



# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

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May 2017



## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another month flies by and the annual meeting is behind us. The tables were adorned with lovely madras fabric from our Guadeloupe journey in February. The ambassadors shared stories of their experiences following the meeting and enjoyed a photo slide show put together by ambassador, David Blado.

23 new members have joined since the end of 2015. We were originally shooting for 26 so I think we are doing very well. Dan Eggerding's recent presentation resulted in 6 potential new members that are mostly in their 50's. We had a number of guests at the annual meeting as well, so I am optimistic that we will meet our growth objectives for this year. Let's make a special effort to welcome our guests at our events.

We are in the tough phase for strategic plans. It is easy to set goals; it is far more difficult to define action steps, implement and track results. Our tendency is to constantly slip back into what we used to do. Now that the annual meeting is over and our board is set for next year, we need to focus on follow through.

Friendship Force International now includes a box at the bottom of their email so we can tell who is receiving information. We have shared our membership list and emails with FFI so when it says, "This email communication is being sent to all Friendship Force members and subscribers on our mailing list" I will not re-publish. This will avoid some duplication in communication.

Did you notice that the Legacy fund is now the annual fund. It was never a true foundation as the funds were used for annual operations. The Wayne Smith Legacy Circle is set up to accept the Planned Giving donations. I assume that we will continue to receive more information as the significant re-structuring in Atlanta continues. This is part of the effort to be more transparent.

Deadline is coming for the international conference. Is anyone going?

Thank you to Donna, Gail, Lois, Lise, Maureen, and Martha for help with the annual meeting preparation.

**Sandi Wysock**  
President

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## 2017 CLUB ACTIVITIES

**Monthly Board Meeting - Bridge Point Waunona Community Center, 1917 Lake Point Dr, third Wednesday of the month, 1:15 p.m.**

**May 5, Friday**—San Diego Journey Reservation Activity Deadline ☺ (April)

**May 6, Saturday**—L.E.O., Breakfast at Dobhan Restaurant ☺ (April)

**May 10, Wednesday**—Book Club ☺ (April)

**May 11, Thursday**—New Caledonia Host Workshop, Sequoya Library

**May 12, Friday**—Medicine Hat Ambassador Application Deadline\*

**May 19-26, Friday-Friday**—San Diego Inbound Journey \* (April)

**June 4, Sunday**—WHA Auction \*

**June 23-30, Friday-Friday**—Noumea, New Caledonia Inbound Journey \*

**June 28, Wednesday**, Annual Picnic \*

**July 17, Monday**—L.E.O. ✍

**August 8-14, Tuesday-Monday**—Medicine Hat, Canada Outbound Journey \*

**August 25-28, Saturday-Tuesday**—FFI 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary World Conference, Manchester, UK ☺ (February)

**September 8-13, Saturday-Thursday**—Open World ☺ (January)

**October 1, Sunday**—L.E.O. ✍

\* Information in this newsletter

☺ Information previously announced (Month in ☺Newsletter)

✍ Information to be announced later

*FF Combined Super Conference  
Great Lakes, Midwest, and Southwest Regions  
April 20-22, 2018  
Greater Cincinnati, OH*

# Activities

## WHA AUCTION Reminder

For those of you who signed up, our volunteer time and date is June 4, 2017 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. It includes a free dinner and an invite to the Wisconsin Public Television Volunteer Picnic in June.



It is suggested to wear a Friendship Force shirt to publicize our club. Free parking is always available on Sundays in the Grainger Hall lot across the street from Vilas Hall.

**Reta Harring, Chair,**  
**608-241-2248**

## 2017 Club Journeys

### San Diego Inbound Journey May 19-26, 2017



#### House on the Rock, Spring Green

The final meeting of hosts in preparation for the inbound San Diego Journey was held on April 20, 2017. **Day hosts are still needed for Tuesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 25, 3 each day.** The Tuesday activities include the Second Harvest Foodbank service project, House on the Rock and dinner at Quivey's Grove. The Thursday activity is Hinchley Dairy Farm and lunch.

The reservation form for all club members to participate in the week's activities was included in the April newsletter. **The deadline to return the form to Lois Schulz, journey treasurer, is Friday, May 5, 2017.**

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## New Caledonia Inbound Journey June 23-29, 2017



#### French Polynesian Dancers

The ambassadors will be here from Friday afternoon, June 23, through Thursday, June 29, 2017. So far there are 16 in their group. There is a possibility of getting four more ambassadors from other Friendship Force Clubs from around the world. We're being advertised in the Friendship Force International Catalog! We will find hosts for new ambassadors as we get them.

We have a **Home Host Workshop** scheduled for **Thursday, May 11** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sequoya Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd, Madison. At this time, home hosts will be provided with more information about hosting and our itinerary, with a few unique new activities. Planning volunteers and day hosts are also welcome.

Assigned home hosts should review their need for day hosts, and email those days to Dan Eggerding at [de\\_news@hotmail.com](mailto:de_news@hotmail.com) by May 10. If you wish to be a day host, contact Dan Eggerding also by May 10. Lucy Lasseter ([lucy.lasseter@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.lasseter@gmail.com)) is arranging the dinner hosting. Please contact her if you're interested in hosting a dinner for our ambassadors on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**The Journey Activities Reservation Form is included in this newsletter.** The week's activities include the much-anticipated day trip to Dubuque to the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, with lunch and a river tour on the paddle wheel boat, "Spirit of Dubuque," and at the farewell dinner a French Polynesian culture program with singing and dancing. Invite both family members and friends to participate in this week of fun and discovery!

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**Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada Outbound Journey  
August 8-14, 2017**



**5 Pin Bowling**

You have one final opportunity to sign-up as an ambassador for this journey. Send the ambassador application form and \$25 fee to reserve your space by **Friday, May 12, 2017** to me, Peg Hutnik, 13 Hickory Hollow Dr, Madison, WI 53705. On the form, please let me know if you plan on flying or will be driving and are looking for traveling companions.

The Medicine Hat Host Coordinator has provided the following list of some of the kinds of activities they have done in the past when they have hosted journeys: Medalta Clay Museum, Hutterite Colony tour, City Hall tour, Leisure Center tour, lawn and five-pin bowling, raising of a tee pee activity, Prairie Gleaners tour and “hands on” freeze dried vegetables demo, and Stations of the Cross tour all made by a local brick artist. The cost for the seven-day journey is estimated at approximately \$150.00. That does not include the FFI fee or travel costs.

Medicine Hat is located in the prairie lands of Alberta province, 183 miles southeast of Calgary. Anyone flying would fly into Calgary and the host club would make arrangements at your expense to be transported to Medicine Hat. If driving to Medicine Hat, it is a 20 hour trip one way.

Get a friend or two together and take a few additional days either on the front end of the journey or following the journey. Discover the treasurers of North Dakota or Montana’s Glacier National Park or explore Regina, Saskatchewan or Winnipeg, Manitoba in Canada.

Any questions, my contact information is below.

**Peg Hutnik,**  
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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Magdolna arrived in the United States in 1988 as a fresh postdoc from Hungary. She initially worked at the University of Georgia-Athens, then moved to

Wisconsin to work for UW-Madison as a scientist. She later accepted a position at a biotech company at University Research Park, and spent most of her scientific career in the field of biomedical research. Besides science, the great loves of her life are family, music, enjoying the outdoors, and traveling. She has two grown daughters, and she is actively involved in the day-to-day lives of her two grandsons. She has been a decades-long patron of Madison Opera, and Madison Symphony Orchestra, and travels to listen to music in other venues, as well. She has visited most National Parks in the US, mostly by camping and hiking, sometimes by backpacking, and wilderness kayaking. She has visited over 20 countries on 4 continents. She is also a scuba diver, with her favorite spots being in South-East Asia, Australia, and the Caribbean. She is looking forward to meeting likeminded people at Friendship Force.



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Doris is joining the Friendship Force after marrying long-time member, Richard Shropshire. Doris has lived in Monona since

1953. After raising her family, she went to work in Madison. She worked first for the federal court system and later for Social Security Administration. Doris enjoys playing bridge, Mah Jong, and church activities. She and Shrop are looking forward to traveling with Friendship Force. They have signed up for the trip to Oregon to see the total solar eclipse in August. Doris and Shrop are living at Heritage Senior Campus in Monona.

**New Caledonia Journey Activities Reservation Form  
June 23-29, 2017**

*For all FFWI-Madison members, family and friends.*

**PLEASE enter YES and number of participants or NO for FREE events.**

Indicate MENU CHOICES for FRIDAY and WEDNESDAY meals.

Form and payment due by **Friday, June 9, 2017.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Cost/Person</b>	<b># Persons</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Friday, June 23	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> , Welcome dinner, BABE's, 5614 Schroeder Rd, Madison. Cocktails (Cash Bar). All selections include freshly baked rolls, vegetable, garden salad, coffee, iced tea & water. <b>Choose one entrée:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Atlantic Cod <input type="checkbox"/> Deep Fried Atlantic Cod <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Alfredo <b>Choose one side:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Twice Baked Potato <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Potato <input type="checkbox"/> French Fries <input type="checkbox"/> Rice Pilaf <input type="checkbox"/> Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	\$23.00		
Saturday, June 24	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> , State of Wisconsin Capitol tour	Free <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Sunday, June 25	<b>3:30 p.m.</b> University of Wisconsin Campus Tour, Meet at Allen Centennial Gardens, 620 Babcock Dr, Madison	Free <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Monday, June 26	<b>10: a.m.</b> , Hinchley Dairy Farm Tour, 2844 Hwy 73, Cambridge  <b>NOON</b> Lunch, Sandwich Buffet. Meat and cheese tray with lettuce, tomatoes, butter, mayo and mustard, plus tuna fish. Served on wheat and white rolls. Includes potato salad, summer fruits, lemonade and water.  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> , Bunky's, 2425 Atwood Ave., Madison. Catered Italian Spaghetti Dinner (Upstairs) <input type="checkbox"/> Request Vegetarian Meal	\$9.00  \$11.00  \$21.00  Total \$41.00		
Tuesday, June 27	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> , National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, 350 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> st., Dubuque, IA  <b>11:30 a.m.</b> , Mississippi River Tour on the "Spirit of Dubuque" paddlewheel steamboat. Lunch included.  Afternoon free for museum and Dubuque exploration	\$13.00  \$36.00  Total \$49.00		
<b>SUB-TOTAL FRONT SIDE</b>				

**CONTINUED ON BACK SIDE**

Date	Activity	Cost/Person	# Persons	Total Cost
Wednesday, June 28	<p><b>9:15 a.m.</b>, International Crane Foundation Tour, E11376 Shady Lane Rd., Baraboo</p> <p><b>NOON</b> Lunch, Wintergreen Grille, 100 Gasser Rd., Wisconsin Dells.  <b>Choose:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Flaky Croissant Sandwich  <input type="checkbox"/> (1/2 ham and 1/2 turkey with cup of soup  <input type="checkbox"/> Chef Salad  (Lettuce, chopped turkey/ham, fresh vegetables topped with cheese/egg, served with warm roll</p> <p>Includes beverage.</p> <p><b>1:15 p.m.</b>, Upper Dells 2-hour boat tour, 107 Broadway, Wisconsin Dells</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b>, Farewell dinner, Vilas Park Zoo Shelter, 1602 Vilas Park Dr, Madison, 53715</p>	<p>\$8.00</p> <p>\$9.00</p> <p>\$23.00</p> <p>Total \$40.00</p> <p><b>Paid directly to FFWI-Madison club (Form in May newsletter)</b></p>		
<b>Sub-total Back Side</b>				
<b>Sub-total Front Side</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				

Name of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**May 2017**  
New Caledonia Journey Activities Reservation Form

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**The Friendship Force of Wisconsin**  
*Annual Summer Picnic & Farewell to New Caledonia*  
Wednesday, June 28, 2017

**Vilas Park Shelter,  
1602 Vilas Park Dr  
Madison, WI**

**5:30 PM Social Hour  
6:00 PM Dinner  
Cost: \$15.00**



**Easy directions:** Take Monroe Street to Edgewood Avenue. Continue on Edgewood Avenue toward Lake Wingra which becomes Vilas Park Drive and is one-way going east. Turn left into the parking area near the shelter. Can also Google using this address: 1602 Vilas Park Drive, Madison.

**Please: Your reservation and payment are due no later than Monday, June 19 2017.**

-----cut and return with payment



**Choice of entree:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fried Chicken Leg & Thigh**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Brat & Bun**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Brat & Chicken**

Includes cranberry wild rice salad, granny's potato salad without bacon, baked beans without bacon, fruit platters, cheese platters, small green salad and cookies for dessert. Plates, silverware and beverage will be provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ # attending x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I need a ride \_\_\_\_\_ I can provide a ride

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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