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Do you have an announcement or item of interest to RPCVs? All area RPCV’s/Peace Corps supporters/interested persons are invited to submit event announcements, news items or other items which may be of interest to the Western New York RPCV community. You may request for the information to be placed in the newsletter or as a separate email. Items submitted may be subject to editing and/or editorial discretion. Submit to: buffalorpcv@yahoo.com

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Join Us on Facebook and now Instagram

http://www.facebook.com/groups/45930918164/

Our new Instagram account is peace_corps_buffalo

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Upcoming Events and Save the dates

National Peace Corps Week
Sunday March 1-Sunday March 7, 2020

Peace Corps Week commemorates President John F. Kennedy’s establishment of the agency on March 1, 1961, and celebrates all the ways that Peace Corps makes a difference at home and abroad.

Sunday March 1, 2020: Celebrating National Peace Corps week in Buffalo. (Date has been changed as we thought it more appropriate to celebrate on the actual birthday of the Peace Corps.)

Please join us at Alsultan, a Middle Eastern Restaurant in Lackawanna, to reminisce about your Peace Corps Days at 2:00 pm. Invite your friends as we honor Peace Corps.

https://alsultan-restaurant-and-bakery.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral

Address: 178 Ridge Rd, Lackawanna, NY 14218

Google maps: https://www.google.com/maps/dir/42.505201,-78.672979/Alsultan+Buffalo/@42.6673813,-78.8808582,11z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m9!4m8!1m1!4e1!1m5!1m1!1s0x89d3110ae7da1475:0x69a31af2b8497c52!2m2!1d78.8452373!2d42.8273961

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: $25 includes salad, entree, dessert, coffee/tea, tax and tip. Vegetarian will be available. Dinner will be a buffet with entrée including a lamb, kofta kebab, chicken dish, and vegetarian options as well as dessert, tea and coffee.

RSVP: by Tuesday February 25th. Make checks payable to RPCV/Buffalo. c/o Audrey Seidel. 49 Rogers Dr. Cheektowaga, NY 14225 (see form at the end as well as a separate attachment)

Fundraiser

Sale Price: $10 2020 Peace Corps Calendars and note cards ($8) are still available. It is only one of two fundraisers so let’s make it a success. They can be acquired at our events or email: Jeri can be reached at jerititus@yahoo.com.
**Highlights**

Thanks to those who spent their day off at the Peace House for MLK day of Service. RPCV of Buffalo served pizza and wings as well as a variety of pre-lunch snacks and many desserts. In the tight eating quarters, we enjoyed conversation as well as singing. Thanks to Erin Wilson for providing the music books and her guitar. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful event. I think we met the goals of MLK Day of Service.

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**Something of Interest**

**Theme: Peace Corps 2020+: Building the Future**

As we begin a new decade, we look to the future. The world is more connected today than it has ever been. Tomorrow will bring new opportunities and along with them, new challenges.

Since 1961, more than 235,000 Americans have served our country and the global community as Peace Corps Volunteers, living and working alongside local leaders to catalyze change.

This Peace Corps Week, we invite the world to celebrate the ways our host communities and Volunteers are innovating for the world of tomorrow.

**Photo contest for Peace Corps Week 2020**

Incorporating this year’s theme, Peace Corps 2020+: Building the Future, submit your photo in one of the following categories representing the Peace Corps’ three goals:

1. Primary projects that support community needs.
2. Promoting an understanding of Americans in your host country.
3. Promoting an understanding of your host country’s culture for an American audience.

For more ideas on how to celebrate the week go to the link and scroll down: [https://www.peacecorps.gov/peace-corps-week/](https://www.peacecorps.gov/peace-corps-week/)
Global Issues Survey

What global issues do you think the Peace Corps community nationwide is in the best position to affect real change?

Take part in a short survey and let us know! Your input will help us identify the global issues our community cares about most and the actions we might take together to address them. By completing the survey, you will be eligible to win a FREE conference registration, lodging, and domestic travel to attend Peace Corps Connect in Seattle on July 16-18, 2020. You don't have to be an NPCA member to take part in the survey


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National Peace Corps Week

RESERVATION FORM:

National Peace Corps Week RSVP dinner at Alsultan:

Please complete and return with check payable to RPCV/Buffalo.

Audrey Seidel, 49 Rogers Dr. Cheektowaga NY 14225

By Tuesday February 25, 2020 to reserve your seat.

Make checks payable to RPCV/Buffalo.

Cost is $25 per person

Name of RPVC attending: ___________________________ Number of guests attending: _________

Phone: ___________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

Amount enclosed: _________________________

Please note checks will not be cashed until after the event and you are required to pay if you make the reservation. We are responsible for the dinners once we place the reservation on Wednesday February 26.
It is membership renewal time and if you haven’t officially joined our local group, please consider joining. You may also do on our webpage.  https://www.buffalorpcv.org/cpages/join

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK
2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RPCV/Buffalo membership is open to all returned Peace Corps Volunteers, active and friends of Peace Corps.  Please complete the following and return with your membership dues (15.00 annually) payable to RPCV/Buffalo:

RPCV/Buffalo  
c/o Jeri Titus  
P.O.Box 650  
Buffalo, NY 14205

Please check

Renewing Member ______  New Member ______

Are you a member of the National Peace Corps Association?  Yes _____  No _____

I.  Personal Information:

Name: (first) ____________________________  (last) _________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________ (apt) _______
City: ________________________________________________________________________
State: ____________________________    Zip: _________________________

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II.  Peace Corps Service Information (if applicable):

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