Dear BARPCV Community,

I have had the pleasure of serving the Boston Area RPCV community as a board member for almost five years. It is bittersweet to be stepping down as your President, as this organization has been incredibly important me since I returned from Benin in 2010. I know how lucky I am to have found such an amazing community and support network in Boston as I re-acclimated to life in America, and throughout the years since. While BARPCV will always have a place in my heart, I feel confident stepping down from the board knowing that the incoming president is more than capable, and I have faith that Shane Runquist will continue to grow the organization and our community.

As we reflect on 2018 I would like to recognize the opportunities and challenges presented to our organization this past year.

With the help of founding and former BARPCV board members, and the JFK Library, we put on a spectacular storytelling event at the JFK Library. Six BARCPV members were invited to tell stories from their service. The event was open to the public with a casual reception that followed. Sherri Kennedy, the talented designer of our BARPCV logo, offered her services sketching the stories as they were being told. Friends and family volunteered their time to photograph, video, and audio-record the event. Speakers were highlighted on Facebook Live video, and videos are also available on youtube.

In addition to this special event, one that we hope to continue on a semi-annual basis, BARPCV continues to provide monthly and annual gatherings for our membership. The monthly happy hour and regular community service events have provided opportunities for area RPCVs to socialize, network, and give back to our community. Our bi-annual Spring and Fall Welcome Back/Send-Off (WBSOs) salute new volunteers as they embark on their journey and offer a warm embrace to those just returned.

Behind the scenes, BARPCV made strides in launching a new website hosted on the same platform as the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA). This transition, while a huge undertaking, has already allowed for an ease in managing our membership database and providing you, our members, with a membership directory. We continue to maintain our presence on Facebook and Instagram (@barpcv) and appreciate your continued support as you like, share, comment, and tag BARPCV posts and photos, making our organization visible to prospective members and the greater public alike.

As 2018 came to a close, the board entered another transitional period. Our treasurer, Stacie Constantian, stepped down, in addition to a number of other long-serving members. With our goodbyes, we know BARPCV will be entering into a new era in 2019.

In closing, I would like to thank our current members for their continued support of our organization. I hope that you will join me in my eager anticipation of the coming year and BARPCV's continued mission of community and friendship.

Yours in service,

Alicia Charleston
RPCV Benin 2008-2010
Outgoing President, BARPCV

Shane Runquist
RPCV Mexico, 2008-2010
Outgoing Vice President, Incoming President
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Inc. (BARPCV) is a non-profit, membership-based organization, founded in 1978, that serves as a support network for newly returned & prospective volunteers, and for those who have served or worked for the US Peace Corps. BARPCV also serves as an educational resource by connecting local communities with the unique experiences of members who gained important insight from living and working abroad. As BARPCV members, we share our skills and knowledge gained through Peace Corps life and professional experiences with our friends, families and the greater community, in hopes of promoting a better understanding of each other and the world.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Alicia Charleston  
Exiting President 2017-2018  
Treasurer 2014-2017

Shane Runquist  
Incoming President  
Vice-President 2016-2018  
Merchandise Chair 2014-2016

Stacie Constantian  
Exiting Treasurer 2017-2018

Matt Walsh  
Incoming Treasurer 2018-2019
PROGRAM CHAIRS

Lynn Arsenault  
*Events Chair*

Peter Hulbert  
*Sports Chair*

Marta Hodgkins-Summer  
*Community Service Chair*

Tiffany Jaimes  
*Membership Chair*

Rebecca Madden-Sturges  
*Secretary*

Eric Roberts  
*Fundraising & Merchandise Chair*

Rachael Sabelli  
*Third Goal/Speakers Bureau Chair*

Elise Simons  
*Communications Chair*

Colleen Statz  
*Community Grants / Speakers Bureau*
OUTGOING CHAIRS

We thank the following board members, who stepped down from the BARPCV Board of Directors during 2018, for their service to the organization:

Karina Valenzuala  
*Social Media Chair 2017-2018*

Colleen Statz  
*Community Grants 2016-2018*  
*Speakers Bureau  2016-2017*

Michelle Paul  
*Photo Chair 2016-2018*

Stacie Constantian  
*Treasurer 2017-2018*
COMMUNICATIONS

In 2018, BARPCV distributed 22 Newsletters to an average of 200 BARPCV Members using Mailchimp software. Newsletters feature general announcements, promotions of upcoming BARPCV events, and links to the BARPCV website and social media accounts. The average open rate for BARPCV Newsletters was 53.8%, with click rates ranging between 3.03% - 16.75%.

BARPCV also sent four emails this year to former BARPCV members encouraging them to renew their membership. These emails, sent to a range of 176-342 former members, were opened 46% of the time on average, with an average click rate of 9.7%.

On seven occasions, supplemental mailings were sent to current and former members and other BARPCV contacts to amplify specific events. Special announcements regarding calendar sales, Red Sox tickets, and the BARPCV Photo Contest were delivered to approximately 1,000 contacts and viewed by 28-44% of recipients. The highest open rates of the year were for two emails sent to attendees of the 2018 Storytelling Event at the JFK library.

The new BARPCV website launched in the Fall of 2018, which among other things allowed for streamlining of communications channels. Membership renewal notifications and reminders are now sent automatically to members by the website membership system. Starting in December 2018, monthly newsletters and supplemental promotional materials are now sent directly to BARPCV members and contacts through the website platform.

BARPCV has an active Facebook page that has been liked by 1,184 people, as well as a private Facebook group, the “BARPCV Forum” with 375 members who share info on events, jobs, housing, and more. In 2018, BARPCV posted 99 times on Facebook, reaching an average of 324 people and engaging an average of 13 people per post. Posts included general announcements about upcoming BARPCV events (e.g. TGIF, Welcome Back/Send Off), calendar sales, grants, and photo contest deadlines. The two most successful posts of 2018 were Diane Gallagher’s Storytelling Event video, which reached 2,310 people and was viewed 741 times, and the promotion of the August TGIF, an outdoor gathering and movie-viewing at the Hatch Shell (1,227 people reached and 38 engaged).

Our Instagram profile (@BARPCV) has increased its number of followers from 172 to 190 as of January 2019. BARPCV had 12 Instagram posts in 2018.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In 2018, BARPCV continued its service with nonprofits around Boston, with over 110 attendees at a variety of events. BARPCV members prepared meals for the critically and chronically ill with Community Servings; welcomed homeless families from around Boston to Christmas in the City; and spent an August eventing pruning roses at the Kelleher Rose Garden in the Emerald Necklace. We continued our mile 23 Boston Marathon Hydration Station presence, where over 70 BARPCV volunteers braved difficult weather conditions to serve the marathon runners. We are
planning to return to many of these great organizations in 2019, and to try to plan recurring opportunities, similar to BARPCV’s TGIF program.

EVENTS

Welcome Back/ Send Off (WBSO)
Each year in April/May and December, BARPCV brings together volunteers who recently completed their service and those who are preparing to begin their service. Our spring WBSO was hosted at the City Year Headquarters in Boston with recruiters from the Peace Corps New England region. The keynote speaker was Dr. Louise Pascale, RPCV Afghanistan 1966-1968 and professor at Lesley University, who spoke about her Afghan Songbook Project that seeks to preserve and redistribute traditional Afghan children’s songs that were almost completely eradicated over the past 30 years. In December, the WBSO was held at Hosteling International for the first time. We had a wonderful turnout with about 10 recently returned volunteers and 40 volunteers who served across many decades. Our featured speaker was Diane Gallagher, RPCV Cape Verde 1990-1992, Lillian Carter award winner and author of Lure of Service: My Peace Corps Adventures at Middle Age, who spoke about her time in service.

Peace Corps Week
Every year we celebrate Peace Corps week by hosting a variety of events. This year, between February 26-March 3, we explored Mexican food in the seaport district, went candlepin bowling at Saco Bowl in Somerville, enjoyed trivia at Casa Verde in Jamaica Plain, took a tour of the Taza Chocolate factory in Somerville, and attended an African Heritage Cuisine cooking class at the Boston Public Market.

New Members Party
Annually in September, BARPCV member and former Board Member David Sears (RPCV Morocco) hosts the New Members party at his home in Cambridge. This is a great event for those who are newly returned or new to the city to mingle. David opened up his backyard, and we lucked out with a perfect late-Summer evening to enjoy. As always, thanks to David for an event that brings a lot of new faces and members to the BARPCV community.

Storytelling at JFK Library
BARPCV supported NPCA in the celebration of President Kennedy and his legacy of Peace Corps. The event was open to the public and had multiple panels of speakers who served and worked over the years since Peace Corps was founded. Questions about the future of Peace Corps were asked by members of the audience and fielded by panelists. A reception was held in the library, and the audience was invited on a boat cruise of the harbor following the event.

Other events
In addition to our annual and special events, BARPCV organized ice skating, restaurant nights, and trivia nights throughout the year. We even went to a Red Sox game at Fenway Park with 60 members, friends, and family! These are events we hope to continue to host on an annual basis.
FUNDRAISING

BARPCV membership dues and the sale of calendars and other merchandise provided the majority of the organization's operating and grants budget in 2018, while several new activities and events raised additional funds. Drawing on the success of the fundraising raffles in 2016 and 2017, we raffled two tickets to a Boston Red Sox game, which were generously donated by former Peace Corps staffer, James Arena-DeRosa, during the December Welcome Back/Send Off party at Hostelling International in Boston. We also received several generous individual donations. If you would like to donate or help fundraise for BARPCV, please be in touch with Eric Roberts at fundraising@barpcv.org. All financial support is redistributed through our small grant program or used for BARPCV events.

GRANTS

As part of our mission of supporting Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, we fund a community grant of $500 twice annually, in the spring and fall. We strive to increase participation in our communities, and to address needs & opportunities consistent with our members’ values both in the greater Boston area and internationally.

Spring 2018 - Women's Tenant Action Group, Waltham, MA
Our Spring BARPCV Community Grant recipient was Laura Streichert, RPCV Nepal, 1981-1983. Laura applied for the grant on behalf of Waltham Alliance for Teaching, Community Organizing and Housing (WATCH) to help fund their Women’s Tenant Action Group (TAG), which gives voice and support to women tenants representing low resource, senior, and immigrant families wishing to advocate for safe, affordable housing in their community. They hold monthly meetings where women can learn how to apply for affordable housing, and the majority of women attending these meetings are immigrant women with families. BARPCV funds are helping to pay for child care and translation services during these monthly meetings to increase community engagement. As Laura noted, “Housing security is a key social determinant of health and, therefore, BARPCV support can have short and long-term impact.”

Fall 2018 - Hope of Guinea
Our Fall 2018 BARPCV Community Grant recipient was Adrienne Epstein, RPCV Guinea, 2012-2014. Adrienne volunteers with a group called Hope of Guinea to help plan their annual STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) camp. This camp was organized by PCVs and RPCVs, and is held each summer since 2015. The 2018 STEAM camp had 40 Guinean middle schoolers and 7 Guinean teachers from schools in Guinea's capital invited to
participate. The camp includes interactive experiments, problem solving activities, and field trips demonstrating theory and real life application. During the academic year following the camp, participants (both teachers and students) conduct a weekly after-school program for other students at their local schools across Conakry, Guinea’s capital.

The grant will fund materials for science experiments, bus rental for field trips, and travel for the participants. One of the future goals of the STEAM camp is minimal participation of RPCVs and PCVs, with most experiments to be led by local teachers trained by the camp in previous years.

MEMBERSHIP

BARPCV membership grew over the course of 2018, thanks in part to larger events like Storytelling at the JFK Library, and the ease of renewing memberships through the new website. Membership is at a three-year high, averaging around 250 members. The organization has actively worked to recruit new members and re-engage former members. We plan to continue to grow our membership over 2019.

MERCHANDISE

BARPCV continues to sell small items to raise funds to support our community grants and costs of hosting events. The Peace Corps photo calendar has been the focus of this work for a number of years. In 2018, we reduced our calendar volume again, to reflect decreasing popularity of paper calendars in this digital age.

PHOTO CONTEST

The BARPCV Photo Contest continues to be a great opportunity to showcase RPCVs’ countries of service, and to connect with local cafes in the Boston community. There were 28 wonderful photos submitted in the 2018 contest. A voting process by the board narrowed the photo submissions down to 10 amazing photos put to a vote by all members. The finalists were proudly displayed at Simon’s Café in Porter Square. The top 3 winning photos are shown below. The first two are from Dao Thach who served in Nepal, and third place went to Elizabeth Watts for her photo from The Gambia.
SPEAKERS BUREAU/THIRD GOAL

BARPCV Speakers Bureau continues to facilitate Peace Corps’ third goal by connecting local schools and organizations to RPCVs willing to speak about their experiences abroad and host country cultures and traditions. The Speakers’ Bureau also supports the Peace Corps Regional office with recruitment events.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

2018 was another full and fun year for BARPCV sports. The annual ski trip took BARPCV Sugarloaf in Maine over Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend, while the annual summer canoe trip meant a July weekend camping and canoeing down the Saco River in Maine. We also went candlepin bowling. BARPCV plans to continue these events on an annual basis while also trying new activities. Unfortunately, for the first time in over 25 years, BARPCV did not have a softball team due to uncertainty about the league, but we hope to be back in 2019 to reclaim our title of Best Team Spirit!

TGIF

Gathering on the last Friday of the month has continued to be a BARPCV tradition. It provides a great opportunity for RPCVs in the Boston region to gather, meet new people, and enjoy a casual evening together. In the summer months, BARPCV takes TGIF outside for a change of scenery - this year’s outings included Lawn on D in the Seaport, The Globe in Back Bay, The Hatch Shell Friday Flicks, and KO Pies in Eastie. Following this year’s “Summer Patio” series, TGIF relocated from the Asgard in Cambridge to The Ginger Man in Downtown Boston.

WEBSITE

The BARPCV website serves as a source of information for our membership as well as prospective and serving Peace Corps volunteers and their families. This year’s transition to a new web platform, SilkStart, was the result of a long effort by many of the board members over 2017 & 2018 to upgrade this hub of BARPCV communication. The previous website will be archived for future reference.

The new barpcv.org site was officially launched on November 6, 2018 and has been functioning well. It is a much more modern design, mobile friendly, and simpler to maintain such that all of our board members can modify pages, add events, etc. without requiring web development expertise. As with the old site, the new website continues to publish event information, community service and job opportunities, organized sporting events,
contests, grants and information from and about our members, including a membership directory accessible to current BARPCV members.

3,400 people visited the barpcv.org website last year; of these, 88% were new visitors. During 2018, the most visited pages were:
1. barpcv.org
2. barpcv.org/storytelling-at-jfk-2018
3. barpcv.org/calendar
4. barpcv.org/membership
5. barpcv.org/board
6. barpcv.org/about
7. barpcv.org/apply
8. barpcv.org/RedSox2018

TREASURER’S REPORT

BARPCV ended the 2018 fiscal year with a cash equivalent balance of $19,876.83. For fiscal year 2018, BARPCV’s expenses were $9,241.00 and the organization’s income was $12,202.35, leaving BARPCV with a $2,961.35 positive cash flow for the year. A detailed profit and loss statement has been provided on the table below.

Profit and Loss Statement
January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2018

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**Lynn Arsenault**, Vanuatu 2012-2014, Events Chair
Lynn served as an English Literacy Trainer and Teacher in the small island nation of Vanuatu in the South Pacific from 2012 to 2014. In addition to teaching and teacher-training, some of Lynn’s secondary projects included helping her village acquire solar energy, networking with international NGOs to obtain special needs equipment for local children, conducting youth leadership workshop, painting two world map mural projects, and the helping the island develop a natural disaster committee on the island to mitigate destruction during cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis, or other natural disasters. Since returning, Lynn spent a few years teaching in both Boston and Houston, and pursued an MBA in Nonprofit in Nonprofit Leadership. Now, Lynn is the Communications Manager at the United Nations Association of Greater Boston.

**Travis Bumgarner**, Panama, Webmaster
[Bio not available]

**Alicia Charleston**, Benin 2008-2010, President
Alicia, originally from Wisconsin, served as a Small Enterprise Development Volunteer working with the Artisans Coalition of Natitingou. She took on secondary projects with student groups that educated their peers on relevant health issues like malaria prevention and treatment, hygiene, and sexual health. Upon returning to the states, Alicia obtained her Masters in Public Health from Boston University. She currently works as a Research Manager at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Alicia joined the board as Treasurer in September 2014 and served as President from January 2017 to December 2018.

**Marta Hodgkins-Summer**, Kosovo 2014-2016, Community Service Chair
Marta served in Kosovo from 2014-2016, teaching English as part of the inaugural class of Peace Corps Volunteers. For her primary project, she taught and developed curriculum for grades 1-9, started her school’s first English library collection, and secured a grant for school improvement. She also co-founded Kosovo’s first English Spelling Bee, and served on Peace Corps Kosovo’s Volunteer Advisory and Gender & Diversity Committees. Prior to Peace Corps, she worked in academic administration in Boston, and as an English teacher in South Korea. She is currently the Director of Membership & Programs at the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, and is working on a Master’s in International and Urban Development from the University of Toronto.

**Peter Hulbert**, Dominican Republic 2012-2014, Sports and Recreation Chair
Peter served as a Youth, Family, and Community Development volunteer in Batey Santa Maria, a sugarcane cutting community in the Dominican Republic from 2012-2014. He worked with the youth of the community through gender empowerment groups and HIV/AIDS education. His secondary projects included co-volunteer organized traveling soccer league with 7 other communities in the region, and the construction of a community basketball court. After service, Peter received his Master’s in International Development from The Heller School at Brandeis University. Currently Peter is the Program Manager for Boston Area Partnerships at Inversant, a college saving and access non-profit which serves Boston and the North Shore communities. Peter joined the board in the fall of 2018.

**Tiffany Jaimes**, St. Kitts 2006-2008, Membership Chair
Tiffany served as a Youth Development Volunteer in St. Kitts & Nevis, a beautiful dual island Federation in the Eastern Caribbean, from 2009-2011. She worked with local primary schools in her host village of St. Pauls and
neighboring Newton Ground, to develop After School Leadership programs for girls in grades 4-6. Additionally she taught an Arts, Crafts, and Culture class at Charles E. Mills Secondary School. So enamored with her host country islands, Tiffany stayed an addition 3 years beyond Peace Corps Service, working in the private sector as the Director of the Lyn Jeffers School in Nevis. Following her time in the Caribbean, Tiffany relocated to Central America. She split her time teaching ESL between Costa Rica and Honduras, until she made the swift decision to join JetBlue Airways as a flight attendant. Stationed in Boston since April 2015, she is happy to maintain her travel lifestyle while making Boston her new home base.

**Rebecca Madden-Sturges**, Georgia 2005-2007, Secretary
Secretary Rebecca served as a Nonprofit Developer, assigned to both a youth center and a nonprofit named Spektri, in the town of Sagarejo. She wrote a project proposal to reconstruct and re-equip the Regional Hospital's Gynecological Department and received funding for a Women's Information Center from the Peace Corps Small Project's Assistance Program. She also taught English classes to school age children at the youth center and received funding from the Peace Corps Partnership Program for a small computer lab. Prior to the Peace Corps, she received a B.A. from the University of Michigan. She presently works in Medical Imaging at PAREXEL.

**Michelle Paul**, Western Samoa 2012-2014, Photos Chair
Michelle, originally from North Carolina, served as a Rural Literacy Specialist in Western Samoa from 2012-2014. She worked with primary school students in years 4 through 6, teaching skills such as phonics, letter relationships, and reading skills. She worked with teachers to produce sustainable teaching policies that moved them from teacher-centered lesson plans to student-centered. After Peace Corps, Michelle moved to Boston and soon after completed her Masters in Public Health from BU, studying epidemiology and biostatistics. She’s currently working in epidemiologic research in hospital settings. She joined the BARPCV board in 2015.

**Eric J. Roberts**, Paraguay 2005-2008, Fundraising & Merchandise Chair
From 2005-2008, Eric served as an Agroforestry Extension volunteer in Ka’apukumi-Franco Isla, Paraguay, where he primarily worked with farmers to integrate agroforestry practices into traditional agriculture plots and with school instructors and non-profit organizations to teach conservation biology. He also co-hosted a weekly radio show called Mba’e La Porte Norte, became a certified Paraguayan tour guide while assisting in the development of an ecotourism project, delivered HIV/AIDs prevention education trainings, and drank gallons of tereré with Paraguayans in the cool shade of mango trees. Based in the Boston area since 2012, he now works at The Nature Conservancy. Eric joined the BARPCV as the Fundraising Chair in November 2014.

**Shane Runquist**, Mexico 2008-2010, Vice President
Shane served as a GIS and Knowledge Management Specialist in the Mexican government agency responsible for natural resource management in the states of Querétaro and Puebla. He made process improvements in forestry data management, provided training in GIS and GPS usage, and performed satellite imagery analysis to detect forest loss over time. Prior to his Peace Corps service, Shane worked as an embedded software engineer and manager at Garmin International. Following his service, moved to Boston to work as a software engineer at the MITRE Corporation, primarily in mobile software security, and now works as a software developer for DataStax, Inc. Shane joined the BARPCV board in September 2014 as the Merchandise Chair, transitioned to Vice President in 2016 and President in 2019.

**Rachael Sabelli**, Malawi 2010-2012, Speakers Bureau/Third Goal
Rachael served in Malawi from 2010-2012 as an education volunteer, teaching physics, biology and English literature. For her primary project, she taught and developed curriculum for grades 9-12 and served as the grant writer and logistical coordinator for an eight-day education camp. She also worked with a local village to develop an income-generating activity making soap and peanut oil. She is currently a Monitoring and Evaluation/Strategic Information Technical Consultant for the Tingathe Community Outreach Programme, a pediatric HIV NGO in Malawi, and is working on a Masters in Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Rachael joined the board in January 2018.

**Elise Simons, Zambia 2010-2013, Communications Chair**
Elise served as an Agriculture and Environment Volunteer in Zambia. She taught agroforestry, organic gardening, conservation farming, and tree planting to farmers in her village in order to promote better health and nutrition as well as environmental sustainability. She also took on secondary projects in appropriate technology innovation training and HIV/AIDS prevention education. Elise extended for a third year as PCVL, leading workshops and providing volunteer support. Upon returning to Boston, Elise started working at the Product Stewardship Institute as a waste management policy and programs associate. She earned her graduate degree in urban and environmental planning from Tufts University and now works at the EPA.

**Colleen Staatz, Zambia 2007-2010, Grants and Speakers Bureau Chair**
Colleen served as a health volunteer in northern Zambia. For her first two years, she trained village health committees on a variety of health topics, including water and sanitation, malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, child health and nutrition, and reproductive health. She then extended her service for a third year and moved to the capital city, Lusaka, where she worked with Catholic Relief Services on a microfinance project for caregivers of HIV-positive patients. Upon returning from Zambia, Colleen received her Masters in Public Health from Emory University and worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for several years. She now works as a Health Analyst at Mathematica Policy Research in Cambridge, where she works mostly on domestic public health projects.

**Karina Valenzuela, Burkina Faso 2011-2013, Social Media Chair**
Karina served as a Girls Education and Empowerment Volunteer in Yoro, Burkina Faso. She worked with the community to form life skills groups, tutoring and soccer clubs for girls attending primary school. She also worked on hygiene and nutrition projects with the local community health center. Her secondary projects included facilitating a two week summer camp for boys and girls called "Girls and Guys Leading Our World" and a training of trainers entitled "Men as Partners" to encourage the men of the community to become partners and encourage girls education. Karina also served as Vice President of the USAID West Africa Food Security Task Force. After completing her service Karina remained in Burkina Faso to work with an NGO to provide camp management in the Malian Refugee Camps. Upon her return to the U.S. Karina moved to Boston in 2014 and received a Masters in Coexistence and Conflict Management/ Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Response from Brandeis University. She currently works at JVS as a Refugee Employment Specialist and Financial Coach.

**Matt Walsh, Dominican Republic, 2014-2016, Treasurer**
Matthew Walsh served as a Community Economic Development volunteer in the Dominican Republic between March 2014 and May 2016. As a Peace Corps Volunteer Matthew worked with a women’s chocolate-making cooperative and an association of cocoa farmers, and he helped coordinate an annual entrepreneurship conference. Many of Matthew’s fondest memories of Peace Corps service involve time spent with other volunteers, so he’s excited to join the BARPCV board to get to know the Peace Corps community in the area.
BARPCV HISTORY

BARPCV was founded by Carol Ball, Marjorie Harrison and Nancy Tiedeman in 1978.

PRESIDENTS OF BARPCV

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Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Inc. (BARPCV) is a non-profit organization founded in 1978 with approximately 400 members concentrated in Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. BARPCV seeks to connect with and support Returned Peace Corps Volunteers as well as those thinking of serving and to carry out the third goal of the Peace Corps, as stated in the 1961 Peace Corps Act: “to promote a better understanding of other people on the part of American people.”

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