

March 10, 2012

Dear Friend of Thailand,

As spring approaches, I hope you are all enjoying yourselves and thinking about possibly attending the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps Thailand this coming July in Thailand. But more on that below.

Today's Update will share information about

- **HARRY RICHARD "RICK" HUSHAW REMEMBRANCE**
- **PEACE CORPS' THAILAND 50TH ANNIVERSARY, JULY 11-18, 2012**
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HARRY RICHARD "RICK" HUSHAW REMEMBRANCE

Thirty-one years ago today, Rick Hushaw of Thai 66 died in a bus accident while traveling from Bangkok to a project site in Nagai, Nakhon Phanom Province. He was only the second volunteer to die during Peace Corps service in Thailand. His tragic death stunned his fellow volunteers and family, including his recent bride, Khun Prawait Hushaw.

In recent months, FoT member of Thai 66, Mark Oshiro, and another Thai 66 PCV Mark Raabe have submitted remembrances of Rick and photos of his time as a volunteer.

What they have written illustrates that Rick lives on in the memories of his friends, and attests to the fine, and entertaining, person Rick was and will always be.

Mark Oshiro wrote the following message a few days ago, "Hey Rick, it's been a long time. You've always been remembered. But don't worry, it's always been in a good way! Bet you find it amusing that we had a little procrastination of 30+ years. Hope you approve of what the Marks brothers have written. Peace, Friend."

The Marks brothers invite you to share in their remembrances by going to <http://www.friendsofthailand.org/thailandrpcvs/groups/thai66/main.html>

PEACE CORPS' THAILAND 50TH ANNIVERSARY, JULY 11-18, 2012

More Thailand RPCVs are sending in their reservation forms for the FoT dinners on July 11 and 18 to mark the start and end of the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps Thailand, as well as word they will attend the Main Event on July 13. It promises to be a very special celebration. Please be sure you don't miss out on being part of the celebration, including the two dinners, as space is limited.

The schedule of activities in Thailand for this coming summer on the FoT web site is at

<http://www.friendsofthailand.org/50thanniversary/thailand/main.html>

If you click on various dates, you will access pages for individual days during the celebration.

Additionally, at the bottom there is a list of Documents and Forms you can download and send.

At this time, we would also like to ask that anyone planning to attend the Peace Corps Open House, the Main Event with Princess Sirindhorn as the special guest and/or the Ambassador's Reception to please send a message so I can add you to the list of RPCV guests for Peace Corps Thailand. Thank you!

DONATING TO A FUTURE PCV PROJECT TO CELEBRATE PEACE CORPS THAILAND'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

If you would like to contribute to FoT's Project Fund and assist a community in rural Thailand during 2012, Peace Corps 50th year of service in the Kingdom, you can learn how by clicking on the link below. Friends of Thailand hopes to increase its funding potential, and we hope you will join in the effort by clicking below

<http://www.friendsofthailand.org/donate/main.html>

NPCA ADVOCACY UPDATE

For those of you who may not be members of the National Peace Corps Association, they recently sent an update on Peace Corps Advocacy efforts in Congress to ensure a stronger Peace Corps in future years. To learn more about what you can do to help with the effort, please go to

<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/2012/03/deadlines-approach-on-peace-corps-funding-letters/>

And that is it for today. We hope to see you all in Thailand in July, and until then, we wish you all the best,

The Friends of Thailand Board of Directors

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