



# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

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May 2018



## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time you receive this newsletter, our elections will be over and I will be a “lame duck” president. We will begin the process of transferring knowledge to the new president who will be installed in September. She will be busy selecting committee chairs and members-at-large that will serve on the board. All of you have always been so willing to serve and help me. Please consider helping and leading wherever you can. Your help is essential to maintaining our social activities and even more important, supporting our inbound and outbound journeys.

I am writing this message before the elections because I am off to the Regional Conference in Cincinnati, OH on April 20-22. I have been asked to share our story with other leaders from the Midwest, Southwest and Great Lakes Regions. Our club is being recognized as one of the leaders in growth and in developing new ideas, events and activities. This recognition really belongs to all of you. While many clubs are struggling to make a transition to a new generations of leadership, we seem to be one of the exceptions. We have added 56 new members in the past three years. At the same time, we have lost at least 40 members primarily due to health, mobility or changes in life circumstances. In spite of these losses, we are showing growth and new vitality. During my term our Board of Directors has provided strong leadership but we have really been successful because you, our members, have been supportive and willing to help. You have worked very hard to make our journey activities interesting, you have been gracious hosts and day hosts, you drive, bake, etc., and you help support our social activities. Most importantly, you share your enthusiasm with your friends, neighbors, and even the stranger in the airport and in doing so encourage others to join us in connecting to others around the world through home hospitality. I was at a Sister City event recently and former Governor Jim Doyle mentioned his experience with the first Friendship Force exchanges. Mayor Soglin also lit up when he saw that representatives from Friendship Force were there as well. It was great to let them know that we are still here and still making a difference in our own small way, one friend at a time.

I am sure that I will return from the Super Regional Conference with many new ideas. I will share them in the next newsletter.

In friendship,

**Sandi Wysock**  
President

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## 2018 CLUB ACTIVITIES

**Monthly Board Meeting – Bridge Point Waunona Community Center, 1917 Lake Point Dr, Monona, second Wednesday of the month, 12:30 p.m. NOTE: CANCELED; TRAINING SESSION TBA ON USE OF NEW WEBSITE, ETC.**

**May 9, Wednesday**—Let’s Walk, Let’s Hike \*

**May 11, Friday**---Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up \*

**May 14, Monday**—Niagara Inbound Journey Workshop \*

**May 23, Wednesday**—Day Trip \*

**June 2, Saturday**—Let’s Walk, Let’s Hike \*

**June 3, Sunday**—Wisconsin Public Television Auction \*

**June 9-15, Saturday-Friday**—Niagara, Canada Inbound Journey\*

**June 14, Thursday**—Annual Picnic and Dance \*

**October 27-November 3, Saturday-Saturday**—Aichi Prefecture Japan Outbound Journey \*

**November 3-10, Saturday-Saturday**—Oita Prefecture, Japan Outbound Journey \*

\* Information in this newsletter

☺ Information previously announced (Month in ☺Newsletter)

✍ Information to be announced later

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## FFI NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you ever wondered why you are not receiving all of the really great announcements about global journeys or opportunities to travel with other cubs? Perhaps you are not on the FFI mailing list. Following are instructions for updating your information.

1. Go to the FFI website, <https://thefriendshipforce.org>, (any page) and scroll down to the bottom. Members can get connected by submitting their email address in the box. Click subscribe.
2. A dialogue box will come up that confirms you are subscribed.
3. Click on Manage Your Preferences.
4. You can then provide additional information about yourself and click on the type(s) of communications you wish to receive.

And, while you are at it, why not "like" the Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison's Facebook page. We are regularly posting photos and news there.

We are also beginning to use a new email communication tool. Some servers will place our communications in junk mail, so please check your junk mail, if you are not receiving our newsletter on the first of the month.

**Sandi Wysock**  
President

# Activities



*Can you spare 120 minutes to beautify America?*  
**Friday, May 11, 2018, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

As you might know, Friendship Force has adopted for many years, a mile on Hwy 12-18. Let's keep that going! Meet at exit 249 on Hwy 12-18. (Parmenter). Parking available. All supplies provided.

To volunteer text, email, or call Sarah Rankin. Pitch in. It is a "walk in the park" for a good cause.

**Sarah Rankin**  
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## WHA AUCTION VOLUNTEER



Friendship Force Wisconsin-Madison is helping with the Wisconsin Public Television auction on June 3 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. There are more than 15 jobs (besides phone bank) that are available, if you sign up early. This is a good way to publicize Friendship Force, help in the community and get a free meal at 7:00 pm.

Seated jobs: bid qualifier, bid sorter, confirmation caller, data entry, phone bank, pick-up and pay cashier

Non-seated jobs: bid filer, bid runner, board captain, cafe server, display designer, floater, merchandise mover, packet verifier, pick-up and pay runner

It is helpful 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.

We need at least 15 volunteers. If you didn't sign up at the annual meeting on April 29, call me at 608-241-2248.

**Reta Harring, Chair**



## Let's Walk, Let's Hike!

Twelve members participated in our first walk in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy, and everybody had a good time. The next two events will be on

Wednesday, May 9, and Saturday, June 2.

On Wednesday, May 9, we will meet at 5:30 p.m., at UW Parking Lot # 129, which is right at the entrance to the Picnic Point Trail. We will walk along the Howard Temin Lakeshore Path, all the way to the Memorial Union Terrace. Who knows, we might as well get some ice cream at the Terrace before heading back to the parking lot. .

On Saturday, June 2, we will head out to Governor Dodge State Park, where we plan to take a longer hike, climbing up to the cliff above Cox Hollow Lake, on Pine Cliff Trail. We plan to leave Madison at 10:00 a.m., and return sometime in the afternoon, so please pack a lunch. We can have lunch either on the trail, or at the Cox Hollow Lake beach. Carpooling is encouraged and will be coordinated by the organizer, Magdi Sebestyen.

If you plan to participate in either or both of these walks, please RSVP to me.

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**Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay & East Troy  
Electric Railroad  
Motor Coach Day Tour  
May 23, 2018**



Space is still available for this interesting day long journey to learn the role Yerkes Observatory and the East Troy Electric Railroad have played in Wisconsin's history. Details are in the March newsletter at [ffwis.org](http://ffwis.org) and the reservation form was on the back cover of the April newsletter. Cost is \$85.00 per person and includes admission, train ride with meal plus gratuity, motor coach fee and driver gratuity. Questions, please contact:

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**Niagara Inbound Journey  
June 9-15, 2018  
MORE CANADIANS ARE COMING!**



**Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences, UW-Madison**

Home hosts have been matched with their ambassadors and the arrival date is less than two months away. Already some have started to communicate.

The events for this journey have been scheduled. The reservation form to sign-up for activities is included as a separate sheet in this newsletter. We cordially invite the membership to join us in any or all of the events. Please remember that the fees for the annual picnic on June 14, should be submitted with a separate reservation form.

The journey is still looking for dinner hosts for the evening of June 11, and of course additional day hosts would always be good to have. Should you wish to travel to the Niagara region in the future, our ambassador friends can help you with the areas around Toronto, Québec, and the Maritime Provinces. If you have an interest in helping, please give us a call, otherwise we will have to call you!

We are planning a **workshop** on May 14, 2018, at 7:00 pm, in the Landmark Club House located at the corner of Caddis Bend and Coachman Place in Fitchburg. All hosts are encouraged to attend. Bring your questions and your planners have already volunteered.

Please call or email so we won't have to fill your voice mail boxes with our pleas.

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**Japan Outbound Journeys  
October 27 - November 3, 2018 - Aichi Prefecture  
November 3-10, 2018 - Oita Prefecture**



**Inuyama Castle**

We still have 3 open places for these journeys, and we are now accepting applications from other Friendship Force clubs, as well. However, if you would like to join us, it is not too late to contact us. We will be happy to provide you the details, and assist you with the application process.

Our monthly Let's Walk, Let's Hike activities are listed in a separate article. They will take place on May 9, and June 2. We will not have any other event in May, but cultural workshops are being planned for June-August, and they will be open to all interested members. They will be announced in the June Newsletter.

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Ivan and Jan Gruetzmacher have a new email address. Please update your records.

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**Niagara Canada Journey Activities Reservation Form**  
**June 9-15, 2018**

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

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

Indicate MENU CHOICES for TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY meals.

Form and payment due by **Saturday, May 19, 2018.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Cost/Person</b>	<b># Persons</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Saturday, June 9	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> , Illinois RR Museum, Union, IL. (\$13/driver at gate.) Lunch On Your Own at museum <b>2:00 p.m.</b> , Underground RR Museum  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> , Holy Wisdom Monastery Welcome Dinner (Buffet)	 \$5.00  \$18.00  Total: \$23.00		
Sunday, June 10	<b>FREE DAY</b>			
Monday, June 11	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> , Capitol Tour  <b>11:00 a.m.</b> , Monona Terrace Tour (FLW) <b>2:30 p.m.</b> , Unitarian Meeting House Tour (FLW)	Free Yes No  \$5.00 \$7.00 Total: \$12.00		
Tuesday, June 12	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> , Horicon Marsh Boat Tour <b>11:15 a.m.</b> Lunch Rock River Tap, 110 W Lake St, Horicon. Sandwich on a Kaiser roll, salad, cole slaw, cookie, coffee. Select: _____ Ham _____ Turkey <b>1:00 p.m.</b> , Clydesdale Farm Show and Tour	\$22.00 \$10.00  \$15.00 Total: \$47.00		
Wednesday, June 13	<b>11:30 a.m.</b> , New Glarus Lunch, Swiss food, fondue, music, Select: _____ Roast Beef _____ Swiss Steak _____ Wiener schnitzel <b>2:00 p.m.</b> , Brodhead Airport- Antique Planes/Picnic Supper	\$23.00  \$10.00  Total: \$33.00		
Thursday, June 14	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> , Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences (UW campus) <b>10:00 a.m.</b> , Geology Museum (UW campus) <b>11:15 a.m.</b> , Lunch On Your Own (Union South) <b>12:30 p.m.</b> , Allen Centennial Garden (UW campus) <b>12:30 p.m.</b> , Stem Cell Lab (UW campus)  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> , Farewell Dinner, Tenney Park Shelter ( <b>Paid directly to FFWI-Madison. Form in May newsletter.</b> )	Free Yes No  Free Yes No Free Yes No Free Yes No  Free Yes No		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		\$115.00		

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

Make check payable to **The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison**

Send form with payment to **Lois Schulz, 5555 Tanco Dr, #407, Madison, WI 53718**

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**May 2018**  
**Let's Walk, Let's Hike Event**  
**Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up**  
**WHA Auction**  
**Niagara Journey Activities Reservation Form**

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**The Friendship Force of Wisconsin**  
*Annual Summer Picnic & Farewell Party for Niagara Canada Journey*  
**Thursday, June 14, 2018**

**Tenney Park Shelter,**  
**John Wall Family Pavilion**  
**300 N Thornton, Ave, Madison**

**5:30 PM Social Hour**  
**6:00 PM Dinner**  
**Cost: \$18.00**



**Dance with DJ to follow meal.**

**Easy directions:** From Sherman Avenue, turn onto N Thornton Avenue which runs parallel with the Yahara River. Follow N Thornton to the parking area. Follow the walk way past the Tenney Park Rink to the shelter.

Buffet catered by Willy Street Co-op.  
Donations for dessert are appreciated. Please let Lois Schulz know.

**Please: Your reservation and payment are due no later than Friday, June 8, 2018.**

-----cut and return with payment 

\_\_\_\_\_ # attending x \$18 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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