



June 5, 2008

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Dear PCPF Member,

This is our final **El Bochinche** newsletter before our 45th Anniversary Reunion in Panamá.

More than 78 PCPF members, family and friends have registered (and paid!) for the Reunion June 25 - 28. See [Who's attending?](#) on the Reunion website.

We also have news about a change in PCPF leadership.

- PCPF Directiva

Registration Deadline - June 15, 2008

You must register and pay by June 15th in order to attend any Reunion events. We need to provide names of attendees to Peace Corps for the U. S. Embassy activities (security is different today) and we need to pay our costs of meals and transportation.

There is still time to register and participate: [Reunion Website](#).

Airfares are Lower

And, to make a trip to Panamá even more attractive, last-minute airfares seem to be dropping.

For example, today, June 5th, the American Airlines website has a round trip flight between Washington, DC and Panama City (leave June 25, return July 7) for \$477.30, including "additional taxes and fees". www.kayak.com also has good deals.

Highlights of the Reunion

The PCPF Directiva is working diligently with the Peace Corps staff in Panama to plan the Reunion. The Directiva met last night in Washington, DC, - with two members attending by teleconference, Sarah Berghorst from Bogota, Colombia, and Justin Mortensen from Berkeley, California.



We will send a final, detailed schedule to all registrants. It will include arrangements for transportation and meals.

Wednesday, June 25

- **6:00 - 9:00 PM**
Peace Corps Welcome Cocktail Party

Country Inn & Suites
Amador Ave & Pelicano Ave
Panama City

Thursday, June 26

- **9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**
PCPF Welcome Summit
Country Inn & Suites
- **1:00 - 4:00 PM**
Free time
 - Optional tour of Panama City
 - Artesians by the pool
- **5:30 - 6:30 PM**
Swearing-in celebration
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
- **6:30 - 8:00 PM**
Reception
U.S. Ambassador's Residence

Friday, June 27, 2008

- **9:00 - 10:00 AM**
Peace Corps Panama Today
Peace Corps Office
- **10:30AM - 4:00 PM**
Volunteer Site Visits
(Reunion group divided to visit one of three sites)
- **4:00 7:00 PM**
Return from site visits and free time
- **8:00 - 10:00 PM**
Cultural Night at [Las Tinajas Restaurant](#) (Youtube video)

Saturday, June 28, 2008

- **8:30 AM - 7:00 PM**
PCPF-organized optional tours *, or on your own
- **8:00 - 10:00 PM**
Dinner and Closing Ceremony
[Miraflores Locks](#) Restaurant. Watch the ships go through the Canal.

- * You can still join us on one of the three optional PCPF-organized tours:
- El Valle de Anton
 - Historic Portabelo
 - Lake Gatun and Monkey Island



Send Your Peace Corps Photos & Stories

Peace Corps Panama is preparing a special edition of La Vaina.

The Peace Corps office in Panama would like you to send photos and stories from your service in Panama. (Please limit your stories to 500 words.)

Submit your photos and stories by Monday, June 16, to Itza De Gracia, at the Peace Corps Panama office:
idegracia@pa.peacecorps.gov.



New PCPF President

Long-time PCPF president Bud Keith has resigned because of health issues. Vice-President Jamie Thornberry has taken on the responsibilities of President of PCPF.

On behalf of the Directiva, Jamie told Bud, "We all thank you for your years of service to the Peace Corps Panama community. You have built a strong organization that enables all former Peace Corps Panama volunteers and staff to continue helping Panama and maintain friendships."

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