

MARK your calendars: Saturday, February 24th

For an Ethnic Lunch at **TACOVORE**

TIME: 11:30AM

ADDRESS: 530 Blair Blvd, Eugene

This is a popular and very busy place, hence the early lunchtime. No need to let us know, just show up for great food and good RPCV company! Reasonable prices & beer, wine, margaritas, small childrens' menu.



**READY TO MAKE THE
MOST OF YOUR WORLD?
DO THE UNEXPECTED.**

RPCV Meet and Greet
Celebrate Peace Corps Week with us!
Thursday, March 1, 2018
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Falling Sky Pizzeria
Erb Memorial Union, University of Oregon
Contact Nicky Ulrich at
pcorps@uoregon.edu or
(541) 346-6026



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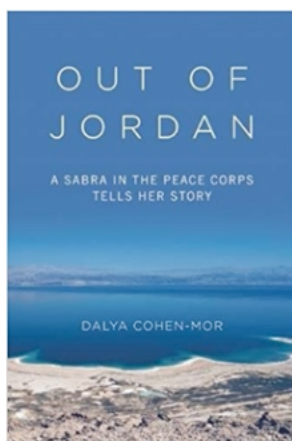
UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/24 **ETHNIC LUNCH 11:30am (Tacovore)**
- 2/26 **FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY 6pm (770 Bailey Hill)**
- 3/1 **RPCV Meet & Greet 5:30pm (see next page)**
- 3/4 **BOARD MEETING 6 pm (New Day Bakery)**
- 3/8 **BOOK CLUB 6:30 pm (Julia Harvey's)**
- 4/29 **EUGENE MARATHON (volunteer opportunity)**

BOOK CLUB

March 8, 6:30

Julia Harvey's House



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Come share your stories and enjoy those of others. Bring a small snack to share. Email Ginny (vmdonohue@gmail.com) for more information.

Hello RPCVs,

This year, in lieu of the Send-Off event, Peace Corps at the University of Oregon will be commemorating Peace Corps Week with an **RPCV Meet and Greet on March 1st at Falling Sky Pizzeria inside the EMU on the UO campus**. This event will be a time to reconnect with RPCVs in Eugene while also exposing Peace Corps to the student population at UO. It will feature presentations from RPCVs along with time to network and share your personal stories with students who are in the process of their Peace Corps applications. Additionally, food will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase.

The theme for Peace Corps Week 2018 is **"Highlighting Home: What does home, family, and community look like in your Peace Corps country?"** I am looking for 3 volunteers that will be attending the RPCV Meet and Greet on March 1st to give a *5 min presentation* on their "home, family and community" from their Peace Corps country. This can include PowerPoint and artifacts if needed but is not required. If you are interested, have questions about the event or would like more information, please email pcorps@uoregon.edu.

Thank you for your consideration

Nicolette Ulrich (U of O Campus Recruiter)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WCPCA will be volunteering at the Eugene Marathon on Sunday, April 29th.

We will be working at a water station.

Groups with 15 or more volunteers receive money for their respective cause.

Contact Patty MacAfee (patjpatj@hotmail.com) if you want to volunteer (receive a free shirt too).

Appetizer Potluck and Presentation: January 28th

WCPCA gathered at the home of Patty MacAfee to share appetizers and to listen to Ian Yau's recent experience in Senegal. The early time of the event allowed WCPCA members from Southern Oregon to attend. Ian's talk was amazing !



WCPCA's Latest Peace Corps Project

From Natassia Donoho in Lesotho

Project Seshoeshoe Pads is an income generating activity (IGA) in which Touching Tiny Lives (TTL) will be giving the caregivers we work with the opportunity to learn how to sew reusable menstrual pads (RUMPS) out of local fabric (Seshoeshoe) to sell in Lesotho and online to make an income, also known as Seshoeshoe Pads. During these trainings, caregivers will receive reproductive health education and training to be able to become trainers for their communities. Many of our caregivers are Grandmothers who are taking care of multiple children (I want to say the average is around 5) with an income of MAYBE 500 maluti (\$38.50 USD) a month. That is not enough to provide a healthy diet for all the children, let alone any school or hospital/clinic fees that come up. With this project, we are hoping we can help enough families make a little extra money to help prevent malnutrition and keep their families healthy.

A side part of this project is to improve menstrual health in Lesotho. Sanitary napkins add up and are not affordable for most girls and women in Mokhotlong Lesotho. By giving these communities the tools to make their own RUMPS with added education on reproductive health, will help these communities and help keep the younger girls in school!



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UPDATES

Our website and database are still under construction but we do have some membership information. We currently have 80 paid members. Thanks to several fundraisers and membership dues, we have \$6461 in the bank that can be used to support Peace Corps projects of Oregon volunteers.

Thank You,
Julia Harvey, WCPCA President
Hope to see you soon!

Ideas for the newsletter? Questions?
Contact juliaannamarieharvey@gmail.com