



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

Changing the Way You See the World

June 2016



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a busy month! The regional conference for the Great Lakes and Midwest Friendship Force clubs was held in the Quad Cities April 28-May 1. George and I departed for the UK on May 1 to tour and to visit friends that we met through the Friendship Force. We joined the ambassadors for the Cleveland County exchange and the tour to Scotland May 11-May 21. The exchange went well from my perspective. We all tried haggis and I think most of us fell in love with sticky toffee pudding. There are many highlights that will be shared in upcoming newsletters. I want to thank Nancy Brown and Stephanie Sorenson for serving as ED's.

There were several highlights from the Regional Conference. First, we were able to meet Jeremi Snook who is our new CEO. I was very impressed. Jeremi is leading structural changes in Atlanta that will better support the clubs. He also has made a commitment to being transparent about activities and the challenges we face. Beyond the organizational skills, he really wants to help us return to our roots and emphasize what makes us unique - our emphasis on peace through friendship.

The second highlight for me was the speaker Bill Tubbs. Bill published the text of his speech on the web page for the North Scott Press. It is long but worth the read. This is the link: (<http://www.northscottpress.com>). Scroll down to the bottom right until you see the Friendship Force button and select. Bill spoke to his experiences with the Rotary and Friendship Force emphasizing that our mission then as now is, "A world of friends is a world of peace." As Bill said, "People who break bread together don't drop bombs on each other." In a world when we are constantly being told that we should be afraid Bill suggests that we should instead be informed!

In addition to Bill and Jeremi, there were several breakout sessions on the following topics: Strategic Planning, ED Training, Next Gen for Everyone, Global and Themed Exchanges, Vetting Ambassadors and Hosts, and Building Leadership Through Mentoring. As always those of us who attend the conferences come away with new ideas and contacts. We will be discussing how to share these with you at our upcoming board meeting.



2016 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

June 2—Book Club ☺ (May)

June 5—WHA Auction ☺ (May)

June 6—Informational Meeting ☺ (May)

June 8—L.E.O (Let's Eat Out) Amber Indian Restaurant ☺ (May)

June 9—Informational Meeting ☺ (May)

June 15—Board Meeting

June 22—July Newsletter Article Deadline

June 28—Music Concert, Olbrich Gardens ☺ (May)

July 8-15--Nashik Riverside Club India Inbound Exchange*

July 14—Annual Picnic*

September 13-20—Winnipeg, Canada/Santa Barbara CA Inbound Exchange✍

September 16-19—FFI World Conference☺ (Feb)

2017—Dates to be Determined

Outbound Exchange to Guadeloupe

Inbound Exchange from Noumea, New Caledonia

Inbound Exchange from San Diego, CA

Outbound Exchange to Vancouver & Medicine Hat, Canada (One week each)

* Information in this newsletter

☺ Information previously announced (Month in ☺Newsletter)

✍ Information to be announced later

A reminder: The Nashik Riverside club will be arriving soon. Please sign up and join in activities. Let's give the ambassadors a big Wisconsin welcome!

In Friendship,

Sandi Wysock

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**Nashik Riverside India Inbound Exchange
July 8-15, 2016**



Taj Mahal

In exactly 38 days, 22 ambassadors from India will be arriving in Madison to spend a week with us. Even though we have home hosts and dinner hosts all lined up, there are ample opportunities for you to participate in this exchange. The activities reservation form is in this newsletter and we hope many of you will choose to join us where you can get to know our new friends. Whether it's

the horse training demonstration, the tour of ABS, the Crane foundation, or the dairy farm tour, there is something for everyone. On Monday, July 11, leave the driving to us, as we have a bus for the day, leaving you with the opportunity to get to know all of our India ambassadors as we are shuttled from place to place. We also have quite a need for day hosts to spend part or all of the day with families. There are two girls ages 11 and 15, traveling with the adults, so if you would especially want to spend some time with a young person, this is just your chance! Our club has never before had an exchange from India. This is a new culture with a new opportunity. The farewell party on July 14 is also the annual club picnic with a separate sign up. Please join us!

Questions? Volunteering to be a day host? Perhaps volunteering to invite a family to come for breakfast? Call or email one of us:

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Co-Exchange Directors

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin
Annual Summer Club Picnic
Thursday, July 14, 2016

Guests from Nashik Riverside Club India



**Burrows Park (Along Lake Mendota near Maple Bluff)
 25 Burrows Rd, Madison**

**Park reserved at 4:30 PM
 Dinner at 5:30 PM**

Cost: \$15- (Catered by Willy Street Co-op. Includes lentil loaf, roasted vegetable lasagna, sweet and sour chicken, grilled veggie platters, green salad, red curry tofu and quinoa pilaf salad. Dessert, lemonade and tableware will be provided. **Refer to May newsletter for the "Bring Your Plate details."**)

Bring a friend!

Your reservation and payment are due no later than Thursday, July 7.

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_____ # attending x \$15 = \$ _____

_____ I need a ride _____ I can provide a ride

Names:

Register on EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friendship-force-of-wisconsin-madison-annual-picnic-burrows-park-tickets-20284392163> and mail check to Stephanie Sorensen, payable to: The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

Or complete above form and along with check payable to The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison, mail to Stephanie Sorensen, 1624C North Golf Glen, Madison, WI 53704 **Questions?** 608-819-6646 or stevils@charter.net

Nashik Riverside Exchange Activities Reservation Form

July 8-15, 2016

For all FFWI- Madison members, family and friends. PLEASE enter YES if attending FREE events.

Be sure to indicate menu choices for Friday, Sunday Monday and Tuesday meals!

Form and Payment due by June 25, 2016

Date	Activity	Price /Person	# Persons	Total Cost
Friday, July 8	Welcome Dinner-Elk's Lodge, 711 Jenifer Street, 6:30 pm Both meals include beverage and tip. Pre-ordered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wisconsin Fish Fry</i> _____ • <i>Vegetable Ratatouille</i> _____ 	\$15.00		
Saturday, July 9	State Capitol Tour, 9:00 am Overture Center Tour, 11:00 am	FREE FREE		
Sunday, July 10	Kay Kinney's, Fitchburg—horse demonstration, 2:00 pm Sunset Pontoon Lake Cruise, 5:00 to 8:00 pm Cranberry Creek Box Supper—Pre-ordered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Beef Sandwich</i> _____ • <i>Chicken Signature Salad</i> _____ • <i>Hummus Wrap</i> _____ 	FREE \$9.00 \$8.00		
Monday, July 11	Windsor United Church of Christ, 4434 2 nd St., Windsor Bus transport for the day. Arrive by 7:15 am American Breeders Service Tour, De Forest Harley-Davidson Motorcycle, Sauk City Lunch at Blue Spoon, Prairie du Sac--Pre-ordered All choices include beverage and tip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Half Classic Reuben w/cole slaw</i> _____ • <i>Half Grilled Tuna Tapenade w/kettle chips</i> _____ • <i>Half Tuscan Grilled Cheese w/mixed fresh fruit</i> _____ • <i>Small Blue Spoon Salad w/bread & dressing</i> _____ Wollersheim Winery and Tasting, Prairie du Sac	\$11.00 FREE FREE \$11.00 \$8.00		
Tuesday, July 12	International Crane Foundation E11376 Shady Lane Road, Baraboo (Carpooling from Rex's Innkeeper, Waunakee, 7:15 am) Lunch at Wintergreen Resort, Wis. Dells—Pre-ordered All choices include beverage and tip. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Two half sandwiches (ham & turkey) w/tomato rice soup</i> _____ • <i>Large chef salad with roll</i> _____ • <i>Vegetarian sandwich w/tomato rice soup</i> _____ • <i>Vegetarian salad with shrimp</i> _____ Dells Boat Tour, Wisconsin Dells	\$7.00 \$9.00 \$21.00		
Wednesday, July 13	Hinchley's Dairy Farm Tour, 2844 State Hwy 73, Cambridge, 2:00 pm	\$8.00		
Thursday, July 14	Farewell Party—held at Club's Annual Picnic Separate registration required for Club members.			
	TOTAL	\$107.00		

Name of Participants: _____ **Phone:** _____
 _____ **Phone:** _____

Make check payable to The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison
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BOARD MEETING

LOCATION, TIME, AND DAY OF WEEK HAVE CHANGED.

Beginning in **June** until further notice, the Board will be meeting
the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of the month at **1:15 P.M.** at
Bridge Point Waunona Community Center, 1917 Lake Point Dr, Madison.

The Madison Chamber of Commerce facilities are being renovated.

Everyone welcome