



Gulf Coast Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

Dear Gulf Coast Council Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Member :

This is Heidi Bacon, the GCC-RPCV president. *Happy New Year!* I thought that I would follow up with you on recent changes in our previous plans.

At the holiday party guests brought wonderful homemade meals, desserts and gifts to donate. The gifts did end up going to the *Emergency Aid Coalition* on Fannin, the other donation location would never returned our phone calls. This EAC is a place where I would recommend if you have anything that you would like to donate on your own. You can contact them at www.eachouston.org. They were very much in need and very professional. The toys were given out that Monday night at family night, the week of the Christmas holiday. So, we made some kids smile for the holidays.

National RPCV organization has asked us what we are going to be doing as a group to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Peace Corps, well, if you have any ideas please let me know. The board and I are working on it right now.

There is now information on the new Peace Corps Mentoring project on our web site. If you are newly returned and would like a mentor or would like to be a mentor, like myself, please contact David S.

Our next reconnect is on January 29 at the Lemon Tree, 12591 Whittington, 281-556-0690 6-8 PM (Peruvian)

Our next big bash, February 28, The International Food Evening, 5-8 PM

See the attachment below; this dinner supports a PCPP project.

I will be in touch with more reminders. I hope to see you soon.

Heidi Bacon, GCC-RPCV President
January 10, 2010

The International Food Evening



Mark your calendar for February 28th, 2010! The Gulf Coast Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers would like to invite you to the 5th Annual Peace Corps Partnership Program fundraising dinner. As with last year, the dinner theme will be the same, **The International Food Evening**.

We have had a great success with these fundraising dinners due to the participation of our members, their families, and friends. This participation has made it possible to raise a substantial amount of money each year to support a Peace Corps Partnership Program. The dinners also have been a great opportunity to reconnect and talk about our Peace Corps experiences.

As previously, we have called upon all of our GCC-RPCV members to donate their favorite dish from their country of service in addition to their monetary contribution. Of course, sharing a dish is not a criterion for attending and supporting the projects of our fellow active PCVs. If you have participated and supported our fundraisers in past years, we hope for your continued support. For those of you that have not participated previously, please come and join in the fun and become a big supporter of an ongoing Peace Corps Partnership Project.

I am Sally Koelzer and I hold the fundraising coordinator position for you at the Gulf Coast Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. Please contact me at skoelzer@valtera.com if you plan to attend and/or want to provide a dish from your country of service.

Event Details:

When: February 28, 2010 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Heidi Bacon, GCC-RPCV President 's Home
5103 Braesheather Drive
Houston, TX 77096
Tel. 713-721-6767

Cost: \$20.00 per adult attendee to be paid at the door. Children under 12 free.
BYOB if you want something more than soft drinks and bottled water

RSVPs To help me plan for this event, please e-mail me at skoelzer@Valtera.com with your attendance and/or if you will be providing a dish for the dinner. Additionally, if you are unable to attend, but you would like to make a contribution to this annual fundraiser, send a check to the above address made out to the GCC-RPCVs.

The attendees will be voting on Peace Corps Partnership Program project to fund from all the dinner admissions. We vote from 3 PCPP profiles and the winning recipient will be, as always, from Texas! The board looks forward to having you at this wonderful fundraising dinner that is hosted by our members. We thank all of you for your given support over the years and we look forward to many more. Please be sure to wish Heidi a happy birthday and come celebrate with birthday cake! Sally Koelzer, GCC-RPCV Fundraising Coordinator