



CENTRAL MISSOURI RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Special event: David Crozier Memorial

Returned Peace Corps volunteers gathered in Bolivar, Missouri on April 22, 2018 to remember David Crozier. David and Larry Radley died in a plane crash in Colombia on April 22, 1962 and were the first Peace Corps volunteers to die in service.

Tributes were offered by David's sister Nancy Crozier Brown, other members of the Crozier and Radley families, Central Missouri RPCV Don Spiers, and National Peace Corps Association President Glenn Blumhorst.

The event was covered by KOLR-TV in Springfield, and a video of the event can be found on the Central MO RPCV website (<https://morpcv.org/crozier-memorial.html>).



Central MO RPCV service and support activities

Grants to Peace Corps volunteer projects. The group provided \$1,400 in financial support to two projects in 2018, one in Cameroon and one in Ukraine.

Loaves and Fishes. The group prepared and served hundreds of meals at Loaves and Fishes on the four "fifth Fridays" of 2018.

Adopt-a-Spot. The group cleaned up along Elm Street in downtown Columbia, next to Peace Park.

Group social activities and fundraisers

World Trivia Night. Teams competed and raised money for grants to volunteer programs on Nov. 14, 2018.

Happy hours. RPCVs swapped stories at four happy hours in establishments around Columbia.

Float trip. The first annual group float trip was held in 2018, and the second is planned for July 26-28, 2019.

Send-off. The Spiers once again hosted the annual send-off party for new volunteers and RPCVs on May 6, 2018.



Strategic planning

The Central Missouri RPCV board conducted a strategic planning exercise in the spring of 2018. The board agreed that “Our mission is to connect people in the Peace Corps community with one another and to foster Peace Corps ideals in the broader community.”

Three major goals are:

- 1) To provide Central Missouri RPCVs with networking opportunities.
- 2) To provide education about international service and diverse cultures
- 3) To act as a resource for individuals before and during their Peace Corps service.

The planning process led to proposed changes in the group’s bylaws and focused discussions on future group activities.

The board

Lindsey Smith completed her years of service as board president in 2018. The group owes a huge debt to Lindsey, not just for the countless hours she dedicated to the group but to her leadership in helping the group make critical decisions.

For 2018/19, Pat Westhoff served as board president, Doug Evans as vice-president, Erin Robinson as Secretary and Frank Yates as Treasurer. Caleb O’Brien wore multiple hats, chairing the social and advocacy committees and serving s vice-president when Doug moved to Colorado. Emily Haghighi served as membership coordinator and managed the speaker’s bureau.

People and budget

The Central MO RPCV group has 30 paid members and contact information for 265 people.

In 2018, the group was able to take advantage of a large beginning balance to provide \$1,400 in support to two PCV projects and help fund the David Crozier event.

Donations and calendar sales combined for most of the group’s income, with membership dues and World Trivia Night also generating funds that could be used to support group activities.

The group decided to discontinue circulation of paper copies of the annual report, so that expense will no longer be necessary in 2019.

Central Missouri RPCV finances, 2018

Beginning balance	\$4,328
Income	\$3,407
Membership dues	\$395
Unrestricted donations	\$870
Loaves and Fishes donations	\$180
NPCA grant for Crozier event	\$200
World Trivia Night	\$420
International calendar sales	\$1,342
Expenses	\$4,267
Ukraine PCV project	\$900
Cameroon PCV project	\$500
Loaves and Fishes	\$494
David Crozier memorial	\$497
Calendar expenses	\$781
World Trivia Night expenses	\$185
Social events	\$271
Annual report printing and distribution	\$288
Administration (website, etc.)	\$351
Ending balance	\$3,468