

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 : January 19th
meeting will be at the Lutheran
Church, 10891 102nd Ave ,
Seminole. 3:00pm. Presentation
by Gale Hubbard of the FF
South African Festival which
she attended with Eunice and
with Mac & Gaby Mackenzie.

From Viv:

We had some good exchanges last year, and we are getting off to a fine start in 2008. The Australia/FFI Conference/Indonesian exchange is well prepared, and places are now available. See the article on the pages 3 & 4 by Aila, our Exchange Director.

We are looking forward to the inbound exchange from Colorado in early March, with Clyde Choong as ED. Then we have the return trip when our club and FF Fort Myers make a return visit to the two clubs in Colorado in August.

We do need someone to be the Exchange Director for that outbound exchange. Please do give this some thought, and call me if you can help—785-2342.

Do you receive the magazine Friendship, mailed from Atlanta, or are you missing out on this? You can arrange for delivery by using the coupon on page 6 of this newsletter and sending to Don Weaver with a check for \$10.00 for the year. The magazine is very useful for letting us know about exchanges and festivals to exotic places.

On Saturday we are looking forward to a presentation by Gale Hubbard (assisted by Eunice with Mac and Gaby Mackenzie) of their visit to the Friendship Force South African Festival in November. Pat tells me that there will be light refreshments, and that there is no need for members to bring any food. I look forward to seeing you all there.

In friendship, Viv

Meeting Saturday March 19th, 3:00 pm:
Presentation by our member Gale Hubbard on the experiences
she and our other members enjoyed when visiting the
Friendship Force South African Festival
in November 2007.

They have brought back many photos and artifacts.
Light refreshments supplied.

No need to bring food.

Lutheran Church, 10891 102nd Ave N, Seminole.

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

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From Carol Heichel:

We now have the dates of our outbound exchange to Colorado this year. We leave on August 5th for Denver, and transfer to Pikes Peak on August 10th, returning here on August 14th. We are sharing this with the FF club in Fort Myers, and there will be 10-12 places available for our club. Further details will follow.

From Clyde Choong:

I am still short of 4 beds and need many day hosts and extra drivers, for the inbound exchange from Greater Denver and Pikes Peak. March 5th -10th (5 nights). Please do help.

I also need an exchange treasurer to keep a record of the expenses incurred during the exchange. When we had the inbound exchange from Manitoba, I was exchange treasurer and found it very interesting.

I look forward to hearing from you. Clyde (727-786-7577) clydechoong@gmail.com).

From Nadine Giani:

Some of our members are recovering from treatments and surgery. Cards, best wishes, etc. can be sent to Don Weaver, Marj Christy, Irene Culliton and Helen Detamore.

From Pat Mcquaide:

In recent years we have been very fortunate to have tickets for orchestral concerts. It does not look as if this will continue at the present time. We can however look back with happy memories to some wonderful events. If matters should improve, I will let members know, but if you do not hear from me, there is no news. Pat.

From Aila: Hello and Happy New Year to All-- **Australia/Brisbane Conference/Indonesia**

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT BOOKING THIS WONDERFUL EXCHANGE. We already have 3 individuals under deposit.

ONLY 22 OPENINGS ARE LEFT FOR ALL THE MEMBERS OF ALL THE FLORIDA FF CLUBS!!!!

Hope each of you have been promoting this great exchange to the members of your clubs, since my first letters to you last fall.

Here is more information and some changes to add to the previous details sent earlier:

The breakdown of land arrangements is: \$816. NOT INCLUDING THE 2 HOMESTAYS
THE FF CONFERENCE
ONE SHORT FLIGHT IN INDONESIA. (estimated at \$100.)

I suggest you estimate \$1,000 to \$1,500 additional to include these items.

The Quantas coach airfare from Miami to Sydney to Brisbane to Denpasar (Bali), Indonesia and back to Miami is \$2,878. including all taxes - as I write this.

I am working on breaking out the air from Miami to Sydney, Australia and back---for those who wish to use their mileage for the overseas segments.

Cancellation insurance is available together with the payment of this deposit in the amount of \$54.00 for the \$816.00 land costs only. This cancellation insurance will increase to about \$100.00 , if you purchase the entire Quantas air package - currently at \$2,878.00.

We will need to leave the USA Sept 20, 2008, to arrive in time for the Sydney homestay that starts the 22 Sept. I estimate we will be returning to Miami Oct 15-16. Quantas is the airline used in this quote. REMEMBER, NO AIRFARE IS EVER GUARANTEED UNTIL IT IS TICKETED.

You may also choose to use your Frequent Flyer mileage instead, or leave earlier or stay later. This fare is NOT dependent on a group flying en-masse.

To hold your spot on this exchange, a \$300.00 non-refundable deposit is due and payable now. In addition, you may add an insurance premium payment of \$54.00 which will insure you against all pre-existing conditions from the time you make your deposit. This amount is based only on the land costs of \$816.00, and will be increased according to your total costs once they are finalized. This would bring your deposit to \$354 at this time, with the cancellation insurance.

Send your check to Clare Raymond, at 1932 Arrowhead Dr NE, St Petersburg, Fl 33703. Make your check out to Florida Suncoast Friendship Force Club, either in the amount of \$300.00 or \$354.00, (with cancellation insurance). Her email is: craymon2@tampabay.rr.com. Her phone is 727-527-1209

NOTE: You will be able to pay the balance due by check and by credit card for some costs.

See the planned itinerary on next page.

As a reminder the land arrangements are included in the \$816.00,

1. Includes 3 nights, at the Novotel Brisbane, a superior hotel or equal. This falls between the Sydney homestay and the FF International Conference.

- The FF Conference begins Oct 2 and ends Oct 5. Costs will follow as we get them from FFI.
2. Round trip Transfers from Brisbane airport to the Novotel Brisbane Hotel.
 3. Roundtrip transfers from Brisbane to our FF conference hotel, the Surfer's Paradise Marriott and returning to the Brisbane airport for our flight to Bali
 5. RT transfers from Denpasar airport to the Ritz Carlton Resort in Bali (and back to the airport for our flight to the island of Java to begin our homestay in Malang)
 6. Two (or 3) nights stay at the Ritz Carlton.

This price is based on double occupancy at both hotels. A single supplement will apply as requested.

When you send in your deposit or your club member's deposit, please include your name as it appears on your passport, address, phone, fax, email....and any special requests---meals, seats, or assistance at the airports. We will try and satisfy all requests possible. An ambassador's application will follow.

Proposed Itinerary in Java:

We land in Surabaya and are met by the Malang club who will take us by bus to Malang . Among other plans we also visit the famous Mt Bromo to see the sunrise on the mountain. We will cross a sand desert on horseback and ride to the top of a crater. We will stay in a hotel one night.

Proposed Itinerary in Sydney is not available yet, but will be fantastic as the city is without comparison in beauty and hospitality.

Please call or email me ASAP with any questions as I will be abroad Oct 30-Dec 4,2007.

Don't get left behind. Book now, buy the insurance and relax. This is wonderful combination of events, experiences, sights and cultures.

In friendship,

Aila Erman, ED

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Ph: 727-521-1671 (Note from Editor: Please contact Aila about any of this information.)

Planned itinerary: Note that a date is lost on the way out (Sept 21) but regained on way back (Oct 16) due to crossing international date line.

Sept 20 2008	Depart Miami 6:25pm, to Los Angeles
Sept 20	Depart LAX 11:45pm
Sept 22	Arrive Sydney 9:15am
Sept 29	Sydney to Brisbane Depart 9:05am arrive 9:45am
Oct 5	Brisbane to Denpasar, Indonesia (Bali)
Oct 8	*Denpasar to Malang (to be purchased as a group tkt.)
Oct 15	*Malang to Denpasar (" " " " .)
Oct 15	Denpasar, Indonesia to Sydney Depart 11:30pm arrive Sydney 7:05am
Oct 16	Depart. Sydney 10:20am Arrive LAX 6:40am
Oct 16	Depart LAX 9:35am arrive MIA 5:20pm

Forthcoming activities: -

Michael Manning is making final arrangements for our restaurant meeting in February. Further details will follow.

In the meantime, we have a fund-raising meal on Thursday February 21st at the St Petersburg Yacht Club. We pay \$25 each, but \$10 of that will go to our club's funds. Those members and friends who have been there before will confirm that the buffet is really outstanding, and that we have a lot of fun. This event is known as the Birthday Bash and is on the second floor (take elevator) of the Yacht Club. We must reserve soon, as this event sells out. Please contact Clare Raymond to reserve: 727-527-1209

Our website now has new pictures and features:
www.friendshipforcefloridasuncoast.org.

Our formal meetings up to summer 2008 will be January 19th, March 16th (St Patrick's) and May 18th. Restaurant meals will be on the third week-ends in February, and April. In June we have our picnic on the third week-end. After the summer break, we resume in September.

Advice for women from Gayle Waldron:

Members may have read an article in the St Petersburg Times Business Section, December 30th, which contained advice by our member Gayle Waldron, president of the Clearwater consulting firm, Management Edge.

Gayle recently gave an online seminar for the National Association of Women Business Owners, and talked about the disadvantage women face at a bargaining table, and how gender differences affect business negotiations. As wives and mothers, women are taught to consider others first. In a bargaining situation, Harvard research shows that when negotiating for someone else, women asked for 22 per cent more wages than they did when negotiating for themselves.

Gayle gives this advice to women: Find out the facts first. When you're bargaining, take emotion out of the equation. Don't think of the other person as a friend or an enemy. You don't need them to adore you and you don't need them to live in fear of you. All you need from them is a solution with which both can live.

From the beginning, clarify the goals of the negotiation, so you won't rely on your (sometimes false) preconceptions, such as how long the negotiations are likely to last. Consider whether negotiations will result in an agreement that will last, say, two years or 10? As you reach each agreement, document it.

"Look confident," Gayle advises, "stay calm, and don't take anything personally."

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2008

Our club newsletter is included in the annual dues.

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If FFI Magazine not required, deduct \$10.00

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

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