



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.

More informal meetings are often held at ethnic restaurants or elsewhere on the third Saturday or Sunday in the months of February, April, June (picnic), October and December (party). Members are notified of these meetings.



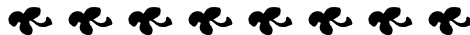
Saturday, February 17
Lunch Café Largo, Galleria Plaza, 12551 Indian Rocks Rd, Largo, 12:30—3:00 p.m. Choice of Chicken Crepes or Seafood Paupiette. **All welcome.**
Saturday, March 17.
Crabby Bill's, see story on Manitoba and coupon
Monday, March 5 and April 9, Board Meetings at Royal Palms, 7:00 p.m.

UP NEXT, MANITOBA

Marj Pease is expecting 21 people from **Manitoba** from March 11 to March 18. She is calling for hosts now. Please say “Yes” when she calls you.

Plans include Tarpon Springs, Heritage Village, Ybor City with lunch at the Columbia, Florida Aquarium, Sunken Gardens and the **Farewell Dinner at Crabby Bill's in Clearwater, which will also serve as our March general meeting.**

Be sure to get your reservation in by March 3. **See coupon, back page.**



Ken Dean has left for New Orleans to help in the rebuilding. He sends us this description which he got from the church website: “Slidell, a bedroom community of New Orleans, located on the north side of Lake Ponchartrain, the community in which we are working, has a population of 75,000. We were told we would be working with the least, the last and the lost of the community, including the aged, widows and those with no financial ability to rebuild their homes. It was indicated that we were their last resort. 95% of the reconstruction work and materials provided has come from faith based and civic groups from throughout the United States

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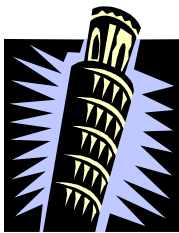
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and Canada—only 5% through government programs. There is virtually no labor force because there is no place for contractors and workers to live. It was indicated that without volunteers like us, the recovery process would virtually halt. To date, volunteers have totally rebuilt 245 houses of 10,000 that have been destroyed in the Slidell area. The goal of our group is the complete the reconstruction of 3 homes this week.”



Future meetings:

Tentatively set for April 22 is a fundraiser with entertainment.

In May, we will have elections and a speaker at the church.

Our annual picnic is set for June.



We would like to thank the **Clearwater High School Choir** who entertained us so beautifully at our Holiday Dinner.

We have received their thanks for the donations to support their trip to Carnegie Hall in May. If you would like to contribute, address checks to Pam Murphy, Choral Director, Clearwater High Choir Boosters, 540 S. Hercules Ave., Clearwater FL 33764.

**CHEYENNE CLUB
 RETURNS OUR VISIT**

Nineteen ambassadors from Cheyenne, Wyoming, were warmly received in thirteen Suncoast F.F. homes from Jan. 27 through Feb. 1. Despite some chilly weather we had a full range of activities. We had a tour of the Raymond James art collection, spent a day exploring Tarpon Springs, visited the Florida Botanical Gardens and Heritage Village, and had a boat ride viewing playful dolphins. The welcome dinner, with Vivian Grimm’s gracious hospitality allowed our guests to reconnect with our members who had visited Cheyenne last summer. The farewell dinner at Aila Erman’s lovely waterfront home was well attended not only by hosts and ambassadors, but by many of our other members, old and new. Our guests presented an amusing and informative program about Wyoming’s many attributes. Special thanks to Don and Dorothy Jones who assembled welcoming gifts for the group, to my great assistant director, Pat McQuaide, and to all our hosts who did so much to make this a great experience. On February 1 our guests were transported to Sarasota to meet their hosts for the next five days, the F.F. of Fort Myers.

Exchange Director, Carol Heichel

THANK YOU, CHEYENNE

We have received a letter from Barbara Guilford with a \$100 for the Legacy Fund.

“I have seen many smiling Faces here and heard lots of laughs this week. We have been spoiled, pampered and catered to. We may never be the same back there in Cold WY—0 degrees F as I write this note. You brought such sunshine into our hearts with your kindnesses, and just being the FF of Suncoast. Our memory banks are full—and we are all grateful.

Your friend, Barbara Guilford



OUR EXCHANGE DIRECTORS

Manitoba Canada inbound Mar 2007, Marj Pease, ED, Helen Detamore AED, Gladys Evan, Exchange Treasurer.

Japan outbound, October 4, 2007, Joanne Schuetz, Knoxville, TN; ED; our liaison Brenda Miller.



FLORIDA SUNCOAST 2007 EXCHANGES

FLORIDA SUNCOAST AND ALL FLORIDA, TO EHIME, JAPAN AND NIIGATA, JAPAN:

Experience the exceptional hospitality offered by our Japanese friends. One week of home hosting in Niigata on the island of Honshu. One week home hosting in Matsuyama on the island of Shikoku with the Friendship Force club of Ehime.

Four days and nights in Kyoto (hotel stay and tour). Kyoto served as Japan's capital for over 1,000 years and is home of the Imperial Palace. Historic monuments and temples will put you back into the time of Shoguns.

Also included: One day excursion to Hiroshima. Bullet train experience - from Tokyo to Niigata.

Cost \$3445 includes all transportation, fees, accommodations, tips, air out of Chicago. You will cover a lot of territory in Japan while seeing the different islands.

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

2008 EXCHANGES

FFI has offered us Indonesia Outgoing for the Fall of 2008 and Costa Rica Incoming for Spring 2008. We sent them our requests, and they have offered us what they have available. We look forward to making new friends and hugging old ones.

2007 FLORIDA OUTGOING EXCHANGES

Spring Hill and FF of East Central FL to Winnipeg, Canada/St. Paul, Minn. - Friday August 10 thru August 24, 2007. Email ED at xte8chers@cfl.rr.com if interested.

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2007

Paying your dues before February 28 will keep you on our roll for 2007 and avoid your being dropped from the register into the fiery furnace.

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
and FS baggage tags) _____

Total _____

FFI Magazine *Friendship* \$10.00 yearly

Total amount of check enclosed \$ _____ Make check payable to: FF of Florida Suncoast

Mail to: Don Weaver, Treasurer
Friendship Force Suncoast
P.O. Box 41602
St Petersburg FL 33743



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Soha, Robert Lehner andx Nancy M. Warner, Don and Betty Johnston have joined us since December, so please seek them out and offer them the hand of Friendship, Florida Suncoast style.

MANITOBA INCOMING FAREWELL DINNER, March 17, 2007

Hosts, members and friends are invited to attend. Please complete this form and mail, along with your check for \$13.50 (includes tax and tip) per person to:

Gladys Evan, P.O. Box 4130, Seminole FL 33775-4130

CUT OFF DATE: **3/3/07** (NO DOOR PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.)

Place: Crabby Bills, Clearwater Beach (Go over the new bridge to the beach; it's on the left-hand side)

Time: 5:00 p.m. sharp for Early Bird Dinner (**be seated at 5:00**)

Entrees available: Chicken breast, Popcorn shrimp, fried fish or clam strips, tuna, mahi, frog legs.

Two side dishes, coffee, tea or soda included. CASH BAR

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____

ENTRÉE CHOICE(S) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____