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July 2019

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is here, Eh! We are ready and excited to host the FFI Ambassadors from Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. If you don't know what Timmies, 2-4's, Mickey's, the Molson Muscle, Runners and KD's are, you can find out when the Ambassadors from Medicine Hat get here. Hint - it is Canadian Speak!

The Ambassadors will be here from July 2-9. We have a number of activities planned for them. The American Player's Theatre outing has sold out, but we have room for our members to join other activities such as the Welcome Dinner on July 3 at the always great Imperial Garden, Wisconsin Ducks Rides in Wisconsin Dells or Cave of the Mounds Tour. The Annual Picnic will coincide with the Farewell Party for Medicine Hat on July 8 - there will be music and dancing, so come and shake a leg!! It's a great way to meet our Madison Members as well as our guests. The sign-up sheets for all are in the May 1 Newsletter on the website or in your email inbox. If you have difficulty locating it, please contact me.

A Board priority is to keep our members informed of our activities. Based on your feedback, we have decided that we will provide an email reminder and update of activities to supplement the now bi-monthly Newsletter. As of August 1, we will be sending out an email of upcoming activities which will go out in the months the Newsletter is not published. If sign-ups are needed, those will be included as well. Also keep checking your emails and let us know if we are succeeding in sending you timely news about club activities. We also encourage members to check our calendar on our website @ <http://ffiwis.org> - an easy way is to bookmark the site or add to your favorites list.

Please contact me 608-334-4647, if you have any questions or would like to provide feedback.

In Friendship

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Board Meeting

The FFI Madison Board meets the second Wednesday of the month @ 12:30 pm at Bridge Point Waunona Community Center, 1917 Lake Point Dr, Monona.

No Board meeting in July 2019 – VACATION!

Other Activities

2019

July 2-9: Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada Inbound Journey. See "Journeys"

July 8: Annual Summer Picnic and Farewell for Medicine Hat Ambassadors. See "Journeys"

July 14: Let's Walk, Let's Hike. See "Activities"

July 23 - 27: FF World Conference 2019, Boulder, CO, USA See "World Conference"

August 27: Book Club @ 7 pm, discussing "In a Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson, at the home of Sandi Wysock. See "Book Club"

September 25- October 1: Aichi -Dallas Inbound Journey. See "Journeys"

October 27 - November 3: Australia Outbound Journey

2020

April: New Zealand / New Caledonia Outbound Journey
See: "Journeys"

REMEMBER: MONDAY JULY 1, 2019 IS LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL PICNIC AND FAREWELL TO OUR MEDICINE HAT AMBASSADORS. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO Gail Holmes email glholmes@wisc.edu ASAP ON MONDAY or call her at 608 249-1846.



OPEN WORLD

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We are waiting for more information from the Program and are excited to find out who our next group of visitors will be.

JOURNEYS

MEDICINE HAT INBOUND JOURNEY JULY 2 - 9

Plans are complete for the Journey from Medicine Hat in Canada July 2-9. We hope many of you can be involved when our friends from Medicine Hat, Canada, arrive for a week of activities and enjoyment.

Because the Journey overlaps with July 4th, we hope to plan special activities for our guests – enjoy a parade, see fireworks and maybe attend a band concert. If you are interested in July 4th fun, and want to pair with a home host and his/her ambassador, please let Kathy Johnson know ASAP.

While we were unable to obtain tickets for a play at American Players Theater in Spring Green, we have many fun activities planned for our guests. Please remember that our Annual Picnic is also our farewell event for our Medicine Hat Ambassadors.

Thank you in advance to all of you who will help make this visit a great success.

Kathy Johnson
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Medicine Hat, Alberta Canada

JOURNEYS

AICHI JAPAN / DALLAS TX INBOUND VISITS SEPTEMBER 25 -- OCTOBER 1



Since there are only 11 Ambassadors coming to Madison from Aichi, we were able – with cooperation of the Iowa journey coordinator and our FFI friends - to combine our Aichi group with a group from Dallas TX visiting FFI Iowa. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED DATES FOR THIS JOURNEY.**

We have planned a program that includes a tour of the Governor's mansion and the Capitol, as well as:

- Tours of The New Life Lavender farm and Cherry Orchard in the Baraboo area and the Wollersheim Winery.
- Walking
- A day in the country at the Monroe Cheese Museum, lunch at the New Glarus Hotel, and visit to the historic village.
- Betty Lou Cruise for Sunday brunch on Lake Monona, followed by a walk through Olbrich garden.

The welcome dinner will be at Holy Wisdom, which has a diverse menu and gorgeous setting. The farewell party will be at Tenney Park again and catered by Nancy Deer who catered our 40th anniversary celebration.

On October 1 we will carpool the ambassadors to meet the Cedar Rapids club in Dubuque. We will have a picnic lunch in Dubuque in Eagle Park on the bluff above the Mississippi River.

We have planned a fun "Get to Know Wisconsin" itinerary and invite you to join us get to know the folks from Aichi and Dallas. **The activity sign-up sheet will be available for you on August 1. Also please check your calendars and FFI's online calendar for the dates, and volunteer to be a home host, a day host, or a dinner host.** To volunteer contact Martha McGregor at mcmgregor.martha@gmail.com, or Pat Fleming at pfleming@edgewood.edu

JOURNEYS

NEW ZEALAND AND NEW CALEDONIA OUTBOUND 2020

Our 2020 journey to Christchurch New Zealand and New Caledonia (which we have previously hosted)is scheduled for April 2020. Don Eggerding and Maureen Kind are our journey coordinators, who are working on sorting out exact dates and gathering more information from those clubs about physical requirements and hosting capacity.

We are now accepting applications. When you submit your application, please indicate if you are interested in only one place or both places and if you would be interested in extending your stay in New Zealand. We will be exploring that possibility in the future. Applications are on-line on both our website as well as the FFI website under resources/forms. Please include your \$25.00 application fee and mail the application **by August 31** to:

Daniel Eggerding
4305 Dwight Dr.
Madison, WI 53704-3519

We are trying to find hosting opportunities in 2020. Hopefully there will be more news on this issue next time.

Stephanie Sorensen
Journey Chair

GLOBAL BIKE JOURNEY 2020 ??

An initial organizational meeting confirmed that our club has a substantial core of bicyclists and that there is enthusiasm in the club for a Global Bike Journey. Hank Weiss has agreed to Chair this ad hoc committee and we are looking at a potential schedule for September 2020. We have plenty of time to explore this possible journey and Hank will welcome input, ideas, etc.



ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL PICNIC / MEDICINE HAT FAREWELL JULY 8

July 8th is our FFI Annual Picnic as well as our Farewell to our Medicine Hat Ambassadors. Cost is \$15.00. The Picnic will start at 5:30 at Tenney Park Shelter, 300 N. Thornton Ave., Madison. This picnic is also our farewell party for our ambassadors from Medicine Hat, so please join us for your last time (or your first time) to see our friends from Alberta, Canada.

Reservations and payments are due no later than Monday, July 1, 2019. REGISTRATION FORM IS THE LAST DOCUMENT PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. IT CAN BE EMAILED TO GAIL ON MONDAY.

Questions? Contact Gail Holmes @ giholmes@wisc.edu / 608-249-1846

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE

Second Harvest Foodbank



Our club volunteers at Second Harvest on the last Thursday of each month from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. More dates for 2019 are:

July 25 - Aug 29 - Sept 29

We will add more dates in our next Newsletter. There is unlimited space for volunteers. New members are encouraged to participate, not only to help serve some of the most basic needs of our community but also to meet and get to know other members of our club. Please confirm your participation date(s) with Lois Schulz, FFWM Second Harvest Food Bank Leader, at loisschulz1942@gmail.com

Within our 16 county service area, at least 44,000 children are food insecure from day to day and don't always know where their next meal is coming from. Second Harvest needs the strong support of all of us in order to improve access to nutritious food for these children and their families. (see:www.ourcommunityfoodbank.org)

Adopt a Highway



The next adopt-a-highway cleanup project is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 10 am by leader Stephanie Vanden Bush. Contact Stephanie at: (sljacobs2@gmail.com)

ACTIVITIES

BOOK CLUB



Our book club reads non-fiction books that open doors to other cultures, here at home and around the world. We read and meet 4 - 5 times per year. It is an informal gathering offering great conversation and insights. Our next meeting is on August 27, at Sandi Wysock's house, to discuss **In A Sunburned Country** by Bill Bryson. Many of us know Bill Bryson as an insightful writer, easy to read, informative and sometimes laugh-out-loud funny. This book pairs well with our journey to Australia in October.

Come and join us to learn more about the land down under and also bring along your suggestions for future books.

Over 33 copies of **In A Sunburned Country** are available in the Madison Public Library system. For more information, contact book club leaders: Helen Ann Rugowski at haharrin@hotmail.com /608-841-1087 or Bernie Long @ bdlong@tds.net

OUTDOORS

Let's Walk, Let's Hike – July 14, 2019, 1:30 p.m. Indian Lake County Park

A storm system passing through the area cancelled our May 5 hike. The park is lovely, so I decided to give it another try.



When: 1:30 pm Sunday Jul 14, 2019

Where: Indian Lake County Park main parking lot, p.m.

Address: 8183 State Highway 19, Cross Plains, WI 53528

The park has a complex trail system on gently rolling terrain. We can pick our hike to be easy, or a bit more challenging. None of the trails is really strenuous or difficult. Dogs are allowed on the trails, but they must be leashed. There is an adjacent dog-park, as well, where they can run off-leash at the end of our hike. So, bring along your furry family members, if you wish to!

After the hike we can also sit down in the shelter to have a "brown-bag" picnic together.

There is no rain date. In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

Additional park information can be found at: <https://www.danecountyparks.com/park/IndianLake>

If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Magdi Sebestyen at magdi.sebestyen@gmail.com, so that I can send you a map and directions, and reach you in case we have to cancel the hike again.

ACTIVITIES

Let's Bike



On May 1st it rained in the morning but stopped by 9:30. Four hearty souls biked 10 miles from Olin-Turville Park to McFarland and enjoyed lunch at The Green Lantern before returning to Olin-Turville park. We saw buffleheads and several other water birds on the bridges at Lake Waubesa. We will try to repeat this ride and hope to have a few more participants.

We also would like to plan a welcoming journey for bikers and will invite FFI Ambassadors here for a bike themed exchange/journey.



Local Travel and Fun



Unfortunately the Kenosha Civil War Museum and Electric Street Car Experience was cancelled due to low registration.

BOARD NEWS/ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP

To make contact with a broader range of people, and, of course, more people, the Membership Committee is looking for additional members. Specifically, we would like your participation to meet with new or prospective members to share our story. These meetings would be scheduled as convenient for all involved and either the Committee Chair or another Committee partner would also attend. For more information please contact Helen Ann Rugowski, Membership Chair @ haharrin@hotmail.com 608-841-1087.

BOARD UPDATES

PLEASE READ NOW - The Board now has openings for two AD HOC Board Members:

- Historian Chair
- Outreach Chair

If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Pet Hutnik at: 608-334-4647 for more information.

WEBSITE/TECHNOLOGY

We have added a new tool to the FFI website! You can now view all events in a calendar view with an option to view them as a list as well. Just click on the calendar date and event you are interested in and you will see more event information and contact information. You can also begin your search by searching for particular events.

We thank Sandi Wysock for her hard work and initiative in making all of these options available to us.

BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE INVITES YOU JOIN US IN PLANNING EVENT AND ACTIVITIES FOR MEMBERS

Because the Activities Committee has such a broad reach, we welcome you to join us in planning interesting, educational, active, service, and fun events for members and friends of the Friendship Force so we have an opportunity to get to know each other and develop our connections to FFI. Feel free to contact a leader and offer your assistance for any activity.

Members of the Activities Committee are:
Marian Ehrenberg (marianeh2014@gmail.com),
Gail Holmes (chair) (giholmes@wisc.edu),
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Lois Schulz (loisschulz1942@gmail.com) a

Leaders for specific activities listed below.

Adopt-A-Highway–Stephanie Vanden Bush (sljacobs2@gmail.com)
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Book Club–Helen Ann Rugowski (haharrin@hotmail.com) and
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Second Harvest Food Bank–Lois Schulz
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You are invited to attend the Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

Annual Summer Picnic and Farewell for Medicine Hat, Canada

Monday, July 8, 2019

Where: Tenney Park Shelter John Wall Family Pavilion, 300 N. Thornton Ave. Madison

When: 5:30 Social time with 6:00 Picnic buffet

Cost: \$15.00

Your reservation and payment are due no later than Monday, **July 1, 2019.**

Easy directions: From Sherman Avenue, turn onto North Thornton Avenue which runs parallel with the Yahara River. Drive to the parking area. Follow the sidewalk to the shelter.

Grilled hamburgers and brats will be served with buns, condiments, potato salad, creamy broccoli and cauliflower salad, vegetable platter, baked beans, chips, fruit tray, and beverages of coffee, lemonade, and water. Picnic catered by Stoddard's Meat Market & Catering.

Donations of desserts are appreciated. Please indicate below.

Questions? Phone Gail at 608 249-1846 or email glholmes@wisc.edu

Please wear your name tag!

_____ # attending x \$15.00 = \$_____

_____ I need a ride. _____ I can provide a ride.

I will bring this dessert: _____

Name(s): _____ Email Address _____

Make check payable to: Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison Mail to: Gail Holmes, 3457 Hargrove Street, Madison, WI 53714