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Milestones

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Peace Corps tour

Jessamyn Lee Bowling, 22, has been accepted into the Peace Corps. She is in Cameroon in pre-service training to become a health Peace Corps volunteer. When Bowling finishes training, her two-year assignment will include health promotion and education on water sanitation, hygiene, HIV/AIDS, and maternal-child health care. Bowling received a bachelor of arts in Latin American studies and women's studies from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2007. Before joining the Peace Corps, she worked as an intern with ActionAid in Vietnam with the HIV/AIDS community. She also worked as an intern with Student Action with Farmworkers in the field as a documentarian, advocate and health educator. In addition, she worked as a companion, support group facilitator and intern at the Orange County Rape Crisis Center. She is the daughter of Charlene and Dave Bowling of Fuquay-Varina.



Jessamyn Lee Bowling is in pre-service training.

NCGV award

The North Carolinians Against Gun Violence Education Fund will hold its annual membership meeting at 7 p.m. Monday. The meeting will feature the presentation of NCGV's 2007 N.C. Gun Violence Prevention Citizen of the Year Award to Lisa Price, founding member and retiring executive director of NCGV.

In early 1993, Price and two other women met to discuss their distress with the rising level of gun violence in North Carolina and the nation. In September of that year, in response to the handgun slaying of a Chapel Hill jogger, and empowered in their belief that they were helping to save fellow residents from death and injury, they helped form North Carolina's first statewide gun violence prevention organization.

NCGV anticipates that more than 50 members, city officials, and legislators including U.S. Rep. David Price, state Rep. Jennifer Weiss, state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, Durham Police Chief Jose L. Lopez Sr. and Durham City Council member Mike Woodard will attend the event to honor Lisa Price for 14 years of dedicated service.

NCGV will also formally introduce new Executive Director Roxane Kolar. Kolar has spent five years in the nonprofit field working in low-income communities with a focus on grass-roots capacity and civic engagement.

The meeting is open to members of NCGV and the public, and will be held in the assembly hall in the Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill.

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