

FRIENDSHIP FORCE FLORIDA SUNCOAST NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Friendship Force of Florida Suncoast
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Note: This newsletter is sent electronically to all members who use email, and mailed by regular mail to other members. A copy is also posted on our website, and can be printed.



Meeting Saturday : Holiday Party 5pm at Cove Cay Country Club, US.19 south of Clearwater opposite Walker Ford. See below.

January 19th meeting will be at the Lutheran Church, 10891 102nd Ave , Seminole. 3pm.

From Viv:

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Club's annual Holiday Party. I'm also looking forward to seeing the lovely kimonos presented to our members by our Japanese hosts, and to hearing about the exchange.

We have an opportunity in 2008 to visit Colorado. These domestic exchanges cost very little more than the airfare. We had great fun in Wyoming in 2006, and should also enjoy Colorado. We will be hosting ambassadors from the two Colorado clubs together in March—Carol Heichel has given information on the next page.

In friendship - *Viv.*

DO COME TO OUR HOLIDAY PARTY

If you have not yet signed up for the party, but want to come to it, please call Viv at 785-2342 as soon as possible. Our Annual Holiday Party is on Saturday December 15th at 5:00 p.m. at COVE CAY COUNTRY CLUB, 2612 Cove Cay Drive, Clearwater. The Clubhouse is located about 1-1/2 miles south of Gulf-to-Bay on the east side of US.19 opposite Walker Ford.

The price is \$18 plus tax and tip, totaling \$22.00. (The actual cost is slightly more than that, but our club is making up the difference.) It is essential to let us know in advance, as the **Cove Cay management do need to know how many are coming.** Do bring guests if you like. You can pay for the party using the coupon on the back page, and give it to Don.

The menu includes Roasted Prime Rib Au Jus, or Chicken Breast with Portobello Mushroom, or Vegetarian. There will of course be salads and side dishes, and also Crème de Menthe Parfaits, hot beverage or iced tea, and a cash bar.

The program is the presentation of the Japanese exchange with details, photos, and a chance to see the gowns.

All members can be reach at info@friendshipforcefloridasuncoast.org. Phone numbers and email addresses are in the membership handbook.

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An E-flyer from Friendship Force International with information on new exchanges is being emailed separately.

From Carol Heichel: Florida, Here They Come!

Our friends from Denver and Pike's Peak area of Colorado will be coming for a domestic exchange on March 5, 2008. They will spend 5 days with us and then transfer to 5 more days with the Ft. Myers club.

We are planning a return visit to them, hopefully in early August, in cooperation with the Ft. Myers club. We may be limited to 12 ambassadors for this trip. So do be thinking about a return trip to the friends we are sure to make in March and practise up on Colorado Here We Come.

This would be an wonderful time to volunteer for the position of exchange director. This is a relatively short stay and I'm sure there will be no language barriers. I would be very happy to offer support and advice to this volunteer. The Cheyenne group we hosted last spring gave me some excellent experience.

Carol Heichel

Club Handbook: The club handbooks with some supplemental pages will be **available at the Holiday Party.** We recommend new members to get one. (\$10). It is in loose-leaf format, and very well done. They will last for years. Photographs and short details of new members are added from time to time.

International Exchanges.

Aila has been working extensively on putting together further details of the 2008 exchange for Australia, the International Conference and Indonesia. This will be a fabulous exchange. More information will be included in the January newsletter. In the meantime, if you are interested, do contact Aila, at ailaerman@yahoo.com.

HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION /

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2008

It's time for the party of the year and renewal of membership dues

NAME(s) _____ **DATE** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE** _____

ZIP _____ **PHONE NO** _____ **CELL Phone** _____

EMAIL _____

Holiday dinner menu choices : No. of Beef _____ No. of Chicken _____ No. of Vegetarian _____

Number of reservations for Holiday Dinner _____ @ \$22.00 _____ includes tax/tip.

Single membership \$20.00, Family \$35.00 _____

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

FFI Magazine *Friendship* from Atlanta if desired, \$10.00 yearly : _____

Club Handbook if desired with member photos \$10 _____

Total amount of check enclosed \$ _____

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