



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

Changing the Way You See the World
March 2016



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our annual meeting is April 10. This year's meeting is being held at the Great Dane East. Follow Cottage Grove Road East over I 90/I 39. Turn left on N Star Drive and right on Jupiter Drive. The restaurant has a wonderful view of the city and the capitol. We are busy preparing a program that includes our usual elections and business meeting but also promises some "British entertainment" to properly send off our ambassadors to Cleveland Co. UK in May. Bios for the slate of officers are included in the newsletter.

There is a reminder in the newsletter on the upcoming Regional Conference in the Quad Cities April 28-May 1. Workshops will include topics such as Revitalizing your Club and Positioning for the Future, ED training, Strategic Planning, Building Leadership Through Mentoring, Global and Themed exchanges, Selecting Ambassadors and Hosts and on top of all of this you have the opportunity to meet Jeremi Snook who is the President and CEO of Friendship Force. The conference is open to all members.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Mary Bergin event. We had such a wonderful time learning about Wisconsin's supper clubs, eating delicious soups and carrot cake and simply sharing time with fellow members. Thank you!

I am keeping my comments short this month to allow room for all of the annual meeting material published in this month's newsletter. Hope to see you at the Great Dane Pub and Brewing Company East on April 10.

In Friendship,

Sandi Wysock, President



Mary Babula

FFWI-Madison was the recipient of a fairly large donation from one of our members in honor of Mary. She joined the club in 2006 and was our club president at the time of her death. She participated in several exchanges and was the co-exchange director for the Urla, Turkey exchange in 2013. Her obituary announcement was included in the January 2016 newsletter.



2016 CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monthly Board Meeting – Third Friday – 11:30 AM
Everyone welcome - 615 E. Washington Ave., 2ndfl.

March 11-18—Greater Orlando, Florida Outbound Exchange*

March 15—L.E.O. (Let's Eat Out) Erin's Snug Irish Pub*

March 21—Book Club*

April 10—Annual Meeting and Luncheon*

April 23—Adopt a Highway*

April 28-May 1—FF Midwest Regional Conference ☺
(February)*

May 11-18—Cleveland County, UK Outbound Exchange*

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

July 14—Annual Picnic

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

* Information in this newsletter

☺ Information previously announced (Month in ☺Newsletter)

✍ Information to be announced later

It's a Match!

We were informed by FFI that our 2017 exchange programs are as follows:

- January Outbound Host Club Guadeloupe
- September Outbound Host Clubs Vancouver and
Medicine Hat, Canada (One week with each club)
- May Inbound Ambassador Club Noumea,
New Calendonia

Gail Holmes, Exchange Coordinator

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Club Exchanges 2016



**Cleveland Co, England
Exchange May 11 – 18, 2016**

Area Information

Our outbound exchange to Cleveland County, England will take us to Stockton Borough. Stockton Borough consists of the market Town of Stockton, plus the smaller towns and surrounding villages. Stockton is an Anglo Saxon name – the ‘ton’ ending means farm or homestead. Stockton can trace its market history back to 1310. The Industrial Revolution changed Stockton from a small town to a flourishing center of heavy industry initially iron, steel, and shipbuilding and later chemicals.

In 1822, the first rail of the Stockton and Darlington railway was laid thus beginning a new era in trade, industry and travel, and the first passenger railway in the world. The heavy industry is gone and has been replaced with smaller works and call centers. The port of Tees, five miles down River, still has a thriving oil and chemical industry.

Stockton is well placed for exploring one of the most beautiful areas of England. Within a 15 minute drive to the South are the Cleveland Hills and North York Moors – a great expanse of moor land and green valleys. The coastal area is spectacular and has many small fishing villages. The most famous and largest is the town of Whitby – home of Captain Cooke – and the best fish and chips in the U.K. It was one of the main fishing and whaling ports in the 19th Century.

We are looking forward to getting to know our hosts and learning more about the area.

**Stephanie Sorensen and Nancy Brown
Exchange Directors**



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



Good news came this week that our ambassadors have obtained their visas and we most certainly can now **expect all 20 to be coming to Madison**. Their first homestay is with the Cedar Rapids Friendship Force Club beginning July 1. Our planning committee of Gail Holmes, Jane Kessenich, Donna Hussin, Margo McKnight, and Kay Kinney have begun to plan the itinerary with input from Tom Christiansen and new members Kathy Speck and Chris Manke.

Our friends are coming here from Nashik, a city of about 1.5 million people. Located on the Godavari River bank, Nashik is known for its scenic beauty, fine weather throughout the year, greeneries all around and many other attractions. It is one of the world's holiest Hindu cities and situated about 100 miles northeast of Mumbai. Every 12 years, Nashik plays host to the grand Kumbh Mela, the largest religious gathering on earth (the last one was in 2015, the next one in 2027). Nashik is well known for the cultivation of onions, grapes and tomatoes. The city has long remained an important center for the growth of table grapes. Hence the city is also called the Wine Capital of India.

We need hosts, day hosts and dinner hosts. Join in the fun. Our contact information is below.

Jerry Fuller, bfuller@centurytel.net, 608-846-5533
Helen Ann Rugowski, haharrin@hotmail.com, 608-841-1087
Exchange Directors

Exchange Coordinator's Report

The outbound exchange to the Florida Club of Greater Orlando from March 11-18 has five people from Madison. They are Gail Holmes, Bob and Lucy Lasseter, Mary Lou Martino, and Helen Ann Rugowski. Orlando is expecting 22 ambassadors from various clubs in the US. Nancy Brown is coordinating the Wisconsin group and will be joining us in Orlando.

The Exchange Coordinator from San Diego has contacted us for a reciprocal inbound exchange with them. Discussed were June or, preferably, July 2017 for their exchange. He will consult with his Board and let us know in a month.

If interested in being an Exchange Director for one of the recently announced 2017 exchanges or San Diego, please contact me.

**Gail L. Holmes
Exchange Coordinator**

Activities

L.E.O.

Wear Your Green! Join us at 12:30 p.m. on March 15 at Erin's Snug Irish Pub to celebrate the Irish and enjoy a hearty Irish meal.



Chose an entree from among their in-house made Irish specialties of Sheppard's Pie, Guinness Stew, Cottage Pie or Bangers and Mash. These are all meat oriented fare, but vegetarians are most welcome and we can find an appropriate menu item for you if you contact me directly.

Erin's Snug Irish Pub is located at 4601 American Parkway in the American Family Business Park off Hwy 151 toward Sun Prairie. It is a lovely traditional restaurant. We need at least 24 of you to keep the reservation for the prettiest private room that I currently have booked.

The cost is \$21.50 which includes the entree along with a beverage of your choice and the tip. Payments will be made directly to me in cash upon your arrival. (Desserts and their 16 or 20 oz. beers or other alcoholic drinks are an "on your own" additional charge.)

Please respond by Tuesday, March 8 by phone (608 819-6646), email (stevils@charter.net), or by using the Eventbrite link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leo-lets-eat-out-erins-snug-irish-pub-tickets-21041935997>

Thanks. Looking forward to celebrating the Irish!

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 P.M. We will meet at Helen Ann Rugowski's, 7359 Tree Lane, Madison.



The chosen book is The Cuba Diaries: An American Housewife in Havana by Isadora Tattlin. It is, literally, four years of diary entries about her experience living in Cuba with her European businessman husband and her two children during some of the worst years of deprivation after the Soviet collapse. Things have improved somewhat since this was written, but it is good insight into how Cuba has survived. It is not too long or difficult to read.

Please let Helen know if you will be attending either by phone 608-841-1087 (H), 608-886-2688 (C), email haharrin@hotmail.com or sign up on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-club-the-chosen-book-is-the-cuba-diaries-by-isadora-tattlin-tickets-21792863040>

Thanks. Hope to see you there.

Stephanie Sorensen , Activities Co-chair



The Friendship Force is in great need of more visibility. In spite of our club's 38 years of existence, it is still the best known secret in town.

The OUTREACH committee is seeking your help to find a contact person who could do a story on our club during our exchange with Nashik, India in July.

Do you know a journalist with the Wisconsin State Journal or your local publication? We would appreciate your assistance.

Friendship Force is such a unique way to travel and to host people from all over the world. Let's spread "Changing the Way You See the World."

Outreach committee:

Lise Skofronick, lparadis@yahoo.com

Lucy Lassetter, lucy.lasseter@gmail.com

Sandy Drew, sdrew24@tds.net



Saturday April 23, 2016
2PM- 3:30 PM

Join in on our highway pick-up/clean-up project along Hwy 12 from the Parmenter exit to County Hwy K. All supplies except gloves are provided. For our efforts in beautifying America we are rewarded with a sign recognizing and perhaps advertising our FF club. Look for the sign that is posted near the Parmenter exit.

Please give me a call to volunteer with whatever time you have available. We will meet at the Park & Ride Parmenter exit off Hwy 12.

Sarah Rankin
608-575-9685

Midwest-Great Lakes Regional Conference

Building Bridges with Friendship
April 28-May 1, 2016, Davenport, IA

Registration Now Open

Details in the February 2016 Newsletter



Informational Meetings

What a pleasure it was for our first of many informational meetings to work with enthusiastic leaders and members who have a spark for Friendship Force!

37 people signed up at the International Festival indicating that they were interested in learning more about our club. All were contacted by email or phone and invited to two informational meetings held on February 1 and 6, 2016. 14 interested people attended and were given membership forms. They seemed pleased to learn more about our wonderful club. Four others that were contacted were unable to come to these meetings but asked to be contacted for future meetings. 18 of the 37 wanted more information! What a great response!

Thank you to everyone who helped: Mary Lindquist and Sandi Wysock for interesting presentations, Lise Skofronick for providing the clubhouse space, bakers Martha McGregor and Lucy Lassiter, support and set up members Stephanie Sorensen and Helen Ann Rugowski and Helen also for providing door prizes.

Two additional meetings will be held June 6 and 9. Time to start recruiting your friends and neighbors!

Mary Lou Martino



Please welcome six new members and one returning member to our club.

Returning Member, 2006-2007 and 2013

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Referral – Sandi Wysock

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International Festival

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Attended Mary Bergen Supper Club Event

Chris Manke

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Referral – Sandi Wysock

Julie Pretel & Allen Rieland

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Mary Lindquist – Membership

2017 Officer Nominations

The following persons have graciously accepted the nominating committee's request for their service. The committee is pleased and grateful to present the following slate of officers for 2017. Elections to be conducted April 10, 2016. The term of office begins at the September 16 Board Meeting

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| President | Sandi Wysock |
| Vice President | Gail Holmes |
| Secretary | Stephanie Sorensen |
| Treasurer | Judy Taylor |

Respectively submitted: Nomination Committee

Margo McKnight and Helen Ann Rugowski

NOMINEES:

President: Sandi Wysock

I am currently your president. I have been a member of the Friendship Force of Wisconsin since 2007. My husband George and I joined shortly after we retired. In my previous life, I was an Operations Manager for American Family Insurance. I originally learned about the Friendship Force from a friend who was a member. We didn't join right away but I loved the concept and kept it in my mind for several years. My first exchange was to Great Falls Montana. Since then we have been part of outgoing exchanges to Russia, Turkey, Costa Rica, and Germany. We are part of the group going to England in May. We have hosted or day hosted for Australia, England, Turkey, Moscow, Russia, Vyborg, Russia, Global Exchanges, and Guadeloupe. I have attended World Conferences in Hamburg, New Orleans, and Vancouver. I was an Exchange Director for a trip to Russia and for an incoming exchange from Russia. I was the co-chair of the Outreach Committee for two years and have been on several exchange committees and ad-hoc committees. I truly believe that the Friendship Force's message of peace through friendship is as relevant today as it was in 1977. If elected, I will continue to work with fellow board members to promote the Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison, promote our exchanges and build our membership for a sustainable future.



Vice President: Gail Holmes

I have been a member of the Friendship Force since 2010 when Jane Kessenich invited me to join and travel to Oklahoma City. I was intrigued by this personal home-stay travel experience which creates friendships around the world. Prior to FF my husband and I toured all seven continents before he passed away in 2013. Our love of traveling on an international trip every year brought us joy and was our way of life.



My travels with Friendship Force so far have included clubs in Oklahoma City, Izmir, Turkey, Tucson and Phoenix, Berlin, Germany, and this year to Orlando, and Edmonton, Canada

My first opportunity to serve as an exchange director was for the clubs in Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon and St. Louis. Then I was the ED for our return visit to Oregon and the Lower Columbia Club in Washington. In 2014, I was the ED for a global exchange with ambassadors from Wessex, England; Heredia, Costa Rica; Chiapas, Mexico; and the USA. I've also been a home host, day host, dinner host, exchange treasurer, and am currently serving as the first exchange coordinator for our club.

I'm also very active in my church and hold a denomination office and am on the luncheon and travel committees and a past president of the UW-Madison Retirement Association. I am retired from the UW-Madison Law School Dean's Office with emerita status. My sons and grandchildren live in Madison. I enjoy reading, singing, bowling, camping, volunteering, and traveling!

If elected as your Vice President, I will continue to work with fellow board members to promote the goals of the Friendship Force in Madison and to support exchange directors in their mission.

Secretary: Stephanie Sorensen

I grew up in Racine, WI; graduated from UW-Madison Madison and lived in Minnesota, Pittsburgh, PA and Morgantown, WV prior to moving to California for 32 years. I returned to Madison about 5 1/2 years ago and learned about Friendship Force within the first year.



I have enjoyed a wide variety of travel for many years on my own, with groups, and more recently with Friendship Force.

I served on my condo association board in California, the AAUW Monona Branch Board and the Madison Civics Club Board. I was a co-exchange director to Berlin and Poland in 2014 and also now to the UK and am presently co-chair of the Activities Committee.

My professional life was mainly in student services administration at Stanford University. I also worked for five years in the medical school where I took minutes for both faculty and administrative manager meetings. I look forward to serving as your secretary.

Treasurer: Judith Taylor

I am currently your treasurer. I have lived in Madison for over 65 years, attended East High School and graduated from UW-Madison with a bachelor's degree. For 26 years I worked at the university, mainly in public information, publications, and legislative relations. For 15 years I was treasurer of the Wisconsin Women's Network, a nonprofit coalition of organizations and individuals that promotes the welfare of women and girls.



I enjoy traveling, have been to every continent except Antarctica, and took two trips around the world in the 1990s. In 2009, I participated in the Wisconsin Friendship Force exchange to Azerbaijan, in 2010 I went on a global exchange to Perth, Australia, and in 2013 I was on the Wisconsin/Oregon-Washington exchange. I golf in a nine-hole and an 18-hole league from spring through fall and stay indoors through the coldest of winter.



**Annual Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2015
Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI**

President, Helen Ann Rugowski, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Each person received a program along with a copy of the treasurer's report and a copy of the revised bylaws.

Secretary's Report - Lois Schulz was absent and Mary Lindquist filled in for her. Mary Lindquist moved to accept the secretary's report as published in the newsletter. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - George Wysock moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

Annual Report - Helen Ann Rugowski introduced the committee chair persons and thanked them for their service to the club. Committee chairs are:

- **Fannie Hicklin, Activities**--Plans annual meeting, summer picnic, fall festival, Christmas & valentines socials.
- **Mary Lindquist, Membership**--Handles the database for membership, renewal notices and notices to prospective members.
- **Dave Dohler, Communications**--Maintains our website where you find your newsletters, activities & photos.

- **Mary Babula & Sandi Wysock, Outreach**—Maintain Facebook, developed and coordinate ride the drive, book club, LEO's and the craft group.
- **Donna Hussin, Newsletter Editor**—Takes information received from FFI, Board and members and creates the monthly document distributed to the membership.
- **Janet Lonergan, Historian**--Maintains all of our records to document activities and exchanges.
- **George Wysock, Recruitment**--Enlists members to be ED's and helps with the training.

Additional Appointed Committees

- **Highway & WHA:** Moved to Outreach. Reta Haring coordinates WHA.
- **Bylaws Committee:** Kay Babcock, Sandy Drew, Fannie Hicklin, Margo McKnight & Helen Ann Rugowski
- **Exchange Manual Update:** Mary Lindquist. Chair—Work continues on the individual chapters with completion by the end of the year.

Helen Ann thanked the 2014-15 officers for their service: Mary Babula, VP; Lois Schulz, Secretary, and Judy Taylor, Treasurer

Recognition for ED's in last 12 months:

- Lise Skofronick & Stephanie Sorensen, directed outbound to Berlin/Poland in May 2014
- Donna Hussin directed inbound from Utah, in July 2014
- Donna Calvert directed inbound Global Arts & Architecture with Milwaukee & Northern IL in August 2014
- Gail Holmes directed inbound from United Kingdom/Costa Rica/Chiapas, Mexico & USA in September, 2014, almost a Global Exchange with ambassadors from many clubs involved
- Nancy Brown directed outbound domestic to San Diego in April 2015.

Election of Officers:

Mary Lindquist, Nominating Committee Chairperson, presented the slate of officers for the term September 18, 2015 to September 16, 2016.

- Mary Babula, President
- Sandi Wysock, Vice-president
- Lois Schulz, Secretary
- Judy Taylor, Treasurer.

Gail Holmes moved to accept the slate of officers. Motion seconded and carried with a voice vote.

Remembrances:

The following individuals have passed away over the past year:

- Roger Wiese-1987
- Don Gostomski-2001
- Georgiann Ganser-charter member
- Hugh Ganser-charter member
- James Pearson-1976
- Eloise Beatty-1985
- Cecilia Coyle-1980
- Viola Kaltenberg-1980

Together, this group represents 259 years of membership in this club.

New Members - We welcomed the following individuals as new members over the past year:

- Dan Eggerding
- Terri Maiola
- Maggie & Tom Washa
- Cigden Unal
- Mary Obligato
- Larry Goulding
- Jane Ellen Donovan
- Shirley Daskow
- Sarah Rankin
- Mary Bohlen.

2016 Exchange Announcements: Outbound to UK (Cleveland County), Inbound from Nashik Riverside, India, and San Jose, Costa Rica. Exchange Directors are needed for each of these exchanges.

2015 Exchange Updates: ED's would like some help. Inbound June 18-25 is Phoenix/Tucson, Donna Hussin, ED and Inbound July 24-31 is Guadeloupe, Maureen Kind & Lise Skofronick, EDs

Club Bylaws - The changes to the bylaws were posted on the website. There was discussion of the name change. The change was needed because of confusion between FFW and the Greater Milwaukee Club. FFI already had "Madison" on their documents to distinguish us from Milwaukee. Wyn Davies made a motion to change the name to The Friendship Force of Greater Madison. The motion was seconded and voted down by a show of hands. Mary Lindquist made a motion to accept the bylaws as originally presented. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote. The name is officially changed to The Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison.

Club News

The Outreach Committee: They have been busy with new and fun activities. We can look forward to something in almost every month. Anticipate before the end of this year there will be a second new member orientation meeting and an exchange director workshop when the ED manual update is completed that includes new incentives for inbound ED's.

Website & Facebook: Website has current and archived copies of the newsletter; Photo Gallery is constantly updated and Facebook has current pictures taken in San Diego.

Store-Gail Holmes: Luggage tags for \$1 and FFW pins for \$2. New club shirts were ordered; has one women's XL shirt remaining for \$16.

Business Cards: Available to all members; first 10 are free. Do you have yours?

International Institute Dinners: This is fun and we need to know if you would be interested in hosting or attending one of these dinners. It's usually not known to us until a couple weeks beforehand, therefore it is wise to tell Stephanie Sorensen your interest.

501(c)(3) Status - Many of our members give donations above and beyond paying dues. This new status means donations are deductible for tax purposes. It will be announced in the newsletter when all is finalized.

Midwest Leadership Conference: April 30, May 1 & 2 in Cedar Rapids, IA--Stephanie Sorensen, Mary Babula, and Helen Ann Rugowski are participating. Homestays will cover lodging and the club is paying for their registrations and travel to Cedar Rapids.

Upcoming Events:

- Adopt-a-Highway, May 5, Helen Ann Rugowski
- LEO, May 18, Donna Hussin and Gail Holmes
- WHA, May 31, Reta Harring
- Ride the Drive, June 7
- Book Club, June 30, Sandi Wysock or Mary Babula

New Board Positions - There are two new board positions available for application. With the passing of the bylaws today, EXCHANGE DIRECTORS are no longer obligated to stay on the board for 2-3 years. The new position of **ED Coordinator** is a board member and will be the mentor and support person for the clubs EDs. The Coordinator may also be an ED. Obviously this coordinator will be an experienced ED. The second board position is **Member at Large**. This person has no defined role beyond representing the general membership.

Adjourn - Loree Davies moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Lindquist

**The Friendship Force of Wisconsin
Annual Meeting & Luncheon
Sunday, April 10, 2016—12:00-2:00 p.m.**



**Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co East
876 Jupiter Drive
Madison, WI**

**12:00 PM Social Hour *Cash Bar*
12:30 PM Seated Luncheon
Cost: \$ 16.00**

Non-registered members welcome for business meeting only at 1:15PM

Please: Your reservation and payment are due no later than **Friday, April 1, 2016.**

----- cut and return with payment



Choice of entre:

_____ **New London Bridge Fish Fry**

Three haddock fillets hand dipped in our Pilsner batter then crisp fried and served with our homemade tartar sauce, lemon, Kohl slaw and pub fries.

_____ **Mad City Mama's BBQ Meatloaf**

U.S.D.A. choice chuck baked with tomatoes, garlic and herbs then grilled and basted with BBQ sauce. Topped with roasted red peppers and haystack onions. Served with garlic mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables.

_____ **Inner Warmth Peanut Stew**

A stew of butternut squash, tomatoes, onions, garlic, ginger, hot peppers and cilantro with zesty peanut sauce served over cilantro rice with pretzel roll.

_____ **# attending X \$16.00 = \$ _____**

_____ **I need a ride** _____ **I can provide a ride**

Names: _____

Register on EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friendship-force-of-wisconsin-madison-annual-meeting-luncheon-tickets-20303332815> and mail check to Gail Holmes, payable to: The Friendship Force

Or complete above form and along with check payable to The Friendship Force, mail to Gail Holmes, 3457 Hargrove St., Madison, WI 53714 **Questions?** 608-249-1846 or glholmes@wisc.edu

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A Nation Divided:
America's Civil War
Dates: 9/20/16 – 10/9/16
Themed Global Exchange



Experience a historical adventure on this 20-day exchange where you will learn about both sides of America's Civil War. Five Friendship Force Clubs from the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Region of the USA will host this exchange. We begin in Harrisburg, PA, (5 nights) spend a night in a hotel on the way to Charleston, WV, (2 nights), move to Charlottesville, VA (4 nights), then to Richmond, VA (4 nights), and end in Washington, DC (4 nights). Cost is \$2075.

The itinerary includes a variety of Civil War related sights and discussion of issues including battlefields, museums, cemeteries, a farm, a plantation, Harper's Ferry, places used as hospitals, lectures on medicine, the underground railroad, important battles, generals, and other leaders including Lincoln. Several of the presentations will be made by National Park Guides. It will also include a welcome gala ball, lunch at the famous Greenbrier Resort with a historical lecture, and a gala farewell in DC.

You can learn more about this special exchange on the FFI website,
http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/all_more/a_nation_divided_-_americas_civil_war/

Join me - I am going. It is number 12759.

Stephanie Sorensen
Activities Co-Chair