

April, 2011

FRIENDS CONNECTION

There will be no formal *Friends Connection* for the month of April, as your President, web administrator, and Editor and 15 others will all be on the Exchange to São Paulo and São Carlos in Brazil from March 23 to April 12. We will have a grand report for you when we return!

In the meantime, remember to contact Babe Baptist at the meeting or at 966-8502 to get your tickets for the Booker HS play, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" on Wednesday, May 4th at 7PM. Tickets are \$10. Don't forget the 'fine dining' before the play at the HobNob Drive-in at the corner of 301 and 17th St. in Sarasota at 5:30.

We have one new member to welcome! She is a retired travel agency owner.

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We offer a big thank you to Debbie Boyd who has graciously accepted the Board position of Secretary for 2011.

Here is a Heads Up for the June meeting on June 2. **The International Dinner** will once again be held at the Fire Station. Be sure to attend! More info later.

The next general meeting will be on April 7th at 7PM at the Waldemere Fire Station.

Our very versatile Vice President, Katy Goodwin, will be presiding. The guest speaker will be Jim Malachowski showing photos and talking about his two recent trips to Egypt. Jim and Doro were members of our club in 2008-09 and served on the Social Committee. Jim hails from Cumberland, Maryland and has been a resident of Sarasota since 1978. He has a BS in Political Science from Frostburg University.

Jim was a full time professional wedding and portrait photographer for many years. After shooting weddings in such places as Athens, Greece, and on a pirate ship in the Cayman Islands, he has turned to travel and landscape photography. His favorite destination is Egypt, having been there twice in the last three years and narrowly missing the recent political turmoil. He will be sharing some of the highlights of his Egyptian trips with us - don't miss it!!

Next Board meeting will be April 25 at 7PM at Katy Goodwin's.

There will be no general meeting in May.