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# *Tropical Currents*

**The RPCVSF Newsletter**

**AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2021**

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**Are You Ready?**



# Are You Prepared For Hurricane Season?

# GET A PLAN!

HURRICANE SEASON

**Starts: June 1st - Ends: November 30th**

## Key Steps to Developing A Hurricane Plan

Lack of awareness and lack of preparation are common threads among hurricane disasters. Knowing your vulnerability and actions you should take may reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.



Learn about your community's emergency plan, evacuation routes and locations of emergency shelters.

Take photos of your home inside and out.

Videotaped documentation of all valuables in home.

Develop and review family evacuation plan.

Purchase or prepare a "First Aid Kit

Check and replenish hurricane supplies.

Trim trees early.

Shop for a 3-7 day supply of water and non-perishable food.

Inspect shutters.

Post emergency phone number at every phone.

Make plans for persons with special needs, and pets.

Review insurance policies and make copies.

Prepare a "Family Document Kit."

Take an itemized inventory of household goods.



## Breaking News!!!

### Lucien's baby brother Julien is here!!

RPCVSF past president Jen Wos and husband Schebania Cantave welcomed Julien Aden Joe Elie Cantave their 7lb 6oz, 21.75 inch son, on July 3rd, 2021 at 6:43am. He is beautiful and Lucien is delighted!





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LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

**New Politics Leadership Academy is revitalizing  
American democracy by recruiting and**



## **developing servant leaders who put community and country over self.**

Servant leaders are the key to revitalizing our democracy. Want to serve your country again through public service? [New Politics Leadership Academy \(NPLA\)](#) is currently accepting applications for [Answering the Call](#) and [Staffing School](#) until Wednesday, September 29th. Programming is designed for veterans and national service alumni who are considering entering the political arena. Participants consider if they feel called to political service by reflecting on their core values and who they are as leaders. Both programs are free of charge. If you'd like to learn more, you can reach out to Cristina Flores at [cristina@newpoliticsacademy.org](mailto:cristina@newpoliticsacademy.org) or express your interest today by visiting: [newpoliticsacademy.org/apply](http://newpoliticsacademy.org/apply).



Haitian Education and Leadership Program

Dear Friends,

As many of you have already heard, Haiti's southern peninsula was hit by a powerful 7.2 magnitude earthquake ..... Many aftershocks followed, some greater than magnitude 5.

The latest reports have at least 1,300 dead. This is yet another blow to Haitians who have endured two years of almost continuous turmoil, insecurity, and resulting economic decline.

Luckily for HELP, the earthquake was not strong in Port-au-Prince, and we do not yet have reports of any loss of life or serious injury among the families of

our staff and students in the southern region, however, some family members have lost their homes.

Although HELP is not a relief organization, when possible, we do assist students and graduates in their efforts to provide support to their hometowns. We will be sure to keep you updated as these activities take shape in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, for those looking to assist we can recommend several effective organizations with longstanding ties to the region:

- [Lide](#) operations in Les Cayes, one of the hardest hit cities, are run by HELP alumnus Rosaline Duclair (nursing '16).
- [Hope for Haiti](#) has deep ties to the region.
- [Hôpital St Boniface](#) is the largest and best hospital in the region, employing several HELP graduates.
- [HTF](#), HELP's longstanding partner, is preparing a relief operation.
- [FOKAL](#) is passing donations to local grassroots partners.

Natural disasters may be unavoidable, but Haiti's lack of physical and human infrastructure leaves the country vulnerable to disaster and without resources to recover in the aftermath. HELP has been working on this problem over the long term. As we near 300 graduates and see them taking on leadership roles in institutions like Lidé and St. Boniface Foundation, HELP's impact is taking hold.

[Gifts to HELP](#) are always welcome as we continue to address the structural problems that exacerbate natural disasters like these in Haiti.

Thank you, always, all for your concern and your support for the people of Haiti.

Best,

The HELP Team



## The Marlins are playing the Cincinnati Reds

Join us for a Marlins get-together game on Sunday, August 29th at 1:10 p.m at Loan Depot Park, 501 Marlins Way, Miami, Florida

The Ballclub sent us 30 tickets for that event..... It's a great opportunity to get together, have lunch and enjoy a ball game. RSVP to

[dgarcia53@Yahoo.com](mailto:dgarcia53@Yahoo.com)

786-553-5993



# SAVE THE DATE FOR THE RPCVSF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

For the 2021 AGM, we return to the 94th Aero Squadron!

Lunch will be served at your table. The buffet was discontinued.

The 94th Aero Squadron is located at Red Road (NW 57th Ave) & State Road 836 aka The Dolphin. Enter the restaurant parking lot from Red Road.

The dining room called The Charlie Room, looks out at the Miami International Airport and the Florida East Coast Railroad tracks.

- **Date**

**16 Oct 2021**

- **Time**

- **10:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

- **Venue**

94th Aero Squadron, Charlie Room, 1395 NW 57th Ave, Miami, FL 33126

- **AGM Lunch – \$35.00**

\$35 includes lunch, tax and tip. Does not include wine, beer or spirits.

[Register](#)

## Potluck Pool Party



**Saturday, Nov 13, 2021, from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm, in Surfside.**

[Register](#)

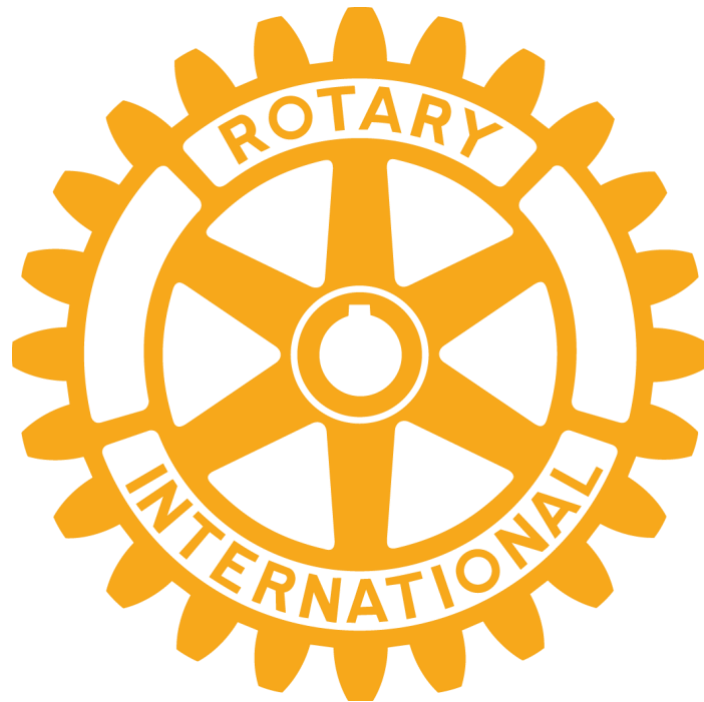
Barb and Daryl Wall are once again opening their Surfside home to the RPCVSF community. Join us from 2 to 7pm at for a **beautiful afternoon**.

For Directions and the Street Address, Please

e-mail Daryl at [darylwall@bellsouth.net](mailto:darylwall@bellsouth.net).

There will be fishing from the dock, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, a cocktail cruise with Captain Daryl on his power boat, and of course, swimming in the pool or in the small bay. **Bring a dish to share** and BYOB. The BBQ grill will be available if anyone wants to use it as well. Kids are more than welcome. **Lots of fun** for kids of all ages!





September 20-26th is Rotary-Peace Corps Week

## SUMMER TRAVEL TIDBITS

BY

GREG ZELL



If you get on Jeopardy! and make a lot of money due to this article, you will make a large donation to RPCVSF for world peace.

**New CDC Guidelines** There are new CDC guidelines for 61 countries as of June 9. In fact, the international travel scene is a mass of contradictions. The virus is raging everywhere so most places require

masks. UK now welcomes fully vaccinated tourists without mandatory quarantine. New Zealand, too.

**Safari Vehicles Modern** Safaris use Toyota SUVs or the like with 4 wheel drive and A/C. Traditional safaris use modified Land Rover British military personnel carriers, roofed and quite comfy, no A/C. These can be a little tricky getting in or out of. There is always a large gentleman nearby to assist. Vehicles carry 7 passengers plus the driver/guide. This means the group is limited to 13 travelers plus the Trip Leader in 2 vehicles, 20 if a third vehicle is used.

**The Gates** You probably have heard the Gates (Bill and Melinda) are no longer in like and are not doing it with each other any more. The lack of bliss should not have any effect on the grand work being done by their foundation to develop a preventative vaccine against malaria. Trips sponsored by RPCVSF follow CDC guidelines for anti-malaria drugs.

**Names** Trip leaders and guides often have names rooted in their native languages which are very difficult for westerners to pronounce so they adopt *noms de travaille* (work names). Rosie in Namibia had a name that began with r-o-s and went on for many more letters. The mother of Stewart, a Zimbabwean working in Namibia, just liked the name Stewart. He did not have an African name but all his brothers and sisters had one. Anna in Thailand really wanted to be Ann but another woman in her office was Ann. God only knows how Sean in Laos came up with that name. *Travel* answers to the name Greg.

**World Health Organization** BBC reports the WHO has declared China to be a malaria-free country.

**Airlines** Spirit Airlines probably should be avoided based on news reports. American Airlines has some of the same problems but is a much larger operation and can handle them better.

*Travel* is busy planning a super tour of Belize including an optional package in the cayes (pronounced “keys”) for divers and an excursion to the major Mayan ruins at Tikal in Guatemala. Stay tuned. You better Belize it.

### ***Quick Event Links***

For more details and more events, please visit our [website](#).

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