



# Friendship Force

Wisconsin — Madison

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With this issue of the newsletter we welcome a new editor: Long-time member Angie Garrison. Many thanks to Angie for assuming this role!

Look for information about the Annual Meeting to be held the last Sunday in April. This will be a real meeting (!) -- a nice change from the virtual meeting last year. Part of the business will be to vote for new and returning Board members. Look for their biographies below. It will be important to have a quorum, so please find the link to indicate that you intend to be there.

In the next few months the club will send Ambassadors on two Journeys and will receive Ambassadors from abroad. There are opportunities for everyone to be involved as home hosts, day hosts or hosting a meal for a small group.

Remember, there's more to Friendship Force than the Journeys! A number of activities give a chance to get to know and enjoy other members: hiking, biking, a book club, volunteering, and monthly lunches together at a variety of restaurants come quickly to mind. Find the calendar and contacts in this newsletter.

I'm looking forward to seeing you – in person – soon!

Doug Johnson

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monthly Board Meeting:

The FFI-Madison Board meets VIRTUALLY on the second Thursday of each month @ 4pm.

Apr 1-2: Madison International Festival at the Overture Center till 5pm both days.

Apr 6: Dining on the 6th for April has been cancelled due to the religious holidays.

Apr 17: Book Club. "Activities"

Apr 27: Second Harvest Foodbank. "Activities"

Apr 30: FF Wisc-Madison Annual Meeting.

May 6: Dining on the 6th. "Activities"

May 15: Book Club. "Activities"

May 25: Second Harvest Foodbank. "Activities"

May 31 - Jun 6: Outbound journey to Toronto.

Aug 24 - 31: Inbound from Oita, Japan, and Tweed Valley, Australia. "Journeys"

Late Oct: Outbound to Christchurch, NZ.

Calendar updates will be posted on our website ([ffwis.org](http://ffwis.org)) and/or emailed to you via MailChimp.

## JOURNEYS

### *Japan and Australia Inbound Journey*

From August 24 to 31<sup>st</sup>, we will host twenty-one ambassadors from the Oita, Japan and Tweed Valley, Australia Friendship Force clubs - sixteen from Japan and five from Australia. Members of our club were previously hosted by both clubs in 2018 and 2019, respectively. An active itinerary is planned, including visits to Olbrich Gardens, the International Crane Foundation, Devil's Lake, Wollersheim Winery, Cedar Grove Cheese Factory, Hinckley Dairy Farm, the State Capitol and UW's Chazen Museum.

A welcome picnic is planned for Friday, August 25, at Warner Park. The Farewell event will be combined with our club's annual summer picnic at Vilas Park on Wednesday, August 30. Friendship Force members are welcome to participate in any of these activities. Details and sign up forms will be included in the June newsletter.

Other ways for you to participate include hosting ambassadors in your home, accompanying ambassadors to activities in lieu of the home host, and/or hosting a small group dinner at your home. Please contact Magdi Sebestyen [magdi.sebestyen@gmail.com](mailto:magdi.sebestyen@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer to help in this way. It's a great opportunity for ambassadors to learn about life in this beautiful community.

The Japanese ambassadors have varying skills in English, with all having a basic understanding. Their journey coordinator is a certified English interpreter. The planning committee is seeking members of the Madison area community to assist with translating at various activities and informal social events. It's a great way for our club and these ambassadors to connect with the broader Madison and university communities during their visit. If you can suggest any contacts, please let us know.

Japan/Australia Co-Coordinators:

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Tom Miller [tfmillerphoto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfmillerphoto@sbcglobal.net)

## ACTIVITIES

### *Second Harvest Foodbank*

The Farm to Foodbank initiative began by asking a relatively simple question: how can we provide more locally-produced nutritious food to those facing hunger and help area growers and food producers at the same time? During the pandemic, more families struggled with job loss and economic hardship, and local growers and food producers faced devastating setbacks due to the loss of their traditional sales and distribution outlets.

Kick-started by Federal pandemic-relief funds, Second Harvest set up a network of local food growers and producers in Dane County, purchasing and delivering tens of millions of pounds of nutritious food to the tables of neighbors needing food support.

Monetary contributions to Second Harvest support 16 counties in southwestern Wisconsin.

The Farm to Foodbank Initiative will:

- Purchase nutritious items like vegetables, fruits, eggs, and milk and provide them to our neighbors looking for food support
- Help local farmers plan for the future, knowing they have a reliable outlet for their product
- Infuse funds into the local economy by supporting local farming operations

### **FRESH, LOCAL FOOD FOR EVERYONE**

Our Madison club volunteers at the end of each month. We sort, package, and generally prepare bulk food into smaller proportions for distribution by the Foodbank.

*Come join us on our volunteer service days:*

<b>April 27</b>	<b>12:30-3:30pm</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>12:30-3:30pm</b>

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Second Harvest Foodbank  
2802 Dairy Drive, Madison, WI 53718

## ACTIVITIES

### Book Club

The Book Club met on Monday, March 20, by zoom, and discussed *Born a Crime*, Trevor Noah's memoir of growing up in South Africa during apartheid, and after its end. The story was well told, entertaining and fascinating, and the conversation it inspired was enjoyed by some nine members of our club.

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We have two books, both novels, lined up for the next two meetings:

***The Tortilla Curtain*, by T.C. Boyle. - discussion by zoom on **Monday, April 17 at 7:00 pm.****

The story of undocumented immigrants in California, told through the eyes of two very different couples, one well-off Anglos, the other Mexican immigrants living in a canyon. The novel chronicles their relationship against the background of growing hostility between immigrants and natives.

***The Whale Rider*, by Witi Ihimaera. - discussion by zoom on **Monday, May 15 at 7:00 pm.****

As her beloved grandfather, chief of the Maori tribe of Whangara, New Zealand, struggles to lead in difficult times and to find a male successor, young Kahu is developing a mysterious relationship with whales, particularly the ancient bull whale whose legendary rider was their ancestor.

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Copies of both books are available from the public library system. We send the zoom link out in the week before each meeting, so please get in touch if you would like to be added to the Book Club list. We are considering ideas for some summer reading and welcome your ideas!

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## ACTIVITIES

### Dining on the 6th

**Dining on the 6th  
Saturday, May 6, 2023  
5:30pm for dinner**

**North and South Seafood and Smokehouse**  
958 Liberty Drive, Verona, WI  
(at the corner of County M & Liberty Drive)

We're planning for a warm sunny day to dine outdoors on the patio at the North and South Seafood and Smokehouse Restaurant.

We'll enjoy selections from their menu of appetizers, soups and salads, tacos and sandwiches (\$11.50 - \$14.50). The Smokehouse offers ribs, Texas brisket, Memphis pulled pork, Carolina chicken breast, burnt ends, nine combos; and all entrees include two sides.

Fish entrees are haddock, cod, perch, catfish, salmon, and whitefish with crab stuffing. There are five styles of shrimp and you can choose one or two styles — hand battered, scampi, firecracker, grilled, or coconut — for \$16. New Orleans jambalaya is \$18, and the Smokin' Saturday special is smoked prime rib for \$25/ \$31/ \$45 plus an old fashioned drink. There is a full bar for beverage choices.

**Please register by Thursday, May 4**, with host Gail Holmes, phone (608) 249-1846 or email [gholmes@wisc.edu](mailto:gholmes@wisc.edu), so that a table space will be prepared for you. As always, please plan to wear your name tag.

### Recent Dining Experience

On March 6, some 17 of us met for a wonderful luncheon and good conversation at Los Gemelos Mexican Restaurant on Odana Road. We ordered a wide array of entrees from their very colorful menu, and NO ONE went home hungry!

*We'd love to see you for dinner on May 6!*

## ACTIVITIES

### Day Trip Interest Survey

Day trips are part of the Activities Committee. We are starting up again the day trips that were put on hiatus when COVID -19 arrived in March 2020. At least twice a year between May and October, we traveled to an attraction within a three hour drive of Madison to learn more about our state or just enjoy the experience with fellow club members.

Our mode of travel is chartered motor coach unless it is within an hour's drive and we could car pool. Cost includes transportation, attraction, and sometimes lunch fees. A trip needs 20 participants for it not to be canceled. Friends of Friendship Force members are invited to join us.

I have put together a Day Trip Survey of 12 interests which will be made available to our members attending the Annual Meeting on April 30. The survey will be on the tables asking each individual to mark four interests and to rank them from 1-4 with **1** being the most preferred, etc. Members can add suggestions to the survey for future consideration.

If not attending the Annual Meeting, the survey will be sent out the first week of May via Mail Chimp with instructions on how submit it to me.

Looking forward to your input!

*Donna Hussin  
Day Trip Coordinator*



## 2023 - ANNUAL MEETING

### Invitation

*Annual Meeting  
of the  
FF Wisconsin-Madison*

*April 30, 2023 2-4pm*

*Fitchburg Public Library  
5530 Lacy Rd  
Fitchburg, WI 53711*

The Board of FF Wisconsin-Madison invites all members to attend the 2023 Annual Meeting on **April 30 from 2-4pm** at the Fitchburg Library. In addition to the business meeting, there will be a social activity, a silent auction, information about upcoming journeys, and recognition of members who have been a part of the club for twenty or more years. (Please see the agenda and list of members who will be recognized.)

This year we are celebrating the FF theme, “A World of Friends is a World of Peace,” with international desserts. Please bring your favorite international dessert to share with members. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided by the club.

**Please email your RSVP to Diane Mertens by April 23. Include “FF RSVP” in the email subject line. Diane’s email address is:**  
[mertensdk27@gmail.com](mailto:mertensdk27@gmail.com)

For members who are unable to attend in person, a Zoom link will be provided in advance of the meeting. Please let Diane know if you will be attending via Zoom.

The FF bylaws require a quorum of 25% of the membership in attendance to hold the business meeting. We hope to see you all on April 30!

## 2023 - ANNUAL MEETING

### Agenda

**The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison, Inc.**  
**Annual Meeting Agenda**  
**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

Welcome	Doug Johnson - President
Social Activity	David Blado & Mike Lambert Sandi Wysock
Silent Auction	
Desserts	
Introductions	Doug Johnson  Board of Directors Standing Committee Chairs New Members/Special Guests
Business Meeting	Doug Johnson
Secretary's Report	Sandy Drew
Treasurer's Report	Mary Juckem
Annual Report	Doug Johnson
Election of Officers	Lise Skofronick
Journeys	Stephanie Sorenson
Activities/Bus trips	Donna Hussin
Recognize Member Efforts	Gail Holmes & Sandi Wysock
Membership Recognition	Lise Skofronick
Remembrances	Lise Skofronick & Mary Lindquist
Let There Be Peace on Earth	
Adjourn	

## 2023 - ANNUAL MEETING

### Membership Recognition 1978-2023

We recognize these individuals for the number of years they have been members of Friendship Force since it was founded by Wayne Smith and introduced on March 1, 1977, by President Jimmy Carter at a White House gathering of state governors.

**1978 - 45 years**

Steven & Kay Babcock  
Milly Pearson

**1980 - 43 years**

Patricia Huyett

**1982 - 41 years**

Betty Fuller  
Reta Harring  
Mary Lindquist

**1983 - 40 years**

Margo McKnight

**1986 - 37 years**

Angie Garrison  
Janet Lonergan

**1989 - 34 years**

Wynn Davies  
Donna Ulteig

**1998 - 25 years**

Lise Skofronick

**2000 - 23 years**

Katherine Masden  
Helen Ann Rugowski  
Ed Reid

**2001 - 22 years**

David Blado

**2003 - 20 years**

Marian Ehrenberg

## **BOARD ELECTIONS**

### **Slate of Officers 2023**

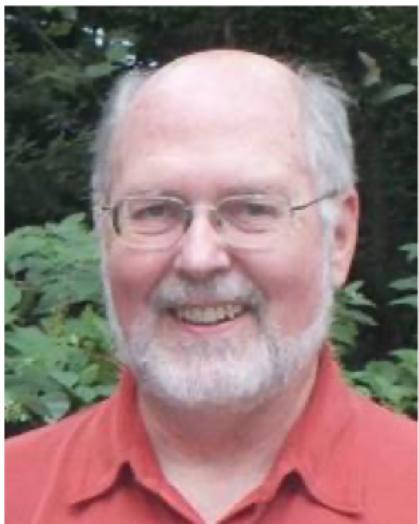
The Nominations Committee presents this slate of officers for the next year:

President: Doug Johnson  
Vice Presidents: Diane Mertens and Larry Neuman  
Secretary: Vicki Boardsen Warren  
Treasurer: Mary Juckem.

*Submitted by The Nominations Committee  
Sandy Drew, Martha McGregor, &  
Lise Skofronick, Chair.*

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### **President: Doug Johnson**



Doug and his wife, Kathy, have been members of Friendship Force for about 15 years. They have traveled with FF once to Guadeloupe, and have been Journey Coordinators twice, for Indonesia and Medicine Hat. They have home-hosted six times including once for Open World as well as being day hosts and home-hosting dinners several times.

## **BOARD ELECTIONS**

Doug & Kathy, graduates of Augsburg College in Minneapolis, moved to Madison as newlyweds in 1967. Doug became the first physics teacher at newly opened Memorial HS; Kathy began teaching at Orchard Ridge Elementary School. They have two grown children and three grandchildren and enjoy being retired and busy.

Doug has been active in science education having served the Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers (WSST) as convention chairman twice and as president. He has also served on two committees for the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA), has made several presentations at national conventions, and continues on the manuscript review panel for the NSTA journal. He has led summer workshops for elementary and secondary science teachers in several states and has been a reviewer and a contributing author for three textbooks. He recently received the highest award from WSST for Lifetime Achievement.

Doug and Kathy both work at polling places on election days; Doug as a Chief Inspector. They both work for the school district as proctors for Advanced Placement exams. They also have both been active in their church, in the League of Women Voters, and as volunteer ushers at Overture Center where Doug is also a tour guide.



## **BOARD ELECTIONS**



### **Co-Vice Presidents: Diane Mertens and Larry Neuman**

Diane and Larry are retired educators. Diane taught English at Edgewood High School, and Larry taught sociology and Asian Studies courses at UW—Whitewater. During their teaching careers, both organized and led multiple student tours overseas.

In 1994-95, Diane and Larry lived and taught in Sendai, Japan, and they have returned to Japan many times for personal and professional reasons. Many of their trips to Asian countries were with groups of educators and funded by government and university grants. In addition to visiting most of the countries in Pacific Asia, they traveled extensively in Europe and visited several Latin American and African countries.

Favorite experiences when traveling include visiting schools and businesses, savoring local foods and culture, and meeting families. They have hosted international visitors in their home on several occasions. Diane and Larry enjoy biking and have taken bike trips in the U.S., Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, Italy, and Croatia. They helped organize the in-bound FF-W bike journey in September 2021. Diane and Larry were delighted to discover FF and join others who share their love of experiencing other cultures, connecting with people across the globe, and seeking ways to advance world peace.

## **BOARD ELECTIONS**

### **Treasurer: Mary Juckem**



I joined Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison in 2017 and became the club's treasurer in 2018. I've been involved with Friendship Force as a home host, day host, and dinner host, as well as treasurer for the Kazakhstan Open World event. Currently, I am on the planning committee for the Japan/Australia incoming journey in August.

Prior to retirement, I worked as a medical social worker at the VA hospital and the Columbia County Nursing Home. Now I enjoy reading, hiking, volunteering, attending my grandchildren's events, being in nature, and learning about other cultures.



## **BOARD ELECTIONS**



### **Secretary: Vicki Boardsen Warren**

My name suggests part of my biography. I was born Vicki Boardsen, oldest daughter and child of Einar Boardsen and Phyllis Kemmer. My mom was a US mix, an only child who worked in the County Clerk's office when she was old enough; my dad, a twin and an immigrant at three years old in the bowels of a big ship from Norway, an accountant for a trucking company in our hometown of Clinton, Iowa. My four siblings and I were raised in a Midwestern median income neighborhood, close to our Norwegian aunts uncles and cousins, and my mom's parents, our close grandparents, 14 miles away just across the Mississippi. I was a kind of shy kid, happy and what felt like safe in my unconsidered white privilege, until I was in 7th grade Social Studies class one day and a car drove slowly by our junior high school blaring the news that President Kennedy had been shot. I know better now, 59 years later.

## **BOARD ELECTIONS**

I have been married for 52 years to Ken Warren, husband, dad, Special Ed teacher of kids with emotional and behavior disabilities, my partner in the life that has come our way. We have three grown adult children, two -in-law adult kids and 6 grandchildren we love beyond all understanding and heartily spoil when we have the chance. I have been a homemaker, a good cook (not excellent), a bread baker, a canner of food (not raised by me for the most part, I am awestruck by gardening folks), a college student for too many years, a Special Ed teacher for over 20 years, full and part-time, with kids who have a visual impairment (I enjoyed all flavors of VI kids but especially the tiny early braille kids on my caseload), and a liberal-minded minister in a small United Church of Christ for 16 years. I am/we are retired now, and Ken and I live north and a bit east of Wisconsin Dells in a small home in a small piece of woods with our human and Earthly neighbors. It is for me/us a sanctuary filled with too much work sometimes, but we are, nevertheless, daily and seasonally invited, from every window, to live with and among woods and trees and birds and bugs of every sort.

I enjoy many things. Quiet times, reflection, conversation, loud and noisy times with kids and family. Reading, church stuff, playing games of about any sort (Wingspan!), snowshoeing, walking/hiking (shorter not loooonnnng treks), camping in out-of-the-way places and in off-seasons. I carefully write letters to the editor and record radio ads as one small part of a progressive political rural messaging team in Adams County. I enjoy travel and exploring new places different from what is familiar, learning about different cultures and peoples.

I am very much looking forward to exploring the world with Friendship Force folks. Thank you Friendship Force International!



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Minutes  
of the  
**2022 Annual Meeting**

**April 27, 2022**



**Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.**



**Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.  
Annual Meeting Minutes April 27, 2022  
Via Zoom**

*Virtual Social Time on Zoom began at 6:30 pm.*

*Many friendly exchanges took place in our virtual Zoom social time.*

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**Welcome & Introduction of New Members**

Kathy Speck called the business part of the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, with a delightful welcome and presentation of photos and mini-bios of the four new members who had joined since our last annual meeting in 2021:

- Mary and Dennis Ray
- Janice Barbone
- Hal Wissink

**Present:** A quorum of the members was present.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous  
Annual Meeting in April 2021**

• George Wysock and Donna Ulteig respectively moved to accept and second the minutes from the 2021 annual meeting. Gail Holmes noted there was no secretary's signature on the minutes. The minutes had been produced by a group effort, but Diana Rodum, who was secretary at the time of the meeting, agreed to sign them. The minutes passed unanimously with Ms. Rodum's signature added

## 2022 - ANNUAL MEETING

### Treasurer's Report for 2021-22

- Mary Juckem said she had deducted the donations received for the Afghan refugees from both the income and expenditures to accurately reflect the club's true financial status. She said that she had missed a 50 cent expenditure, which would then result in a net loss of \$93.11. She revised the report to reflect the difference. The club balance at the end of the year was \$16,653.63 for all accounts.
- Agnes Rona moved and Sandi Wysock seconded that the financial report be accepted with the minor change noted. The motion passed unanimously.

### President's Report

President Kathy Speck said:

- Friendship Force International had to cancel all journeys for 2020 and 2021, but it survived the pandemic with a skeleton staff. It developed a new portal for members, which contains a lot of virtual cultural programs. It has also begun to schedule journeys for 2022 and 2023.
- Friendship Force WI had to cancel all incoming journeys, and the outgoing journeys were also cancelled. However, the club continued to be active with many virtual and some in-person activities and a lot of member involvement.

### Election of Officers

Sandi Wysock presented the slate of candidates recommended by the Nominations Committee

- By an email vote, 56 members, which represented over 66% of the total membership, voted unanimously for the presented slate of candidates:

- President: Doug Johnson
- Co-Vice Presidents:
  - Diane Mertens and Larry Neuman
- Secretary: John Witte
- Treasurer Mary Juckem

## 2022 - ANNUAL MEETING

### Bylaws Change

President Speck recommended that Article VII Committees and Appointees, Section 1 of the bylaws be amended to add Electronics Communications Committee as a committee of the Board, as follows:

**Electronic Communications:** Manage and maintain electronic communications media such as the club website, social media sites, Zoom and MailChimp. Train users and identify evolving technology to enhance communications.

John Witte moved and Gail Holmes seconded that the amendment be added. The motion passed unanimously.

### Journey Coordinator

Stephanie Sorensen, Journey Manager, reported the following:

- Friendship Force International has made numerous changes and is trying to reschedule cancelled journeys from the past two years.
- We have been offered an incoming journey from Japan and an outgoing to New Zealand.
- Members have shown an interest in going to Olympia WA. However, she will need two coordinators for the trip – one experienced and one learner.
- We have been offered an incoming journey from Mexico during Thanksgiving week, but this will depend on whether there are sufficient people to host that week. Anyone able to host should let her know.
- The incoming bike journey is on hold.
- There will be an Open World program group coming in the fall from Kazakhstan.
- New Caledonia is out, but Dallas TX is a possibility.
- Members were urged to be journey coordinators or hosts.
- Anyone interested in other journeys should check the Friendship Force International website for outbound journeys with other clubs. Often, there is room for a couple people on the outgoing journeys.

## 2022 - ANNUAL MEETING

### **Activities and Programs**

- President Speck urged the members to check the website events calendar to be aware of all upcoming events.
- Davis Blado said to note the changed dates for Tom & Donna Miller's presentation about Ukraine and Donna Ulteig's about the Chernobyl Centers.
- Donna Ulteig noted that the reference to Friends of Chernobyl Centers US (FOCCUS) was incorrect on the website.
- Gail Holmes thanked those who led the various club activities and discussed the upcoming activities. She reported that Maureen Kind will be leading the "Let's Walk, Let's Hike" group; Kathy Martinson will be coordinating the Second Harvest activity; and Vivian Norton will help with bike rides.
- Mike Lambert said that some international graduate students are willing to give a presentation about their country. An upcoming Zoom meeting is scheduled to hear about Korea. He also noted that he and his co-chair, David Blado, intend to continue trivia programs throughout the summer.

### **Newsletter**

Agnes Rona told the group that she wants to give up her job as editor of the newsletter and needs a replacement. She said the group may have to consider some changes, such as having co-editors or only publishing every other month. Anyone interested in the position should contact her or the chair.

### **In Memoriam**

- Kathy Speck mentioned the former members who had died during the year and the contributions they had made to the club. Those individuals were: Mary Ann Fahl, Jim Weiland and Shirley Wolff Swenson.

## 2022 - ANNUAL MEETING

### **In Gratitude**

- Kathy Speck expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the various Board members, committee chairs and committee members who had contributed so much during the past year to keep the organization viable during the pandemic. In particular, she gave special recognition and appreciation for decades of service contributed by Janet Lonergan and Bernie Long, whose activities and leadership go back to the 1980s, and Sandi Wysock for several years of leadership and service, and her continuing contributions to the club.

### **Member Involvement**

- Kathy Speck talked about succession planning and how the Board wants to involve members who have previously not been involved. Ms. Speck also informed the members that there is an ongoing need for members to step forward and take a leadership role, whether it be to chair or serve on a committee. Anyone interested in getting involved with the board or one of the committees in the upcoming program year should contact her or one of the Board or committee chairs before July.

### **Open World Program**

- Sandi Wysock said the club will be hosting an Open World group from Kazakhstan in November, and she is looking for people to help with the planning and hosting.

### **Prizes**

Doug Johnson announced that the three winners of the drawing are: Deb Gunther, Jan Viney and Martha McGregor.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

*Submitted by  
Sandra Drew, Secretary*

## **ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **President**

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### **Secretary Pro Tem**

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### **Past President**

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## **ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Newsletter**

Angie Garrison (608) 833-3656

### **Members at Large**

1) Donna Ulteig (608) 335-0639  
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2) -vacant-

### **Standing Committee Chairs**

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### **Outreach**

-vacant-

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### **Leaders of Specific Activities**

#### **Adopt-A-Highway**

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#### **Bike Rides**

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#### **Dining on the 6th**

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#### **Let's Walk/Let's Hike**

Maureen Kind [dmkind@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dmkind@sbcglobal.net)

#### **Second Harvest Food Bank**

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