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May 2023

*Peace and Understanding
Through Travel & Hosting*

1440 Members

2023 Conference Oct. 6-8 Very Affordable

Great news! A large subsidy for the [2023 Conference](#) to be held in Upstate NY, means a low conference fee of **only** ... [more](#)



Connect With US Servas Annual Meeting Sat., June 3rd

The first virtual US Servas Annual Meeting will be held on June 3rd at 10:00 Pacific Time ... (11 MT, 12 CT, 1:00 ET)... [more](#)



US Servas Seeks Peace Secretary

Recently, our long-term Peace Secretary, Yosi McIntire retired to do more travel. US Servas and Servas International want to reestablish our organizations' commitments to peace by moving it to the forefront of everything we do, our website, publications, marketing, events, and organizational structure [more](#)

Smart Packing Tips

by Tys Sniffen

We have all seen the travelers with multiple, huge suitcases struggling their way through the airport, and wondered, "What in the world?" ... [more](#)



Want More Travelers? Try Virtual Hosting

by Deirdre Marlowe

I work with an organization that teaches global citizenship in grades K-12, something near and dear to Servas ... [more](#)

Conference to Feature Chief Vincent Mann

By Bill Magargal

We are excited to announce that Vincent Mann, Turtle Clan Chief of the Ramapough Lunaape Nation, will be a key presenter at the US Servas 2023 National Conference this October 6-8, at Frost Valley YMCA Camp in Claryville, NY. Most of us know very little about the indigenous peoples of New York and New Jersey as they were decimated by disease, slaughtered by colonial forces, and relocated to remote areas of Oklahoma and Wisconsin by the federal government. The Ramapough are the descendants of the Munsee speaking people who once lived from Western Connecticut ... [more](#)





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Who Inspires You?

Nominations Open for US Servas Peace Prize

Perhaps it is a member who has worked for years providing water and supplies to migrants in the desert, or... [more](#)



Childrens Art Contest

Peace Pals International is now accepting submissions for their 26th annual children's art contest. What a wonderful way to expose your kids or grandkids to thinking about peace in a way that ... [more](#)

Servas at the UN

by J. Cormack & K. Macaulay

As an organization promoting peace, Servas International has "consultative status" with the UN. Join the Zoom discussion on May 7, 2:00 pm... [more](#)



2023 Latin America Peace Conference Report

by Paige LaCombe & Alvany Santiago

After the four-day UN Commission on the Status of Women CSW67 conference in NYC, [see OD article](#), Paige LaCombe (US Servas), and Alvany Santiago (Servas Brazil) flew to Santiago to attend the XIII Congreso Latinoamericano... [more](#)

Giving Back and Paying It Forward

By Deirdre Marlowe

Many Servas members are involved in peace and justice related activities. Many also do other community work, for ... [more](#)



Sweden - Bremen International Peace Award 2024

On May 31, 2024, the schwelle Foundation will confer... [more](#)



April Board Retreat

by Richard Weaver, Chair

The retreat started with a virtual chat with the Board of Servas International as we seek a more aligned approach for Servas across the globe.. [more](#)

