

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of New Jersey

Social Activities Coordinator/Committee

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Develop and implement a structured and expanded program of statewide social activities (including ethnic dining events, picnics etc.) for returned Peace Corps volunteers, and other interested individuals, that reside in or near the State of New Jersey. The position will serve as the chairperson of the RPCV-NJ social activities committee. The ongoing responsibilities of the position will include:

- Identify cities around New Jersey, which offer a variety of ethnic restaurants to serve as hubs* for regions within the state in order to offer all RPCV-NJ members the opportunity to participate in ethnic dining and other social events without having to drive long distances. Easy access to these cities, the possible presence of a university/college and a RPCV volunteer in the area to serve as regional coordinator is advantageous.
- Recruit and manage regional volunteers who will coordinate local dining events and provide information on other social events that might be of interest to the membership (cultural arts performances for instance).
- Develop criteria for what outside performances/events/activities (not organized by the RPCV membership) would be appropriate to make known to the membership
- Coordinate the providing of RPCV-NJ resources in support of the local events/activities, including but not limited to:
 - Communication/promotion (e-mail and other invitations, website and Facebook promotion, etc)
 - Materials
 - Program
 - Whenever possible, schedule a Board member to attend each event
 - Post-event follow-up
- Evaluating the success of the programs and keeping the Board informed on status and ideas for future actions.

** Proposed Hubs (DRAFT):*

After looking at a NJ map (especially in relation to the regions in our bylaws- some are very large) it seemed more appropriate to establish 'hubs', cities with a large number of ethnic restaurants, perhaps a university/college also, which would be fairly evenly spaced throughout the state.

The following areas w/associated hubs (& college/university) are roughly 50 square miles:

NW NJ: Hackettstown (Centenary College)

NE NJ: Montclair (Montclair State and several others in the area)

NW Central NJ: Princeton (Princeton/TCNJ/Rutgers, New Brunswick)

East Central: Freehold/Lakewood (Monmouth University/Georgian Court)

SW Central NJ: Mt. Holly/Trenton (Rutgers, Camden)

SW NJ: Glassboro (Rowan University)

SE NJ: Atlantic City (Stockton College)

"Outlier areas" would be:

far NW Jersey (northern Sussex Co).

Eastern Burlington & Southern Ocean County area

Southern Cumberland & Southern Cape May Counties.

Otherwise, most of NJ falls within the designated areas listed above.