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Breaking News from Florida's International Volunteer Agency



### SEPTEMBER 2006

### **ROSE-AVILA NEW FAVACA PRESIDENT**

Carolyn Rose-Avila took the reins at FAVACA August 28 culminating a year-long global search that yielded 500 applicants. Carolyn has held a variety of positions relating to the Americas over the past 27 years, including: World Vision Senior Policy Advisor for the Americas and Regional Director for Emergency Response and Disaster Mitigation; Save the Children Latin America and Caribbean Director; OEF International Director for Latin America and the Caribbean (women's empowerment); Peace Corps Volunteer-Venezuela, and Peace Corps Country Director-Guatemala. She also has directed projects in Africa and Asia through OEF, the Overseas Development Office of the Episcopal Church, the World Health Organization, the Carter Presidential Center and World Vision. Carolyn is a graduate of the University of Colorado. She has one daughter, Aviva, in her last year at Florida International University.

## FLORIDA RENEWS COMMITMENT TO REGION

The Florida Legislature has voted an appropriation for FAVACA's Florida International Volunteer Corps annually since 1986, during which time more than 2000 volunteer-consultants have provided technical assistance, training, and professional exchange to twenty-two nations of Central America and the Caribbean. During 2006-07, a \$650,000 contract with the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development will provide 104 missions to assist individuals and organizations achieve their development goals for, among other things, improved healthcare services, economic growth, quality education, agricultural production and environmental management. In addition the program will conduct twenty development and evaluation missions to monitor volunteer impact, identify additional funding sources, and secure new partners.

## HAITI NATIONAL PARKS TARGET TOURISM

Haiti's Ministry of Tourism hosted veteran FAVACA volunteer Ney Landrum, Tallahassee, in Cap-Haitien August 22-28, 2006. Landrum took initial steps leading to a management plan for the Citadelle National Historic Park. Specific goals include

articulating a strategy for economic development of the park and designing a practical management approach that protects park resources. Landrum is a retired director of Florida's state parks, author, and former FAVACA Volunteer of the Year.

## FAVACA SEEKS PROGRAM MANAGER

Florida-based international, non-profit organization working in the Caribbean and Latin America seeks a Florida-Haiti Program Initiatives Program Manager. Details on organization at www.favaca.org . Minimum 3 years project management, strong organizational, and computer skills; Bilingual English/Creole and/or Spanish. International travel. Submit salary requirements. No relocation benefits. Application deadline October 22, 2006 to jobs@favaca.org or fax 850-922-4849. Immediate hire.

### FAVACA SEEKS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Florida-based international, non-profit organization working in the Caribbean and Latin America seeks a Programs Coordinator. Details on organization at www.favaca.org. Strong organizational and computer skills; Bilingual English/Creole and/or Spanish. International travel. \$28,000 w/great benefits. No relocation benefits. Application Deadline October 22, 2006 to jobs@favaca.org or fax 850-922-4849. Immediate hire.

# FAVACA SEEKS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Florida-based international, non-profit organization working in the Caribbean and Latin America seeks Executive Assistance. Details on organization at www.favaca.org. Strong administrative and public relations skills; Bilingual English/ Spanish required; Creole a plus. Submit salary requirements. No relocation benefits. Application deadline October 22, 2006 to jobs@favaca.org or fax 850-922-4849. Immediate hire.

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The Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA) is a non-profit organization established in 1982. FAVACA was founded in the belief that Florida's future is interwoven with that of our Caribbean neighbors. The organization's mission is the improvement of social and economic conditions in the Caribbean and Central America through volunteer service. FAVACA provides technical assistance and training through a diverse combination of federal, private and State of Florida funding sources. To date, more than 1,200 volunteer missions to 29 nations and territories of the region have been completed. A wide variety of training is offered in health and social issues, agriculture, education, environment, disaster mitigation, women's leadership, capacity building and more.

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