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FLORIDA SUNCOAST NEWS



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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Membership meetings are usually held at 4:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of the months of January, March, May, September and November at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 10891 102nd Avenue North in Seminole.



April General Meeting: Canceled.

May General Meeting, Saturday, May 19, 2007, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd:

Election of officers for 2007-2008.

Owen Stewart will speak on Travel Insurance.

June Picnic, June 16 at shelter #1, 3:00 p.m., Philippi Park in Palm Harbor.

May Board Meeting: Monday, May 7, 7:00 p.m. at Royal Palms.

A NOTE FROM JEAN

We have a fine opportunity this year to participate in a domestic exchange to two locations in Colorado, namely Denver and Colorado Springs. Carol Heichel has arranged this for us, and there are further details in this newsletter. The cost for a member to participate in this outbound exchange will not be all that much more than the airfare.

There are a limited number of places available to us, because there is obviously an element of reciprocity in-

volved. Some members from these two clubs will return to us, probably in 2008. Do bear this in mind if you are planning to join in, and be prepared to contribute to that 2008 inbound exchange by either hosting or in some other significant way.

As I mentioned in an earlier email, some of our newest members are making a wonderful contribution to our club, in many different ways. Much of the hosting, however, is carried out by members who have belonged for many
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APRIL DINNER MEETING CANCELLED

We regret to let you know that our Chili Supper and Dance has been cancelled. We have learned from calling all our members that several will be out of town and others have commitments which prevent their participation. We needed a minimum of 75 reservations and only had 35 tickets sold. We are sorry for this as we were looking forward to an exiting evening of toe-tapping ragtime music, not to mention the chili dinner and fellowship. Hopefully we can reschedule for another time. Our treasurer will send refund checks to those who purchased tickets. And our thanks to the planning committee who worked so hard to bring this event to you.

This means that we will not have a meeting in April. At the May meeting, we will proceed with the silent auction which was planned for the chili supper.

The program for the May meeting will be the election of officers, and Owen Stewart who will speak on Travel Insurance.

YOUR BOARD

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Jean Keir Choong

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Viv Grimm

2nd Vice Pres., Membership
Nadine Giani

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Flo Fiorillo

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Don Weaver

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Carol Heichel

Historian, Pat McQuaide

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Aila Erman

Newsletter, Jackie Kline

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Mac Mackenzie

Parliamentarian, Ken Dean

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Telephone Committee
Clare Raymond

Visual Arts. Michael Manning

Ways and Means
Ken Dean, Liz Johnson
Rita Shapiro



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years, and we do want to expand that group. I see from the website of the Friendship Force Los Angeles that they have so many members volunteering to be day hosts, that they have to limit them! I and the other members of the board of officers do recognize and appreciate all that is being done in our club, and hope that the participation will increase still further.

In friendship,

Jean

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT MAY MEETING

The Nominating Committee appointed by President Jean Choong is offering you the following slate of officers for the 2007-2008 year beginning in September, 2007:

President: Viv Grimm

1st VP Programs: Mac Mackenzie

2nd VP Membership: Bob Lehner

VP at large International Exchanges:
Aila Erman

Treasurer: Don Weaver

Secretary: Nancy Warner

Please consider these nominations carefully and give them your support.

Elena Badilla Monje

We have learned that we lost a good friend and a wonderful person last year in Costa Rica. Elaine Reichert, who went with the All-Florida Exchange to San Jose, Costa Rica, in October, reported her death from cancer.

Our hearts go out to the whole Badilla-Monje-Allon family at this great loss. We especially want to send our love to Gerardo Badilla, Andres, Alonso, Marianella, and Elena's sisters.

The San Jose club will be visiting with us in January, 2008. We look forward to making new friends and hugging old ones.

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OUTGOING EXCHANGES

Florida Suncoast and All Florida, to Ehime, Japan and Niigata, Japan:

So far, twelve members of our club are going on this exchange.

Contact ED Joanne Schuetz for application and further information: a_schuetz@msn.com 865-521-9937.

Lee County and All Florida, USA to Mundo Maya, Mexico 11/1/2007 Club. Contact Darrell Anderson, Lee County, flgolfer56@hotmail.com.

FFI has offered us Indonesia and Australia Outgoing for the Fall of 2008. More details as we get them.

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NEW MEMBERS REPORT

We have had several people contact us through the website, as well as being recommended by our own members. All of them have been contacted by Nadine and will be sent the newsletter and other helpful documents.

Colorado, Here we come! September 5 – 18

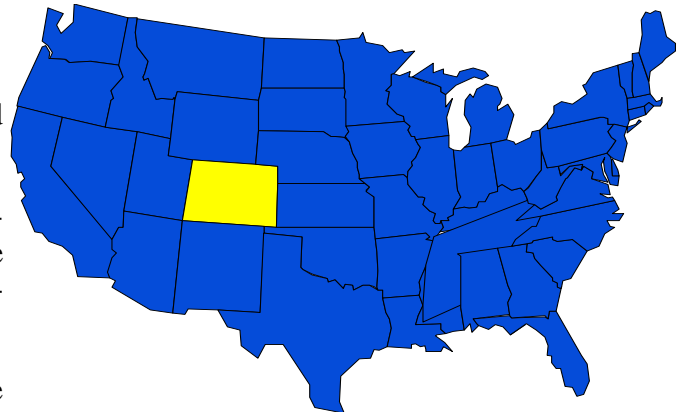
We will be hosted the first week by the Denver club and the second by Pikes Peak/Colorado Springs.

The cost of the trip is estimated at \$430 including non-stop airfare on Frontier Airline. This trip will be opened to the Fort Myers Club and, perhaps to All-Florida, in May, so don't delay.

Please send this form with your check for \$50.00 made out to Friendship Force Florida Suncoast to:

Carol Heichel, 404 Stirling Terrace, Dunedin, FL 34698.

Please note that we may be staying at some fairly high elevations during this visit.



NAME(S)	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	CELL
EMAIL	
SPECIAL NEEDS OR CONCERNS:	HOBBIES/INTERESTS

Domestic exchanges are, unlike foreign exchanges, reciprocal. Ambassadors on this trip will be expected to host or to take some other significant responsibility when our hosts come to visit us.

Please sign above to indicate that you agree to this commitment.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2007

Please join us in membership. We would love to have you as our newest friends.

NAME(s) _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NO _____ FAX NO _____ EMAIL _____

Single membership \$20.00; Family \$35.00 _____

(Family consists of two or more living under the same roof.)

First year only add \$10.00 extra per person for name badge
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Total _____

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