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**Friendship Force of Sarasota**  
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**Presidents' Message**

The holiday season is almost here, and a new and exciting year is ahead for our club. A change in leadership brings new ideas and enthusiasm. Couple that with interesting exchanges planned for 2012 and we can expect to make many new friends from around the world.

It takes all of us to make an exchange successful, so please respond positively when asked to help. You won't be sorry.

Jack and Linda



**Calendar of Events\*\*more info inside\*\***

October 28-29

All Florida Conference\*\*\*

November 3

General Meeting at Waldemere Fire Station 7 pm\*\*\*

November 6-11

Inbound Morganton, NC Exchange\*\*\*

November 21

Board Meeting at Barbara and Wayne Peterson's 7pm

December 1

Holiday Party at Stoneybrook Country Club\*\*\*

Program for November meeting

**Mike Trautman** will share some of his thoughts about the International Conference last August in Hamburg. There will also be reports from some of our current projects.



**Look What's Happening!**

**Art and Marty Swenson** had an unwelcome ending to their recent cruise with a stay in a Boston hospital for Art. Marty sent following remarks – "Thank you to all our friends in Friendship Force who have kept Art in their prayers, sent cards, etc. He is now in rehab at Healthsouth and progressing. We praise God for His mercies to us, having us in the best place, Tufts Medical center in Boston, for Art to be treated. What a joy for me to be back in our home with our poodle, Molly. We're looking forward to being with our friends at the NC November exchange."

- Please welcome **Estela MacLean**, 4017 Via Mirada, SRQ 34238, 941-923-3596, Email: [cardeest@verizon.net](mailto:cardeest@verizon.net) Estela heard about us from Helga and speaks Spanish and French.

The nominating committee would like to submit the following slate of officers for the 2011-2012 year:

President - Judi Stratton  
Vice President – Gloria Grenier

Secretary - Debbie Boyd  
Treasurer - Bob Joyce

These members will be elected at the Annual Meeting held in December. At that time further nominations may be made with the consent of the nominees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katy Goodwin, Ch.

Members: Ramona McGee, Wayne Peterson, Don Nicholson

## **Exchanges**

### **Inbound**

#### Morganton, North Carolina -- November 6-11

There will be a meeting of all hosts, day hosts and committee members and any other interested parties at 6pm on Thurs Nov. 3 right before the general meeting at the firehouse. The bags and booklets will be handed out. We will make sure everyone has a day host when needed and any last minute questions can be discussed. If anyone has tickets for any of the activities that we can use please let me know. Remember that you will have to be present at the start of that activity to get the guests in.  
Gary Anderson, ED

#### Bogotá, Columbia - May 19 – 26, 2012

The Bogotá exchange scheduled for next May 2012 is progressing nicely. We are almost ready to look for committee chairpersons and those who wish to be involved in this exciting exchange. Please be thinking of how you would like to participate in making this the best exchange that Bogotá has had.  
Bonnie Frey and Reeta Dean, Co-EDs

### **Outbound**

#### Tirana, Albania – September 2012

Helga Ponischil is the ED and is working on additional excursions to complete this exchange.

#### ALL-FLORIDA FRIENDSHIP FORCE CONFERENCE --- October 28-29, 2011

The dates are fast approaching for the All-Florida Conference that our club is hosting. We will have representatives from all 6 Florida Friendship Force clubs. There is room for a few more for the conference itself on Saturday, October 29 but it's too late to order lunch or attend the dinner at the Polo Grill. If you wish to be added to the list of registrants for Saturday only, please call or email me. It promises to be a great day.

Gloria Grenier, Conference Chair

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**Activities for Morganton Exchange - Nov. 6-10**

**Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcome at Pinebrook Clubhouse**

1343 Featherbed Lane in Venice  
6 – 6:45 pm Social Hour - BYOB  
6:45 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Entertainment – Mystery play by Charlotte Players

**Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Myakka State Park**

10:00 am Meet at the birdwalk with guide  
11:30 am boat trip  
1:00 pm picnic lunch provided by host

**Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Ringling Museum**

9:30 am Meet at the visitor's center  
10:00 am Docent tour of art gallery  
Docent also available at Circus Museum  
See Ca'd Zan and the Tibbals Miniature Circus Museum  
Lunch is on your own

**Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Mote Marine**

10:00 am Lunch is on your own

**Thursday, the 10<sup>th</sup>**

Free Day

5:00 pm

**Farewell Dinner**

Troyer's Dutch Heritage Restaurant  
3713 Bahia Vista St. Sarasota

Directions: Pinebrook Clubhouse, 1348 Feather Bed Lane, Venice ,FL 34285

South on I-75 to Exit 195, West on Laurel Rd/ left on Pinebrook Rd , about 1.8 miles  
/Right at Pinebrook Way-3d right, onto Feather Bed Lane take a right. Clubhouse is on  
right. (Google if unsure)

**Yes! Sign me up!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

November 6 Welcome Party \$16 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

November 10 Farewell Party \$16x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check out to Wayne Peterson and mail to Wayne at 4427 Opal Court, Sarasota 34233**

# Celebrate the Holidays!

Where? Stoneybrook Country Club, 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd. Sarasota

When? Thursday, December 1st, 5:30pm cocktail hour, 6:30 dinner

What's the Menu? Stuffed Chicken breast or  
Sautéed salmon with burre Blanc sauce  
\$25 (\$33 non-members)

The price includes tax and tip and all dinners will come with salad,  
Chef-selected sides, rolls, butter, coffee, tea, iced tea, and Chef's dessert.  
There will be a full cash bar with appetizers.

What's Happening? A gift exchange continues this year!  
If you wish to participate, bring 1 wrapped gift (\$10) per couple or single.  
Of course, only people bringing a gift will participate.  
and/or

You may choose to donate an unwrapped item for Resurrection House.  
Preferably underwear, socks, towels – male or female.

Who? The grapevine is saying that Santa's jolly elf will definitely be there!

How Do I Sign Up? Simply fill out the reservation below with your check.



Happy Holidays to All!



Annual Holiday Party – December 1st 5:30pm cocktails/6:30pm dinner			
<u>Please indicate your choice of entree</u>			
Chicken	\$25x _____ = \$ _____	Guest \$33x _____ = \$ _____	
Salmon	\$25x _____ = \$ _____	Guest \$33x _____ = \$ _____	
	Total amount enclosed	\$ _____	
Name(s) _____		Ph # _____	
Please make check out to and mail to Wayne Peterson, 4427 Opal Ct. Sarasota 34233 The deadline for reserving is November 25. As always, your check is your reservation.			

There will be a short meeting presided over by our outgoing Prez, Jack Vendeland, during  
which we will vote on our new slate of officers for 2012

Please renew your FF Membership for 2012 by filling out this form as soon as possible!

All dues run from January to December and need to be paid for the coming year by **December 31, 2011**. We try to put our Membership Directory out by the first of the year so it is important for you to **renew now**. Please send the following form, one per household, with your check. **Please update with current information and indicate if it is new.** Thank you.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$ 20 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Name Badge \$ 11 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail with check made out to FF of Sarasota to Wayne Peterson, 4427 Opal Ct. SRQ 34233

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