

March 2011

25th Anniversary of
GCCRPCV

Peace Prints

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Peace Corps at 50

Special points of interest:

- 50th Anniversary events:
- United Way on March 3rd
- Party on March 5th
- Archway Gallery exhibits grand opening on March 6th
- Gallery continues throughout the month of March
- March 25th Reconnect will be at Archway Gallery with guest speaker, Chanti Koumba
- April 17th Fundraising Dinner for Peace Corps Partnership projects
- April 29th Reconnect @ Blue Nile
- May 27th Reconnect @ Mary's Lebanese Restaurant



Welcome to the Houston based 50th Anniversary Celebration for the Peace Corps. The Gulf Coast Council began 25 years ago when the Dallas Recruiting office called a newly returned PCV and gave her the names of other RPCVs in the area. The suggestion was to get together and try to start a Returned Group to bring attention to the 25th anniversary of the Peace Corps. We did... and we are still going strong and now celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps! Where did we get our name? When we first formed, we followed the National group...their name at the time was: National Council of RPCVs. Since we had members living in Galveston and as far away as the gulf coast of Mississippi we used the broader name of Gulf Coast Council RPCVs. Today, many more groups are around and most of our members are in the Houston area. Therefore, we use the name Peace Corps Houston for our web address.

We are so happy that you came out to celebrate with us during the kick-off of the 50th year of Peace Corps. We hope that we will see you again and again.

Here are just a few of the things we do...

- We have social events such as monthly reconnects at local restaurants where we can visit with each other.
- We do fundraising for Peace Corps Partnership projects that support current PCVs in their work. We raise money at our annual International Dinner and through the sale of Peace Corps Calendars.
- We have a mentoring program that helps newly returned volunteers adjust to life back in the states.
- We help the Peace Corps recruiter with recruiting events at local universities. We help with nomination send offs.
- We speak at schools and other venues to spread the word that Peace Corps is still going strong.
- We have fun events that include rafting trips, helping at festivals such as iFest and Earth Day.
- We are starting a Book Club and Bike Group.
- Come join us and share your ideas.



Our *Peace Prints* logo.

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The International Food Evening



April 17th from 4:30 to 8 PM
Lisa Reynolds' s Apartment Club House
2303 Louisiana St, Houston, TX 77006
Park on Louisiana or Milam.

\$20 per adult/ BYOB

Sodas provided

RSVP to Sally: skoelzer@valtera.com

See full flyer on the website:

<http://www.peacecorpshouston.com/2011TasteofInternationalDishes.pdf>

Important Dates

March 3rd 6:30 –9 PM Peace Corps 50th Celebration kick-off at the United Way

March 5th Anniversary Party at Adam Walker's home. See website for info.

March 6th from 1-5 PM grand opening of GCCRPCV Artifact Exhibition at Archway Gallery @ 2305 Dunlavy runs through March 27th

March 25th Reconnect will be at Archway Gallery where the PC Recruiter, Chanti Koumba, will speak on the History of Peace Corps

April 17th 4:30 pm 2011 The International Food evening—raising money for PC Partnership (see left for address and see the website for full details).

April 29th Reconnect @ Blue Nile Ethiopian Restaurant 9400 Richmond @ 6:30 PM

Please check our website:

www.peacecorpshouston.com often to confirm time, places and dates.

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RPCV Recent Events

