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April 2018



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow! We certainly had a great turn out for our 40th Anniversary Membership recruitment event. 28 members have joined us since the beginning of the year. Welcome!

Our membership committee worked very hard to make this a big success. Thanks to Kathy Speck, Denise Lamb, Mary Lindquist, Helen Ann Rugowski, Mary Lou Martino, Martha McGregor and Stephanie Sorensen. In addition, there were many other volunteers that helped to make this a success.

I am also excited to be receiving so many new ideas for potential inbound global journeys. Proposals include biking, hiking, photography, music and outdoor Wisconsin. All great ideas to attract more global ambassadors to Wisconsin. Look to see many of these ideas work their way into our regular activities as well.

Our annual meeting is April 29 at the Radisson. Please make your reservations and join us for our annual business meeting to be followed by a performance by the West High Okinawan Taiko Drummers.

See you there!

Sandi Wysock
President

It's a Match!

We were informed by FFI that we have an inbound journey with Aichi Japan proposed for September 2019 and an outbound journey to Australia proposed for October. In addition, we have tentative approval for an inbound journey with Medicine Hat, Alberta Canada. This is a reciprocal exchange as some of our members went on an outbound journey to this club in August 2017.

As soon as the 2019 exchanges are finalized, we can entertain exchanges from U.S. clubs. We will keep you posted.

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2018 CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monthly Board Meeting – Bridge Point
Waunona Community Center, 1917
Lake Point Dr, Monona, second Wednesday
of the month, 12:30 p.m.

April 21, Saturday—Let's Walk, Let's Hike *

April 20-22, Friday-Sunday—FF Super Regional Conference, Cincinnati, OH ☺

April 24, Tuesday—Book Club *

April 29, Sunday—Annual Meeting *

May 23, Wednesday—Day Trip *

June 3, Sunday—Wisconsin Public Television Auction ✎

June 9-15, Saturday-Friday—Niagara, Canada Inbound Journey*

June 14, Thursday—Annual Picnic and Dance ✎

October 27-November 3, Saturday-Saturday—Aichi Prefecture Japan Outbound Journey *

November 3-10, Saturday-Saturday—Oita Prefecture, Japan Outbound Journey *

* Information in this newsletter

☺ Information previously announced (Month in ☺Newsletter)

✎ Information to be announced later

Celebrate Madison's Sister Cities

For thirty years citizens of Madison have been creating international friendships with communities around the world. There will be a Celebration of our Sister City program on:

Saturday April 14 2018

5PM-8PM

Madison College, Truax Campus
1701 Wright St., Madison

The evening will include welcoming remarks by Mayor Paul Soglin, a keynote address by former Governor Jim Doyle and Jessica Doyle, entertainment by Madison Youth Choirs, informational and photo displays, refreshments and a delicious buffet dinner. Tickets are \$40 and are available at Brown Paper Tickets (<https://sccc.brownpapertickets.com/>).

Sandy Wysock, President



Join us for the annual meeting on April 29 at the Radisson Hotel, 517 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison. Social at 12:00 p.m., dinner served promptly at 12:30 p.m. The reservation form is in the March Newsletter which can be found on our web page at ffwis.org. If you can't join us for lunch, please come for the business meeting at 1:15 p.m. and enjoy the entertainment.

Our entertainment is the Okinawan Taiko Drummers of Wisconsin. (OTDW) is an Eisa group based out of West High School in Madison, Wisconsin. Eisa is a form of folk-dance specific to the Ryukyu Islands of southern Japan which fuses Okinawan music with elements of martial arts, dance, and drumming. The performers either play a large, barrel shaped drum (odaiko) which is worn by a sash over the shoulder, or a hand drum. The paranku, one of the hand drums, is small, round, and single faced. The shime-daiko is a two-faced hand drum tied together with rope, and is performed the most stylistically. This group performs each year at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington. See you on the 29th!

Sandi Wysock, President

Annual Meeting Minutes, April 23, 2017 Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by President, Sandi Wysock. She thanked all those who helped organize the meeting event, introduced and thanked Board members, and introduced new members and guests.

Richard Shropshire moved that the minutes from 2016 be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Janet Lonergan moved that the Treasurer's report and internal audit be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved.

President's Report:

We have had a very busy and productive year. As President I have been privileged to work with very talented and dedicated Board members and others within our community who are willing to share their time and talents with us. As a result, I can report that we are growing again and developing plans and programs that we hope will continue to promote the mission of the Friendship Force in Wisconsin.

Goals established by the Board for 2016 included:

1. Completion of assigned journeys since April 2016

Cleveland County, UK—Outbound, Nashik-Riverside, India—Inbound, Winnipeg/Santa Barbara—Inbound, and Guadeloupe—Outbound.

2. Increase membership by 20%

23 new members were added in 2016 & early 2017. We currently have 124 members. Our membership program is implementing a mentoring program and they are conducting new/potential member orientation sessions at least twice a year.

3. Increase membership participation

Active members lead to a more interesting club, improve our membership retention, enable us to support exchanges more easily and provide us with needed expertise and leadership. LEO's attracted 20-25 members. We had four new journey coordinators last year and we are seeing many of our new members active on committees and participating as hosts or ambassadors. Our two general membership meetings in 2017 attracted 40+ members. A new member mentoring has also been developed to support our newest members. We are definitely seeing results.

4. Develop policies to bring us into compliance with 501 (c) (3) requirements

Various 501(c) (3) regulations have been formally adopted. The board has implemented a budget process that allows us to use our income more strategically and adjust programs based on revenue. Membership donations of \$1135 with 2017 renewals and over \$2,000 with 2016 renewals are helping to support our programming and leadership development without increasing dues. We are deeply grateful for all contributions large and small.

5. Increase and improve our community connections and develop a marketing plan

Some initial work has been completed but we are seeking a new leader for the marketing portion of this effort. Our Outreach Committee has developed a new approach that will partner with other organizations to provide programming. In addition our booth at the International Festival provides us with an opportunity to share our mission and reach potential members.

FFI is making significant changes. They have a new website, new terminology, are trying to develop corporate sponsorship and offer new types of journeys. Members are encouraged to read the notices they receive to keep up with changes. Rick Steves will mention FFI in his travel guidebooks.

6. Develop a leadership plan

Finding leadership is an ongoing problem. Clubs have been forced to disband when they have not been able to find leadership. Each year we need at least three host/ambassador coordinators. We need members that are willing to lead committees, serve on the Board and serve as officers. The Board has adopted a leadership development plan that will be implemented over the next year.

7. Improve communication

This is an ongoing goal for most organizations. Our efforts with informational meetings, outreach, mentoring, general meetings and our newsletter are helping along with occasional email blasts about specific upcoming events. Please read the things that come your way to keep informed and attend events

Goals established by the Board for 2017 include:

1. Complete Inbound and Outbound Journeys:

San Diego (May) and New Caledonia (June) incoming are well on the way to fruition. Open World (Aug) planning is being developed

We are working to obtain additional incoming journeys. They are becoming more difficult due to visa requirements and difficulty in obtaining them; costs due to the high dollar; and some clubs, especially in Europe, disbanding or not traveling much overseas. Only 30% of Midwest clubs have an international incoming journey for 2018, so we are fortunate to have had them and need participation to continue these opportunities.

The response for Medicine Hat outgoing (Aug.) has been poor. This was your number one choice when we submitted our requests for 2017 so it has been disappointing to see the low number of responses. The Vancouver portion of this journey was canceled due to lack of interest. It made Medicine Hat more affordable. Peg Hutnik, ambassador

coordinator, brought a sign-up sheet to the annual meeting. There is an informational meeting on April 25, 2017 for anyone who is potentially interested at which time expenses and sample activities will be discussed in more detail.

Outbound journeys scheduled include Aichi and Oita, Japan suggested for October 2018.

- 2. Add 15 new members**
- 3. Implement our mentoring program**
- 4. Develop and implement a marketing program**
- 5. Enhance our programming to benefit our membership and attract members**
- 6. Hold a leadership retreat to focus on strategic planning and implementation of the above goals**

Going forward many opportunities exist. We should anticipate changes locally and at FFI in Atlanta. I encourage everyone to keep active and engaged in order for us to provide meaningful experiences for our members as well as our ambassadors both international and domestic.

Bylaw Revisions

Two years ago a committee spent much time and effort making substantive changes and restructuring to our bylaws. FFI recently changed some policies and some terminology. As we reviewed the Bylaws, to include the FFI changes, we also found other local areas that needed "clean up." The proposed changes align our dues policy with FFI, align our terminology with FFI, clarify who is a full member of the Board with voting rights (i.e.co-chairs), allow two rather than one member-at-large on the Board, and refer to our new budgeting process as the control on spending rather than a dollar limit. They are not the type of substantive changes that required significant work by an ad hoc committee. The changes were sent to members and are also on the table.

Gail Holmes made a motion to accept the revised bylaws. The motion was seconded and passed.

Nomination Process

Donna Hussin, nominating committee chair, presided over the meeting at this point and Sandi Wysock left the room. Donna explained the details of the nomination process and what our Bylaws specify in terms of who can serve in what positions and for how long. Donna announced that Sandi is not able to run for president though she was nominated. Circumstances required Sandi as vice-president to step in when Mary Babula, elected president for 2015-16, took ill and passed away. Upon Mary's death, the Board voted for Sandi to serve as president and we would look for a vice-president to fill Sandi's position. Sandi served 8 months of Mary's term as the Board president. The individual who agreed to fill the vice-president position did so as acting vice-president to fill out the 2016-17 term.

The Bylaws state that the president, vice-president, and secretary can only serve two consecutive terms in that office. Sandi agreed to serve as president if it was determined she was eligible. Two long time club members who had served on the bylaws committee two years ago were asked. Both felt that eight months did not constitute a full term and that Sandi could serve again. Therefore, she was nominated. Donna then pursued a vice-president candidate who would be willing to step up to the president position after one year on the Board as VP. She made 17 phone calls before finding someone willing to accept the VP leadership position. We have a leadership crisis. If we do not find more people willing to fulfill these roles, it is possible we would have to disband our club. This is happening to many other clubs both in the US and abroad. In 2018-19, we will need to replace our secretary, treasurer, and vice-president.

The slate of nominations was published in the March newsletter. On Saturday, April 15, eight days prior to the annual meeting, Donna received a phone call from a long time member and former Board member who stated that Sandi was not eligible. It was pointed out to Donna that if our bylaws do not specify a detail, we use Robert's Rules of Order as the guide. Donna researched the situation thoroughly finding that Chapter 18, section 56, article 4 on page 575 of Robert's Rules states that any time period longer than six months is considered a full term of office. Therefore Sandi was ineligible under our Bylaws.

One option was to nominate someone else for President who would agree to serve for it to be a valid nomination at this meeting. There were no such nominations. Suggestions from the membership focused on methods to make Sandi eligible by changing our bylaws to state that eight months is not a full term, or making an exception when there is an emergency. This could not be done at the meeting as Bylaw changes must be published to the membership ahead of time. The Board CAN appoint an acting president and Sandi can continue in that role until a new president is found. Not likely to happen given the difficulty Donna had in finding a VP candidate.

Following this discussion, Donna proceeded with the other three officer nominations. There were no nominations from the floor. A suggestion to forego the ballot and elect them by unanimous consent was made. Margo McKnight pointed out that the Bylaws require using a ballot. Ballots were distributed, collected and tallied. The candidates elected were Peg Hutnik, vice-president, Judy Taylor, treasurer, and Stephanie Sorensen, secretary.

Richard Shropshire made a motion that the Board pursue a change to the bylaws to either allow the president to serve three terms or to redefine a partial term versus using Robert's Rules for term definition. The Board is to explore options and present an appropriate change to the membership for a vote as soon as possible and to also be done electronically, if possible. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sandi returned to preside over the meeting. She thanked and distributed certificates to those who served as coordinators for hosts or ambassadors in the past year. She thanked those who left the Board in the past year. She asked anyone who served on the Board, on a committee, as a host or ambassador, as a coordinator to stand and it was most of the people in the room. It is good to see so many participating in our activities.

Gail Homes, journey manager, reported briefly on journeys we have had in the past year and requested more participation in our inbound journeys which are fast approaching. We need more day hosts and attendance at welcome and farewell events. We will need at least one and hopefully two ambassador coordinators for the outgoing journey to Japan in October 2018. She also thanked those who have helped in so many ways with our journeys.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Submitted by Stephanie Sorensen, Secretary

1,000 THANKS – MUCHAS GRACIAS

Thanks to the generosity of many who attended our winter party, the Catholic Multicultural Center will be able to assist children and adults in need of personal toiletries. You really came through! I was happy to deliver in behalf of Friendship Force-Madison four large shopping bags over-flowing with tooth brushes, tooth paste, bars of soap, and bottles of shampoo, just to name some of the articles. It was satisfying to see how your gifts brought smiles to the volunteers, while thinking of broader smiles from the recipients.

Lise Skofronick

Activities

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Stephanie Sorensen's Home

1624 C North Golf Glen, Madison



Book: Kickboxing Geishas, Veronica Chambers, author

If you have not been able to get a copy, you may contact me, Helen Ann, at 608-886-2688 as I have an extra copy or Bernie Long, 608-849-5592, as he may have an extra copy. However, reading the book is not a requirement for coming to listen to a discussion of the Japanese culture. The author received a fellowship in 2000 to research culture and the role of women in Japan.

Please RSVP Stephanie at stevils@charter.net or 608-819-6646.



Let's Walk, Let's Hike!

This is a new activity being introduced to the general membership that coincides with events scheduled for the group embarking on the Japanese

outbound journey this coming fall. **Join us on Saturday, April 21, 2:00 p.m., at the Pheasant Branch Conservancy in Middleton.** Exact location will be determined later and announced to those who RSVP me. This first one will be followed by other walks and hikes, one per month, at least up to September. This is open to all members, not just the ambassadors going to Japan. It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors and discover more about your city and state.

Magdi Sebestyen

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

A Taste of Australia

We just learned that our international outbound journey for 2019 will be Australia. To learn more about this country's culture, you may want to visit the Chazen Museum to see the display entitled Ancestral Modern Australian Aboriginal Art. Aboriginal art is unique and special and not often available for viewing in the US. We have the privilege of having an exhibition from the Seattle Art Museum currently on display until April 22. It is most interesting.



International Films



The Marquee Theater in the Union South on campus often shows international films. Sometimes these are part of a short festival (they recently held an Iranian festival, and there is usually an Irish one sometime during the year). Sometimes there is one film as part of their usual Thursday-Sunday campus films. If anyone is interested in going to any such films, please contact me. I can email a time to meet to go when I am around. If anyone else is interested or willing to help, perhaps they can also organize when I am not here. The Union South has lovely places to have a coffee, beer or ice cream to accompany a discussion of the film. You can also learn about them by getting on their mailing list: join-filmevents@lists.wisc.edu. Every Monday I receive a notice about what will be shown that week. Best thing is - they are free and open to the public.

Stephanie Sorensen, stevils@charter.net

Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay & East Troy Electric Railroad Motor Coach Day Tour May 23, 2018



Join us for this spring adventure. Details were in the March newsletter at ffwis.org. Reservation form is on the back cover. Limited to 30 participants. Cost is \$85.00 per person and includes admission, train ride with meal plus gratuity, motor coach fee and driver gratuity. Questions, please contact:

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Thanks to all member volunteers who helped with the Overture Center International Festival on Saturday, February 24. Visitors to the booth were invited to the 40th Anniversary event and provided information about Friendship Force.

If you are a member of a local organization that might be interested in learning more about Friendship Force, please contact us. We can provide speakers and materials for meetings and events. With your help, we can become better known in the community.

Follow and like our club Facebook page, search for Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison. Share with your friends and potential members to help us increase our presence on social media.

If you have marketing and outreach suggestions please contact Tom and Donna Miller at miller1950@sbcglobal.net.

Niagara Inbound Journey June 9-15, 2018 MORE CANADIANS ARE COMING!

This time they are from the Niagara, Ontario region. We will be welcoming 20 ambassadors, including one woman from Iowa. Their applications show 7 couples and 6 single females. Within this group, 10 are former teachers or school principals, two engineers, a nurse, a farmer, home economist, bookkeeper, travel agent, realtor and university planner. Their interests are varied including quilting, golfing, architecture, wine, theater, hiking, cycling, classic cars, and even curling.

The itinerary for a week of fun activities will include a trip to the largest railroad museum in the mid-west followed by a visit to the Underground Museum in Milton, WI, a trip to Horicon Marsh with a stop in Ripon to see the famous Clydesdales horses and a Swiss treat in New Glarus. Many other events are in the works. A complete program with cost will be in the May newsletter.

A workshop for home hosts and day hosts will be scheduled in May. But FIRST we must have 12 households who will be willing to open their home for six nights. As we have done during previous journeys, day hosts will be available. We are so grateful to those who have already volunteered.

Please call or email so we won't have to fill your voice mail boxes with our pleas.

Host Co-Coordinator

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Japan Outbound Journeys October 27 - November 3, 2018 - Aichi Prefecture November 3-10, 2018 - Oita Prefecture



This is the last call for these journeys before we advertise them to the general membership of Friendship Force International. We currently have 17 accepted ambassadors, while both clubs in Japan are able to host 20. If possible, we would like to fill the remaining

spots from our own club, but if there are no more members interested in joining us, we will open the journey to other clubs.

We had our first informational workshop on March 25, where we discussed technical details of these journeys, including transportation logistics, travel insurance, budget, activities and tentative itineraries, future cultural workshops, etc. All that information is now available to any interested member upon request from the ambassador coordinators. General information about the journeys was published in the January and February newsletters.

Our group of ambassadors plan to walk and hike together once a month; an event that we are calling "Lets Walk, Let's Hike". The first event is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m., in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy, in Middleton. (Exact meeting location to be determined.) All these walks and hikes will be open to the general membership. Please join us to enjoy some exercise and good conversations in the beautiful parks and conservancies of Madison and the surrounding area. Please RSVP Magdi Sebestyen (magdi.sebestyen@gmail.com), if you would like to join us.

Ambassador Co-Coordinator

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BULLETIN Health and Mobility Journey Policy

When you see that trip of a life time pop up in our newsletter or the FFI web site, you are ready to pack your bags and go—but wait! The next step is to fill out an application. Today's applications include questions about both health and mobility. So why the questions?

Most travel organizations provide an activity level in the description for their program. Our hosting clubs provide this information as well. The information they provide is within their cultural context. In other words, a short walk to the train station might be a mile. American's might assume this means a block. They may neglect to mention that there are a LOT of stairs because they are accustomed to having stairs everywhere. Unlike tour agencies that use hotels, we stay in private homes that are rarely handicapped accessible and unlike tour agencies our unpaid volunteer coordinators do not have professional organizations to back them up when there are medical emergencies. Bottom line, the volunteer nature of our program provides unique challenges.

A few years ago, concerns of hosts and ambassadors were increasing. Some ambassadors were traveling with our groups who were not able to fully participate in the host program. These ambassadors were placing undue stress on host families, interfering with their fellow ambassadors' enjoyment and participation and adding to the responsibilities of our unpaid

volunteer coordinators. Eventually the concerns reached a point where FFI developed a Health and Mobility policy.

The intention is to remain as inclusive as possible while recognizing the unique challenges within our volunteer organization. Participation in a Friendship Force home-stay may require a greater level of physical activity than an ambassador is accustomed to, such as carrying luggage, climbing stairs, riding public transportation, and walking long distances without a break, and keeping pace with a group. It is expected that any ambassador be able to fully participate in all activities. The hosting club identifies hosting and program conditions via a health and mobility checklist. This is sent to the ambassador coordinator. Additional requirements may be added as the program itinerary is finalized and our coordinator develops a better understanding of local conditions. Our ambassador coordinator is expected to accept only ambassadors that meet the physical requirements for the journey. If they would like to bring an applicant that may not be able to participate in all activities or may require their host home to be accessible, they must contact the hosting club. If the hosting club agrees that the ambassador can be accommodated, then the ambassador coordinator can accept the applicant. This process requires that all of us take these questions seriously and be completely honest about medical conditions and physical limitations for our own health and safety. If we do not provide complete and accurate responses, we can be removed from the journey at our own expense.

Because we often have strong friendships within our group, it is very difficult to tell a friend that they cannot go on a particular journey and it is even more difficult to send someone home but it is necessary for the safety and enjoyment of all involved. So, before you pack your bags, look at the activities, carefully review the program, ask questions and above all honestly consider whether you can participate safely. If the answer is yes, Bon Voyage!

Approved by the Board at March 2018 Meeting



Phone number for new member **Susan Quale** was incorrect in the March 2018 newsletter. It is also incorrect in the membership list dated March 1, 2018. Please make the following change:

Incorrect number: 608-780-43289

Correct number: 608-780-4929 (Cell)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome 20 new members. Please invite them to join you at an event or introduce yourself when you are at an event.

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**INTRODUCING CLUB MEMBERS
WHO HOSTED INDONESIAN
AMBASSADORS February 12-17, 2018**



Martha McGregor and her ambassadors Ari Kartadipura (L) and Ninuk Kartadipura, (R)



Kathy Speck Kemeny & Gabor Kemeny and their ambassadors Jeanne Syariffudin and Handriani Sentonno; (



Bob & Lucy Lasseter and their ambassadors Yenny Yustan, Mahda Fachrurrazie, and Ari Noorlimayanti,



Jennifer Angelo & Harold Weiss and their ambassador Aida Muslimah



George and Sandi Wysock and their ambassadors Prio Hutomo and Lies Erning



Making snow angels at Olbrich Gardens

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The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison
Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay & East Troy Electric Railroad
Motor Coach Day Tour
May 23, 2018



The day begins with a private one-hour tour of Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay after which we'll board the motor coach for a short ride to the East Troy Depot for our private chartered two-hour ride on the East Troy Electric Railroad. Our lunch on the train includes hors d'oeuvres, salad with blue cheese dressing, grilled pork medallions drizzled with a balsamic apricot glaze twice baked potatoes, seasonal vegetable, rolls and dessert. Coffee, tea and water are included. Beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase. The cost is \$85 per person which includes admission, train ride with meal plus gratuity, motor coach cost and driver gratuity. No refunds will be made. Registration is limited to the first 30 participants. The deadline is Wednesday, May 9. Details in the March newsletter.

The cars were designed and built long before the ADA and therefore do not meet current standards for accessibility. Passengers must be able to walk up/down steps to get on/off cars. The car is heated and air conditioned and has a restroom.

8:30 AM Depart from South Towne Mall. Park near McDonalds on the east end.
4:30 PM Return to South Towne Mall

Please: Your reservation and \$85 payment are due no later than Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

-----cut and return with payment

Special dietary needs _____

_____ # attending x \$85.00 = \$ _____

_____ I need a ride _____ I can provide a ride

Names: _____ Email Address _____

Make check payable to: The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

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