Subject: RPCVSF's [May/June 2023] Newsletter

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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida is *your* group—please join us for fun get-togethers, community service activities, job/life networking, great events, stimulating conversation, and much more. Read on and get involved!



# Tropical Currents

The RPCVSF Newsletter
May-June 2023



#### RPCVSF's event lineup for May and June!

Details for all events and registration (for Happy Hour and Picnic) can be found here: <a href="RPCVSF">RPCVSF</a>

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The Amazonsmile program has ended. RPCVSF received \$1090.05 in donations! Special thanks to RPCVSF Director Emeritus Marilyn Page who got us started with Amazonsmile. And thanks to all of you who supported us.



May 20 and June 24 from 8:30am-11:30am.



# Happy Hour at Habibi Kush

When: 02 Jun 2023 5:00 PM, EDT Where: 930 NE 79th Street, Miami 33138





Marlins vs the Athletics!

June 2, Friday at 6:40



June 17 Picnic at Crandon Park

RPCVSF Goes to the Beach!

10:00 am - 4:00 pm with lunch around 1:00

# **TRAVEL**

### **SUMMERTIME** (and the living is easy)

#### By Greg Zell (Nigeria)

#### travel@rpcvsf.org

**GOOD NEWS** Ghana has approved a malaria vaccine for its citizens. Scientists have been searching for this for years. We must stay tuned in for reports of its efficacy.

**BARGOONS** Gate 1Travel is conducting a media blitz of well-priced packages. They tend toward larger groups of 40+. Some cruises can have over a thousand passengers.

Overseas Adventure Travel (oattravel.com) is also blitzing new packages and special pricing. If you have never used OAT before and tell them you were referred by Greg Zell, they will send him a check for \$100 when you return home. Greg will then send you his check.

**NO GO** Go-today.com is a company I have used many times particularly for two deluxe trips to Paris in which I was trip leader and guide. Arranging my last trip to Paris, I found a kicker in their terms and conditions that said if they could not book us at the hotel on their website, they would put us in comparable digs. I called them and said I want approval of any substitute hotel. They refused. In Paris especially, hotel selection depends on location, location, location. The website now says they no longer do individual travel packages. They only do groups of 10 or more. They seem to want you to supply the group and they supply the package. NO GO.

**No zig; no zag** The FAA is straightening out many east coast flight patterns to eliminate zigzags. This will result in shorter flight times for passengers.

#### **VOLUNTEERS!!**

Please don't forget that RAA is always looking for volunteers to work with and help the refugees in our community. If you have the time and are interested in their efforts, even in a small way, please contact:

Adriana Jaramillo, Volunteer Development Specialist Adriana @refugeeassistancealliance.org

You can also reach out to their ESL Coordinator if you want to provide English teaching/tutoring. Her name is Salma, here is her email address:

salma@refugeeassistancealliance.org

https://www.refugeeassistancealliance.org/volunteer-with-our-families

## RPCVSF is Looking for Venues

We're on the lookout for venues to meet, drink and eat. We would especially like recommendations for venues in North Dade and South Broward. If you have a favorite drinking hole or restaurant you think would be good fit for a RPCVSF Happy Hour, Partnership Dinner (featuring food from Peace Corps countries) or our October Annual General Meeting, please email your suggestions to <a href="mailto:rpcvsfboard@rpcvsf.org">rpcvsfboard@rpcvsf.org</a>. Thanks!!!

#### **Quick Event Links**

For more details, events and to become a member or renew your membership, please visit our **website**.

#### Want more? (So did we.)







