerable children. The after-school program still exists today, being ran by a Namibian woman, as a paid position. Diana also spent time volunteering on a cheetah reserve that serves to rehabilitate injured cheetahs. Her secondary projects included educating mothers against mother-to-child prevention of HIV and community gardening. “I am excited to meet people, assist people and continue seeing the world. Though born and raised in California, I feel right at home in Boise.”

## Meet Our 2015 IRPCV Board Members!



### Meg Stephenson

#### Secretary

**Mali 86-88**

Appropriate  
Technology/Woodstoves  
Village of Dankassa in  
West Africa

Active with IRPCV since 2007  
BA in Geography, McGill  
University, PQ, Canada  
MA Ed Adult Education,  
University of Idaho

#### Career Experience:

Director of the TRiO Educational  
Opportunity Center, University  
of Idaho, Boise 2013-Present

“Connecting with Returned  
Peace Corps Volunteers (I joined  
the Peace Corps with my  
husband, Dale) has always been  
the way we make friends in a  
new community - sort of like  
a church! Boise has been our  
base now for nearly 12 years  
and our two college age boys  
call it home.

Some things I love: running,  
hiking, biking, my husband, my  
sons, my grandmother, mom,  
dad, my sister, my brothers (at  
times....!) and my yoga  
mat. -Ala ka here di I ma-”



### Connie Collins

#### Treasurer/Membership Chair

**Ukraine 03-05**

Environmental Consultant  
Korostyshiv, Ukraine

MED Counseling, Oklahoma  
Central State University

#### Career Experience:

Professional Counselor  
and Educator

“I am serving on the IRPCV  
Board because I believe strongly  
in the Peace Corps Third Goal  
of bringing the world home and  
continuing service. As PCVs we  
showed the world who America  
and Americans are. With our  
experience of other cultures,  
other ways of thinking, we can  
bring deeper understanding of  
issues about our country of  
service that impacts America.  
I also love the recruiting aspect  
of my position especially for  
older person considering  
retirement possibilities.

I am actively involved in  
politics; love gardening; travel  
extensively especially back to  
Ukraine and really enjoy  
playing Mah Jongg.”



### Aaron Hueth

#### Service Chair

**Kazakhstan 07-09**

Organization and Community  
Assistance Program

Volunteer Organization:  
Tselina- “Virgin Soil”  
Atbasar, Kazakhstan

BS Business Administration,  
Northwest Nazarene University

#### Career Experience:

Banker, English Teacher,  
Business Advertising,  
Health Care

“I consider it an honor and a  
privilege to serve on the board  
of Idaho Returned Peace Corps  
Volunteers. I currently work for  
St. Luke’s Health System and  
I’m using my business degree  
and health care experience  
that I gained while serving in  
the Peace Corps. I have  
traveled to more than 25  
countries in the world, which  
has opened my eyes and mind  
to different cultures and  
experiences. I have traveled to  
or through more than 48 states,  
and Idaho is by far the best.  
I bicycle to work everyday in  
the spring, summer, and fall  
and I play basketball every  
winter with friends in a local  
organization.

## Meet Our 2015 IRPCV Board Members!



### Andy Long

**Education Chair**  
**Tanzania 03-05**

Mathematics Instructor  
Chidya Secondary School,  
Masasi Mtwara

Grew up in beautiful Boise,  
Boise High School 1998

University of Idaho, Moscow,  
Mathematics 2003  
Boise State University  
Environmental Health and  
Occupational Safety 2011

**Career Experience:**

Teaching, inside tech sales,  
choreography, amateur soccer  
team management,  
environmental compliance  
inspector, and erosion and  
sediment control inspector

“The IRPCV group is a great way to make connections and make new friends with the shared experience of Peace Corps’ service. As Education Chair I hope to help IRPCV continue recruitment efforts for new Idaho volunteers, organize events that promote the Third Goal, and help welcome and support Idaho’s refugee population.”



### Kristi Haman

**Newsletter Editor**  
**Bulgaria 98-00**

Teacher of English as  
a Foreign Language (TEFL)  
Botevgrad, Bulgaria

Grew up in Billings, Montana  
BA in Photography and  
MA in Library Science

**Career Experience:**

Peace Corps Headquarters,  
Smithsonian National Museum  
of the American Indian,  
Boise Public Library,  
Garden City Library  
Currently Branch Manager of  
Ada Community Library

“The biggest project I have ever worked on was an exhibit in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps at the Idaho Historical Museum: *Idaho Celebrates 50 years of Peace Corps Service*. IRPCV members worked together to raise funds for the exhibit and related programs. It was a monumental one-year undertaking...it was one of the best experiences of my life; truly, one of the toughest jobs I ever loved. I made so many new friends and it was extremely gratifying to share the Peace Corps experience with our community.”



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**Visit the NPCA online store at**  
[peacecorpsconnect.org](http://peacecorpsconnect.org)

“

I feel that my father’s greatest legacy was the people he inspired to get involved in public service and their communities, to join

### Peace Corps

...and really that generation transformed this country in civil rights, social justice, the economy and everything.

”

*Caroline Kennedy*

## PEACE CORPS NEWS

### Victory! Equity Act Language Approved

A deeply divided Congress struggled - but last week passed - an appropriations bill to fund most of the government for the remaining nine months of Fiscal Year 2015. With that passage - and with last night's signature by President Obama - came approval of language that will implement the Peace Corps Equity Act.

This language will bring fairness to female Peace Corps Volunteers

who face the difficult decision when considering pregnancy termination in the rare circumstances of rape, incest or life endangerment.

For the thousands of members of the Peace Corps community who raised their voice for equitable treatment of our volunteers, actions have led to this important policy change.



### Idaho Among Peace Corps' Top Volunteer-Producing States in 2014

State Climbs the Rankings for the Third Consecutive Year

WASHINGTON, December 16, 2014

The Peace Corps today released the 2014 rankings of the top volunteer-producing states and metropolitan areas across the country. Idaho ranked No. 6 among states with the highest number of Peace Corps volunteers per capita, with 4.2 volunteers currently serving worldwide for every 100,000 residents.

“Peace Corps volunteers promote a better understanding of Americans around the world by sharing their unique hometown perspective during their service,” Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet said. “As we forge a modern Peace Corps for modern times, we remain committed to building a volunteer force that reflects the rich diversity of our country, and doing more to recruit

and retain the best and brightest across the country.”

Since the Peace Corps was established in 1961, 1,328 Peace Corps volunteers from Idaho have traveled abroad to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. The state produced 67 volunteers this year and jumped up one spot on the per capita list from No. 7 in 2013 and three spots from its No. 10 spot in 2012.

“We applaud the volunteers from Idaho who have become global citizens by sharing their talents overseas and building friendships that will last a lifetime,” said Erin Carlson, acting manager of the Peace Corps West Coast Region. “This is the third consecutive year the state has ranked among the top ten per capita producers of Peace Corps volunteers.”

The Peace Corps has eight regional recruitment offices across the United States that work closely with prospective Peace Corps volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to ensure that all Americans who want to serve have the opportunity to do so.

The West Coast regional recruitment office serves Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Peace Corps recruiters are based locally throughout the region. Find the regional recruitment office near you by visiting the Peace Corps website.

To view a list of volunteer numbers from all 50 states, please visit:

[www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov)

## PEACE CORPS NEWS

### Peace Corps Azerbaijan Volunteers Safely Close Their Service, Program Suspended

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 30, 2014

The Peace Corps today announced that all Peace Corps Azerbaijan volunteers have safely and successfully closed their service and departed the country. The program is being suspended following 11 years of partnership and support from the Government of Azerbaijan.

The Peace Corps values its relationship with the people of

Azerbaijan and hopes to work with them again at some point in the future.

Since the program was established in 2003, 550 Peace Corps volunteers have served in Azerbaijan working on projects in youth development, community economic development and English education.



### The Peace Corps Announces Record-Breaking Application Numbers in 2014

Applications reach 22-year high for the agency

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 8, 2014

Today the Peace Corps announced that 17,336 Americans applied for two-year service positions in fiscal year 2014 - a 22-year high for the agency and an increase in applications of more than 70 percent over last year. In 1992, the Peace Corps received 17,438 applications, with the next highest number of applications received in 1979 at 18,159. Today's announcement follows historic changes to Peace Corps' application and selection process that have made applying to the Peace Corps simpler, faster, and more personalized than ever before. "This milestone reminds us that Americans today want to serve others and make a difference, and we are making great strides to reduce barriers to service and modernize the Peace Corps," Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet said. "There is great demand for

Peace Corps volunteers around the world, and our reforms have better positioned us to offer assignments where volunteers have the most interest in serving and are able to make the greatest contribution." In July 2014 when these changes were launched, the agency saw an increase in applications of more than 400 percent over July 2013 and the highest total number of applications received in one month in more than 15 years. Applicants can now choose their country of service and apply to specific programs through a new, shorter application that can be completed in less than one hour. The recruitment reforms cut red tape, increase transparency and reduce uncertainty to deliver a better experience for Peace Corps applicants so they can choose the path that best fits their personal and professional goals. Since the reforms were implemented, 54 percent of all applicants have selected the option to serve anywhere they're needed, and 49 percent have selected the option

to serve in any of Peace Corps' six work sectors.

The agency is revitalizing its recruitment and outreach and modernizing its operations after losing a number of qualified candidates because of a burdensome application process. In 2013, only 23 percent of those who started the application submitted it. Now, approximately 95 percent of those who start the application are submitting it. Hessler-Radelet, who was sworn in as the agency's 19th director in June and comes from a four-generation Peace Corps family, has led one of the most extensive reform efforts the agency has ever undertaken. In addition to recruitment reforms, the Peace Corps has dramatically improved the quality of support it provides to volunteers, overhauled its technical training and programming, and strategically targeted its resources and country presence to maximize impact.

# Thanks to New and Renewing Members



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Namibia 10-12

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India 70-72

**Jeffrey Crooks**  
Peru 11-13

**Paula Dorney**  
Kenya 08-10

## Join IRPCV Today! Become a Member and Renew Now!

Your dues are essential to the continuing success of our organization. And what a bargain! For only \$15 a year, you get 12 months of Peace Corps advocacy, IRPCV activities, updates and information to help fulfill the 3rd goal of the Peace Corps - bring the world back home to Idaho.

IRPCV is run totally by volunteers. The regional Peace Corps Office in Seattle counts on IRPCV to help recruit new Volunteers throughout the state of Idaho. IRPCV expenses are very frugal: National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) annual membership dues, financial support for our NPCA Regional Representative, financial support for our leaders to attend regional meetings plus charitable donations.

Dues can be sent to our Treasurer, Connie Collins (make your \$15 check payable to IRPCV and send to: 512 S. Eagleson Road, Boise, ID 83705). If you have questions,

you may contact her at 208.853.1051. You can download a membership form from our website or pay your dues via Paypal on the site [www.idahopeacecorps.com](http://www.idahopeacecorps.com). Spouses and friends are welcome to join our organization as well. Any RPCV who has never been a member of IRPCV can join for one year free of charge!

We encourage you to consider joining the NPCA. NPCA makes it easy to maintain your Peace Corps connections and make new ones through their social networking, global events and affiliate member sites. Most importantly, NPCA is the #1 advocate for the Peace Corps on Capitol Hill. If you are currently serving or you have recently returned from service, you can join NPCA at no charge.

After one year, NPCA dues are \$35 per year and can be paid online. You can join IRPCV and/or other affiliate regional, country and special interest RPCV groups via the NPCA website [www.peacecorpsconnect.org](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org). NPCA will forward the \$15 IRPCV dues to us and send you a reminder when they are due again.

Join us today!

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