

# BUFFALO RPCV

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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](mailto:buffalorpcv@yahoo.com).

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*The Board would like to express their apology for the irregular publication of this newsletter. Due to circumstances out of our control, the newsletter has not been published since January. We intend to publish a newsletter quarterly. Events not mentioned in the newsletter will be sent out via the list serve and posted on Facebook.*

### **Save the Date:**

- **Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>: Habitat for Humanity: 9 AM-3 PM**
- **Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>: Annual Fall Kickoff event: 2 PM**
- **Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>: Refugee Dinner: 4 PM**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

**This is one of our Fall Volunteer Opportunities –**

*Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses are then sold to pre-qualified families at no profit and with no interest charged while Habitat holds the mortgages.*

*Come be part of the RPCV Habitat Team for a day!*

**What: Habitat for Humanity**- 8-12 Volunteers needed.

**When:** Saturday, September 28th 9 AM - 3 PM. Please arrive at 8:45 AM for instructions and job assignments.

**Where:** Buffalo, the exact site address will be emailed to you a few days prior.

**How:** Please contact Audrey Seidel 716-632-6435 or [amseidel@verizon.net](mailto:amseidel@verizon.net). Be sure to leave name, phone number, email, and how many will be attending with your reservation.

**\*\*BRING:** extra/your own basic tools if you have any, work gloves, bagged lunch and plenty of drinks.



## Annual Fall Kickoff Event

Dinner with guest speaker, RPCV Phil Stevens, on Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

Phil will be sharing his experience on chieftaincy. Honored for work he did as a PCV in the sixties, he recently became a chief of Esie in Nigeria. In addition, a research facility is being constructed and named in his honor. For more information:



[http://www.buffalo.edu/ubreporter/profiles.host.html/content/share-reporter-articles/stories/2013/profile\\_stevens.detail.html](http://www.buffalo.edu/ubreporter/profiles.host.html/content/share-reporter-articles/stories/2013/profile_stevens.detail.html)

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More details on this fabulous event coming soon via the list serve!! Dinner is planned at an unusual ethnic restaurant. Dinner, tax, and tip – all for \$25!!

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Please join us for another volunteer community service event:

*Vive, Inc. is the largest refugee shelter in the United States. At Vive you will meet some of the "bravest people in the world" as they come, seeking freedom and safety!  
Come be part of the Vive Community for a day!*

**What:** Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

**When:** Sunday, November 24th, 4 PM-6:30PM. Please arrive at 4PM to set up for 5PM dinner.

**Where:** Vive La Casa, 50 Wyoming Ave, Buffalo, NY 14215

**How:** Please contact Audrey Seidel 716-632-6435 or [amseidel@verizon.net](mailto:amseidel@verizon.net)

Be sure to leave name, phone number, and how many will be attending with your reservation.

**\*\*BRING:** a green salad and one pie. Vive is asking for clothing or toiletries as donations.



### **Recaps:**

Since our last newsletter, we have had many successful events such as our National Peace Corps dinner, the annual send off event, our annual meeting, third Friday social gatherings, and our evening at the Buffalo Bisons.

### **Fundraiser:**

2014 Peace Corps Calendars are available at this time! It is our only fundraiser for the year, so let's make it a success! They are available from Mac AT OUR EVENTS or email him [macmccabe@roadrunner.com](mailto:macmccabe@roadrunner.com) for more details. \$12 each.



### **Something of Interest**

**HELP!** Our website, [www.buffalorpcv.org](http://www.buffalorpcv.org) needs help. We are looking for anyone who knows word press and is willing to donate their time and show us the ins and outs of making a web page. Please contact Andy at [buffalorpcv@yahoo.com](mailto:buffalorpcv@yahoo.com) or call 716-592-0469. Check it out! We need a little bit of help.

**BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER:** This organization wants to meet RPCVs. They would love for more RPCVs to get involved with their program, and they have suggested a few ways we can do so:

- Inviting RPCVs to talk about our host country culture and Peace Corps experience.
- Encouraging RPCVs to become "biggs"
- Hiring RPCVs (they have recent job openings)

This helps PC in many ways: increasing our Third Goal activities, increasing the possibility of both "biggs" and "littles" getting interested in becoming PCVs, and possibly getting RPCVs into youth development jobs.

Contact Alicia Bartsch at [abartsch@beafriend.org](mailto:abartsch@beafriend.org). You can read more about the organization at <http://www.beafriend.org/>

**REPLYING TO THE LIST SERVE-** some of you have noticed that when you respond to an email that was sent out on the list serve, the return address comes up as [buffalercv@yahoo.com](mailto:buffalercv@yahoo.com). (Note the E instead of O in Buffalo). It has been looked into but we do not know how to correct it at this time. Please type in the correct address, [buffalorpcv@yahoo.com](mailto:buffalorpcv@yahoo.com) when replying to an email. Otherwise, the message will return to you.