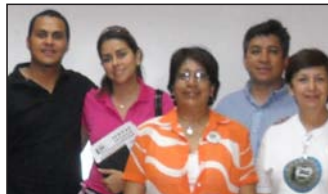




### Servas in El Salvador

A former member country is reinvigorated and brought back into the Servas Family.

See page 3 for story.



### Say Hello to the Latest Servas International Newsletter

- Terry Stone, Editor  
newsletter@servas.org



As I began this newsletter project I realized that I stand on the shoulders of giants. I now see what a huge job putting out the past newsletters has been and admire the great work the previous editors accomplished over the years! I thank them all for setting the standards and giving me a road map to follow. I hope Alan and I can do as good a job! I also want to extend a big thank you to all the contributors who submitted fresh and interesting articles for this issue. To submit an article, a letter to the editor, an event, etc., see "How to Submit Stories" on page 8.

So, without further ado, here is the May 2011 issue of your Servas International Newsletter.

### First Youth Event in Africa and Africa Area Meeting

Lweza Training and Conference Centre - Saturday 30th July to Saturday 6th August 2011.

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### A Different Trip, Always

A Servas travel is a concrete and profoundly revolutionary gesture within everybody's reach. Find out why!

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### Ireland's First Servas SYLE Traveller

Servas Ireland was delighted to host its first Servas Youth Language Experience.

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### Korea's Country Pilgrimage Project

A great new Servas adventure, involving a lot of bicycles, is going strong in Korea.

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### Servas International Speaks Out

Servas members present oral statement to UN Human Rights Council.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Servas International News is a vital connection. SI News links all us Servas people.

By joining Servas you form part of a unique world-wide federation of national Servas groups. You enter a 60 year-old experiment of developing friendships and personal, inter-cultural understanding: building global and local Peace. The famous private, personal Servas interviews, held locally around the world, guarantee a community of Servas values and agreement with the purposes of Servas.

Because Servas begins with these values, and with this original, big idea of building global Peace from our own personal centres of being, your own stories are important! We learn from each other, as we grow and experience and strengthen our Servas community.

Please send your stories to [newsletter@servas.org](mailto:newsletter@servas.org) or directly to Terry who produced this issue: [terry.stone@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.stone@yahoo.com)

National groups meet each other in General Assembly each three years. The Servas International Executive Committee is now reviewing proposals for the next GA in 2012. Helpers, Key People, Servas Youth and other Servas supporters are welcome to attend, observe and enjoy Servas cultural activities. (Only national secretaries can vote.) The next GA will chose my replacement as President and also recruit and elect a couple of dozen others. You are welcome to help the nominations committee ([nominations@servas.org](mailto:nominations@servas.org))

There's a lot more news coming. Watch for Servas On-line and a whole suite of fun and educational activities coming. What is your news? What is happening in your local community?

- Gary Sealey

**Web Sites for Servas Travelers**

[www.peacecorpswiki.org/Tourist\\_Information\\_Center](http://www.peacecorpswiki.org/Tourist_Information_Center)

<http://american-albanian.hpage.com>

[www.tourismprogressandpeace.com](http://www.tourismprogressandpeace.com)

[www.tourismforpeace.org](http://www.tourismforpeace.org)

<http://epthe.net>

[www.icptr.com](http://www.icptr.com)

[www.iipt.org](http://www.iipt.org)

Do you know of a web site that would be of interest to Servas Members? Email us at [newsletter@servas.org](mailto:newsletter@servas.org) and will include it in the next issue.

**New Video Promotes Servas International**



A delightful new video by Servas Argentina (in English with Spanish subtitles) really illustrates the "feeling" of Servas! It is available on YouTube at the following URL:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZ7hBWwpj3E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZ7hBWwpj3E)

Show this wonderful video at your next meeting, post it to your Facebook or social media page and share it with all your friends!



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**“Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek but a means by which we arrive at that goal.”**

- Martin Luther King, Jr

## SERVAS IN EL SALVADOR

By Adela Segura -Area Coordinator Central America

Servas El Salvador has been inactive for long time, that is why people from Guatemala and Honduras joined with David and Leslie Coello to organize one meeting to start it all over again.

On Friday, March 4th, two Servas members from Guatemala and I traveled by bus for four hours to El Salvador.

David Espinoza, National Secretary from Honduras, and two more members drove on March 5th for four hours and arrived on time for the meeting, it started at 18:00 hrs.

To get to know the participants a snack was served at the beginning. The meeting was realized in a cordial and friendly atmosphere, with this agenda: Welcome to participants, Self presentation of each one, What is Servas?, Experiences and Expectations, World Peace, Objectives, Questions and Answers, and time to fill up Servas forms.

The people were very interested to become Servas members.

David and Leslie Coello are two young enthusiastic people who are taking the challenge to organize and develop Servas in El Salvador again.

Despite El Salvador being very near to Guatemala and Honduras we were like tourists because it is so different. The people are friendly, the landscape is exuberant and their money is the US\$ dollar. It was a nice experience to see our friends from Honduras and we are sure that we made new friends in El Salvador. 📷



David and Leslie Coello

## SERVAS EL SALVADOR

Adela Segura -Coordinadora de Area Central America.

Servas El Salvador estuvo inactivo por algun tiempo, por esa razon, miembros de Servas Guatemala y Honduras se unieron a David y Leslie Coello para organizar una reunion y empezar de nuevo.



El viernes 4 de marzo, dos miembros de Servas Guatemala y yo, viajamos en bus por 4 horas para llegar a El Salvador. El sabado 5 de marzo David Espinoza, Secretario de Servas Honduras y dos personas mas, viajaron en su vehiculo para llegar a la reunion el sabado por la tarde.

La reunion empezo a las 18.00 horas con una refaccion para conocerse con los asistentes. La reunion se realizo en un ambiente de cordialidad, algunos puntos de la agenda fueron Bienvenida,

presentacion de cada persona, Que es Servas?, Experiencias y Expectativas.La Paz en el Mundo, objetivos, preguntas y respuestas, tiempo para llenar formularios.

Las personas estuvieron interesadas en las charlas y los objetivos de Servas asi como ser nuevos socios.

David y Leslie Coello son jovenes entusiasmados en tomar el reto de organizar y desarrollar Servas en el Salvador de nuevo.

Aunque El Salvador esta muy cerca de Guatemala y Honduras, nos sentiamos como turistas porque es diferente, la gente es amigable y el paisaje exuberante, la moneda es el dolar americano.

Fue agradable ver a nuestros amigos de Honduras y estamos seguros de que hicimos nuevos amigos en El Salvador. 📷



Attendees from Guatemala, Honduraas and El Salvador

**S**ervas Youth and other members from around the world and across Africa will gather in Uganda

**Announcement**

Servas Uganda and Servas Youth invite you to the Africa Area Meeting and the first International Servas Youth Meeting in Africa. It is a combined meeting. Uganda will be our “home far from home” and its capital city is the one that we chose to hold our meeting. This week long gathering is open to all those Servas members who believe in the power of young minds and spirits and who are willing to be stimulated by Uganda’s culture. Let’s share some great experiences in a wonderful environment! Let’s meet in Kampala at the end of July 2011.

**Programme**

The combined meeting will allow Servas members from various countries in Africa and around the world to share their experiences, how they are working to develop Servas, promote peace through international exchanges and other activities.

Participants will get to know each other, give country reports, present case studies, and help create a history of Servas. North-south links will be considered, as will various web developments and relationships with other organizations. The future of Servas will be explored, the value of its



**Reception at Lweza**

peace work, its role in national youth activities like work camps and other programmes. There will also be excursions and a chance to learn about Uganda and East Africa.

**Venue for Servas Gathering**

Lweza Training and Conference Centre (LTCC) will be our venue. It is located eleven kilometres from Kampala on the Entebbe Road with lush tropical green environment overlooking Lake Victoria. LTCC is just 30 minutes drive from

**FIRST YOUTH EVENT IN AFRICA and SERVAS AFRICA AREA MEETING Lweza Training and Conference Centre Saturday 30th July to Saturday 6th August 2011**

Following the experience and the success of an important line of international youth events such as Patagonia 06, Yorkshire 07, Istanbul 08, Rosario 09, Xochicalco 10 and Bahia 10 we are now proud to present our first edition in a marvelous African land.

Uganda will be our “home far from home” and its capital city is the one that we chose in order to present our first meeting in Africa. This meeting is open to all of those members who believe in the power of young minds and spirits and who are willing to learn and to be stimulated by Uganda’s culture.

Let’s share some great experiences in a wonderful environment! Let’s meet in Kampala 2011!

For further information on costs, registration forms, etc contact Moses Kigozi at : kigozimoses@yahoo.co.uk and Sheldon Weeks at Gudrun@info.bw or Pablo Chufeni at : pablochufeni@yahoo.com.ar. All final registrations with deposit to Moses Kigozi.



**Grounds at Lweza**

Entebbe International Airport and 20 minutes from Kampala city centre.

**Transport**

LTCC is twenty-five kilometres from Entebbe International Airport. Arrangements have been made to pick those arriving from outside Uganda by bus in Kampala and by air at Entebbe International Airport. Inform us about your travel plans when you register.

**Accommodation**

Participants have the possibility to stay either in Twin bed Self-contained rooms, Double Occupancy Self-contained Rooms, Single Occupancy Self-contained Rooms, Twin Bed NOT self contained rooms, Single occupancy NOT self contained Rooms or Dormitory. The costs range from US\$318 full board included for the week to US\$450 for a private room. Camping is also available.

**Catering**

Lweza Training and Conference Centre offers full catering, breakfast, lunch, dinner and teas. They are able to accommodate people with special diets including vegetarian, halal and kosher. The prices above are inclusive of catering and all facilities.

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**



**Conference rooms at Lweza**

To explain what Servas is I'd like to start from a paradox. Think back to the first recommendations you received when you were a child, but already emancipated enough from family protection to a point where you had your own social life, even if this was limited to the park around the corner. 'Don't speak to strangers, don't accept anything from them': and later, when your mum and dad dared to go out together, leaving you at home alone: 'Don't open the door to anybody'.

Sacrosanct precautions, mind you, but which illustrate really well how the unknown in our imagination is charged with anguished aspects as if by necessity, and not only with an albeit limited probability, must contain something negative. It is easy for the diffidence learnt as children to go beyond the reasonable limits of self-protection for which they were originally meant and for them to expand until they sometimes become an indistinct and generalized suspicion towards anything and everything that is new: food, places, situations, customs, and people. The Other is different and therefore potentially dangerous, so that is all we need to know. We are not interested in learning more.

Here we have Servas, an association of people who happily go against this old advice full of common sense. People who meet other people they knew nothing about until the day before: people who open the doors of their homes or who are welcomed into other people's homes, may be a few miles down the road or on the other side of the world: people who when a phone call comes from an unknown number do not automatically think it is the wrong number: people who when they receive an email from an unknown sender do not imagine that it is just one of the usual spam mails, but who, full of curiosity, enjoy the fact it could be a



## A Different Trip, Always

By *Giuliana Cupi, Turin, Italy*  
*Coordinator for Piedmont and Aosta Valley regions*

new visitor, a new discovery, maybe a new friend. Servas (which in Esperanto means 'I serve', in the sense 'I am needed') was the brainchild of Bob Luitweiler, a man who until he passed away in 2009, at the age of 89, was still happy to receive people in his home in Bellingham. In its simplicity it was an

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“The desire of the traveller who wants to see everything in the shortest possible time: greedy for faceless images, indifferent to content, deaf to situations and blind when faced with differences. We experience then an extreme paradox: in a world where everyone travels, the trip itself soon eclipses and what remains is pure moving about.”

- *Franco Ferrarotti, Italian Sociologist.*

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idea which caught people off their guard and was born from the horrors caused by long years of war. If people from completely different parts of the world met they would realize that, apart from Environmental and cultural differences, everybody is equal: they would stop considering people to be potential enemies. Where could all these

people meet? In the most obvious place: in their homes acting as hosts or guests.

The idea spread slowly, through a discrete but effective grapevine, without any need to buy advertising space on newspapers or between TV programs. I have been the coordinator for Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta for several years now and the numerous people I have enrolled got to know about Servas through word of mouth. Words travel and also communicate things which are very different to the proposals of the many indoctrinations we are exposed to. Servas is now present in many countries throughout the world and works everywhere thanks to the work of volunteers who interview new members, organize meetings, write on the newsletter, collect subscriptions and manage the accounts. They offer meals, showers, touristic information, company, to share, help and sometimes even comfort, and all

of this without any exchange of money between the parts in question. I could have said 'for free' but I won't say that, not only to discourage a utilitarian approach of those who are already rubbing their hands with glee at the idea of being able to travel the world without paying for a hotel. I won't say it and I don't believe

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## Ireland's First Servas SYLE Traveller

### Servas Ireland was delighted to host its first Servas Youth Language Experience

By Dot Fine - Servas Ireland

**S**YLE traveller. Javier arrived from Sevilla, Spain via a short holiday in Tenerife, to Dublin on the 31st of March 2011. We had arranged for many hosts and travellers to meet and host him to make this a full experience for Javier. Irina took him to Glendalough one of the prettiest walking areas in Ireland in the nearby Wicklow Mountains. He stayed with us the initial few days in Dublin and Bill and I brought him to the Servas Ireland First Friday, a monthly gathering at Hughes' Pub.



Joanne and Javier at Servas First Friday

There was a good turnout, particularly of younger members, to meet and talk with Javier, and arrange activities for the weekend. During his month in Ireland, Javier will learn about Irish culture while practicing and improving his English language skills. Following his time in Dublin, he will stay with hosts in County Clare, County Dublin, Galway, Armagh and County Down. 🇮🇪



Joe, Joanne, Javier, Cormac, and Cristina

## Bulimia of the Traveller

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that being in Servas as a volunteer of the organization or as a 'simple' member doesn't cost anything: renting a room takes just the zipping of a credit card, building a relationship with who you encounter on your pathway through life makes you 'spend' a lot more in energy, availability, time and neurons. Yet this is the key to everything.

The Servas philosophy is not that of having a guest room in your 500sqm villa, but that of having mental and emotive space for a guest in your own life which is often so full of engagements, problems to face and you are always in a hurry. I don't think that this trying to do your best, on the contrary, is the only expenditure on the balance of your life. Experience, meetings, relationships which interlace spontaneously are the only wealth which is free from economic implications, a universal exchange currency which is not quoted on the Stock Exchange and which escapes from the valuation by speculators. The simple fact of getting away from this global game, away from the market logic that wants to monetize everything, from the conception of a trip as a mere compulsive buying product to be carried out in places which are clones of our daily anonymousness is a priceless satisfaction. And it is also a concrete and profoundly revolutionary gesture within everybody's reach. 🇮🇪

## SERVAS WEB CONNECTIONS

### Servas Yahoo Groups

1. **Servas International** - general discussion for all members.  
 Post message: [Servas-International@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Servas-International@yahoogroups.com)  
 Subscribe: [Servas-International-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Servas-International-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)  
 Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Servas-International/>  
 List owner: [Servas-International-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Servas-International-owner@yahoogroups.com)
2. **Servas News** - to become involved with this newsletter  
 Post message: [servasnews@yahoogroups.com](mailto:servasnews@yahoogroups.com)  
 Subscribe: [servasnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:servasnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)  
 Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/servasnews/>  
 List owner: [servasnews-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:servasnews-owner@yahoogroups.com)
3. **ServasOnline** - volunteers working on the website/database redesign  
 Post message: [Servasonline@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Servasonline@yahoogroups.com)  
 Subscribe: [Servasonline-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Servasonline-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)  
 Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Servasonline/>  
 List owner: [Servasonline-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Servasonline-owner@yahoogroups.com)

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, send email to the Subscribe email address. All of these email groups are private and have very little traffic at this time.

Servas is also on FaceBook & Twitter

## Servas Travel Adventures

*Do you have a travel story from your corner of the world? Share your adventure and experiences with other Servas members. We will feature one a month. Please send your story and photos to [newsletter@servas.org](mailto:newsletter@servas.org). - ed*

# Korea's Country Pilgrimage Project

## Servas Events and Peacebuilding

By Dongwhan Song -National Secretary of Korea

### 1. NATIONAL SERVAS EVENTS IN 2010

#### SERVAS Korea Country pilgrimage project

**S**ERVAS Korea started 'Country pilgrimage project' since Feb. 14th. 2009. as SERVAS 60 years Anniversary.

It is 5 years project and is for travelling our beautiful country to experience our country more closely and increase the relationship between regional members. We travel the country on foot, by bicycle and by car depend on their desire. It will be held two times per year during weekend.

Our Country pilgrimage project will be continued in this year as following schedule, we welcome whoever you are Servas members. Please come and join with us

- 1H-2009 : Jeju Island -held on Feb. 14th~15th of 2009
- 2H-2009 : Gangwon region - held on Aug. 22nd~23th of 2009
- 1H-2010 : Busan - held on Jun 12nd~13th of 2010
- 2H-2010 : Seoul - held on Oct. 9th~10th of 2010
- 1H-2011 : Gyeongnam region
- 2H-2011 : Jeonnam region
- 1H-2012 : Jeonbuk region
- 2H-2012 : Chungchong region
- 1H-2013 : Daegu, Gyeongbuk
- 2H-2013 : Gyeonggi region

#### 1) Our 3rd Country pilgrimage event was held at Busan on Jun. 12th ~ 13th. 2010 and 73 members were joined.

Busan is the second largest city in Korea and has beautiful beaches like a HaeUnDae and GwangAlli. Also there are popular fish market, Jagalchi, overflowing of fresh sea-foods.

We watched World Cup game and supported our National soccer team over dinner and beer at fresh raw fish restaurant.

The next day, we had 10km hiking from HaeUnDae to Songjeong along the beautiful beaches for 4 hours as Country pilgrimage.



#### 2) Our 4th Country pilgrimage event in 2010 was held at Seoul on Oct. 9th~ 10th and 75 members were attended.

For our great experience, Seoul region members arranged Naksan Fortress tour in the evening for beautiful night view at the top of Naksan Fortress on Oct. 9th and the next day we had hiking to Cheonggyecheon, Seoul's pristine stream, and Gwanghwamun and also we had wonderful cycling along the Hanggang river for 20km as Country pilgrimage

### 2. INTERNATIONAL SERVAS EVENTS IN 2010

#### The Bicycle Tour to Kyushu, Japan as SERVAS 60 Years Anniversary

SERVAS Korea had Bicycle Tour to Kyushu, Japan under the name, 'Tour



De Servas Kyushu' with SERVAS Japan on Aug. 18th ~ 24th. 2010. Last summer in 2009, we had special bike tour to Gangwon-do,

Northeast part of Korea from Pohang-city(Port) for 2 night 3 days to attend 2nd Country pilgrimage event held at Inje-gun in Gangwon-do, it was 370km hard mountain course but we could enjoy beautiful coast road and challenge for ourselves.

With this great experience, we made new project to venture Kyushu in Japan with 17 members from SERVAS Korea



and 5 members from SERVAS Japan on hot summer in 2010.

We rode a bicycle endless up & down hill for 320Km under 43 degree Celsius for 4 days, it was really killing hot summer but we helped each other and we can finish bike tour without any problem.

Our route was...

Busan(Korea) – Fukuoka(Japan)- Saga -Aso Mountain – Yufuin – Fukuoka – Busan(Korea)

We felt that we built more concrete friendship between SERVAS Japan and SERVAS Korea through Tour De Servas Kyushu, it is Servas spirit for the PEACE...!!!

We really thanks to Mr. Nisiyama and other members for their kind arrangement and hospitality during our visit to Japan.

We are planning another challenge in this coming 2011 summer. We are looking forward to join Servas friends from over the world for making a peace and for our future Green the natural environment.

### 3. PLAN TO ORGANIZE AN EVENTS IN 2011

#### The Bicycle Tour to West Coast of KOREA

SERVAS Korea is planning Summer Bicycle tour from Seoul to Mokpo west coast of Korea on Aug. 15th ~ 19th. 2011. It will be around 484Km....

We are looking forward to join Servas friends from over the world for making a peace and for our future Green the natural environment. 📧

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## Servas International Speaks Out at United Nations Human Rights Council

Submitted by Luisa Corbetta, Servas International Peace Secretary

On March 14-15, 2011 Luisa Corbetta, along with Hilda Burer and Giovanna Cuminatto, attended the spring session of United Nations Human rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva.

On behalf of Servas International Luisa presented the following oral statement on the issue "Human Rights Education and Training":

**M**ister President, distinguished delegates, I would like to convey my condolences and sympathy for the tragedy in Japan.

"Servas International fosters understanding of cultural diversity through a global person-to-person network promoting a more just and peaceful world."

Such goal is attained through personal relationship between host and traveller and also developing human rights education courses against racism and intolerance for teachers and students in schools. This is important especially in EU countries where the present wave of refugees from North Africa, due to the fall of those dictatorial regimes, is sometimes seen as a menace of invasion to fortress Europe.

So, as SERVAS mission is to be open, to welcome the other, to respect differences and fight discrimination, we call upon UN to recommend EU member states to support NGOs and the civil society to carry out programs on human rights education and training in schools at all levels and summer camps.

Similarly, as SERVAS is committed to a peace philosophy and a nonviolent conflict resolution, it runs peace building courses in various universities (e.g. El Bosque University-Bogotá; University of Pisa- Italy).



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## MEET SERVAS

GARY SEALEY

### Welcome to my Home

**T**he first time I came to this valley, north of New York, west of Montreal and before Niagara Falls to the West, it was grass-brown, rock-strewn farmland. An old northern fur trader and his wife, a missionary, hosted me for a seasonal reprieve from my graduate studies, while I relaxed into the memoried, rounded landscapes of rural Ontario, Canada. In those days, each farm had a moo-cow for breakfast cream, waiting in quiet duty near egg-laying chickens scratching the barn yard for nature's treats. Now all that is gone, and my youth is history.

Now fresh Spring brings delight and hope. My house in the suburb which replaced that old farm colourfully shrugs off winter snows. This morning's breakfast was mostly imported from the South. The street in front is customarily quiet as television, radio, the Internet and digital games entrance neighbourhood children and their parents behind the walls of their bungalows.

When you prepare to visit, please pack some photos and tell me your story and your own recollections and life expectations. I have much more to share with you, and to show you, on both sides of this big river where I have lived, worked, learned, and rallied others in successful and (some) failed campaigns. Will we each begin, seriatim, with the stories of our birth, our families, and the origins of our parents? Or shall we stand back, look from the porch to the horizon of eastern blue hills darkening with the close of day, and wonder together what tomorrow will bring?

There's not enough space here for my family tree, my little biographical sketch. So, I will put it with my autograph book for when you arrive. Perhaps we are related in time?

*Each month we would like to run a short biography (or lyric thoughts as in Gary's case), from someone in Servas. Maybe the life story of someone on the Board or a portrait of an under-discovered corner of the world from a waiting host. - ed*

**Letters to the Editor**

*We want to hear from you. Your comments, suggestions are welcome. All members are encouraged to write with concerns, questions, problems, solutions, or the joke of the month! Tell us what you want to see in future issues your Servas News! -ed*

**Servas International Calendar**

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like to promote to Servas members around the world? We'd like to post it in our next issue. Send us your information: Date, What, Where, a brief description and contact info (email, phone, name, etc.). See the example this month for format.

July 30 to August 6th, 2011

**YOUTH EVENT AND AFRICA AREA MEETING**

Kamapala, Uganda

Everyone is invited. Let's empower youth and unite Africa!

Contact: kigozimoses@yahoo.co.uk

**Human Rights**

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Being a peace builder educated in the respect for human rights cannot be realised in one day: it's a challenge which needs training. We are all human beings, with our good and bad sides. We must , engage an inner fight between our destructive, negative forces and the positive constructive ones coexisting inside each of us.

A peace building course helps our positive forces to become stronger and prevail over the negative ones. The result is evident: we become better people and build a better world!

Again we SERVAS ask UN to recommend all member states to provide political and financial support for those peace building and human rights courses in adult education.

I thank you Mr President. 



**How to Submit to the Servas International Newsletter.**

**F**irst of all, assume that the readers know absolutely nothing about what you are submitting. Give as much background as possible. Avoid abbreviations and keep articles to no more than two pages. We can always add a link to additional information if necessary.

Make your item interesting, light and even fun, if appropriate. Long reports, such as technical and financial data, should go to Renee (reneegendron@hotmail.com) for posting on the **Servas International website**. The subject matter should be pertinent to all members, globally. We will not be posting individual country Servas newsletters or announcements, although extracts of international interest could be posted.

**Everything will be posted as submitted**, so include a gripping headline (upper & lower case, please), author bylines - so we know who wrote it - along with contact info, captions for photos and don't forget to spell check(!) and proof your story. Tell the who, what, where and when in the first paragraph if possible. We here at Newsletter Central will avoid editing, rewriting, or correcting copy. **What you write is what we post.** We are happy to include any additional languages you want to submit.

**Consider sending:**

- Global calendar items
- Articles, opinion pieces, travel stories
- Letters to the Editor
- Short quotes regarding peace/Servas
- Short jokes, funny stories, things overheard
- Web sites of interest to Servas members
- Questions about Servas

**Technical Tips**

- Prepare your story in a text application such as Microsoft Word, TextEdit. Save it in a .doc or .txt format.
- Attach photos to the email in JPEG format. Please use file names that match your story.
- Please include photo captions and indicate to which photo they should go.
- If using a text application is not possible text can be submitted in the body of an email. Please avoid fancy formatting and do not double-space after a sentence - single-space only.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask: newsletter@servas.org

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