



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

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May 2013



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am getting myself and the things I will need ready for the annual business meeting. It is always hard to remember to thank all of the people who work so hard to make the Friendship Force of Wisconsin a successful club. I have my list and I hope it is complete. This year has been very busy and next year we will also have much to do. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by many very competent people who host and lead our exchanges, and an experienced board to help with advice and club management. This is the 35th anniversary of the club's establishment and Fannie has gathered many former club presidents for a business meeting recognition. We are fortunate enough to have Dave Kahlan, Milwaukee Club President, as guest speaker.

I have received notification from FFI that the rooms and spots at the international convention are rapidly filling. As of two weeks ago there were only 100 spots available. The convention is in New Orleans and would be an excellent opportunity for many people to attend from our club. If you have an interest, please book as soon as possible. Personally I'm looking forward to the New Orleans visit. I have never been there and I have always thought it would be fun to see the city. The convention gives me the perfect opportunity.

In Friendship,

George Wysock, President

VOLUNTEER

We need your help with the following Friendship Force activities.

- Exchange Director, International Inbound 2014, Campinas Brazil
- Outreach Committee Chairperson

For more information on each or to offer your services, please contact president, George Wysock, at 608-833-5986 or email him at georgewysock@msn.com



2013 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

May 4 - Urla, Turkey Inbound Exchange Workshop, Sequoia Library**

May 11 - Adopt a Highway**

May 13 - Crafter's Group Meeting*

June 2 - WI Public Television Auction*

June 3 - Crafter's Group Meeting*

June 13-20 - Urla Turkey Inbound Exchange*

July 5-19 - Oregon/Washington Outbound Exchange*

August 31-September 18 - Indonesia Outbound Exchange*

September 2013 - Vyborg, Russia Inbound Exchange*

November 23-25 - World Conference, New Orleans**

* Information in this newsletter



In Loving Memory

Mary Ann Halvorson
Death date: March 29, 2013

Memorial contributions may be made to the MARC Foundation of Dane County, 901 Post Road, Madison, WI 53713
www.marc-inc.org

Full Obituary, WSJ April 11, 2013

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Urla, Turkey Inbound Exchange Itinerary, June 13-20, 2013

Members are invited to join the hosts and ambassadors for one or more of the activities listed below. Fill out the form included in this newsletter, attach payment and send by June 1 to the address listed on the form. Make check payable to The Friendship Force of Wisconsin. Space is limited for some activities, so early sign-up is recommended.

June 14, Friday, 1:15 PM - evening

Tours of Verona Library and EPIC; dinner and polka dancing at New Glarus Hotel

June 15, Saturday, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Farmer's market, Madison Children's Museum, State Capitol, Monona Terrace and Overture Center tours

June 16, Sunday, Father's Day, 4:45 - 8:00 PM

Sunset pontoon boat ride on Madison lakes and potluck picnic

June 17, Monday, 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM

American Breeders Service, Sanimax, Robotic Dairy System Farm and UW Campus tours

June 18, Tuesday, 7:15 AM - 5:30 PM

Cedar Grove Cheese Factory, International Crane Foundation, lunch and Wisconsin Dells Boat Trip

June 19, Wednesday, 7:15 AM - 5:30 PM

Travel by bus to Milwaukee for several tours and activities--Harley Davidson Museum, Milwaukee lake front, Palermo's Pizza, Buddy Squirrels Chocolate and Miller Brewery

June 19, Wednesday, 6:30-9:30 PM

Farewell party and potluck at Vilas Park Shelter, Madison

If you have questions, call me at 608-241-0212.

Mary Mastaglio, Exchange Director



Club Pins Now Available

The newly-created beautiful Friendship Force of Wisconsin club pins have arrived and are now for sale for \$2.00 each. Sales began at the Annual Meeting

and luncheon on Sunday, April 28, and they're going like hotcakes! Fannie Hicklin has volunteered to be the sales contact. We will have them available for purchase at future club activities. I appreciate the design assistance that Jane Scharer and Camron Lewis provided to me in creating our first ever unique club pin. I hope you will be proud to wear our club pin and to share it when you are a host or ambassador. **Gail Holmes**

Oregon/Washington Outbound Exchange, July 5-19, 2013



There are still opportunities for travel with the Friendship Force of Wisconsin exchange to visit Mid-WillametteValley Club in Oregon from July 5-12 and Lower Columbia Club in Washington from July 12-19. Applications will be accepted until May 11.

The planning committees for the two clubs have tentatively suggested the following activities:

Oregon--a two-day bus trip to Crater Lake National Park with lava cliffs encircling the lake, on to Bend and the frontier town, Sisters, with return across the Cascade Mountains; visit Newport on the Pacific Ocean with lighthouses and the University of Oregon's Hatfield Marine Science Center with a octopus tank, exhibits, and hands-on class; tour Thyme Gardens with lunch and the Hull Oakes steam driven sawmill.

Washington-- welcoming dinner of fresh-caught salmon from the Columbia River; trip along the Columbia River Gorge with sightseeing and a narrated dinner cruise on a sternwheeler boat; Mt. St. Helens and maybe the option to take a flight over the volcano; picnic at Ecola Park and visit to Cannon Beach on the Pacific Coast with the famous haystack rock.

Our hosts from both clubs will also be providing many optional activities to enjoy with them.

Come join in these interesting activities and in the excitement of discovery in the beautiful Northwest! We have host homes waiting for Wisconsin ambassadors. To apply, please contact me before May 11 by calling 608-249-1846 or sending an email to glholmes@wisc.edu.

Gail L. Holmes, Exchange Director



New Members

Pete & Marjie Marion
29 N Yellowstone Dr
Madison, WI 53705

Tamara Tsurkan
5921 Hempstead Rd
Madison WI 53711

Annual Meeting Minutes

April 28th, 2013 Coliseum Bar
Madison, Wisconsin



President, George Wysock, welcomed everyone present to the 35th anniversary celebration of the club.

The door prize drawing of a free membership was awarded to Bob Weber. Members joined in singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth". Lunch was served.

Programs listing the meeting agenda and treasurer's report were at each table. The annual meeting of April 22nd 2012 minutes had been published in the April 2013 newsletter.

Paul Buckalew came forward to honor past presidents with Certificates of Recognition:

Margo Lindl 1987-1989; **Bernie Long** 1991-1993;
Marvin Beatty 1993-1995; **Dean Calkins** 1995-1997;
Lois Parsons 2001-2003; **Donna Calvert** 2003-2005;
Bernie Long 2005-2007; **Mary Ann Fahl** 2007-2009;
Mary Lindquist 2009-2011.

Donna Calvert introduced speaker, Dave Kalan, who congratulated the club on its 35th anniversary and spoke about future goals of The Friendship Force.

BUSINESS MEETING: George Wysock called the business meeting to order at 2pm. A quorum of the membership was present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Steve Babcock moved that that secretary's report as published in the newsletter be approved. Motion seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Lou Martino moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as written. Motion seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEWSLETTER ADVISORY SURVEY: Vice President, Helen Ann Rugowski, reported that the largest club expenditure is the cost of printing and mailing the monthly newsletter which is also available on the website. She explained that the survey on the tables was intended to be advisory to the board to assist in determining whether the newsletter should be emailed or continue to be printed and mailed. She encouraged members to make their preference known by filling out the survey.

George introduced committee chairpersons and thanked them for their faithful service to the club:

Dave Dohler, Communications--maintains our website, www.ff.wis.org, where you can find the current newsletter, activities and photos.

Donna Hussin, Newsletter Editor--does a great job keeping us well informed.

Mary Lindquist, Membership and Recruitment--maintains the current directory, sends out renewals and welcome packets to prospective and new members.

Margie Groom, Outreach--Margie has resigned. New volunteers are invited to apply for this position. **Mary Ann Fahl, Farmer's Market**--Mary Ann will bring supplies to the market every Saturday. She rallied volunteers to sign up for the May through October openings.

Don Gostomski, Hwy Cleanup--Members were encouraged to sign up for the May 11th cleanup.

Reta Harring, WHA Auction--made signup sheets available for the June 2nd 3:15 to 7PM time slot.

Fannie Hicklin, Activities--introduced and thanked her committee members: Paul Buckalew, Donna Calvert, Gary Lindquist, Maggie Dohm, Lois Statz, Ginger Gostomski.

President George Wysock thanked the 2013 Officers: Helen Ann Rugowski, Vice President; Mary Lou Martino, Secretary; Margo McKnight, Treasurer; Mary Lindquist, Past President.

Mary Lindquist, Nominating Committee Chairperson, introduced the new slate of officers: Helen Ann Rugowski, President; Mary Bubula, Vice President; Jan Weber, Secretary; Margo McKnight, Treasurer. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Dick Walker moved that nominations be closed. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Steve Babcock moved that the proposed slate of officers be approved. Motion seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Awards were presented to 2012 Exchange Directors: **Patrick Fleming**-Peru; **Gail Holmes**-Willamette Valley Oregon and St. Louis; **Donna Calvert**-International Food Global Exchange; **Sandi Wysock**-Russia; **Sandy Drew**-Open World Ukraine legislators.

2013 Exchange Directors: Mary Mastaglio and Mary Babula will be welcoming inbound Urla, Turkey ambassadors June 13-20. Signup sheets for activities and potlucks were made available.

Sandi Wysock will host a committee meeting for the incoming Vyborg exchange at her house May 8th. Signup sheets for committee volunteers were available.

Ariel Ford and Fannie Hicklin are outbound EDs for the Samarinda and Malang, Indonesia exchange August 31 to Sept. 13th. A visit to Bali follows the exchange.

Gail Holmes, ED for outbound exchange to Oregon and Washington July 5 to 19th announced that openings are still available to club members until May 11th. Remaining available slots will then be opened to other clubs.

2014 Exchanges: Outbound-Berlin/Vilnius Lithuania; Inbound from Brazil; Outbound-Phoenix /Tucson Arizona; Incoming Global Art and Architecture with Northern IL and Greater Milwaukee.

Marv Beatty moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Lou Martino, Secretary

Past Presidents Honored at 35th Anniversary

Past Presidents of the Friendship Force attending the 35th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Spring Meeting were Mary Linqvist, Donna Calvert, Mary Ann Fahl, Margo Lindl, Bernard Long, and Joan Calkins (representing her husband, Dean Calkins). Each retired president received a certificate noting his/her years of service.



Smiling Presidents

Highlights of the Event

The guest speaker, David Kalan, reported on the ideas from the International FF Advisory Council which meets in Atlanta, Georgia. He talked with great enthusiasm about the new outlook from the Council, commenting on the new website and the new logo. The emphasis now is to promote the next generation - young people who want to do new things. The staff for the International Friendship Force is now all over the world - it is now global expansion. As the

clubs age, they tend to host fewer people. However, the plan is to start fresh new clubs in Russia, Indonesia, Mexico, Canada, and Turkey. As 60 new clubs are formed, 70 old ones are disbanded. David noted that a United States club called the National Club of Visitors has a tie in with the International Friendship Force. The objective is to have 45 new clubs in 5 years promoting many choices and cultural themes, and participating with other organizations, sister cities etc.

Fannie Hicklin, Activities Chairperson and her Committee presented certificates of achievement and our new FF Wisconsin club pin to the past presidents.

Tell these past presidents "thank you" for their years of service.



Guest speaker, David Kalan, President of FF Greater Milwaukee and Board Member of Friendship Force International Advisory Council with our own President George Wysock



Please make the change in your new directory included in this newsletter for the following individual.

Margo Lindl
Coventry Village
7710 S Brookline Dr., Madison WI 53719
608-831-2477

**Urla, Turkey Exchange
June 13th to June 21th, 2013**

Everyone is welcome to join us for any of these activities.

Form and Payment due by June 6, 2013

Date	Activity	Price per Person	# Persons	Total Cost
Friday, June 14	Welcome Party--New Glarus Hotel Fish buffet and polka dancing (Limited space available)	\$17.00		
Saturday, June 15	Farmers Market and Downtown Tours Monona Terrace	Free \$2.00		
Sunday, June 16	Pontoon boat ride & picnic (limited space on boat)	\$6.25		
Monday, June 17	Tours by bus of ABS, Sanimax, Robotic Dairy System Farm and UW campus	\$4.00		
Tuesday, June 18	Cedar Grove Cheese Factory International Crane Foundation Lunch at Wintergreen Restaurant Wisconsin Dells Boat Ride <i>All inclusive day total</i>	\$3.00 \$7.00 \$8.00 \$19.25 \$37.25		
Wednesday, June 19	Bus to Milwaukee Activities will include: Buddy Squirrels Chocolate Palermo's Pizza & lunch Harley Davison Museum Milwaukee lake front Miller-Coors Brewery <i>All inclusive day total</i>	\$26.00 Free \$6.50 \$14.00 Free Free \$56.50		
Thursday, June 20	Potluck picnic--see separate form in June 2013 newsletter	Free		
		TOTAL		

Name of Participants: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Phone: _____

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Send to: Mary Mastaglio, 1818 Jenifer St., Madison, WI 53704

Questions: Call Mary Mastaglio, 608-241-0212 or email: mcbabula@sbcglobal.net



**Outbound Exchange to Malang,
Samarinda and Bali, Indonesia
August 31-September 18, 2013**

Indonesia, the fourth most populous country in the world, consists of over 17,500 islands of which only 6,000 are inhabited; it has a population of 240 million people in over 350 ethnic groups.

We will get acquainted with the exotic blend of cultures, learn about Javanese traditional music, fruits/plants, test our bargaining skills at a village bazaar, learn the legend of the Coban Rondo Waterfall, and enjoy the Dutch architecture of the Mulawarman Museum. This museum in Samarinda is in a 1930s palace where 19 sultans reigned and lived. It has a Balinese puppet theatre.

At the Pampang Cultural Village in Samarinda, we will see Dayak dancers. We can pay to have our pictures taken in traditional clothing or with Dayak people and purchase local products and souvenirs. In Malang, sometimes called "Paris of East Java," there are ten senior highs, 13 colleges and universities and two international schools. We will visit the Wonosari Tea Plantation and the Baku Secret Zoo. We will spend a night at Mount Bromo, a well known tourist attraction, with an active volcano in the Tenyger Semeru National Park. We will leave our Indonesian hosts to spend several days in Bali before returning home.

Estimated Price: \$1800 US dollars. Includes FFI and host fees. Does not include international airfare.

Contact Co-exchange Directors Ariel Ford (608-334-9032) or Fannie Hicklin (608-233-5748) or email IndonesiAx2013@yahoo.com for details.



**Incoming Vyborg, Russia
Exchange
September/October 2013**

In September 2012, our club visited a new Friendship Force club in Vyborg, Russia. We thoroughly enjoyed the time we spend with this new club. Now, we have the opportunity to host them for their first outgoing exchange. The exchange is being planned for September of 2013.

I am setting up a committee to begin the process of planning activities for the week. If you are interested in participating in this exchange, please let me know. We will be looking for members that are interested in being hosts or day hosts, members who might be willing to host a dinner, and members that would be willing to serve on the

committee that will plan the activities for the week. Applications and Interviews for hosts will be arranged when we have more specific information about the size of the group and their specific travel plans.

You can contact me at 608-833-5326 or via email, Sandrawysock@msn.com

Sandi Wysock, Exchange Director

2014 Global Exchange



FFI has approved the Global Exchange with the theme Arts/Architecture. Our FFW will be coordinating this exchange with the Friendship Forces of Northern Illinois and Greater Milwaukee.

A committee has had one meeting to make preliminary plans. However, additional members to help coordinate the plans are most welcome. If you have questions, have suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact me at 6080233-7536 or email dollycal@aol.com

Donna Calvert, Exchange Director

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Sunday, June 2, 2013

This is a great opportunity to help Wisconsin Public Television and also get some publicity for the Friendship Force, as well as, having fun with others in our group.

If you have not already signed up and wish to help, contact me at 241-2248 or email retaharring@yahoo.com

Reta Harring, Chairperson

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Oregon/Washing Outbound Exchange
Indonesia Outbound Exchange
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Secretary: Mary Lou Martino 467-2966
Treasurer: Margo McKnight 345-6827
Newsletter: Donna Hussin 845-3393

Crafter's Group

This new activity group met for the first time in April.



Join us Monday, May 13, 1:30 pm at the home of Margo McKnight, 321 N. Midvale, #1, Madison (608-345-6827). We will hope to make knit & crochet dish cloths. Bring #7 knitting needles and 100% cotton yarn. There likely will be extra yarn, if you don't wish to buy your own. If you don't know how to knit, someone will be able to teach you!

Join us Monday, June 3, 1:30 pm at the home of Patty Kexel, 241 S. Main St., Oregon (608-835-5430). We will be making folded paper photo books (13 books) to be given as gifts to the Turkey Ambassadors who will be visiting us June 13-20.

If you are aware of other club members who may be interested, please pass this information on to them. Also, please let the hostess know if you are planning to come.

Helen Ann Rugowski