



# FLORIDA SUNCOAST NEWS



A bi-monthly newsletter of the Friendship Force of Florida Suncoast

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Membership meetings are 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.

The newsletter is published and mailed before these meetings. More informal meetings are often held at ethnic restaurants or elsewhere on the third Saturday or Sunday in the months of February, April, May (picnic), October and December (party).

An e-newsletter is sent or mailed before these meetings.

**Saturday, January 20** Membership Meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the Church. **“Meet your members,”** speakers Don Horsman, Don and Dorothy Jones, and Betty Belting (on her trip to Afghanistan and Pakistan.) Light refreshments to be served.

**Saturday, February 17.** We look forward to a French lunch together. Details in February update.

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## JOTTINGS FROM JEAN

In any organization, there are different ways to participate. We have members who are very active in the regular running of the club, and there are some who are extremely effective from time to time. We all have a different way of doing things, and all participation is greatly appreciated.

At the moment, we do have a need for members who could help our officers. For example, Sally Ann Hill is our board member for hospitality. This includes the organization of refreshments at our general meetings. Viv Grimm is our member for programs at the meetings. Clare Raymond organizes the phone committee, which reminds members of forthcoming events. Nadine Giani is responsible for membership. They all need help with forming ideas and with carrying them out. There are also two important but vacant posts on the Board, namely International

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Exchange Coordinator and Publicity Officer.

The Exchange Coordinator has an initial role in ascertaining from our members where they would like to go in the following year, and which clubs we would like to host. When we are chosen for an international exchange, the Coordinator participates in appointing an Exchange Director who will take over.

This is an important and senior position.

The Publicity Officer finds spots for articles to promote us in newspapers and other media outlets. This is also very important for our club.

If you can either help the existing members, or offer your services as a Board member, please do contact either Mac Mackenzie or myself. Our phone numbers and email addresses are shown on page ...

In Friendship,

*Jean*

**Cheyenne Visits**

**During Our Warm Winter!**

The Cheyenne FF Club is sending 19 ambassadors to visit us from January 27 until February 1. Many of the guests will be staying with our members whom they hosted last summer during their "Frontier Days". They will go from here to Ft. Myers for five more days.

You are invited to participate in the following activities:

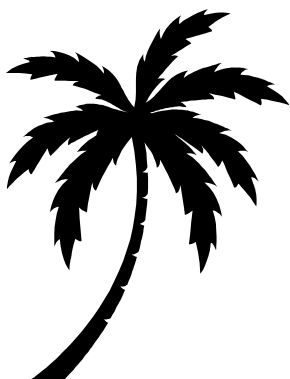
**2:30 Monday, Jan. 29** meet at John's Pass for Dolphin Adventure Boat Ride - **\$15.40** (includes tip)

**12:00 Tuesday, Jan. 30** lunch at Hellas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs - **\$13.40** (includes tax and tip.)

**1:00 Wednesday, Jan. 31** Bring your own picnic lunch to Heritage Village covered pavilion. Afterwards join us in tour of village and Botanical Gardens and/or Art Museum (no charge)

**5:00 same day** Come to the farewell dinner at Aila Erman's home for a catered meal. **\$10.00** (no tax or tip;).

To reserve your place for any of the above activities please send your check for the proper amount to our exchange treasurer, **Clyde Choong**, by **January 29 at the latest**, at **P.O. Box 976, Crystal Beach, FL 34681**



**HELLO TO EVEE**

Our friend (and my room-mate in Japan) Eeve Tenney was taken ill and is staying with a niece up where it is cold. Eeve, your friends down here all send you our warmest wishes and hope that you get well now. To heck with this get-well-soon stuff.

Love, Jackie



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Betty Dethmers, Don Jones, Dorothy, Jones, Laurette Barrett, and Sally Ann Hill have joined us since November, so please seek them out and give them the hand of Friendship or even a hug if they will allow it.

Over Christmas in Ohio, I was enjoying my three-year-old grand-nephew and asked him for a hug. He curled his hands at his chest and said, "I don't have any more hugs." So we all gave him a lot of hugs, and now he has lots to give away. Be sure to get yours.

We still need four a day for mental health maintenance!

**OUR EXCHANGE DIRECTORS**

**Cheyenne, WY Jan 2007**, Carol Heichel, ED, Pat McQuaide, AED, Clyde Choong, Exchange Treasurer.

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

**Australia inbound**, Viv Grimm, ED, Harveda Knobel, AED.

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

**FLORIDA SUNCOAST**

**2007 EXCHANGES**

**FLORIDA SUNCOAST TO DENVER AND PIKES PEAK OUTGOING:**

We have been invited to visit two clubs in Colorado sometime in August, 2007. The Denver Club and the Pike's Peak Clubs will be our hosts for two successive weeks. The details are in still in process, but free up some time in August, and start polishing your cowboy boots and practicing your lariat tricks! These domestic exchanges cost little more than the airfare.

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

On October 4, 2007, we will be leaving for two weeks in Japan. We have no cost estimates at present, but we'll give them to you as soon as we get them.

**MANITOBA, CANADA, INCOMING:**

**Marj Pease** is expecting 21 people from Manitoba from March 11 to March 18. She will be needing hosts for five married couples and 11 single women. Plans include Ybor City, Tarpon Springs and the Florida Aquarium.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:flgolfer56@hotmail.com).

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2007**

**If you would like to join our Friendship Force club, please fill out and send us this form with your payment of dues. If you have paid or will pay by March 1, you will continue to get the newsletter.**

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 \$8.00 extra per person for name badge) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

FFI Magazine *Friendship* \$15.00 yearly

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

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