



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

Changing the Way You See the World

October 2016



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"With every true friendship we build more firmly the foundation on which the peace of the whole world rests." Mahatma Gandhi

The Friendship Force pledge states that "I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world." It's a statement of personal commitment and belief. For nearly 40 years our members have traveled the world extending a hand of friendship and peace. We have forged thousands of new friendships one smile, one hug, one act of kindness at a time. One highlight for me has been our visits to schools in Denizli Turkey and Vyborg Russia. Most of the students we met will never travel to the US. They live in a world where the geo-political image of Americans can be quite negative. Hopefully they remember our visit, the library books we donated and most of all our smiles and willingness to interact with them.

I truly believe that our message of friendship and peace is as relevant today as it was nearly 40 years ago when the first exchange occurred. I hope you agree and that you will join us October 18 at the Fitchburg Library, 5530 Lacy Rd, 6:30 pm for a trip down memory lane with several of our members that were part of the first exchanges.

In friendship,

Sandi Wysock
President

September 2016-2017 Board

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ED Coordinator: Gail Holmes

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Please join me in welcoming our new board and thanking our departing members for their dedication and service: Helen Ann Rugowski, Maggie Dohm, and Nancy Brown.

Sandi Wysock



2016 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

October 11—Book Club, I Am Nujoid Ali by Delphine Minoui *

October 17—Guadeloupe Exchange Interviews, Sequoia Library *

October 18—General Membership Meeting, Fitchburg Library *

October 19—Guadeloupe Exchange Interviews, Pinney Library *

October 22—Adopt a Highway*

October 26—Newsletter Deadline

November 2—LEO, Buraka Restaurant *

December 15—Membership Renewal Form Deadline*

2017

February 22-March 1—Guadeloupe Outbound Exchange

May or June TBD—Noumea, New Caledonia Inbound Exchange

May or June TBD--San Diego, CA Inbound Exchange

August 8-14—Medicine Hat, Canada Outbound Exchange

August 15-22—Vancouver, Canada Outbound Exchange

August 24-28—FFI 40th Anniversary World Conference, Manchester, UK

* Information in this newsletter

© Information previously announced (Month in ©Newsletter)

✍ Information to be announced later



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

When: October 18

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Fitchburg Public Library, 5530 Lacy Road

Join us for a trip down memory lane. Joan Calkins, Bernie Long and Kay Babcock traveled on the earliest exchanges. They will discuss the history of the Friendship Force and their personal experiences. Desserts and beverage following the presentation.

Set up help and 2-3 people to prepare desserts with international theme are needed. Contact Sandy Wysock, 608-833-5326 or sandrawysock@msn.com, if you are able to help.

Membership Exchange Preferences 2018

Based on the votes received, we have submitted the following preferences, India, Japan, South Africa, and Chili, to our regional rep, Adrienne Moen. Adrienne will compare our choices with what other have Midwest clubs have submitted so that multiple Midwest clubs are not assigned to the same locations

Activities

BOOK CLUB

Have you saved the date to join us on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 7:00 PM at Lois Schulz's, Oakwood East, 5565 Tanco Drive, #407, Madison. Buzz her unit number to be let into the building.



We are reading I Am Nujood Ali by Delphine Minoui, a small book about a 10-year-old Yemen girl who is divorced. Copies are available through your public library.

Please let Lois know, if you will be joining the group either by phone 608-243-9761 or email loisschulz1942@gmail.com.



It's time to once more mount a team effort to clean up our assigned section of Highway 12 roadside. Friendship Force does get credit in the sign posted along the highway near the Parmenter exit.

Please meet on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the park and ride lot at Exit 249 to collect supplies and get your assignment. Plan on one to one and a half hours to complete the task. I would appreciate a call to indicate your availability.

Sarah Rankin
608-575-9685



L.E.O.

November 2, 2016
1:00 PM

Buraka
1210 Williamson St, Madison

Try Something Different!

Join us for a traditional Ethiopian feast at Buraka Restaurant on Willy Street. Our lunch will include a variety of stews, served with Injera (bread) and salad.

Chef Markos will share his insight into Ethiopian cuisine known for its rich and exotic mix of spices and Ethiopian culture.

The cost for the lunch is \$18 which includes gratuity and beverages--water/soft drinks only. Please bring exact amount in cash to pay me upon your arrival at Buraka.

Please consider carpooling as parking on Willy Street can be a bit challenging.

Reservation deadline is Friday, October 28, 2016. RSVP to Nancy Brown via email ncbrown48@gmail.com or calling 608-283-9040.

Nancy Brown



Membership Renewal Time
Deadline December 15, 2016

It's that time of year to renew your membership with Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison. You will soon receive your renewal form in the mail. If you don't receive your renewal notice, there is a generic Renewal Form in this newsletter.

Your membership brings you many opportunities to participate in club activities and exchanges along with participating in "Any Exchange in the World". Where would you like to visit next?

If you no longer travel, there are many other events to participate in. We also have Book Club, LEO's, Highway Clean Up, WHA and many other ways to participate and contribute to a successful Friendship Force Club. We are always looking for assistance with meetings, exchanges, workshops, bringing treats, or anything else to help with the exchange or activity.

Your membership includes dues to Friendship Force International (FFI). Without FFI we would no longer be able to participate in the wonderful cultural experiences. Every cultural experience is different. There are so many places in the world to visit or be visited by.

The dues will be \$30 per individual. If you are a family with children, the children under 18 are free. From the fees we collect, we pass on \$15 per person to FFI. The remainder is kept here to support your club's budget. They include bringing on new members, helping to send a delegate to FF conferences (regional and internationally), subsidizing some meetings, training and supporting exchange directors, etc.

We also ask that you check off, on the renewal form, ways you can give back to support your club. Please check at least one or as many boxes as you like. We look forward to 2017 in making new friendships around the world and with people in our own club.

Mary Lindquist
Membership, 608-233-9351, marylindquist@charter.net

Exchange Coordinator Report

Our club bid farewell to our Winnipeg, and Santa Barbara, CA ambassadors on September 20, 2016. Both clubs want to offer us reciprocal visits.

20 ambassador applications have been received for the Guadeloupe exchange February 22-March 1, 2017. Interviews are being conducted October 17 and 19.

We have a new regional support manager, Valerie Malfara for the Noumea, New Caledonia exchange. No date yet; they prefer a June date over May and estimate 20 ambassadors.

San Diego is open to the month New Caledonia doesn't choose.

We need an experienced exchange director for the outbound exchange to Medicine Hat, August 8-14 and Metro Vancouver in Canada, August 14-22, 2017 to partner with a new member.

Experienced Exchange Director Needed

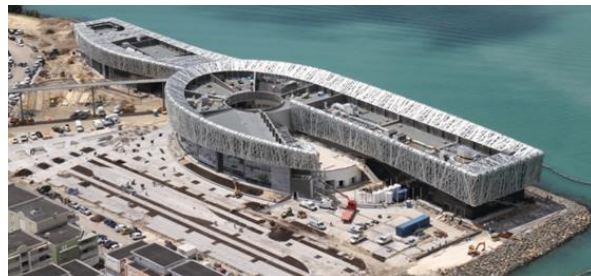
One of our new members has volunteered to be an exchange director for the two-week outbound exchange to Medicine Hat, Canada, August 8-14 and Vancouver, Canada, August 15-22, 2017. Both of these clubs already have exchange directors and are enthusiastically looking forward to hosting us.

An experienced Exchange Director from our club is needed to partner with our new member for this two week adventure. Each ED would coordinate just one week and would be supportive of each other. The host club plans the activities for our ambassadors. There are many of you who could provide this leadership, and I am counting on a volunteer to complete this

team. If you have any questions, please contact me. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Gail L. Holmes, Exchange Coordinator
608 249-1846, glholmes@wisc.edu

Guadeloupe Outbound Exchange



Museum of Slavery—Dedicated July 2015

Applications for this exchange to the French overseas department of Guadeloupe, February 22-March 1, 2017 are in! Interviews for applicants are on Monday, October 17, 7-8:30 p.m. at Sequoya Library and Wednesday, October 19, 10-11 a.m. at Pinney Library. Applicants will be contacted in order to choose a time and date for their interview.

Our Guadeloupe friends finalized the program at their September meeting. During our stay we are visiting the island of Marie-Galante and the large Museum of Slavery on Guadeloupe.

Maureen Kind and Lise Skofronick, Co--EDs

Winnipeg/Santa Barbara Exchange Thank You

We would like to thank all those who worked so diligently on the Winnipeg Santa Barbara exchange. Committee members: Gale Holmes, Lois Schulz, Margo McKnight, and Sandra Wysock.

Home Hosts: George & Sandi Wysock, Helen Ann Rugowski, Pete & Margie Marion, Tom & Mary Payton, Kathy Speck & Gabor Kemeny, Robert & Lucy Lassetter, Maureen Kind, Tom & Donna Miller, Gail Holmes, Kay Kinney, Patrick Fleming, Mary Lou Martino, Martha McGregor, Lois Schulz, Margo McKnight

Day Hosts: Lucille Contorno, Dan Eggerding, Sueli Goulart, Peg Hutnik, Doug & Kathy Johnson, Audrey Liimatainen, Mary Mastaglio, Chris Manke, Lois Schulz, Stephanie Sorensen, Judy Taylor, Ernie Thieding, Dick & Margy Walker, John & Mary Wittee, Virginia Zwick

Dinner Host Organizer: Donna Hussin

Dinner Hosts: Kay Kinney, Lucy & Bob Lassetter, Dorothy & John Baldwin, Julie Pretell & Allen Rieland, Jane Kessenich, Lisa Skofronick, Richard & Margy Walker

We all gave the visitors an excellent exchange. They were very complimentary on our efforts.

George Wysock & Patrick Fleming Co. ED's

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WISCONSIN - MADISON

2017 RENEWAL FORM – Return by 12/15/16

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



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Questions? Call 608-233-9351 or e-mail ffwis.membership@gmail.com

What are your interests? How can you support your club? *Check at least one or as many as you like.*

- ☐ Adopt-A-Highway
- ☐ Book Club
- ☐ Club Picnic
- ☐ LEO – Lets Eat Out
- ☐ Social Dinners
- ☐ WHA Public Television
- ☐ Provide Food

- ☐ Ambassador
- ☐ Day Host/Co Host
- ☐ Exchange Director
- ☐ Home Host
- ☐ Host Dinner or Tea
- ☐ Interviewing
- ☐ Photographer
- ☐ Planning
- ☐ Welcome/Departures

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Winnipeg, Canada and Santa Barbara Exchange
September 13-20, 2016



Hinchley Dairy Farm Tour