



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

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April 2017



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our ambassadors arrived home safely after a wonderful journey to the beautiful island of Guadeloupe. I think I speak for all of us when I say the people of Guadeloupe were very kind and made us feel welcome. It was an opportunity to have an authentic Caribbean experience. We owe a big thank you to our Ambassador Coordinators Maureen Kind and Lise Skofronick for helping to arrange this journey and for sharing their language skills. In the past, our ambassadors shared their exchange experiences with the membership at a reunion or other event. Since we have our annual meeting coming up we will take the opportunity to return to this piece of our history with our Guadeloupe ambassadors providing the program.

If you haven't had a chance to check out the new Friendship Force International website, please do so! It seems to be well organized. The global membership option is now available and it is much easier for potential new members to locate local clubs. My only comment is that it is a little slow in responding so be patient. There was an announcement March 15, 2017 that Rick Steves will list Friendship Force along with other organizations promoting educational, locally-based travel experiences in the second edition of his popular book, "Travel as a Political Act," to be published in early 2018.

Don't forget to sign up for annual meeting April 23! Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Sandi Wysock
President

Save the Dates

*FF Combined Super Conference
Great Lakes, Midwest, and Southwest
Regions
April 20-22, 2018
Greater Cincinnati, OH*



2017 CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monthly Board Meeting - Bridge Point Waunona Community Center, 1917 Lake Point Dr, third Wednesday of the month, 1:15 p.m.

April 17, Monday—Annual Meeting Reservation Deadline

April 20, Thursday—San Diego Inbound Journey Information Meeting, Pinney Library *

April 23, Sunday—Annual Meeting *

April 25, Tuesday—Medicine Hat Outbound Journey Information Meeting, Sequoya Library *

April 28, Friday—Highway Clean-up*

May 5, Friday—San Diego Journey Reservation Activity Deadline

May 7, Sunday—L.E.O., Breakfast at Dobhan Restaurant *

May 10, Wednesday—Book Club *

May 19-26, Friday-Friday—San Diego Inbound Journey *

June 4, Sunday—WHA Auction *

June 23-30, Friday-Friday—Noumea, New Caledonia Inbound Journey *

June 28, Wednesday, Annual Picnic ✍

August 8-14, Tuesday-Monday—Medicine Hat, Canada Outbound Journey *

August 25-28, Saturday-Tuesday—FFI 40th Anniversary World Conference, Manchester, UK ☺ (February)

September 8-13, Saturday-Thursday--Open World ☺ (January)

* Information in this newsletter

☺ Information previously announced (Month in ☺Newsletter)

✍ Information to be announced later

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Activities

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.
Jane Kessenich's Home
5 Sebring Ct, Madison



Book: Stalag Wisconsin: Inside WWII Prisoner of War Camps, **Author:** Betty Cowley

Did you know that prisoner-of-war camps were established in Wisconsin during World War II? Our book selection for May is a comprehensive look inside Wisconsin's 38 branch camps that held 20,000 Nazi and Japanese prisoners of war during WWII.

Perhaps you or a family member have recollections of the camps that were located throughout Wisconsin. It would be great to hear about any personal experiences during our discussion about the book.

Please join us as we learn a little bit more about the history of Wisconsin. Please RSVP to Jane Kessenich, jpkessenich@charter.net or 608-836-0324

Nancy Brown

Let's Go Out For...

May L.E.O.
Breakfast at Dobhan
Restaurant
2110 Atwood Ave., Madison
Sunday, May 7, 2017

Come join us!

The name Dobhan means the confluence of two rivers in Nepali and conveys the essence of styles, flavors and the foods cooked to perfection. Organic eggs and locally-sourced organic ingredients are used whenever possible.

You may select from the following menu:

Dobhan Red Eggs--Two eggs/black beans/flour tortillas/spiced potatoes/house-made tomato sauce

Phull Dosa--Eggs/spinach/manchego cheese wrapped in rice and urad bean crispy crepe

Cuban Jerk Pork--Braised pork in house-made jerk sauce/two eggs/black beans/spiced potatoes/toast

Information on cost and how to register will be sent via a separate email. Hope you will join us.

Margo McKnight



Future L. E. O. Dates

July 17—Soul Food
October 1—Freiberg with walking tour
November TBD

Details will be provided in the newsletter closer to the announced dates.



HELP NEEDED

Can you spare 90 minutes to beautify America?

It is time for our semi-annual highway clean-up project. Have you noticed our FF sign on Hwy 12? Meet at the Park & Ride lot at Exit 249 on Highway 12 at 10 a.m., on Friday, April 28, 2017 to pick up supplies (trash bags, neon vest, picker implements etc.)

Please contact Sarah Rankin via phone (608-575-9685) or email rankinsarahjane@gmail.com to indicate your availability.

On a beautiful sunny day it would be like a walk in the park with a purpose!

WHA AUCTION

15 volunteers are needed on June 4, 2017 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. for the Wisconsin Public Television auction. It includes a free dinner and an invite to the Wisconsin Public Television Volunteer Picnic in June.

There are several ways to help at the auction: phone bank, serving food, confirmation of winners, helping with the sets, etc. Sign up at the April 23, 2017 annual meeting or call me at 608-241-2248 or email retaharring@charter.net.

It is helpful to wear a Friendship Force shirt to publicize our club. Free parking is always available on Sundays in the Grainer Hall lot across the street from Vilas Hall.

Reta Harring, Chair,



2017 Club Journeys

San Diego Inbound Journey May 19-26, 2017



Brodhead Airport Vintage Airplanes WWI & WWII

Preparation for the visit by the 14 ambassadors (3 couples and 8 singles) continues to move forward. The San Diego ambassadors are completing biographies and sending them along for the booklet, as well as, their journey fees. The ambassadors have been matched with hosts and are being informed to begin contacting them to get acquainted. The information meeting for all home hosts, day hosts, dinner hosts and any other interested club members is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison.

The reservation form for all club members to participate in the week's activities is included with this newsletter. **The deadline to return the form to Lois Schulz, journey treasurer, is Friday, May 5, 2017.**

The week's activities includes some of our unique Wisconsin treasures, such as the Horicon Marsh, House on the Rock, and vintage airplanes from WWI and WWII, a service project with Second Harvest Foodbank, and sharing our ethnicity with free time to enjoy Syttende Mai in Stoughton on May 20 and 21, becoming Swiss for a day in New Glarus, and enjoying our German heritage with a Friday night fish fry welcome dinner and a good old-fashioned polka party at the farewell dinner. Please invite family members and friends to participate along with you.

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New Caledonia Inbound Journey June 23-29, 2017



Spirit of Dubuque Paddle Wheel Boat

The New Caledonia Inbound Journey will now be 16 ambassadors, five couples, seven women and one man. We are now in the process of matching home hosts to ambassadors. Day hosts will be designated soon after by the planning committee. Lucy Lasseter will be arranging the dinner hosting. Please contact her if you're interested in hosting a dinner for our ambassadors on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

New Caledonia is a French territory comprising dozens of islands in the South Pacific, located east of Australia. Far less touristy than Tahiti, it is noted for its friendly people and slow pace of life. From its palm-lined beaches to marine-life-rich lagoon it's a major tourist and scuba-diving destination.

Marie-Aimée, New Caledonia Journey Coordinator, has been sent the schedule of activities with Saturday afternoon and Sunday free days. Highlights include: a day trip to Dubuque to the National Mississippi River Museum, with lunch and a river tour on the paddle wheel boat, "Spirit of Dubuque, Tuesday, June 27. Their farewell meal will be the club's summer picnic on Wednesday, June 28 with the New Caledonia ambassadors presenting a program of their unique French-Polynesian culture, including singing and dancing. The complete activities list and sign-up sheet will be published in the May newsletter.

It looks like it's going to be a great journey to Madison for our incoming ambassadors from New Caledonia! Come join us!

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Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada Outbound Journey August 8-14, 2017

Due to limited interest in the combined Medicine Hat and Vancouver Journey in August, the Board voted to proceed only with the Medicine Hat Journey. This decision provides the opportunity to fly or drive to Medicine Hat which reduces costs and gives you the opportunity to also visit other areas nearby. Medicine Hat is located in the prairie lands of Alberta province, 183 miles southeast of Calgary. Anyone flying would fly into Calgary and be picked up by their host. The Saamis Teepee, an architectural wonder, built for the 1988 Winter Olympics greets you as you enter Medicine Hat. The Medalta Potteries, a National Historic site, once produced 75% of the pottery shipped round the world. We need to know the club interest by April 25 to inform Atlanta. **You can sign up at the annual meeting on April 23 or come to the information meeting, April 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sequoia Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd, Madison.** My contact information is below if you have questions.

Peg Hutnik, Journey Ambassador Coordinator, 608-334-4647 or benhut@att.net

San Diego Journey Activities Reservation Form
May 19-26, 2017

For all FFWI-Madison members, family and friends.

PLEASE enter YES and number of participants or NO for FREE events.

Indicate MENU CHOICES for MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY meals!

Form and payment due by **Friday, May 5, 2017.**

Date	Activity	Cost/Person	# Persons	Total Cost
Friday, May 19	6:00 p.m. , Welcome dinner, Lake Windsor Country Club, Pinnacle Rm, 4628 Golf Rd, Windsor, 5:30 p.m., Cocktails (Cash Bar), Wisconsin fish fry buffet of beer-battered cod, herb baked chicken, choice of potato, coleslaw, garden salad, garlic bread sticks, coffee & water	\$22.00		
Saturday, May 20	10:00 a.m. , State of Wisconsin Capitol tour	Free ___ Yes ___ No		
Monday, May 22	10:30 a.m. , Horicon Marsh Education & Visitor Center & Explorium, N7725 Hwy 28, Horicon NOON Lunch , Rock River Tap, 110 W Lake St, Horicon. Sandwich on a Kaiser roll includes pasta salad, cole slaw, dessert & coffee. Select: ___ Ham sandwich ___ Turkey sandwich 2:00 p.m. , Horicon Marsh two-hour pontoon boat sightseeing tour and movie, Blue Heron Landing, Hwy 33, 305 Mill St, Horicon	\$2.00 \$10.00 \$20.00 Total \$32.00		
Tuesday, May 23	9:00 a.m. , Second Harvest Foodbank service project, 2802 Dairy Dr, Madison, (Bring brown bag lunch.) 1:00 p.m. , House on the Rock, 5754 State Rd 23, Spring Green, (Self-guided Ultimate Experience admission encompasses ramps, varied surfaces and outdoor areas) 6:15 p.m. , Dinner at Quivey's Grove, 6261 Nesbitt Rd, Madison, Select: ___ Roast turkey breast, broccoli & cheddar cheese sauce popover served on rice ___ Marinated Portabella mushrooms w/balsamic vinaigrette, grilled vegetables & wild rice Both entrees include muffins, apple crisp w/ice cream and coffee or iced tea	Free ___ Yes ___ No \$23.00 \$20.00 Total \$43.00		
SUB-TOTAL FRONT SIDE				

CONTINUED ON BACK SIDE

Date	Activity	Cost/Person	# Persons	Total Cost
Wednesday, May 24	<p>10:00 a.m., New Glarus Historical Village & Museum, 612 7th Ave, New Glarus</p> <p>NOON Lunch, New Glarus Hotel, 100 6th Ave, New Glarus, Select: "Geschnetzlets" slices of browned pork w/crème sauce & vegetables "Kaesechuechli", Swiss cheese pie served with fresh fruit</p> <p>Served with "Röesti" (Swiss-style potatoes) and "Spätzli" (Swiss-style noodles) served family style, salad, rolls, homemade dessert, coffee, tea and milk.</p> <p>Included also is a cheese fondue appetizer demonstration and Swiss entertainment.</p> <p>2:00 p.m., Golden Age of Aviation Vintage Aircraft, Brodhead Airport C-37, N2439 Airport Rd, Brodhead, (WWI and WWII aircraft) Includes picnic.</p>	<p>\$9.00</p> <p>\$23.00</p> <p>\$10.00</p> <p>Total \$42.00</p>		
Thursday, May 25	<p>10:00 a.m., Hinchley Dairy Farm Tour, 2844 Hwy 73, Cambridge</p> <p>NOON Lunch with crock pot soups, crackers, rolls, cheese curds, & Babcock Hall ice cream</p> <p>6:00 p.m., Farewell dinner, Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N Century Ave, Waunakee, 5:30 p.m. Cocktails (Cash Bar), Select: Vegetable stir fry Baked chicken & Swiss steak served family style with potatoes & gravy, vegetable</p> <p>Both entrees include salad, dressing, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and milk</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Entertainment, Polka Party with music by Pat Stone on her accordion accompanied by a bass player and dance lessons with Deb & Mike Moe.</p>	<p>\$9.00</p> <p>\$10.00</p> <p>\$20.00</p> <p>Total \$39.00</p>		
Sub-total Back Side				
Sub-total Front Side				
GRAND TOTAL				

Name of Participants: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Phone: _____

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

Send form with payment to **Lois Schulz, 5555 Tanco Drive #407, Madison, WI 53718-1932** (608-243-9761)

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The Friendship Force of Wisconsin
Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Sunday, April 23, 2017

The Coliseum Bar and Banquet
232 East Olin Avenue
Madison, WI

12:00 PM Social Hour
12:30 PM Seated Luncheon
Cost: \$17.00



Non-registered members welcome for business meeting only at 1:15PM
Donation of bars and cookies is greatly appreciated.

Please: Your reservation and payment are due no later than Monday, April 17, 2017.

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Choice of entre: _____ **Pork Roast** (served with mushroom sauce, wild rice pilaf, and maple-glazed baby carrots)
_____ **Vegetarian Lasagna** (served with marinara sauce and a bread stick)

Both meals include a salad of mixed greens with garden vegetables/choice of dressing, fresh baked rolls/butter and beverages of coffee, milk, soda and water.

Special dietary needs _____

_____ **# attending x \$17 = \$** _____

_____ **I need a ride** _____ **I can provide a ride**

Names: _____ **Email Address** _____

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