

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison

Changing the Way You See the World September 2016



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are nearing the end of our 2016 exchanges. Only one to go! Winnipeg, Canada and Santa Barbara, California, a combined exchange, arrives September 13. I hope that you are able to attend some or all of the events. Our ambassadors truly enjoy the opportunity to meet members in addition to their hosts.

One of our strategic goals is to increase member participation in club activities. Strong participation makes it easier for us to host exchanges without over reliance on a few members. It's more fun for everyone. As they say "many hands make light work". We certainly realize that we have a number of members that cannot host but if you can day host, support the exchange committees, or provide a home hosted dinner it makes a huge difference!

I took a quick count of attendance/participation using the newsletter, book club membership, ambassadors, hosts, board members, dinner hosts, standing committees, ad hoc committees, and attendance at the annual meeting. My quick estimate is that 73 members of our club have participated in these events. That sounded very good to me. However, it is just over 60% of our total membership. When we consider only those involved with exchanges, the numbers drop into the 40% range. The questions is, can we increase this number? What should our goal be?

We will have a general membership meeting on October 18. Some of our legacy members will be discussing the history of our club and the spirit of friendship and peace that originally inspired them to join. Come join us for dessert, a trip through our history and an opportunity to give the board feedback as we continue to develop our strategic goals. See you there!

In peace and friendship,

Sandi Wysock President

SAVE THE DATE

General Membership Meeting October 18, 2016, 6:30-8:30 PM Fitchburg Public Library 5530 Lacy Road, Fitchburg





2016 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

September 7—Deadline to sign-up for Winnipeg/Santa Barbara Exchange Activities © (August)

September 13-20—Winnipeg, Canada/Santa Barbara CA Inbound Exchange *

September 16-19—FFI World Conference☺ (Feb)

September 17—Deadline to return Strategic Planning Survey *

September 17—Deadline to submit Guadeloupe Ambassador Application *

September 28—Newsletter deadline

October 11—Book Club, <u>I Am Nujoid Ali</u> by Delphine Minoui *

October 17—Guadeloupe Exchange Interviews, Sequoia Library *

October 18—General Membership Meeting, Fitchburg Library *

October 19—Guadeloupe Exchange Interviews, Pinney Library *

November 2—LEO, Buraka Restaurant *

2017

February 22-March 1—Guadeloupe Outbound Exchange May TBD—Noumea, New Caledonia Inbound Exchange June TBD--San Diego, CA Inbound Exchange August 8-14—Medicine Hat, Canada Outbound Exchange August 15-22—Vancouver, Canada Outbound Exchange

- * Information in this newsletter
- © Information previously announced (Month in ©Newsletter)
- ✓ Information to be announced later

Strategic Planning



SURVEY--YOUR INPUT REQUESTED

Your Board is working hard on developing a strategic plan for the growth and development of our club so that we can continue our wonderful adventures into the future. Clubs in the U.S. and Europe are having to dissolve due to lack of people to handle all of the duties required to make a club function. We are determined not to let that happen to us! We are asking for your help.

As we develop this plan, we want to respect and incorporate everyone's ideas, values and goals, as well as, make the most efficient use of the skills and abilities of our members. Please help by completing the survey.

The survey is a separate document after page six of the newsletter. We ask you to print it out and mail it to me by **Saturday**, **September 17, 2016.** This will save us the cost of copying and having to mail it to you to receive your input. Thanks so much!

Stephanie Sorensen Secretary



Board Opportunity

Are you interested in providing the leadership to grow and build the Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison? Are you willing to lead the board meeting once per month? If so, we need you!

As members of the Friendship Force, we travel on exchanges and host ambassadors from around the world and in addition we get to hang out with very interesting, fascinating fellow members. Very cool, but (there is always a but.) All of these wonderful things happen only because we also have dedicated members that believe in our mission and are willing to provide leadership.

In 2015, the membership approved by-law changes that created the exchange coordinator position. The position requires a knowledge of both incoming and outgoing exchange procedures. Gail Holmes would like to continue in this position for a second year. Gail was also elected as vice-president for the coming year. After some discussion, the board has agreed to appoint Gail to the

position of exchange director for the coming year. Sandy Drew will serve as the acting vice-president. We are seeking a vice-president that would be willing to become president in September of 2017.

If you are interested or have a recommendation, please contact me at 608-833-5326 or sandrawysock@msn.com

Public Relations: Marketing Plan-Volunteer Needed.

The Friendship Force has to be one of the best kept secrets in the world! How many times have you spoken to someone who has never heard of us but thinks our message is amazing? One our strategic goals for 2016 and 2017 is to develop a marketing plan. We want to get the word out and advertise our exchanges. The board is looking for someone that is willing to lead an ad hoc committee that will develop a marketing plan. Donna Hussin has obtained a list of media and news contacts that will serve as a starting point. If you can help us with this important project, please contact me at 608-833-5326 or sandrawysock@msn.com

Sandi Wysock President

Exchange Coordinator Report

When a group of the ambassadors from the Nashik Riverside Club in India arrived at the Madison airport on July 15 to fly to Chicago and on to Orlando for a cruise, they missed their flight by not timely moving through security and arriving at the gate for departure. It was an unfortunate conclusion to the excellent exchange provided by ED Helen Ann Rugowski and Asst. ED Jerry Fuller.

Co-Eds Patrick Fleming and George Wysock and their planning committee have prepared an itinerary for the inbound Winnipeg, Canada and Santa Barbara, CA exchange from September 13-20, 2016. The 13 ambassadors from Winnipeg will spend the previous week in Northern Illinois and the 10 ambassadors from Santa Barbara will be in Minneapolis. Both groups will be driving to Madison. Winnipeg has six couples and a single woman, and the older but active Santa Barbara ambassadors have two couples and six single women. Home hosts and a home dinner coordinator are in place. The registration form for club members to participate in the activities was in the August newsletter. Their workshop for hosts and day hosts was held on August 5.

No new progress has been made in finalizing schedules for 2017 exchanges. The outbound international exchange to Guadeloupe will be February 22 - March 1, 2017 with Co-Eds Lise Skofronik and Maureen Kind. The September newsletter will have an announcement directing members who are interested to send in an Ambassador Application by September 17. They anticipate a full exchange of 20 Ambassadors since most of the members who hosted Guadeloupe last year as well as both new and old members

have expressed an interest. Interviews for the exchange will be held on Monday, October 17, 7-8:30 PM at Sequoia Library and on Wednesday, October 19, 10-11:00 AM at Pinney Library. Donna Hussin and Nancy and Richard Mueller have agreed to be the interviewers. First deposits are due October 31. Stephanie Sorenson is the treasurer. Maureen and Lise have been discussing activities will our hosts, which will include a visit to the Museum of Slavery, Carnival events, and nature outings.

Dates for the outbound exchange to Medicine Hat and Metro Vancouver in Canada are set. We will be with Medicine Hat August 8-14. On August 15 we will transition to Vancouver and be with them through August 22, 2017. An article was in the August newsletter looking for an exchange director or two with no response yet. One person could handle the entire exchange or another option is two people could share with each one being responsible for just one of the weeks.

The exchange coordinator for the San Diego club has requested that we host them in early June rather than July 2017. Their club has Austin, Texas coming August 1-8 and Leuven, Belgium in late September. It seems that all of us are juggling exchange dates. I told him we need to wait until the dates for the New Caledonia exchange have been determined, but I'm seeking direction from the Board on how long we should wait before making a decision.

The email from the Noumea, New Caledonia club past president on July 1 while she was in Japan still has not produced a second one with the number of ambassadors and the dates for their inbound international exchange to Chicago and Wisconsin as promised. We have not had a reply to my July 6 email or my August 5 email requesting this information before our Board meetings. I have called our FFI contact, Maryam Jordan, to find out if she has heard from them. Currently, they are scheduled for May 2017.

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

Winnipeg/Santa Barbara Exchange September 13-20, 2016





Give the people from Winnipeg and Santa Barbara a BIG Madison WELCOME! Sign up for the exchange events. There are many new events such as a visit to the Discovery Center at UW-Madison and a trip to Mineral Point to show off the early history of our state. The activities reservation form and payment which can be found in the August newsletter is due by September 7.

George Wysock, Co-Exchange Director georgewysock@msn.com



Outbound Exchange: February 22- March 1, 2017

Club members are invited to apply for the Outbound Exchange to Guadeloupe, February 22 - March 1, 2017. Guadeloupe is an island in the Caribbean which is an overseas department of France. We will discover the natural beauty of this volcanic island and experience the exciting activities of Carnival while renewing friendships with club members we hosted in July 2015. Ambassador applications are available on our website: www.ffwis.org. Click on **Useful Forms** and then on **Ambassador Application**. Completed applications should be received by September 17, 2016. Please send to Maureen Kind: 5901 Mayhill Drive, Madison, 53711 or email to dmkind@ssbcglobal.net. If you have any questions, contact me at 608-274-6754.

Maureen Kind Co-Exchange Director

Activities

BOOK CLUB

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



We will be reading I Am Nujood Ali by Delphine Minoui, a small book about a 10-year-old Yemen girl who is divorced. The book is available through the Madison Public Library and through interlibrary loan from libraries in the South Central Library System. It is also available as an e-book and audio book through the library system. If you would like your own personal copy, Bernie Long has an internet source or check out Amazon.com.

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

Marian Ehrenberg

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.

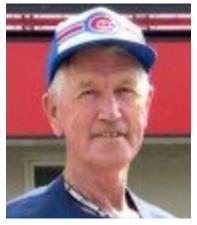
Chef Markos will share his insight into Ethiopian cuisine known for its rich and exotic mix of spices and Ethiopian culture.

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.

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

Nancy Brown





James "Neil" Denton Death: August 15, 2016

Neil was a member since 2001. He traveled the world with his third wife, Nancy Shermo, who passed away on June 28, 2016.

Funeral services were held at the Gunderson Oregon Funeral Home, Oregon on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

Memorials may be made to Agrace Hospice Care or to Boy Scouts Troop No. 50. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com

Cultural Experiences to Enjoy in Madison and the Surrounding area

Unable to travel to other countries but still want to enjoy cultural experiences or learn more about the city of Madison? Here are a few that might interest you in the months of September and October 2016

Indian Summer Festival--September 9-11 Henry W. Maier Festival Park 200 N. Harbor Dr, Milwaukee



The largest Native American fest in the country, showcasing ethnic art, music, history and food. Browse handcrafted pieces of artwork at the "Circle of Art" exhibit, listen to native storytellers and entertainers, and experience the diversity of tribal dance styles and regalia at a traditional pow-wow.

http://www.indiansummer.org/

Hidden History of the Capitol Square Walking Tour September 13, 2016, repeated September 20, 2016 5:30-7:00 PM

Fee \$10, discount for WHS members Registration required—call 608-261-9359 Website:

http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/calendar/event/4966/hidden-history-of-the-capitol-square-walking-tour

Tour meets in front of the Wisconsin Historical Museum (30 N. Carroll Street) and covers approximately one mile on city sidewalks. The tour will shed light on the formative years of Madison, featuring stories of the men and women who established our iconic square as a center of politics, commerce, and social life.



Madison World Music Festival September 13-29, 2016 Free

Website for full schedule of events:

https://union.wisc.edu/events-and-activities/event-calendar/event/madison-world-music-festival-free



The Musical Art of Tibet

The Madison World Music Festival sponsored by the Wisconsin Union Theater lets you "travel the world" without the "travel" part! With artists from Tibet, Zanzibar, Italy, Sudan, Mexico, and more, the variety is outstanding and the options are endless. The perfect way to sample sounds and learn about different cultures.

Fiesta Hispana!
September 25, 2016
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
810 West Badger Road (in
the back parking lot off of
Hughes Place



Free, tickets for activities and food can be purchased on site

In association with Centro Hispano of Dane County the outdoor festival is filled with music, traditional dancing, kids' activities and delicious local Latino cuisine!

Fall Heritage Festival October 1-2, 2016 Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Saturday; 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sunday Free

Experience Mount Horeb's Norwegian heritage with farmer's market, buggy rides, heritage demonstrations and the Sons of Norway Host Frokost, an authentic Norwegian Fall breakfast.



History Sandwiched In: The History of Camp Randall Memorial Park's Cultural Landscape October 4, 2016
Wisconsin Historical Museum, 30 N Carroll St 12:15 – 1:00 PM (Bring a lunch to this informal lecture series.)
Suggested donation of \$3/person



During the Civil War, Camp Randall was the site of Wisconsin's largest military training ground. After the war ended, veterans from the Grand Army of the Republic fought to build a memorial park there to honor their fallen comrades. In this illustrated talk, Daniel Einstein, historic and cultural resources manager at UW-Madison, untangles the legends and mysteries linked to the "loose" cannons, the memorial arch, and the prison guard house at Camp Randall Memorial Park.



Escape Wisconsin's winter by joining one of these global exchanges!

Experience the Arts of Greater Sarasota, Florida January 28-February 4, 2017

Highlights include performances of the Sarasota Ballet, Sarasota Orchestra, a play, Ringling Museum and art galleries. Exchange cost is approximately \$750 USD per person. See more at: http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/all_more/experience-the-arts-of-greater-sarasota/ or contact:

Judi Stratton, Exchange Director, FF Sarasota, ArtsSRO@comcast.net, 941-497-5684

Humanitarian Exchange to Kitui, Kenya February 15-28 2017

See what life is like for local families, visit the preschool established by Friendship Force members during the 2014 exchange to Kitui, enjoy opportunities to eat and try your hand at cooking traditional Kamba cuisine, and more. Costs during your time in Kenya including FFI fees are \$1920 USD. See more at: http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/all_more/humanitarian_exchange_to_kitui_kenya/#sthash.USxwCO4P.dp uf or contact: Kay Rockwell, FF of Lincoln, 402-484-5431.

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September 2016 Strategic Planning Survey

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

Join us to welcome the ambassadors from Winnipeg, Canada and Santa Barbara, CA and later to bid them farewell.

Welcome Potluck, September 13, 2016, 4:00 P.M. Vilas Park Shelter, 1602 Vilas Park Dr, Madison, 53715

Eating commences at 5:00 P.M. Please bring main dishes, salads, side dishes, deserts, etc. Plates, silverware and beverage will be provided.

<u>Easy directions</u>: Take Monroe Street to Edgewood Avenue. Continue on Edgewood Avenue toward Lake Wingra which becomes Vilas Park Drive and is one-way going **east**. Turn left into the parking area near the shelter. Can also Google using this address: 1602 Vilas Park Drive, Madison.

Farewell Dinner, September 19, 2016, 6:00 P.M. Bunky's, 2425 Atwood Ave, Madison, 53704

"Spaghetti on the Board" plus goodies. Cost \$22.00/person

Please use the registration form included in the August newsletter to let us know you are coming.

Deadline is Wednesday, September 7!

Lois Schulz 608-243-9761. loisschulz1942@gmail.com

Strategic Planning Survey FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Dear Member:

We need your help! We are in the process of setting long term goals and trying to develop a strategic plan for our Club. This responsibility ultimately falls upon the Board, but guided by your input and help.

One of our goals is to know and understand how our members most want to participate. Another goal is to know and understand how each member can help our Club's growth and development by most effectively utilizing each person's skills and interests. A third goal is to increase our active membership in order to spread the effort needed to make everything work smoothly a bit more widely and evenly. Fourthly, we need to develop new, up and coming leaders.

No organization can thrive without active participation of a critical mass of the group as well as thoughtful and energetic leaders. We are making progress. We have some great new members. We have some great long time members. We have some great leaders. Let's all work together to go forward the way our Club members most desire.

Please help us out with our planning by completing this survey. Yes, we know it looks long - but really, it won't take more than about 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR FEEDBACK AND THE TIME AND EFFORT YOU TOOK TO DO THIS FOR US.

Please mail to:

Stephanie Sorensen 1624 C North Golf Glen Madison, WI 53704

THANKS SO VERY MUCH!!!

Sandi

Sandi Wysock President

Friendship Force Wisconsin-Madison Member Survey

Please RANK questions one and two by <u>numbering as 1 the most important to you and higher numbers as less</u> <u>important</u>. Rate as many things as matter to you; leave items blank that are not factors for you

Travel overseas inexpensively	Volunteer for things that express my values and are important to me
Stay in other's homes/learn about daily life	
Travel domestically (in US) with a home-stay	Make local friends to spend time with other than in Friendship Force activities
Travel with a group of people I know	
I was invited	Learn about others by hosting in my home
To promote peace	other
Make long term friends in other countries	
2. I anticipate/would like participating in Friendship	p Force in the future by doing the following:
Travel overseas with our club	Clean the Highway
Travel overseas with other clubs	Participate in the WPTV Auction
Travel in the US with our Club or others	Host meals during exchanges or when other international visitors come to town
Home-host international ambassadors	
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Overnight travel, Mystery trips, and or weekend exchange	ges with clubs in our region. Suggestions?
Cooking classes wine or beer & cheese tastings	travel talks music events
5. I have the following abilities/skills:	
Public speaking	Researching options
Accounting	Cooking
Computer knowledge (List)	Entertaining
	Writing
Conducting meetings	Editing
Organization and planning	Enjoy teamwork
Creative ideas	Prefer to do a specific task on my own
Problem-solving	Can and am willing to drive
Outgoing/welcoming to new people	Will phone others to remind them of events;
Teaching/mentoring	Scheduling & timing expertise
 6. I have the following resources to contribute: Clubhouse space for events or meetings Home large enough to hold some activities Vehicle that can haul people or things Contacts with other groups who may be interested 	Knowledge of local activities that might be appropriate for our ambassadors (policies, location, costs contacts to get us in), specify what:
in our mission	I am a docent at:
Contacts with other groups whose events we might enjoy (ethnic festival, music, etc.)	I can get group discounts at:
7. Please list work-related skills you have or other king	w, achieve our mission, become more cohesive & fun:
Name:	
Phone: E-mail:	
Date completed:	

Mail by Saturday, September 17, 2016 to: Stephani Sorensen 1624 C North Golf Glen Madison, WI 53704