

50th Anniversary Reunion Santo Domingo – February 2012

Peace Corps will celebrate 50 years of continuous service in the Dominican Republic in 2012. The 50th Anniversary Reunion will be a momentous and historical occasion for Americans and Dominicans who have or will have been a part of the 50 years of Peace Corps service in the Dominican Republic. Friends of the Dominican Republic, in cooperation with Peace Corps/DR and our sister organization, Fondo Quisqueya, has the lead in planning and hosting this event. We intend this reunion to be the best ever!! We will build it around opportunities to reconnect, remember, and celebrate the service and accomplishments of Peace Corps DR and our Dominican hosts.

The proposed dates are February 8-12, 2012 (Thursday through Sunday). Mark your calendars! Reunions to celebrate our Anniversaries began in 1987 for the 25th Anniversary. Since 1997, reunions have been celebrated every five years, with the lead rotating between FDR and Fondo Q. The agenda has evolved to a format which begins with registration and an evening reception on Thursday, followed by two full days of meetings and workshops on Friday and Saturday, a party/social evening on Saturday and a few optional activities on Sunday. Visits to service sites have been encouraged before and after the formal Reunions to explore what RPCVs actually accomplished or instigated during service. Some training groups organize gatherings during or after the Reunion, which generates amazing connection and buzz.

Speakers and workshops are the stuff of the reunions. Dominican artisans and coop representatives discuss their organizations and sell foodstuffs such as coffee, cacao, and honey, as well as items such as hats, tee-shirts, gemstones, jewelry and crafts.