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

Annual report July 2018 - June 2019

I would like to thank the board members for their assistance and continued support: Tony Agnello, Ginna Coon, George Deshaies, 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. Peace Corps Connect: Many board members attended the conference in August in PA.
3. 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, signing the Peace Corps Safety and Health Legislation. (March)
4. National Peace Corps Week: Guest speaker Sarah Baird from Let There be Light International (March)
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. About 30 were in attendance. (May)
6. Board members met in July, September, October, December, January, February, April, and communicated often via email or phone.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:
1. Let There be Light International: RPCVs helped volunteer with the first Solar Light Celebration Fundraiser in Buffalo at Silo City. (Jun)
3. Thanksgiving dinner with the residents of VIVE
4. Martin Luther King National Day of Volunteer Service: RPCVs participated in social media blitz for Let There Light International to spread the word about Energy Poverty and the need for safe, renewable lighting inputs for vulnerable families living in off-grid communities (Jan)
5. Tim Hartigan, former board member, running for Buffalo School Board. RPCVs helped with his campaign which focused on refugee and immigrant students. (April, May)

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. Many had fun curling at the Buffalo curling club in February.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Treasurer’s Report June 2019

Submitted By Jeri Titus, Treasurer

Financial Report

June 1, 2018 – June 1, 2019

Balance of June 1, 2018 $2337.34

Deposits + 2148.00

Total 4485.34

Disbursements -2493.68

Balance as of June 1, 2019 1991.96