



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

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September 2018



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have been so wrapped up in Open World details that I almost forgot to write this month's President's Message and it's my last one. I suppose I should have something profound to say but I really don't so let me just say thank you for giving me the privilege of being your president for almost three years. Thank you for the time and energy that so many of you have put forth to help us refresh the club a bit while still staying true to our mission. You are an amazing, exceptional group of people dedicated to making the world a little better place one friend at a time. I can honestly say that the Friendship Force has enriched my life in ways that I never would have imagined and I know many of you feel the same way. Our new officers will be installed at the September meeting so next month you will be hearing from 2018-19 president, Peg Hutnik.

Thank you again.

Sandi Wysock
President

Save the Date

Fall Membership Meeting

Sunday, October 14, 2018, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Fitchburg Public Library
5530 Lacy Rd., Fitchburg, WI

Details in October newsletter.

2019 FFI World Conference
July 23-27, 2019
Boulder, Colorado,

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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.

Note: September meeting place and time change—Wednesday, September 19, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sequoya Public Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd., Madison

September 5, Wednesday—Let's Walk, Let's Hike*

September 9, Sunday—Welcome Party for Open World Delegates *

September 11, Tuesday—Sushi Cooking Class *

September 7-15, Friday-Saturday—Open World *

September 24, Monday—Adopt a Highway Clean-up *

September 27, Thursday—Second Harvest Foodbank Service Project *

October 14, Sunday—Fall Membership Meeting✍

October 17, Wednesday—Book Club *

October 25, Thursday—Second Harvest Foodbank Service Project

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

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

November 29, Thursday—Second Harvest Foodbank Service Project

December 27, Thursday—Second Harvest Foodbank Service Project

2019

July 2-9, Tuesday-Tuesday—Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada Inbound Journey

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

* Information in this newsletter

☺ Information previously announced (Month in ☺Newsletter)

✍ Information to be announced later

Activities



Let's Walk, Let's Hike

Our September event will take us to Prairie Ridge Conservation Park on the West side of Madison, on

Wednesday, September 5. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. at 2129 Muir Field Rd, Madison, WI 53719. There is free curbside parking on the street. This will be an easy, approximately 1 hour walk, on gently rolling trails.

If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP to magdi.sebestyen@gmail.com. See you there!

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August Hike-Devils Lake State Parke at "Devil's Doorway"

Magdi Sebestyen, Kathy Speck Kemeny, and Tamas Gaal.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Her interests within the club are: help with welcome & farewell parties, provide food for events, help with highway clean-up, Second Harvest, and participate in LEO and other social activities.



Can you spare 120 minutes to beautify America

Let's meet on **Monday September 24, 2018** at 9:30 a.m., Exit 249, to do trash pick up on our assigned area of Hwy 12/18 from exit 249 to the stop light at County K. In the spring we tried to do pick up but we were rained out twice. Your help is needed for this attempt. All supplies are provided except work gloves. Boots are recommended.. Plan on two hours or whatever time you have available to pitch in.

A text or email to let me know that you are coming is appreciated.

Sarah Rankin

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BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

7:00 p.m.

**George & Sandi Wysock's
Home**

102 Acadia Drive, Madison



Book: Little Soldiers: An American Boy, a Chinese School, and the Global Race to Achieve. Lenora Chu, author

The author, a gifted journalist, has researched and written a fascinating comparison of the US and Chinese education systems. An engaging and sometimes hilarious narrative account which begins with enrolling her 3 year old son in the best state run school in Shanghai. There are 7 copies in the public library; the book is 322 pages.

Please RSVP Sandi at sandrawysock@msn.com or 608-833-5326.



Second Harvest Foodbank Service Project

An "eggs-cellent" experience at Second Harvest Food Bank

Ten hard-working volunteers participated at our first outreach/service project at Second Harvest Food Bank on Monday, July 30, 2018, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Marian Ehrenberg, Gail Holmes, Donna Hussin, Peg Hutnik, Martha McGregor, Donna Miller, Julie Pretell, Magdi Sebestyen, Lois Schulz and her 12-year-old granddaughter Kinley Laux carefully checked cartons of eggs (white and brown) to remove those with cracks and breaks. The full cartons were repackaged into larger boxes with a weight of 25 pounds per box. We were so efficient that we finished our shift early when we ran out of eggs!

Everyone is welcome to come on any of our upcoming dates. Whatever date works for you! Just let me know so that Second Harvest can plan projects based on the size of our group. For the near future, we have decided to volunteer every month on the **last** Thursday afternoon of the month from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Because August is already booked, we will next volunteer on **Thursday, September 27**. It's important to note it's the **last** not the fourth Thursday.

Future 2018 dates are October 25, November 29, and December 27. Dates in 2019 are January 31, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 26, and August 29.

Gail Holmes
Second Harvest Food Bank Coordinator

Journeys around the World

As a member of the Friendship Force Wisconsin-Madison club, you are eligible to apply to join a journey organized by any other FF club. To see a list of upcoming journeys go to:

<https://www.thefriendshipforce.org/journeys>

2018 Club Journeys



September 7-15, 2018
Delegates from Georgia
Country in Eastern Europe

Our Open World delegates arrive on Friday, September 7.
Your participation is needed at the:

Potluck
Sunday September 9
Time: 5:30
Location: Warner Park Shelter
RSVP to sandrawysock@msn.com

Please come and meet Giorgi, Tamar, Teona, Anano, Tornike and Mariam. They are here to connect with professionals in Urban Planning and the Environment. All of them are really just starting their careers. They range in age from 22 to 34. Please come help us give this group of young people a really warm Wisconsin welcome!

Japan Outbound Journeys
October 27-November 3, 2018 – Aichi Prefecture
November 2-10, 2018 – Oita Prefecture



These journeys have been filled, and most ambassadors have finalized their travel arrangements and plans for add-on trips. We are ready for our pre-departure workshop in early October.

We have an upcoming cultural workshop/cooking class that is open to the public: "Sushi and Miso"

Wondrously addictive, cultural, and artistic-sushi remains a mystery to the uninitiated. Why would anyone want to pay so much for a few tidbits of raw fish?



Masters in Japan know how to make each bite a ride of color, texture, taste, and presentation. Join our fellow ambassadors and Chef Paul Tseng at Madison College, course #34251, on Tuesday, September 11 from 6-9 p.m. at MATC's West location (8017 Excelsior Drive, Madison). The cost is \$44.65. Registration can be done by calling 258-2301, Ext 2.

Our monthly Let's Walk, Let's Hike activities have drawn many ambassadors and members. They provided opportunities not only to have some exercise and enjoy the beauty of our parks, but to socialize and have good conversations, as well. Our last walk before the journey is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 5:30 p.m. in Prairie Ridge Conservation Park. The event is open to all members. Please RSVP to Magdi Sebestyen if you plan to attend.

Only 8 weeks are left before our departure! So exciting!

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2019 Club Journeys

Our 2019 calendar is going to have two inbound international journeys and one outbound. We are in communication with Denver, CO for a possible domestic exchange.

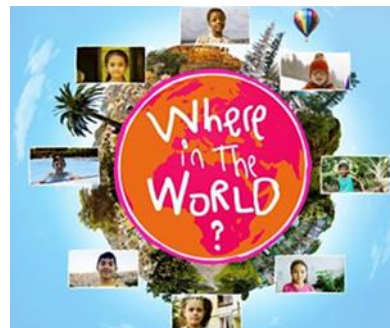
The inbound international journey with Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada has been arranged for Tuesday, July 2, to Tuesday, July 9, 2019 to host 20 ambassadors. This gives them time to drive to the club in Harrisburg. They're looking forward to sharing our July 4 celebrations.

Aichi, Japan would like to come to Madison in September 2019. They'll also spend a week with Cedar Rapids-Iowa City but have not communicated dates.

Our third international journey is an outbound to Central Coast and Tweed Valley in Australia in October 2019. There has been no response from either club to our emails. More than a year into the future may not be conducive to decision making.

Gail L. Holmes

Journey Coordinator



Have you recently traveled with another club? FFI suggests sharing the experience with your fellow members. Writing an article with pictures for the newsletter or posting on our website is one way. Telling your story at a club event is another. Let's begin our 2018-19 year with sharing, "Where in the world we have been!"

In Loving Memory



Cyndi Barr

Death: August 23, 2018

Cyndi and Ken, her husband were members of FFWI-Madison from 1982-2014. Ken died in 2015. They participated in many journeys both hosting and traveling. They will be missed but remembered around the world through the friendships they made.

Cyndi asked that donations be made to the Friendship Force of Wisconsin in lieu of flowers. We want to thank the many friends and family members that have donated a total of over \$200 thus far in memory of Cyndi. The donations are greatly appreciated.

Obit: <http://www.gundersonfh.com/obituaries/Lucinda-Mary-Welsch-Cyndi-Barr?obId=3175639#/obituaryInfo>



Tribute to Dr. Fannie Hicklin

On July 21, 2018, Dr. Fannie Hicklin celebrated her 100th birthday. She was a longtime Friendship Force Wisconsin-Madison member. In 1998 she served as the coordinator for the Hanoi, Vietnam inbound journey, and in 2003 for the outbound journey to Romania, as well as participating in other club journeys. She was the club's Activities Chair for many years. Belated wishes can be sent to her at 3814 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705.

A beautiful tribute recognizing her life and her achievements is included in an article in the Wisconsin Historical Society's newsletter, Columns, August-October issue on page 13. Click on this link for the article: www.wisconsinhistory.org/columns/2018-aug-oct/



"You are truly blessed — you have lived 100 years and have 10 decades of great memories. Happy 100th birthday!"
unknown

Labor Day By Lill Pluta

People work. People play.

That's why we have Labor Day.

Plumbers, bakers, painters, vets,

Fishermen with giant nets.

Firefighters, engineers,

Barbers snipping with their shears.

Teachers. Waiters, nurses, cooks,

Authors writing thrilling books.

Carpenters and deputies.

People who take care of bees.

No matter what it is you do.

There's one thing that's always true.

Every worker needs to rest.

I hope your Labor Day's the best!!

Adieu

This is my final issue of the FFWI-Madison newsletter after six years. I was a brand new member in 2012 when Mary Lindquist asked me if I would consider doing the club's newsletter taking over for Janet Lonergan, whose tenure she tells me was 20 years. Janet was a fantastic mentor. I will do the same for whomever becomes your next newsletter editor.

At no time did I ever plan to match or exceed Janet's tenure. I hope the newsletter has provided you with news and information you enjoyed reading and that you participated in many club events announced each month.

Donna Hussin
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