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Upcoming SEAPAX Events

August

2nd, Wednesday, 6:45pm Pub Quiz at Canterbury Ales, 534 15th Ave. E., 98112

10th, Thursday, 6 pm, Meet and Greet Glenn Blumhorst, NPCA Pres & CEO at Hellbent Brewery, 13035 Lake City Way, 98125.

13th, Sunday, 3pm, SEAPAX Book Club discusses Lessons of Love in Afghanistan with the author, RPCV Susanne Griffin. Kabul Restaurant, 2301 N 45th St., Seattle

16th, Wednesday, 5:30 - 8 pm. RPCV Happy Hour at the Lookout, 757

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August 2017

SEAPAX Picnic, Sat. Aug 19



Join RPCVs, family and friends for our Annual SEAPAX Potluck Picnic! We will again be gathering at Ravenna Park, Shelter #1 (same as last year), from 3pm - 6 pm. Bring some food to share and SEAPAX will provide the main course - hamburger, veggie burger or hot dog - with buns and condiments.

Where: Shelter #1, Ravenna Park, 5520 Ravenna Ave NE, 98105

When: Saturday, August 19, 3pm - 6pm

What: Potluck Picnic, bring food or drink to share

RSVP info@seapax.org with number in your group and choice of hamburger, veggie burger or hotdog.

Help in set up, clean up and grilling is also needed. If you can volunteer to help out, mention that when you RSVP to info@seapax.org

NPCA Pres Wants to Meet You, Aug 10

Join us on Thursday, August 10, 6pm at Hellbent Brewery, <http://www.hellbentbrewingcompany.com/> 13035 Lake City Way NE, Seattle, WA 98125 (across from Fred Meyer), to meet Glenn Blumhorst, President and CEO of the National Peace Corps Assoc. Glenn is in town in August for a reunion of Latin American volunteers and he is taking the opportunity to meet SEAPAX members and other RPCVs in the area.

Bellevue Ave. E, Seattle 98102

19th, Saturday, SEAPAX Picnic.
Ravenna Park, Shelter 1, 3pm -7pm.

December

3rd, Sunday, 3pm, SEAPAX Holiday Party, location TBD

Publication in this newsletter of job opportunities, articles, and notices of events from other organizations is for your information and does not imply endorsement by SEAPAX.

The Importance of RSVPs

The leadership of SEAPAX wants to serve the greatest number of RPCVs in the area. We try to put together a variety of activities and events that will interest the many different ages and interests of our membership. This is an all-volunteer effort. Sometimes we ask for RSVPs to events because there is a limited number of spots (like at a restaurant or campout) or so we can plan for food, like at the picnic or a campout meal. We do not want to exclude anyone but it puts us in a bind if folks come to an event without an RSVP, and we don't have enough camping spots/hamburgers/room at the table. It's also not fair to the people who did send an RSVP if they end up having to camp in cramped quarters or can't park on-site because of unexpected participants, or if we all end up getting turned away from a restaurant because our group is suddenly larger than the reservation numbers.

If an RSVP is requested, please respond promptly if you want to join in. If you are a "maybe", let us know that. We aim to acknowledge all emails as soon as we can.

Thank you for supporting SEAPAX and for your consideration. Together we can make SEAPAX events a success.

Newsletter Editor

The current SEAPAX newsletter editor

Upcoming Social Events

from Brendan Chiesa, Mongolia 2011-12



First Wednesday Pub Quiz Night is August 2 at Canterbury Ales, 534 15th Ave E, Seattle 98112. Quiz Teams will be formed at 6:45 but late is OK. Quiz starts at 7. RSVP on the Facebook page if you can.

Third Wednesday of the Month Happy Hour August 16 at The Lookout. Come enjoy the summer sun. 5:30-8:00 August 16, 2017 RSVP on Facebook 757 Bellevue Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102

We welcome your ideas for new Happy Hour spots.

SEAPAX Book Club - Author Visit! Aug. 13

from Carolyn Brandau, RPCV Mali & Nicaragua, SEAPAX Book Club Chair



The book for August will be **Lessons of Love in Afghanistan** by a local RPCV Suzanne Griffin. Suzanne is kind enough to offer to join us for the book club in August to provide her insights and answer any questions we may have. **Lessons of Love in Afghanistan** can be found in the Seattle and Tacoma public libraries and is also on Amazon. This will be a great discussion!

August 13, 2017 5:00 pm (note time change!)
Lessons of Love in Afghanistan by Suzanne Griffin
Kabul Restaurant
2301 N 45th Street
Seattle, WA 98103

Nonprofit Seeking Host Families to Contribute to World Peace

from Sandi Chu-Yang, Ayusa

Ayusa is a nonprofit that runs cultural exchange program for international high school students. Ayusa sponsors the YES program, which is a scholarship program funded by the State

would like to transition out of the job. If you are interested in finding out more about the duties and rewards of being the editor of this newsletter, send a note to news@seapax.org

Communication Help

SEAPAX is still looking for a detail oriented person to help respond to inquiries regarding our events and organization. Amount of time required varies. Find out more by emailing info@seapax.org

Civic Boot Camps on Immigration with Seattle CityClub

from Jeff Carter, Seattle CityClub

Civic Boot Camp is a unique experience. Participants connect with local leader, network across sectors and gain a deep understanding of the rich history, economic opportunities, community partnerships and policy decisions shaping communities in the Puget Sound area.

Coming up, Civic Boots camps on Immigration. We have three programs: August 11th, 18th and 25th. August 11th is a full day for general audiences and the 18th and 25th are half-day programs geared for Millennials (generally people 18 to 35 years old). Each day will have presentations (the past and present of immigration policies and issues), panel discussions (with immigrant community leaders) and workshops to learn how to help support immigrants in our community.

We have a scholarship fund to offset the cost of the August 11th event and have sponsors to keep the Millennial programs inexpensive (at \$35 per person). Scholarship applications for the full day event can be accessed [here](#). If students are unable to afford the \$35 for the Millennial program, please let me know. We don't want to turn anyone away. (The fee include Lightrail pass (full day only), lunch and a happy hour drink).

Please share this information!
<https://seattlecityclub.org/>

Advocacy Update - A Simple but Important Messge

Department for students from countries with a significant Muslim population. The YES program was established in 2002 in response to the events of September 11th. The YES program has thousands of applicants, and only 3% of applicants receive the prestigious scholarship. These scholarship students have excellent academic records and the desire to learn about America and be part of an American family for a school year.

The State Department reports that 92% of exchange students from Muslim-majority countries said their year in the U.S. gave them more favorable views of American people and culture. This program shapes the hearts and minds of these future leaders of their countries, who go back with a better understanding of the United States and its people.

Here's an example of a few of our amazing YES students who are seeking a great volunteer host family this fall:

Insaf, a 16-year-old female student from Morocco, seeks a volunteer host family for a year. Her interests include basketball, tennis, volunteering with children, as well as watching vampire series on TV. Learn more about Insaf by reading her profile: <https://www.ayusa.org/student-profile/?id=a0d130000TwaNSAAZ>

Noor, a 15-year old female student from Bahrain, who volunteers for the Girls Guide of Bahrain, a community service group that organizes events, such as walkathons raising money for cancer patients. Her interests include drawing, cooking, photography, and playing guitar. <https://www.ayusa.org/student-profile/?id=a0d130000TwbC3AAJ>

Muhammad, a 16-year old male student from Indonesia, who loves to play and watch soccer. He wants to be a doctor and build a hospital that is free for anyone in a difficult economic situation. <https://www.ayusa.org/student-profile/?id=a0d130000TwZ2rAAF>

Halim, a 17-year old male student from Indonesia, who was a tourism ambassador in his town, and hopes to one day be a public speaker or ambassador representing Indonesia. He writes poems and has his own blog, and likes sharing jokes with his friends and family. <https://www.ayusa.org/student-profile/?id=a0d130000TwbLFAAJ>

Please consider opening your heart and home to one of these great teens, or refer your family and friends in the area. Interested families can submit an online application at www.ayusa.org or email info@ayusa.org .”

Volunteer Opportunity

Interested in volunteering in Costa Rica in January 2018?

from Jenn Richey, RPCV and Beth Ahlstrom RPCV
SEAPAX Advocacy Chairs

The deadline is upon us and your help is needed. The President and House have proposed \$12 million in cuts to Peace Corps which would limit opportunities for our fellow Americans to serve host countries that request our assistance.

It is now up to the Senate - which is expected to make their final decision in September - to protect Peace Corps' current level of funding of \$410 M for fiscal year 2018.

Let your voice be heard . Contact Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell to thank them for their continued support and to ask them to encourage their fellow senators to keep Peace Corps' budget at its current level.

Senator Patty Murray
2998 Jackson Federal Bldg.,
915 2nd Ave. Seattle, WA 98174
[\(206\) 553-5545](tel:2065535545)

Senator Maria Cantwell
915 2nd Ave. Suite 3202
Seattle, WA 98174
[\(206\) 220-6400](tel:2062206400)

SEAPAX Welcomes New and Renewing Members



Char M, Micronesia 1970-1972
Snoussi B, Tunis 2017-
Dorothy V, Senegal 2008-2010
Keith J, Moldova 2010-2010
*Richard M, Sierra Leone 1978-1980
Shawn K, Kenya 1996-1998
Melissa C, Costa Rica 2015-2017
David S, Dominican Republic, East
Timor 2000-2003
Kathleen M, Botswana 1982-1984
Chessie M, Eastern Caribbean 2013-
2015
David K, Central African
Republic 1991-1993

Oregon Partners of the Americas and Peace Corps Costa Rica are seeking TEFL volunteers to work in rural and/or under-served areas with students graduating from elementary school to introduce them to basic English through "JumpStart" camps. JumpStart occurs in the month of January and the first few days of February. We need volunteers with teaching experience and at least basic Spanish language. Some TEFL experience is helpful.

Contact Char McKay (RPCV -
Micronesia): charatpdx@gmail.com or [503-333-6445](tel:5033336445) for more
information.

July Photos

SEAPAX Campout - Lake Anne hikers



SEAPAX Campout - Cascade Pass Hikers

* indicates supporting member

Out of respect for our member's privacy we have decided to publish only the first name and last initial along with country of service.

SEAPAX Membership

SEAPAX membership is open to all persons who support our mission, including individuals who have never served as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

To join, please go to <http://home.seapax.org/join/>.

Membership is free, but we recommend a \$15 annual donation to help support our service- and social-related activities. This includes, but is not limited to: SEAPAX-sponsored grants, Peace Corps advocacy work, an annual holiday party and picnic, campouts, and social media platforms. To donate, please go to [SEAPAX](#)

If you wish to become a supporting member of the National Peace Corps Association you can do so directly on their website www.peacecorpsconnect.org/ As of Jan. 1, 2016, NPCA has eliminated membership dues, and asks for voluntary donations linked to special benefits. Details at: <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org>

Wondering If Your Support is Current?

If you want to check to see if you are up date with your dues just send us an email to members@seapax.org. Your continuing support makes SEAPAX possible.

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Regional Campout



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