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► LOSS OF A HOUSTON  
AREA RPCV: JOEL CAMHI



# Houston Area RPCVs

GULF COAST COUNCIL OF RETURNED  
PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.



## Awty International School (AIS) Career Fair

By David Scheinman

On Feb. 6 Miriam Barranco (Malawi), Amanda Stamlis (China and El Salvador), and I staffed the Peace Corps table at AIS Career Fair. Awty has around 1500 hundred students and is the largest international school in the USA. There were 90 exhibitors including the FBI, local energy companies (of course), law firms, the health industry, banks and so forth.

The fair was busy but low key. Kids are more focused on SAT's and colleges than careers. College kids are more focused since graduation looms and they have to make real decisions. That said, introducing Peace Corps to younger kids is very important. Many never even heard of Peace Corps or hadn't a clue what PCV's do. That's why we were there -- to introduce Peace Corps.



## Joel Camhi, RPCV India

Thanks to Richard Smith, our group was informed of Joel's recent passing. He was a PCV in India in the 1960s. See more about Joel at the following link: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=Joel-Camhi&pid=169436621>

# 2014 News & Events

Joel Camhi,  
Deceased RPCV/India by David  
Scheinman

On Sunday Feb. 2 RPCV/India  
Richard Smith read the obituary of  
RPCV Joel Camhi in The Chronicle.  
Though the obit mentioned the im-  
portance Joel attached to  
his PC service, he was  
not a member of our  
group. The article men-  
tioned that mourners were wel-  
come to "Sit Shiva" (Hebrew for  
comforting the bereaved over food  
and drinks) that Monday. Richard  
and I decided to show up.

The family was thrilled and moved  
to tears that Richard and I, who  
never even met Joel, came to hon-  
or him. We met Joel's widow, kids,  
relatives, and friends. Around 100  
people showed up. There was also  
a short service performed by a fe-  
male Rabbi named Adrian Scott  
(not a typical Jewish name). We

partially refer-  
enced the theme  
of the movie,  
"Taking Chance,"  
starring Kevin  
Bacon.



Richard Smith

I even met an RPCV who served in  
India with Joel and then  
worked many years for  
Peace Corps. Not surpris-  
ingly, we knew many of the  
same people -- including my first  
two Directors in Nepal.

Joel is the second deceased RPCV  
we heard about who wasn't a  
member of our group. The first  
served in the Philippines and I at-  
tended his wake. It is very proba-  
ble that there are numerous RPCVs  
in our community who don't even  
know we exist. Hence we need to  
get on local TV and explain who we  
are. An article in the Chronicle  
would be helpful too. Does anyone  
have any contacts?

## Sitting Shiva for Joel Camhi

## BRINGING THE WORLD BACK HOME

Returned Peace  
Corps Volunteers  
GCCRPCV



David speaks of the  
previous loss of a  
Houston area RPCV.  
The information on that  
person came from a  
friend of a friend. The  
family let us know that  
they could have used a  
phone contact for  
someone in the RPCV  
community.  
David stepped right up  
and has allowed our  
group to post his  
personal phone number  
on the website.

Thank you David!



Photo on Page 1: Annual Holiday Party in December.  
Above: Ken Fraley, Korea; shows other RPCV's his telescope.  
Thanks to Ken, we saw Jupiter and its 4 moons!



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<http://www.peacecorps-houston.org/>

## 2014 Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting had  
over 40 RPCVs and  
friends of PC attend. Our  
Partnership PCV from  
Guyana is home and we  
were able to hear first  
hand how our donations  
were put to good use.  
Hundreds of thank you  
cards were displayed  
from Marissa's students.

Welcome to Leslie  
Santamaria, Honduras,  
who joins our board