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Presidents Message

GETTING READY for the LAZY DAYS of SUMMER



Our meeting on Thursday, June 2nd will be our last meeting till the fall – September 1st to be exact. It doesn't seem possible that as I sit here writing this that we are ready to begin our "summer break". The old saying that, "time flies faster the older we get", certainly is being proven day-by-day.

The brief discussion and positive response from the last meeting about doing more social and informal gatherings during our "break" brought quite a few positive responses. I've been busy doing some investigative work and will have some proposals for your review prior to our meeting at the table.

Arrangements have been made for our **Summer Happening** and information is provided here in the newsletter. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for this activity along with extra copies of the information.

Jeannetta Mouncey has graciously volunteered to lead a **book club** during the summer. The book she is proposing is, "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracy Kidder. Jeannetta is looking to start the club the second or third week of June, possibly **June 10th or 17th until July 22nd or 29th**. Jeannetta will expand on this proposed book club at our meeting and there will be a sign-up sheet for this too.

In **July**, what about getting together, informally, for pizza? There is a Winery and Pizza on Clark Road, Goodfellas Café' and Winery. I was looking at **Thursday, July 7th** as a possibility. Will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for anyone who may like to gather here.

August – what about a **pot-luck at someone's home**? We could contribute \$5 to the host or hostess to offset the main course and then those who attend can bring salads, vegetables, wine, dessert, etc. Will have a sign-up sheet for this also at the meeting to see who would be interested in this idea.

So you can see, we've been busy since our last meeting getting various ideas put in-place for our summer break. Looking forward to seeing you on June 2nd

Barb

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

Mark Your Calendars

May 23, Mon	Film Talk	Dot Flynn
May 25, Wed	Board Meeting	7 pm, Camelot East Clubhouse – Social Room
Jun 2, Thurs	Regular Meeting, Waldemere Fire Station	7 pm (last mtg until 9/1/2016)
Jun 27, Mon	Film Talk	English in Thailand-Jeanetta Mouncey Dot Flynn
July	No Regularly Scheduled Meeting	
July 14, Thurs	Summer Happening, Sarasota Nat Cemetery Followed by lunch at Millie's Restaurant	Sign-up sheet, 10-11:30a Docent led
Jul 25, Mon	Film Talk	Dot Flynn
August	No Regularly Scheduled Meeting	
Aug 22, Mon	Film Talk	Dot Flynn
Aug 24, Wed	Board Meeting	7 pm, Camelot East Clubhouse – Social Room
Sept 1, Thurs	Regular Meeting, Waldemere Fire Station	7 pm, SRQ Art Alliance (prep for Global Arts Exchange, March 2017?)
Sept 15-18	FFI World Conference	Marrakesh, Morocco
Sept 26, Mon	Film Talk	Dot Flynn
Sept 28, Wed	Board Meeting	7 pm, Camelot East Clubhouse – Social Room
Oct 6, Thurs	Regular Meeting, Waldemere Fire Station	7 pm Annual Meeting, Elections Tentative: SRQ Architectural Foundation, <i>SRQ School of Architecture</i> Donna Schaeffer, ED
Oct 10-15	Outbound-Western NC (Asheville)	
Oct 17, Mon	Wine Group II	
Oct 20, Thurs	Wine Group 1	
Oct 21-22	All Florida Conference, FF Suncoast	Tampa/St Pete
Oct 24, Mon	Film Talk	Dot Flynn
Oct 26, Wed	Board Meeting	7 pm, Camelot East Clubhouse – Social Room
Nov 3, Thurs	Regular Meeting, Waldemere Fire Station	7 pm, FF Greater Taipei/China Exchange Ramona McGee, ED
Nov 4-11	Inbound, Cornwall England	
Nov 16, Wed	Board Meeting	7 pm, Camelot East Clubhouse – Social Room
Nov 17, Thurs	Wine Group I	
Nov 21, Mon	Wine Group II	
Nov 24, Thurs	Thanksgiving	Enjoy
Nov 28, Mon	Film Talk	Dot Flynn
Dec 15, Thurs	Holiday Dinner Party	
Dec 15, Thurs	Wine Group I	
Dec 19, Mon	Wine Group II	
Dec 28, Wed	Board Meeting	7 pm, Camelot East Clubhouse – Social Room

Upcoming Meetings

Our presenter for the **June 2nd meeting** will be fellow FF member Jeannetta Mouncey discussing her experiences, "Volunteering teaching English in Rural Thailand". We look forward to hearing the challenges, rewards and experiences while in Thailand.

In November, we'll hear all about the outbound exchange to FF Greater Taipei. This was an amazing experience.

Committee Reports

Membership- To those of you who are willing to reach out to others who may be interested in Friendship Force, we have brochures and business cards that you may find helpful. You can pick these up at our membership table. Of course, our Friendship Force Sarasota website is also a great resource. We have a new Friendship Force Question and Answer (Q&A) pamphlet.

Another special thanks to the members of our **Membership Committee: Joan Emrich, Gail Gardner and Karen LaChance**. These people serve as greeters for our visitors...to make them feel welcome and answer any questions they may have about Friendship Force. If you are interested in serving in this important capacity for our group, please let me know. You don't need to be able to attend all of our meetings, just as many as you can. Most of us will need to miss a meeting from time-to-time due to travel, illness, etc. However, if we have 4-6 committee members, we should be able to have good coverage at each meeting and this should not be a burden on any one person.

Meet our Members – Peggy has restarted a *Meet our Members* column. 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.

Kathy and Warren Gregg joined Friendship Force (FF) this year as a result of encouragement from FF members, Curt and Toni Feldman. They are interested in meeting like-minded people who love to travel in their new town. They retired here from Rochester, NY in 2015, having snow-birded here in 2012-14. They love living here - the community, weather, entertaining--and retirement. They are newlyweds as of 2015. They met while working for the same NY school district, Kathy as a Spanish teacher and Warren as a PE teacher and coach of basketball and soccer (championship teams). Kathy enjoys Spanish and gardening. Warren, an avid baseball fan, attends spring training of both the Orioles and the Pirates. They are looking forward to making new friends in our club and being involved in our various social activities as well as outbound and inbound exchanges.

Peggy Hayden met **Gail Gardner** at a neighbor's party. They both live in LakeRidge Falls in Sarasota as does FF member Gloria Grenier. Peggy started to tell Gail about FF and Gail explained that she had been a member of FF since the early 2000s...in Memphis, TN. This small club (around 45 members) had some outbound exchanges and particularly many inbound exchanges of people internationally who wanted to visit the home of Elvis Presley and experience the blues and the Mississippi River culture. Unlike our FF club, this club's practice was to generally meet every 2 months over potluck dinners with occasional speakers – the emphasis on promoting friendship among the members. Due to their small size, they did not have special social activities like our movie group and our wine tasting group that Gail has attended as hopes to be able to join. She is impressed with our large and active group and has already recruited another new member (Judy Herman). For Gail, traveling has not only been a past-time, it was a key part of her career with the Department of State where she served in various capacities including consulate affairs officer, recruiter, HR work, diplomatic courier, and staff on support trips, She has lived in the Marshall Islands, Germany (both Frankfurt and Oberammergau), South Africa, Botswana, Ft. Lauderdale (covering central America and the Caribbean), and DC. In the latter part of her career, she accepted positions for short tours of 2-3 months to places all over the world. In addition to travel, she enjoys the theater, ballet, the arts, reading, and swimming. She still travels a lot for leisure, but when she is in Sarasota, she will be looking forward to being involved in our club's social activities and inbound exchanges.

Peggy Hayden, Membership Chair, hayden.peg@gmail.com, 941-306-5197

Database and Directory – Thanks to Margaret Lewis for updating, organizing, printing and mailing the 2016 Membership directory. Kudos. If you have any updates including phone, email or address changes please send to **Margaret at mmlewis@comcast.net**. An updated directory is attached to the email with new members and members with updates **highlighted**.

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.





NEWS FROM THE WEB

Please email your travel and group photos to **Donna Schaeffer** at rdontrip@hotmail.com.

<http://www.friendshipforcesarasotaflorida.org/sarasota.htm>

<https://www.facebook.com/Friendship-Force-of-Sarasota> Check out photos of our FF Greater Taipei exchange and tour of China on the web site and FB page.

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 at

<https://www.facebook.com/Friendship-Force-of-Sarasota>



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WINE TASTING GROUPS (FF members only)



Our combined wine groups get-together was held on May 4 at Reeta Dean's community club house. There were around 22 members in attendance. Each member brought an appetizer or dessert and their favorite beverage.



During the evening Stan Holsinger ran a slide show of photos taken during the recent outbound exchange to FF Greater Taipei, Taiwan and China tour. Bob Joyce shared his videos of Cambodia and Taiwan.

After dinner, we celebrated Nancy and Dick Rehbock's 58th Wedding Anniversary with a toast and a few words from Jack Vendeland as to how

Nancy and Dick have remained married for so many years.

At the end of the evening everyone sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth" accompanied by Nancy Rehbock on the piano. A fitting end to a great evening.

The wine tastings will resume in October. Have a great summer! 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!** Burns Court Cinema has two possibilities and Dot would like to give people a choice of movies on Monday, May 23, 4:45 or 5pm.



- a. "**Meddler**" - a comedy starring Rose Byrne and Susan Sarandon, 5 pm OR
- b. "**Viva**" a drama set in Cuba, subtitles - a clash between father and son, 4:45 pm

Discussion to follow - probably at PF Chang's for a light supper or libation. Hope to see you there, Dot Flynn, (407) 747-5251

MARK your calendars for Mon, May 23rd! **Dot Flynn, dafsarasota@comcast.net**

2016 Florida Exchanges

FFI has approved Sarasota's request for a Take 2 version of *Experience the Arts of Greater Sarasota, FL, USA* for the arts season 2017. Depending on the arts calendar of events, this exchange will be scheduled for sometime in January, February, March or April, and hopefully will maximize ambassadors' arts experience here. Response to our club's 1st version of this global exchange in 2014 was overwhelmingly positive, and we will strive to at least duplicate that effect. Ramona McGee has agreed to serve as exchange treasurer. Gloria Grenier is working on compiling a Sarasota arts calendar to facilitate our planning. If you would like to be involved in planning and organizing this global inbound exchange, please contact ED Judi Stratton.

If you're looking for an opportunity to travel with other Florida clubs, below are the upcoming exchanges.

☀	Helsingborg, Sweden to Orlando	Sept 12-19, 2016
☀	Derbyshire UK to OLLI at FSU	Sept 12 -? 2016
☀	Orlando to Reinhausen & Hamburg, Germany	Sept 23/24 - Oct 8/9, 2016
☀	D Sarasota to Western North Carolina	2 nd week of Oct 2016
☀	FL Suncoast to Coatepec, Mexico	Nov 7 - 13, 2016
☀	Cornwall UK to Sarasota	Nov 4-11, 2016
☀	All FL Conference @ FL Suncoast	Oct 21-22, 2016 (2-day event)
☀	Bujumbura & All Africa to SW FL	Dec 2016
☀	D FL Suncoast to Harrisburg PA	TBD

D = Domestic exchange

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

FF SRQ Exchanges - Inbound

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

We are looking forward to Ambassadors from Cornwall, England visiting us in November. As you know, this is an opportunity to be involved in an International Experience and no language barrier. Cornwall is located in the far southwestern corner of England and is an area of many beautiful gardens and wild coastal areas.

We still have some openings for people to help with the exchange as home hosts, day hosts and dinner parties. If you are interested in helping with the exchange, please contact me via e-mail or at our meeting on June 2nd.

Thank you to all who have stepped forward and volunteered to help make our Ambassadors most welcome!
Ramona McGee, ED, RMcGee0806@comcast.net, 941-378-2094

FF SRQ Exchanges – Outbound

FFI World Conference 2016 Update! Welcome to Marrakesh! FFI World Conference: September 16 to 19, 2016



To register click here: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com//ehome/150979> Please contact Barb Hahn if you're thinking about attending.

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

This exchange is full; look for an email with the activity schedule and related costs. If you signed up and did not get an email, contact Donna.

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**April 7-27, 2016, Outbound Exchange to Greater Taipei, Taiwan
EDs Terri Holsinger and Reeta Dean**



Our group of 18 had a wonderful tour of the greatest sites of China. We experienced an amazing week with the FF Club of Greater Taipei, even while most of us had colds and bronchitis. 2 ambassadors had to see doctors. We have many memories and new friends to remind us of how fun and important these exchanges are. We'll have lots to share at the November meeting.

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FF Greater Taipei Farewell Party

Gary Kuhns decided that to be a member of FF GT you had to have a musical talent. They were amazing. We believe they changed costumes 3 times at the Farewell Party!