



# Friends Connection

## Friendship Force of Sarasota



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### Presidents Message

IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

We've all heard this proverb at one time or another. The saying relays that it takes a community to raise a child to a healthy adult and happens when the entire community takes an active role in contributing to the rearing of the child.

I look at our Friendship Force Sarasota Club as our project. We have been around 28 years and have gone through more and less growth. It is up to each of us, to contribute in some small way toward our club's continued success. We are so very fortunate to have many new members who have volunteered. I congratulate and thank each of you for sharing your experiences, prior work knowledge and your exciting willingness to participate.

Soon, our nominating committee will meet to begin discussions for the 2018 officers. This is the last year for your board members term of service. The nominating committee has been assembled and will more than likely begin contacting members to participate in our club next year. The four offices are president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary.

I am a fairly new member to our club. I joined in January 2014. In August, an email was sent out that a vice-president was needed for 2015. I volunteered and it was a wonderful experience for me. Then, I was asked about stepping into the presidency, which I have held for these past two years (as did our other officers commit to a 2-year term). My goal during these two years was to encourage activities that are more social for our members so that we would get to know one another better and not just come to a meeting, hear the program and leave. I want each of us to "know" who we are sitting next to at the meeting, meet at the potluck supper, work with on an inbound/outbound journey committee and look forward to our meetings.

I have, personally and thoroughly, enjoyed my experience and I can only encourage you that if you may be contacted by the nominating committee for an office in Friendship Force Sarasota to please give it serious consideration – because "It Takes a Village" for our Club to continue and to grow and prosper.

Thank you, Barb

### Mark Your Calendars

May 11 Thur	Regular Meeting 7 p, <b>NEW DATE</b> Waldemere Fire Station
May 24, Wed	Board Meeting, 7 p, Camelot East Clubhouse, Social Rm
Jun 1, Thurs	Regular Meeting 7 p Waldemere Fire Station, last until 9/2017
Jun 19, Mon	Film Talk, Dot Flynn
Jul 17, Mon	Film Talk, Dot Flynn
Aug 19, Thur	2nd Annual potluck supper Camelot East Clubhouse
Aug 21, Mon	Film Talk, Dot Flynn
Aug 23, Wed	Board Meeting, 7 p, Camelot East Clubhouse, Social Rm
Aug 24, 1989	1st mtg of FF SRQ
Aug 25-28	Global Conference, Manchester UK
Aug 30-Sept 6	Outbound to Isle of Wight, UK ED Marie Beck
Sept 6-13	Outbound to Cornwall, UK ED Marie Beck
Sept 7, Thur	Regular Meeting 7 p Waldemere Fire Station
Sept 18, Mon	Film Talk, Dot Flynn
Sept 27, Wed	Board Meeting, 7 p, Camelot East Clubhouse, Social Rm
Oct 5, Thurs	Annual Meeting, 7 p Waldemere Fire Station
Oct 16, Mon	Film Talk, Dot Flynn
Oct 17, Tues	Wine Group II
Oct 19-26	Inbound from New Zealand
Oct 19, Thurs	Wine Group I
Oct 24, Tues	Wine Group III
Oct 25, Wed	Board Meeting, 7 p, Camelot East Clubhouse, Social Rm

Nov 2, Thurs	Regular Meeting 7 p Waldemere Fire Station
Nov 8, Wed	Board Meeting, 7 p, Camelot East Clubhouse, Social Rm
Nov 16, Thur	Wine Group I
Nov 20, Mon	Film Talk, Dot Flynn
Nov 21, Tue	Wine Group II
Nov 23, Thurs	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 28, Tue	Wine Group III
Dec 13, Wed	Board Meeting, 7 p, Camelot East Clubhouse, Social Rm
Dec 14, Wed	Holiday Dinner Party-no general mtg, Heritage Oaks
Dec 18, Mon	Film Talk, Dot Flynn
Dec 19, Tue	Wine Group II
Dec 21, Thur	Wine Group I
Dec 25, Mon	Christmas Day
Dec 26, Tue	Wine Group III

Please **NOTE**: The May meeting is re-scheduled to Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

**Patda DeLaTorre has scheduled another terrific presenter:**

**May 11<sup>th</sup>, Jeanne Corcoran, Director of the Sarasota County Film & Entertainment Office** will discuss efforts to bring movie and entertainment producers to Sarasota. Mission: diversify and enrich Sarasota County's economic development by attracting and serving motion pictures, television, commercials, music, still photography and all other forms of media production, while promoting and serving the people, locations, products, services, businesses and other assets throughout Sarasota County, thereby enhancing tourism, prosperity and quality of life throughout our 570-square mile region.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>, Jana Overstreet, Director, Ringling College Lifelong Learning Academy (RCLLA)**

**FF SRQ received a letter from FFI CEO Jeremi Snook.** In it, he thanked our club for our gift of \$500 for supporting the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign. Jeremi stated: "We are honored by your philanthropic endorsement and belief and investment in the future of the organization. Your support will enable FFI to adapt to our ever-changing world and deliver our mission of global peace across the generations". Your generosity today will help to shape the future of our organization for years to come.

In friendship, Jeremi Snook, CEO, Friendship Force Intl

## Committee Reports

**Nominating Committee:** Katy Goodwin chair, Margaret Mills, past president, Joan Emrich, Leaf Wanless and Madri Wilson, members. Thanks to this team for volunteering. You may be hearing from them.

**Membership- Peggy Hayden** - We continue to be a club *on the grow*. It is exciting to see so many new and interesting people joining our group of avid travelers who want to share authentic cultural experiences and promote our organization's mission of international friendship and understanding. At our next meeting, be share to reach out to people whom you do not already know. Getting to know each other better will be strengthen our club and be a bonus for each of us.

**Peggy Hayden at 941-306-5197 or hayden.peg@gmail.com.**

## Meet Our Members

**Judy Brown** (2017) learned about FF from Marie Beck. She was interested in joining, because she has always enjoyed traveling and likes the mission of our group. Our destinations and inbound ambassadors offer unique cultural learning experiences – not your typical travel.

She has a degree in accounting and an MBA. Her career was as an accountant in the insurance industry in New Jersey. Although she only moved to Sarasota recently, she had earlier retired to Stuart, FL. Moreover, she had deep roots in Sarasota, given her grandparents retired here in 1965 and her parents later retired here also. She has a sister and nephew in the area.

She is the oldest of 6 children and is the family historian. She has done extensive research using the public library, Ancestry.com, the Mormon Church and linking to relatives near and distant to gather information. A special resource was her grandmother's trunk of photos. Her efforts have resulted in tracing her family roots to Scotland, Great Britain, and Germany – as far back as the 12<sup>th</sup> century. She made up a booklet with family tree, photos, etc. She has combined her love of travel and family history research into visits to the British Isles, Germany and Austria and she will visit Scotland this summer with her brother. **She is happy to share her family research learnings with other FF members who have a similar interest.** Her other interests include antiquing, reading, and movies.

She is looking forward to being involved with our group including traveling on outbound journeys and home hosting and participating on the committee coordinating inbound journeys. She has already signed up to be on the waiting list for the Isle of Wight/Cornwall journey this year. She is "diving right in".

**Claire Flannery** (2017), who learned about FF from Terri Holsinger, was interested in joining our group because she loves to travel and to have friends who share her interest. She has visited 98 countries to date and hopes to make her goal of 100 this year. This will enable her to become a member of the Traveler's Century Club which is a social organization representing world travelers who have visited 100 or more of the world's countries and territories (another new member, Susan Bailey, has visited 159 countries and is already a member of TCC).

Claire is originally from Boston but has lived the past 19 years in California, first in Los Angeles and then in Palm Desert. After her husband's death, she decided to relocate back to the East Coast and moved to Sarasota four months ago. Her career was with The Boston Globe in various roles on the business side. She worked for The Globe for 30+ years, first in Boston and then in CA until she retired. She is enjoying her retirement with interests in quilting, reading, decorating (she is remodeling her new home), gardening and, of course, traveling. She volunteers at FL Studio Theatre and is a member of Singles on the Go, Friendship Knot Quilters, Asolo Theater Guild, Selby Gardens and New Sarasotans.

Claire is looking forward to getting involved in FF by taking part in both our outbound and inbound journeys, participating in the journey coordinating committee and serving as a home host, day host and/or dinner host. She is also interested in our wine groups and our other social activities. She'll be at our May 11 meeting...so be sure to say hello.

**Claudia Posniakoff** (2017) learned about FF from our members, Frank Hearon (whom she knew through the Sailing Squadron) and John Kestly (whom she knew from the Discover Sarasota meetup group). She was interested in joining FF given her love of travel and wanting to do so with a group and her desire to meet like-minded people. Her travels have taken her to Europe and Mexico. She particularly enjoyed her visit to Holland, because it was the birthplace of her mother. She also visited Barcelona in conjunction with a Mediterranean cruise. She has made several trips to Mexico on which she enjoyed exploring and outdoor sports including mountaineering and rock climbing.

She is originally from San Francisco but spent most of her adult life in the Chicago area. Her career was mostly in creative/artistic jobs such as floral design, photo correction and antiques (being a dealer and restorer). She still does a little work with antiques since retiring 4 years ago to Sarasota. She says that Sarasota is a great place to find antiques. She has also worked as a travel agent. In addition to her creative interests and love of travel, she enjoys sports including time on her sail boat and kayak.

She is looking forward to getting actively involved in FF. She has already volunteered to home host during the New Zealand exchange and has signed up to join one of our wine groups.

**Film Talk** now meets at **Burns Court Cinema on the 3rd Mon of each month** about 2 pm. **There will be NO film talk in May**



Hope to see you there. We send a note to our membership each month a few days ahead with the movie details. **WE NEED YOU!**

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

**Database and Directory** – Thank **Margaret Lewis** for her continued work on updating our database and directory. Updated directory is attached to email



Email or call Margaret if there are any corrections or updates. [mmlewis@comcast.net](mailto:mmlewis@comcast.net) or (941) 378-3553.

**Explore the new Friendship Force Intl (FFI) website** [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org). **Matthew Nidek, Director of Operations**, encourages everyone to receive the quarterly newsletter, monthly catalogue of exchanges and leadership news. Click on this form: **FFI Email Subscription Form** We promise this is a secure link with no spam or viruses. You can choose what information you would like to receive. Subscribers will then receive a link in email to click and confirm. You can access a **current list of all clubs worldwide** by clicking [here](#) or see a complete list at: **2017 Journeys**. There are 354 clubs worldwide. The link opens a PDF file that you can save to your tablet/computer.

## Social

### A LOOK AHEAD

Mark your calendars: our Potluck Dinner will be August 19 and the Holiday Dinner Party will be at Heritage Oaks on December 14. Details to follow.

## NEWS FROM THE WEB and NEWSLETTER

We're trying a different newsletter format. Let us know what you think; is it more readable? Suggestions!



The new FFI 2017 video is on both Facebook and our web site. Check them out. Email your stories, documents and photos for **posting on Facebook and the club website and newsletter**.

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

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## WINE TASTING GROUPS (members only)

**Group 1** enjoyed tasting a variety of red blends from Spain,

Washington, and California. The winner was Menage a Trois from California which cost \$7.99. After the tasting, the group enjoyed the appetizers they had brought to share. This was their final tasting of the season.

**Group 2** tasted Riesling wines from France, Austria, Germany, Italy, Romania and Washington. Their #1 rated wine was Dr. Heidermanns from Germany which cost \$10.99. After the tasting, they enjoyed the tasty appetizers they brought. This was their final tasting of the season.

**Group 3** tasted Malbec wines from France and Argentina. Their #1 rated wine was Mascota Vyds La Mascota from Argentina which cost \$14.99. After the tasting, they enjoyed appetizers they brought. This was their final tasting of the season.

The **Combined Wine Groups' Get-together** will be on May 1 at Reeta Dean's clubhouse at 6 pm.

The wine tastings will resume in October.

To join, contact Linda & Jack Vendeland ([linvende@aol.com](mailto:linvende@aol.com)) or (941) 342-6278

## FF SRQ Journeys

**We received our assignments from FFI for 2018.**

As your Journey Coordinator, I responded positively to each club involved and am waiting for responses.

Our possibilities are:

1. March or April we would **host Florianópolis, Brazil** with FF Houston.
2. In November, we were given **Rostov-on-Don Russia** plus possibly 2 other clubs from the area. This would be with Orlando.
3. For **outbound Journeys**, we have been given **Xalapa and Mundo Maya do Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico** in Feb. Again, we are waiting for their response.
4. For our Domestic Journey (within our own country) we will be going to **Connecticut**. Yes, it is a go! They would like us in early Oct, to enjoy the turning of the leaves and many other adventures. This fall we will put out a list for those interested and also be looking for a Journey Coordinator. We will be looking for Coordinators for the other Journeys as well as more information as it becomes available.

**Journeys for 2017.** These Journeys are well under way.

1. **Outbound**, ED Marie Beck and Treasurer Terri Holsinger are well into the planning and final touches for the Journey to Isle of Wight and Cornwall England, August-30-Sept 13th.
2. **Incoming** from Wellington, New Zealand, John Kestly and his committee are getting ready. You still have time to sign up and help: home hosting, day hosting, dinner parties and other activities. Watch for more news and requests from John. This will take place Thurs Oct 19-26<sup>th</sup>. It seems like a long time from now--but will be here before we know it!

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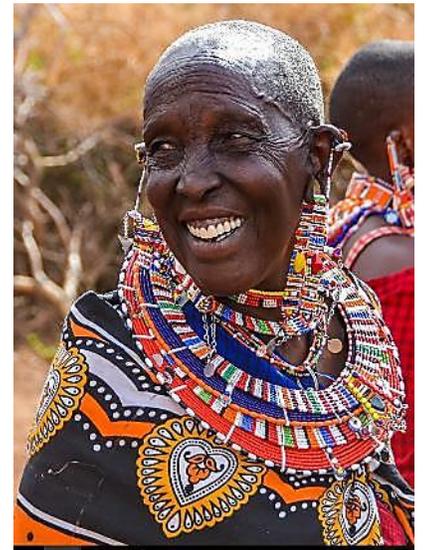
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**Wine Group III, home of Wahib & Lois Habib**



**March 15-April 13, 2017, Phill Price, Terri and Stan Holsinger traveled to FF Kitui, Kenya for 10 days on a Humanitarian Journey sponsored by FF Lincoln, NE and FF International. The journey was followed with a two-week safari into northern Tanzania. This was an amazing adventure that included the construction of a small library, bringing bags of gently used library book and donating 60 goats to an HIV Orphanage village in eastern Kenya. Photos are here. Photo of Maasai woman in village we visited.**

**Photos from Combined Wine Group End of Year Gathering, May 1, 2017 with a Cinco de Mayo Theme**

