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2023 Conference - Evening Entertainment

This year's conference will see a Friday evening hootenanny featuring Servas member Dave Lippman, along with local favorite, *Little Sparrow*. A contra dance is also ... [more](#)



SI Online World Friends Forum - April 27

SI Peace Secretary, Francisco Salamon, will host an online forum for members to connect with one another without the need to fly. Topics will vary. Register by Apr. 8... [more](#)



UN Commission on the Status of Women-NYC

A number of US Servas members attended CSW67 meetings in March, including Paige Lacombe who did a presentation, and Yosi McIntire (see article below), and others. See more about the conference, some of the presentations, and a video "Women & Girls Access to Education in Afghanistan ... [more](#)

Servas Austria 30th Alpe-Adria Gathering Oct. 6-8th 2023

Annual event in Muhlviertel, the upper province of Austria, north of the Danube. Walks, hikes, tours, in the traditional towns and villages... [more](#)

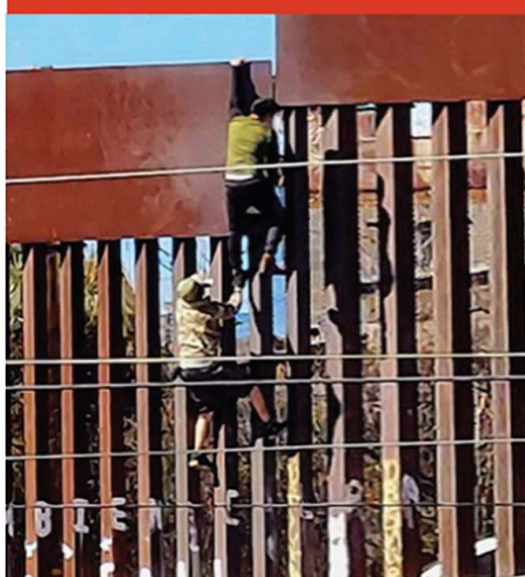


Reichenthal Castle, Austria

Who Lets the Dogs Out by Bill Magargal

One issue that prevents many of us from traveling as often or for as long as we might like is... "Who will take care of the dogs, plants, house, etc." For many years we... [more](#)

FEATURE STORY



Engaging With Servas Values Close to Home: A trip to the U.S. border and an amazing desert

by Andrea Veltman and David Schwartz

We had the privilege of seeing the US/Mexico border wall from the comfort of an SUV, free to cross into Mexico and back as we wished, when we wished. We had planned a trip to Arizona for a contra dance event and decided to spend an extra five days in the Tucson area to visit the border with human rights volunteers, and to stay with Servas hosts including one of our organization's most active volunteers, Carol Tribble (who is also a contra dancer!)... [more](#)

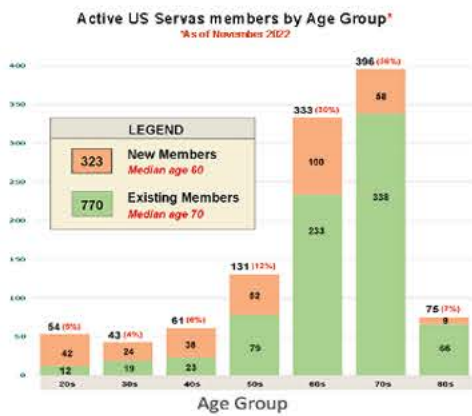


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Servas By the Numbers ... the Aging-Out Myth

by Bill Magargal

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Servas Youth Language Experience 2023

Applications now open for a 1 to 4 week travel - homestay experience for young people ages 18 to 30. Also apply for financial assistance for SYLE travel... [more](#)



The Gendered Digital Divide

By Yosi McIntire

Unquestionably, digitalization is rapidly transforming societies. Unprecedented socio-economic advances can be expected. However, it is generally acknowledged that young women, girls, and gender-diverse youth and adolescents—especially poorer ones in rural areas—are disproportionately and systematically excluded from access to technology... [more](#)



My Dillema With War - a Personal Reflection

By Yosi McIntire, US Servas Peace Secretary

With a reason for every war and a war for every reason, what hope is there for peace? War is always a tragedy for all concerned. Every war challenges international law as well as the authority and... [more](#)

Servas Peace School - Academy Project

GulsenElyak -Servas Turkey National Secretary

Servas Türkiye held a Solidarity Meeting on March 12, 2023, and received wonderful participation from all around the Servas world. Twenty-five countries... [more](#)

