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Presidents Message

OCTOBER – WHERE HAS THIS YEAR GONE?

It doesn't seem possible that we are now in the month of October and just have November and December left for 2016. Where has this year gone? I know when I was little, and I'm sure you heard the same story, that my Mother would tell me that the older you get the faster the time flies. Well, for me, it certainly is proving to be quite true.



In the month of October, we have our October meeting with the people from the Sarasota Architectural Foundation to share with us information on Sarasota's School of Architecture. Then there is the All Florida Friendship Force Conference hosted by the Suncoast Club in Clearwater. The keynote speaker on Saturday, October 22nd is going to be our International President, Jeremi Snook. It would be just wonderful if we were able to send several carloads of our members up to Clearwater for this day of networking and exchanging of information and meeting new people within our state.

In addition, in these last few months we are fitting in the outbound exchange with Western North Carolina (Asheville) and then welcoming our guests from Cornwall in early November and finally our holiday dinner party.

So I guess, as Mother said, "the older you get the faster the time flies," or are we today, squeezing in more things than we may have in the past?

Thank you, Barb Hahn, 941-266-9802, barblhahn@gmail.com

GOOD NEWS

The Nominating Committee is delighted to propose the following slate of officers for the 2017 calendar year:

President - Barbara Hahn Vice President - Patda de la Torre
Secretary - Margaret Lewis Treasurer - Sandy Tuveson

These officers will be elected at the annual meeting on Thursday, October 6 and will assume office on January 1, 2017.

Meet our Members – We will highlight new and current members each month. The membership committee will be reaching out to you and we're looking forward to knowing each of our members better. We'd also like to include photos in future editions.



FF Sarasota members listening to Patda at 9/21/16 meeting on topic 'Visit Sarasota' for our January Global Exchange.

Nedra Farwell joined in 1995 along with her husband, Dean. It was Dean's idea. She wasn't sure she wanted to go on an exchange that included staying in another person's home. Finally, she agreed to an exchange to Costa Rica, because the exchange had 2 elements: 5 days at a hotel and 5 days on a home stay with a couple who owned a ranch – he was a rancher and she was a teacher. The husband and wife spoke no English, but their children did. Of course, the home stay turned out to be the best part of the exchange. In spite of her home host's lack of English, Nedra said that she and the wife hit it off immediately, staying up late and communicating...in spite of the language difference. That was just the beginning of wonderful experiences on FF exchanges.

Nedra and Dean moved to Sarasota from the Youngstown, Ohio area in 1991 after they were retired. Nedra retired after 30 years of teaching elementary. Dean retired from running a sales territory for Durametallic Corp. which sold pump seals. Nedra lives out on Siesta Key. She used to golf, but now her favorite "sport" is bridge.

Her involvement with FF has spanned more than 20 years including serving as our club's president in 2001. She has been active in many aspects of our club including both inbound and outbound exchanges, serving as an exchange director, dinner host, day host, and in other roles on the exchange committees. In fact, Nedra will be dinner hosting for the Cornwall Exchange this November. She reflects that in all of her travels, the cathedrals, mountains, monuments, etc. all begin to blend together in one's memory over time. But, the people you meet on an exchange – those are lasting and special memories, in deed. And her advice to new members, get involved, because FF is better than good, it's terrific!

For over 50 years, **Bob and Amy Ferrell** lived in the Hudson Valley of New York near Poughkeepsie, where they were active FF members for about 20 years. They moved to Siesta Key and joined Sarasota FF in 2016. Bob is retired from 38



years with IBM. He enjoys gardening, traveling, eating, and socializing. He grew up in Columbia, SC. Amy grew up in Kansas City. She still works as a home-based travel consultant for New York and Florida clients. She volunteered for 30 years with Youth For Understanding International Exchange, promoting intercultural friendships through youth exchange. Now in Sarasota, in addition to her travel research and traveling, the Welsh Society, the historical, genealogical and Audubon societies, and college alumnae associations are special interests along with involvement with their church. Their 2 children live in the Carolinas, with a son in Wilmington, NC and daughter in Charleston, SC. Their only granddaughter and her husband live in Wilmington.

They are enjoying getting acquainted with the members of Sarasota FF. They are looking forward to being part of our club's outbound

exchange to Asheville, NC in fall 2016 and to day hosting for inbound exchanges.

Database and Directory – Thanks to Margaret Lewis for continued work on updating our database and directory. This is also the info that is sent to FFI. Kudos. If you have any updates including phone, email or address changes please send to **Margaret at mmlewis@comcast.net**.

Social – **We need volunteers for the social committee**. Please contact **Mary Brand** and say **yes** to set up refreshments. Email/call **Mary Brand** at: 941-342-8540 or brandmary@comcast.net.



Friendship Force Member Orientation

Who: Members joining in 2015 and 2016 + Membership Committee Members and Board Members

When: Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Where: Community Room of Camelot East on Clark Road just east of the I-75 overpass on the north side of Clark Road (Barb Hahn's community)

From North

- I-75 - exit 205 (Clark Road)
- Bottom of ramp, turn left (east)
- Go under overpass & through light
- On left is entrance to Camelot East. Be in left lane & turn into gate area
- Pull up to "phone pad". Key in "7062" & gate will go up
- Right in front of you and slightly to the left is the clubhouse. Park & go up front steps

Barb Hahn's contact info: [941-266-9802](tel:941-266-9802), barblhahn@gmail.com

Why: To get to know each other AND our organization better

What Agenda:

- Introductions
- Favorite FF Memory OR What you're looking forward to most
- FF Q&A
- Refreshments and Conversations

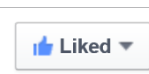
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NEWS FROM THE WEB



Please email your stories and photos to **Terri**, for **posting on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Friendship-Force-of-Sarasota>** . Send photos, club travel, documents for publishing to for posting on the club web site and newsletter <http://www.friendshipforcesarasotaflorida.org/>

Facebook is a prominent force in the world of social media and has become a major means by which people of all ages and backgrounds communicate and keep in touch with each other. FF SRQ is linked to Friendship Force International (FFI) and other FF chapters around the world who also have Facebook pages. Our Facebook page provides FF SRQ the opportunity to share stories and photos of our exchanges and other chapter events. Newsworthy items and accomplishments are highlighted on our Facebook page. Visitors have the opportunity to comment on the photos and exchanges or just view the activity. Members of the worldwide FF community can easily communicate with us and each other through Facebook. International FF members access site. Please 'like' us on FB.



Terri Holsinger 317-753-2172, ffsrq@outlook.com

WINE TASTING GROUPS (FF members only)

The wine tastings resume after summer break. Group 1 will meet at Debbie and Gary Kuhns on Thurs, Oct 20 at 5:00 pm. Wine Group 2 will meet on Mon, Oct 7 at 4:30 at home of Sandy Tuveson. We have decided to increase the cost of the tastings to \$8.00 per taster which will give the host some additional money to spend on the wine.



Remember, if you are interested in joining a wine group or being on the alternate list, please contact Jack and Linda Vendeland, linvende@aol.com 941-342-6278



Film Talk now meets at **Burns Court Cinema on the 4th Mon of each month**. We send a note to our membership each month a few days ahead with the movie details. **WE NEED YOU!**

Monday, Sept 26, 4:45, Burns Court Cinema, 506 Burns Lane, Sarasota, **The Beatles-The Touring Years**. Time to be home for the debates and perhaps of interest to our Cornwall exchange participants.

Discussion to follow at PF Chang's for a light supper or libation. Hope to see you there, Dot

Dot Flynn, dafsarasota@comcast.net or (407) 747-5251

FF SRQ Exchanges – Outbound

NEW! FF Sarasota **outbound** to Cornwall England is now set for Sept 18, 2017 and Isle of Wight for following week, Sept 25-Oct 2, 2017. We will be looking for an ED.

Barbara Peterson, Exchange Coordinator, bandwpeterson@verizon.net or (941) 925-3755

**Oct 10-15, 2016, Outbound Exchange to Western North Carolina (Asheville)
ED Donna Schaeffer**

WNC exchange update... We now have 13 ambassadors. A meeting with the ambassadors is scheduled for immediately after the general meeting on Sept 1st. We will discuss the exchange and **collect checks payable to Donna Schaeffer for \$250 per person**. If anyone is interested in joining this exchange, we have a wait list.

Donna Schaeffer, 908-577-0974, rdontrip@hotmail.com

FF SRQ Exchanges - Inbound

Announcing our club's **second Global Themed Exchange**, a repeat and refinement of the first one: **Experience the Arts of Greater Sarasota, FL USA #2** is scheduled for **January 28 - February 4, 2017**. Announcement of this exchange opportunity appeared in the FFI Catalog of Exchanges in mid-July, and an ED Invitation went out mid-August and then the flood of inquiries and applications began. Our committee has selected from the applicants 22 outstanding ambassadors from around the world who will converge on the Sarasota area to enjoy together the arts our community has to offer. Included in the exchange activities will be an evening at the Sarasota Ballet, a Masterworks concert by the Sarasota Orchestra, backstage visits and attendance at one of the plays of the season presented by Asolo Rep as well as Florida Studio Theater. We will enjoy a Sinatra Tribute concert presented by the Artist Series at the brand new Venice Performing Arts Center, enjoy guided visits to Art Centers in the communities, and take an afternoon sightseeing cruise on Sarasota Bay. And, of course, we will spend a day at The Ringling visiting the three part complex.

We would be pleased to have your help. If you would like to volunteer as home host or day host, please contact Barbara Peterson 925-3755 or Marie Beck 914-0283 who will work together to match up ambassadors and hosts. If you prefer to be a dinner host, Connie Bergin 492-2222 would like to hear from you.

Judi Stratton, FFI Florida Field Rep, jaspetite@comcast.net or (941) 497-5684

NEW!! New Zealand inbound will be here in Oct 18-25, 2017. We are the third stop in their visit to the US. It will be a busy time!

Barbara Peterson, Exchange Coordinator, bandwpeterson@verizon.net or (941) 925-3755

Nov 4-11, 2016 (7 days) Inbound Exchange from Cornwall, England
ED Ramona McGee

Thank you to ALL for volunteering to participate in our November exchange from Cornwall, England! You make it so much easier on the committees when people volunteer "upfront" and we do not have to make calls and request members to help. If you are not volunteering, but have some time available, please feel most welcome to join us and get to know our ambassadors.

There is an "information meeting" in my home on Thursday, Sept. 29th at 7:00PM. I will better explain how an exchange works and what is expected of you and how we keep all moving smoothly throughout the week. Please bring any questions you have as it may be something I have failed to fully explain having been a member of Friendship Force for 25 years. As you know, we all have many friends and family that visit when living in Florida and it is very similar to entertaining another friend. I know some of you will be out of town at that time, but especially if you are a newer member, I will try to share with you any pertinent information discussed at our meeting.

The meeting will be held in my home: 5316 Dominica Circle, Sarasota, FL 34233. I am located in the Center Gate Community, south of Bee Ridge Rd and north of Proctor Rd or more closely, between Wilkinson Rd & Proctor. Dominica Circle is off Center Gate Blvd, one block north of Proctor or approx 2 long blocks south of Bee Ridge. If you need more precise directions, please let me know when you reply to this invitation. I do **need a count** to ensure we have ample chairs available-**please RSVP to home 941-378-2094, cell 941-320-5804 or email: RMcGee0806@comcast.net**

Our activities for the week are as follow:

- Fri, Nov 4** **2:30 p** Ambassadors arrive at SRQ on Delta flight 2272 and are met by their home hosts
Drive to the Ringling grounds for photos of ambassadors and hosts
- 4:30 p** Welcome dinner at Salut  Restaurant, 23 N. Lemon, Sarasota
Optional: stroll Palm Ave after dinner for Art Walk
- Sat, Nov 5** **9:30 a** Visit The Ringling Museums; guided tour of Ca da Zan at 11 am
Lunch on your own
Optional: drum circle on Nokomis Beach about an hour before sunset, bring chairs or blankets
- Sun, Nov 6** **Free Day** to enjoy with hosts
Optional suggestions: Venice Art Festival, all day, downtown Venice
Ski-A-Rees water ski show, 2:00 pm, 1602 Ken Thompson Parkway, in bay near Mote Museum
- Mon, Nov 7** **10 a** visit Mote Marine Biology & Science Museum
Afternoon is free. If you found The Ringling too much for one day, you can return to the Art Museum only for free on Monday afternoon.
Lunch is on your own
Optional: Enjoy shops on St Armand's Circle or drive north through Lido Key to Anna Marie Island
6:00 p Hosted dinner parties for ambassadors & their hosts
- Tue, Nov 8** **9:30 a** Myakka State Park on State Rd 72 (Clark Rd), Florida's largest state park
10 a Air boat ride with commentary about gators. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the park provided by your host
- Wed, Nov 9** **Morning** is open for your own activities
2:00 p Guided walk of downtown Sarasota ending near the bay front
4:30 p LeBarge Tropical Sunset Cruise
- Thur, Nov 10** **Morning** is open for our own activities
4:00 p cocktails prior to farewell dinner at Waterfrontoo, 2205 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
5:00 p farewell dinner served
- Fri, Nov 11** **12:45 p**, McDonalds at Bee Ridge and Cattlemen's Rd, Sarasota Ambassadors depart

The reservation form, prices and dinner selections are listed on the following pages. Please indicate your entree choice with your name so that we can prepare color-coded name place cards. If you are attending Ringling or Mote, indicate if you have a membership or any additional guest passes. I believe we should be able to provide hosts with a free pass for Ringling.

RESERVATIONS FOR CORNWALL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES

Include menu choices with your check

		Cost	No. of People	Total
Fri, Nov 4	Welcome Dinner at Salut� Restaurant	\$25	_____	\$_____
Sat, Nov 5	The Ringling Museums	\$15	_____	\$_____
	Membership? _____			
Mon, Nov 7	Mote Marine	\$15	_____	\$_____
	Membership _____			
Tues, Nov 8	Myakka Airboat Ride	\$15	_____	\$_____
Wed, Nov 9	LeBarge Sunset Cruise	\$25	_____	\$_____
Thurs, Nov 10	Farewell Dinner-Waterfrontoo	\$35	_____	\$_____

TOTAL PAID FOR ALL ACTIVITIES \$_____

Make your check **payable to FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF SARASOTA**
by October 15, 2016

Mail to: **Dona Brannan, 4147 Oakhurst Circle W, Sarasota, FL 34233**

Be sure to include welcome and farewell dinner choices with your check and your name on your menu choices!

**Cornwall Welcome Dinner
SALUTE' Ristorante Enoteca
23 Lemon Avenue
November 4, 4:30-6:30 pm**

Make your check **payable to FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF SARASOTA** by October 15, 2016
\$25 per person



First course appetizer selection

Soup de jour
Spring Mix Salad – fresh tomatoes, balsamic dressing
Caesar Salad – Romaine lettuce, parmigiana Reggiano, seasoned croutons, traditional Caesar dressing

Entrée course selections

Write your name next to your entree selection and include page with payment

#1 Chicken Canciofi _____
Breast topped with prosciutto, mozzarella, artichokes, lemon capers & white wine

#2 Grilled Atlantic Salmon _____
Florida orange blossom honey and citrus glaze

#3 Agnolotti _____
Pasta filled with ricotta cheese & spinach in a light cream

Dessert course selections

Tiramisu (lady fingers w/espresso, vanilla, mascarpone cheese and coffee liquor)
Cannoli (traditional fresh ricotta cheese w/chocolate chips and fresh orange zest)
Italian Sorbet or ice cream selection

Your check is your reservation

Guests will pay their own bar tabs
And will be seated in the **private dining room at 4:30pm**

Cornwall Farewell Dinner



WATERFRONTOO

2205 North Tamiami Trail
Nokomis, Florida 34275

THURSDAY, November 10th

Check \$35.00, made payable to Friendship Force Sarasota
due by Thursday, November 3rd
Your check is your reservation

4-5:00 pm cocktails

mix/mingle - servers will take drink requests
(includes one glass of house wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage)

5:00 pm dinner service will begin

House salad with choice of dressing

Entrée Selections includes choice of one side –
potato, sweet potato, French fries, vegetable or rice
write your name next to entrée choice and include page with payment

#1 Slow Roasted Prime Rib _____

#2 Wild Atlantic Salmon _____

#3 Coconut Shrimp (house specialty) _____

#4 Chicken Teriyaki _____

Dessert Choice:

Bourbon Pecan Pie
Florida Key Lime Pie
Seven-Layer Chocolate Fudge Cake

FF SARASOTA HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY



Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club
4800 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota, 34241

Thursday, December 15th
Specially Created Holiday Menu

5:00pm Drinks in dining room
6:00pm Special holiday dinner entertainment

*Check for \$35.00 (includes sales tax and gratuity)
payable to Barbara Hahn confirms your reservation*
Be sure to note your main entrée choice on memo line of check
(Mail to: 5581 Axminster Drive, Sarasota 34241)

Holiday Menu

Includes glass of draft beer or house wine

Heritage Oaks House Salad

Fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, golden raisins, walnuts,
crumbled blue cheese & citrus dressing

CHOICE OF ENTREE:

Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin

Honey Bourbon Jus

Pan Seared Mahi Mahi

Grilled Pineapple Mango Salsa

Pan Seared Flat Iron Steak

Wild Mushroom Sauce

Vegetable: Buttermilk whipped potatoes & buttered broccoli

Dessert: Vanilla Bean Crème Brule

Whipped cream and fresh berries

Fresh rolls and butter, coffee and tea

DIRECTIONS

Bee Ridge Road east to Bee Ridge Extension. Turn right (south).
Entrance to Heritage Oaks Country Club will be on your right side.

Clark Road (SR 72) east to Bee Ridge Extension. Turn left (north).
Heritage Oaks Country Club entrance will be on your left side.