

Northern Ohio Returned Volunteer Association NORVA – Fiscal Year 2017



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Activities

It's been a busy year for NORVA with members getting together for over **30** events in Fiscal 2017.

Cultural Dinners

Members meet monthly to explore ethnic cuisine in Northeast Ohio.

Highlights from the year include:

- Zoma Ethiopian in Cleveland Heights
- The Hungarian Club in Maple Heights
- The Nepali Kitchen in Cuyahoga Falls
- Kifaya's Kitchen (Somali) in Cleveland
- Das Schnitzel Haus (German) in Parma



Volunteering

Members gave back to our community this year staffing many events in our region.

- Planting in the Peace Garden for All Nations in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens
- Letter writing to currently serving volunteers
- Superhero-ing at the Ohio City Games Family Fun Day
- Volunteering with Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland
- Handing out water at the Cleveland Marathon

Fundraising

Over 190 people joined us for our biannual fundraiser, Soups of the World. (page 6)
Members also staffed a water stop at the Cleveland Marathon.

Meetings

To get business done, we held quarterly board meetings everywhere from Edgewater Park to Sagamore Hills.

Social Get together and Networking

Members enjoyed both social and professional time at several events throughout the year.

- NORVA @ Wade Oval Wednesday
- Passport Party with Cleveland Council on World Affairs and Global Cleveland
- RPCV Lunch with Case Western Reserve University
- Cultural Music Night at Bob Stop
- International Peace Day in the Peace Garden for All Nations

Support for Currently Serving Volunteers

One of NORVA's goals is to support Peace Corps Volunteers in the field through financial contributions to Peace Corps Partnership Programs. In FY 2017, we contributed to 3 PCPPs.



Indonesia, iGLOW (Girls Leading Our World) / iBro (Boys Respecting Others), PCV Becca Thacker
Leadership development camp with workshops in nutrition, puberty, self-defense/exercise, diversity, environmental awareness, continuing education, and others.

Benin, Library for Girls Empowerment, PCV Ashley Guy
A dedicated space with resources and materials to encourage girls and young women to continue in their educational pursuits in the face of obstacles.



Georgia, SELF Camp for Girls with PCV Kaitlyn Carmel

Self-Esteem and Leadership through Fitness Camp, is an all girls camp for young ladies 13 to 16 which provides leadership education using a holistic fitness model.



Support for Our Communities

In addition to supporting projects overseas, NORVA also contributes to local projects that serve the goal of "bringing the world home." We supported

- International Conflict Resolution Educators Conference Sponsorship and Panel Presentation
- Tamang Society Buddha Day Celebration

Finances

NORVA's financial picture remains strong, coming in under budget in every spending category for the Fiscal year.

NORVA accounts and balance

Charter One	Business Checking Accounts	\$4,785
Charter One	Business Money Market	\$25,076
PayPal	Norvapres@gmail.com	\$510
Total:		\$30,371

2017 FY Expenses

PCPP - Grants to Current Volunteers	1,785
Web Hosting and Email Newsletter	604
Nomination Parties (Catering)	*500
Page Grants/Scholarships	210
Miscellaneous	15
Total:	\$3,114

**estimated*

2017 FY Income

Dues	\$105
Interest	\$4
Marathon Water Stop	\$250
Soups of the World*	\$7,284
Total	\$7,643

**some expenses occurred in FY2016*

Soups of the World

We held our Biennial Fundraiser, Soups of the World in November. We were featured in Edible Magazine, bringing in patrons who learned about Peace Corps for the very first time. We were entertained by a Congolese dance troupe, band and choir. We tasted more than 20 soups from countries representing all Peace Corps Regions. Thanks to all who attended for their generous support!



Financial Report

Income	Amount
Ticket Sales (online)	\$ 6,557.94
Silent Auction	\$ 2,290.29
Raffle	\$ 720.00
Ticket Sales (Walk-Up)	\$ 350.00
Cookbooks	\$ 70.00
Donation	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$ 10,038.23

Expenses	Amount
Printing (Programs)	\$ 242.36
Soup from Nepali Kitchen	\$ 350.00
Venue Rental - The NASH	\$ 1,000.00
Entertainment - Congo to Akron	\$ 400.00
Service Supplies, Bread, Signage, etc..	\$ 291.24
Soup Bowls	\$ 1,500.00
Total:	\$ 3,783.60

Funds Raised \$ 6,254.63