

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF BUFFALO, BRINGING PEACE CORPS TO WESTERN NEW YORK

Annual report July 2017 - June 2018

I would like to thank the board members for their assistance and continued support: Tony Agnello, Ginna Coon, George Deshaies, Al Glosser, Jo Hegarty, Ted Farrar, Audrey Seidel, and Jeri Titus

PEACE CORPS EVENTS:

1. **Recruiting and promoting Peace Corps:** Recruiter, Anne Tatarsky has sent out requests for RPCVs to help out at job fairs and other events around town.
2. **Advocating for the Peace Corps budget:** Many board members visited politicians' offices in Buffalo and DC. Main talking points included maintaining the current budget of \$410, supporting the International Affairs budget of \$60 billion, and signing the Peace Corps Safety and Health Legislation. (March)
3. **National Peace Corps Week:** Around the world as Peace Corps as your host. The theme was Highlighting Home: What does home, family, and community look like in your Peace Corps country? (March)
4. **Cosponsor of the Consul General, Juan Alsace, from Toronto:** theme: "*Trade, Immigration, and Diplomacy in the Golden Horseshoe*" (April)
5. **PC send off/welcome home party:** area RPCVs met with current invitees, those interested in becoming PC volunteers, and recently returned volunteers at Chestnut Ridge with special guest Glenn Blumhorst, President of NPCA. About 35 were in attendance. (May)
6. Board members met in February, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and December and communicated often via email or phone.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:

1. **United Way Day of Caring:** RPCVs participated in the United Way Day of caring's summer event. We helped out with the we care block club on the East Side painting, weeding, cleaning up trash, etc. (Aug)
2. **Thanksgiving dinner** with the residents of VIVE
3. **Clothes/toiletry drive** for the residents of VIVE (Thanksgiving)
4. **Martin Luther King National Day of Volunteer Service:** RPCVs organized the clothes room and cleaned, and played games with the children. A small group went to a VIVE annex to help remove items and take down bunk beds to be returned to VIVE. (Jan)
5. **National Week of Volunteer service:** RPCVs cleaned up the property and streets around VIVE filling many bags of trash, weeds and leaves. (April)
6. **Donations:** were given to PCV who requested support of a project and given to local projects that represent the goals of the Peace Corps.



SOCIAL EVENTS:

1. **Summer Buffalo Bison** baseball game
2. **Annual fall kickoff event:** autumn potluck meal and make your own apple cider at Ted and Sharon Farrar's farm
3. **Social events:** RPCVs have met at various establishments around WNY throughout the year

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Smith, Chair of RPCV of Buffalo, Bringing Peace Corps to WNY

Treasury Report

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Treasurer's Report June 2018
Submitted By Jeri Titus, Treasurer
Financial Report
June 1, 2017 – June 1, 2018

Balance of June 1, 2017	\$2796.52
Deposits	<u>+\$1764.00</u>
Total	\$4560.52
Disbursements	-\$2238.48
Balance as of June 1, 2018	\$2332.04