



Howdy Members!

This is Heidi Bacon your Gulf Coast Council-RPCV President. I want to thank all of you that joined in for the past nine months to help volunteer or participate in our events. I think that the board works very hard at what they do and their dedication is outstanding to this group. So, many thanks to the board and members for another great year. We have a few items still to discuss for the following months so I need your feedback and participation again.

**For the month of MAY:**

Since the family event "Day on the Farm" at George Ranch idea did not go over very well, the board has decided to try and have one last reconnect for the year. I need you to help me decide by sending in your favorite restaurant location so we can take a vote on where to meet on May 29, 2009 at 6 PM - 8 PM for a reconnect. I have two locations that members have suggested:

One: The Red Onion in Houston (not the 290 location)

Two: [www.sylviasenchiladakitchen.com](http://www.sylviasenchiladakitchen.com)

So please either vote on one of these restaurants or suggestion one that you would like to suggest.

**For the month of June:**

Dallas Peace Corps recruiter Linda Tucker has extended an invite to us for she needs us to attend THE HOBBIT again for a Nomination party for those "newbies" leaving within the next few months can ask us last minute questions about our PC experience abroad. You have to pay for your own drinks and food but last year she did have a wonderful strawberry cake for dessert!

June 24th, 6 PM The Hobbit. No RSVP necessary, just attend and enjoy yourself! It is a lot of fun!

**For the month of August:**

Stacey Abella, our special events coordinator, has been working hard to put together our next summer event in Bandera, TX. I have attached the flyer. We are going even if the river is not full enough but I think that this river is fine at any level, it is not like a bed rock bottom just a river that keeps on flowing of about 4 feet of water. If any, the eating and entertainment of Bandera is great and to visit with the San Antonio group is even more fun. I will be camping so please join the fun! Please make your reservations by emailing Stacey as soon as possible, more planning to be made with the rafting outfitter and the restaurants.

Thank you to all of those members that volunteered at the Teach Africa event and the iFest event. Thanks Stacey for both!

Notice that I skipped July; I will be on vacation this month so in early September I will bring the board together for a planning meeting for the next year. Any suggestions or if you would like to sponsor an event at your home or elsewhere please let me know. We will also be voting on some board positions that will be expiring this year, so if you would like to be on the board or should you want to nominate someone, please let me know.

Thank you for your time! Have a great summer!

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