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## **A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Peg Hutnick has resigned her role as President of our club due to other activities that will require more of her time. We wish her the best and thank her for her service to the club!

Our Vice President, Kathy Speck Kemeny has current commitments that preclude her from stepping into the President's role this year, so she will remain in the role of VP. At its August 14 board meeting, the club's Board appointed Past President Sandi Wysock to fulfill the role of President through the current term, which runs until September 2020. We are delighted that Sandi is willing to step back into this role! Thank you Sandi!

Update from Sandi Wysock:

We will be holding our annual strategic planning session on September 11th 2019 at the Fitchburg Public Library in the large upstairs meeting room from 12:30 to approximately 5:00. The address is [5530 Lacy Road, Fitchburg](#). After the meeting we will go out to dinner. Dale Moore, our Regional Representative, will join us as well.

This is your opportunity as members to be part of the planning process for the year 2019-2020. Are there goals that you would like to see us pursue? Do you have ideas for improving the club? Do you simply want to learn more about what is going on. This is your opportunity to roll up your sleeves, dig in, collaborate with your fellow members and help us set our goals for the coming year.

Please let me know if you plan to attend some or all of the meeting. If you are attending the meeting, I will also need to know if you plan to join us for dinner after the meeting. Please let me know by September 5th.

Sandi Wysock  
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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 Wauona Community Center, 1917 Lake Point Dr, Monona.

No Board meeting in July 2019 – VACATION!

### **Other Activities**

2019

**September 11:** Annual Strategic Planning Meeting at Fitchburg Public Library. See: "A Note from the President"

**September 12:** Let's Walk, Let's Hike. See: "Activities"

**September 12:** Biking Group. See "Activites"

**September 18:** Adopt-a-Highway. See "Activities"

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

**September 26:** Second Harvest Food Bank. See "Activities"

**October 27 - November 10:** Australia Outbound Journey

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

**September:** Global Bike Journey in planning stage. See: "Journeys"

## JOURNEYS

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



We are looking forward to meeting 11 Ambassadors from Aichi and 5 Ambassadors from Dallas at the end of the month. Home hosts have been matched with Ambassadors.

All activities are in place. We have not toured the Governor's mansion in some time and hope that Mrs. Evers will be able to welcome our visitors.

We are touring a lavender farm and cherry orchard in the Baraboo area to provide a different twist on agriculture in the state, as well as visits to the Monroe cheese museum and New Glarus. There will be time in both towns to walk the streets, do some shopping, and get a feel for small town Wisconsin.

We booked a Sunday champagne brunch cruise of Lake Monona on the Betty Lou. The Welcome Dinner will be at Holy Wisdom Monastery; Farewell dinner will be catered by Nancy Deer at the clubhouse at Tamarack. Gail Ambrosius will give a short presentation on chocolate making with a tasting at the Farewell.

**More details are on the sign-up sheet inserted in this newsletter. Please get your reservations in early as space is limited for some activities.** If you would like to day host, host a dinner or drive the ambassadors to Dubuque to meet the Cedar Rapids club and we don't have your name yet, please contact Martha McGregor [mcmgregor.martha@gmail.com](mailto:mcmgregor.martha@gmail.com) or Pat Fleming [pfleming@edgewood.edu](mailto:pfleming@edgewood.edu)

## JOURNEYS

### AUSTRALIA OUTBOUND OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 10

Everyone has their tickets and plans in place for any activities in addition to the two weeks of homestay – one week in the Central Coast and one week with the Tweed Valley Club. It should be quite an adventure for the 11 Ambassadors. We look forward to lots of photos and stories.

### NEW ZEALAND AND NEW CALEDONIA OUTBOUND 2020

**Since we are not yet full, we are extending the application deadline to September 14, 2019.** The journey is to begin in New Caledonia just after Easter (April 12) and then continue to New Zealand. 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 explore 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 September 13** to: Daniel Eggerding  
4305 Dwight Dr.  
Madison, WI 53704-3519

### GLOBAL BIKE JOURNEY 2020

For our Global Bike Journey in September we need hosts, bikers, committee members, etc. to help out with this one. It is a lot of work to do a Global Journey as we have to recruit Ambassadors and screen them as well as plan all the events - but it can be a really wonderful experience. I've done two Globals and been delighted with both of them. Please let me know if you are interested in this in any way. For more information, contact: Stephanie Sorensen, [ssorensen268@gmail.com](mailto:ssorensen268@gmail.com)



## JOURNEYS

### MEDICINE HAT

We recently concluded a lovely time with Medicine Hat, enjoyed by both Ambassadors and hosts.

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## **ACTIVITIES**

### **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. Next date is Sept 26.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ourcommunityfoodbank.org))

#### **Adopt a Highway**



The next adopt-a-highway cleanup project is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 10 am along a 1-mile section of highway 12 in Middleton. We will meet at the Middleton park and ride lot off the Parmenter exit 249. If you can help, please contact Stephanie Vanden Bush at 920-676-1441 or [sljacobs2@gmail.com](mailto:sljacobs2@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

### **OUTDOORS**



#### **Let's Walk, Let's Hike – Thurs. September 12, 5:30 p.m. Picnic Point**

When: 5:30 pm Thurs. September 12  
Where: UW Parking Lot 129 (entrance to Picnic Point Trail)  
Address: 2004 University Bay Drive – free parking after 4pm

We will take an easy walk along the Howard Temin Lakeshore Path to the Memorial Union Terrace. We may sit down for a little while, and grab a quick bite, or get some ice cream or beer at the Terrace before heading back to the parking lot. The distance between Lot 129 and the Terrace is 1.9 Miles, with an estimated walking time of 40 minutes each way.

Sunset will be at 7:13 p.m. on that day, so if we spend time at the Terrace, we will get back to our cars after dark. The path is lighted, though, so this should not be a problem, but bringing a flashlight would also make sense.

If you plan to participate, please RSVP to:

Magdi Sebestyen  
[magdi.sebestyen@gmail.com](mailto:magdi.sebestyen@gmail.com)  
Phone: (608)-213-5768

#### **Let's Bike**



Our next ride is Thursday September 12. We will meet at Yahara Place Park and Walton Place at 10 am to bike the Monona Loop. It would be nice, but not required, to let Mary Mastaglio (608-241-0212) know if you plan to join out. Our last ride August 8 had a good turnout. Look on our Facebook page for the photo.

## **BOARD NEWS/ACTIVITIES**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

A reminder from July Newsletter: 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](mailto:haharrin@hotmail.com) 608-841-1087.

## **BOARD NEWS/ACTIVITIES**

### **2020 REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

The FFI 2020 Super-Regional Conference will be in Minneapolis September 18-20, 2020, hosted by FFI Minnesota-Twin Cities. Our connections with other FFI groups is vital to developing and expanding our journey relationships and opportunities. We will keep you informed with updates. You can also directly contact Conference Chair Rita Mays: [ritamnffi@yahoo.com](mailto:ritamnffi@yahoo.com).

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## FFI WORLD CONFERENCE JULY 2019

Several Board members attended and reported that it was a successful and fun experience. Magdi Sebestyen, Kathy Speck Kemenyi and Martha McGregor had some great outdoor time after the conference:



## FRIENDS WE LOST



MADISON—Gary “OI Doc” Lindquist, age 72, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2019 in Madison, Wisconsin. Gary will be missed by his wife, Mary (Weiland) Lindquist and an extraordinary group of friends and family. He was full of curiosity with all things mechanical, electrical and propulsion from Civil Air Patrol while attending John Marshall High School in Milwaukee ('65) to the Chief of Fireworks in Land O'Lakes Wisconsin the last 20 years. Friends and family loved him from all parts of his past when he was stationed in Hoff Germany while serving the United States Air Force, Johnson Control, CUNA Mutual, and traveling the world with Friendship Force.

Gary and Mary have been members of Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison for many years. Gary was on the activities committee and he and Mary hosted and traveled many times. Gary could always be counted on to help us set up, tear down, connect the computers and the microphone and organize activities. He will be missed.

## **BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Standing Committee Chairs**

Membership: Helen Ann Rugowski 608-841-1087  
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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](mailto:marianeh2014@gmail.com)),  
Gail Holmes (chair) ([giholmes@wisc.edu](mailto:giholmes@wisc.edu)),  
Audrey Liimatainen ([AMCL822@yahoo.com](mailto:AMCL822@yahoo.com)),  
Lois Schulz ([loisschulz1942@gmail.com](mailto:loisschulz1942@gmail.com)) a

Leaders for specific activities listed below.

Adopt-A-Highway–Stephanie Vanden Bush ([sljacobs2@gmail.com](mailto:sljacobs2@gmail.com))  
Bike rides–Mary Mastaglio ([mamastaglio@gmail.com](mailto:mamastaglio@gmail.com))  
Book Club–Helen Ann Rugowski ([haharrin@hotmail.com](mailto:haharrin@hotmail.com)) and  
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Second Harvest Food Bank–Lois Schulz  
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Travel trips–Donna Hussin ([djhussin@yahoo.com](mailto:djhussin@yahoo.com))

## **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED:**

- AICHI SIGN-UP SHEET

		<b>AICHI JAPAN - DALLAS TX INCOMING JOURNEY SIGN-UP</b>	<b>Number attending/Total amount</b>
		<b>September 25 – October 1, 2019</b>	
Sep 26	10:00	Governor's Mansion tour (no charge) Lunch on your own	
	2:00	Capitol tour (no charge)	
	5:30	Welcome dinner at Holy Wisdom Monastery \$20.00 (sesame stir-fry or mixed grill dinner)	
Sep 27	10:00	Wollersheim Winery Tour (includes wine tasting) \$12.00 Hosts prepare box lunch	
	1:15	New Life Lavender Farm and Cherry Orchard \$12.00 (Includes wagon ride tour, coupon for \$ off at farm store) Home hosted dinners	
Sep 29	11:15	Betty Lou Cruise on Lake Monona (2 hour) \$49.00 (includes champagne brunch)	
Sep 30	9:15	Monroe Cheese Museum \$5.00	
	12:00	New Glarus Hotel Lunch \$15.00 Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Kaesechuechli (Crisp flaky cheese pie) <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Rosti (Rosti potatoes topped with sautéed vegetables) <input type="checkbox"/> G'schnetzlets (tiny slices of pork in a white wine sauce served with potato, vegetable)	
	5:30	Farewell Dinner @Tamarack community room \$25.00 Nancy Deer caterer (Mediterranean chicken, salads, lemon mousse) Chocolate tasting by Gail Ambrosius included	
Oct 1		Carpool to Dubuque to meet Cedar Rapids club HyVee Box Lunch \$10.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations due by **September 10.**

Please send check made out to Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison along with this form to Lois Schulz, 5555 Tancho Dr, #407, Madison, WI 53718-3947

**Don't forget to mark your choices for the New Glarus lunch!**

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