

# 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.



Meeting Saturday October 20th Shephards Restaurant Clearwater Beach. 11:30am Shephards' famous buffet followed by pleasant time on the gulf-side deck.

*Message from Viv* : Greetings to all members. We are thinking of members who are in Japan until October 23rd with our club's outbound exchange, and look forward to hearing of your experiences.

What lovely weather we have now—perfect for our lunch buffet on Saturday 11:30 am (note the time) at Shephards, 601 S Gulfview Blvd, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767. I understand that the traffic situation on Memorial Causeway has improved since Spring Break, but it would still be a good idea to allow plenty of time to travel. Shephards is fairly near to the Sand Key Bridge and does have its own complimentary parking garage.

## Programs

We have two lovely programs for November and December.

On November 17th, we have our annual Thanksgiving Meal. The club will supply the turkey. The vegetables, fruit and other dishes will be potluck. Further details will follow. We are fortunate to have a fascinating speaker, Mr. Leslie Snout. He is an experienced volunteer preparing the floats for famous parades, and will talk of his experiences with the **Rose Bowl Parade**. He has many photos and will give a PowerPoint presentation (formerly known as a slide-show). Location: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 102nd Ave N, Seminole at our new time of 3:00 p.m.

For December Viv has been able to get a booking at the Cove Cay Country Club for our Christmas party on December 15th. Further details to follow. This will also be an opportunity to hear about our Japanese exchange.

*As this newsletter is posted on the website, personal phone numbers and email addresses are not included below, but are in the Club Handbook. Our newsletter editor can always be reach at [info@friendshipforcefloridasuncoast.org](mailto:info@friendshipforcefloridasuncoast.org).*

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### **News from club officers.**

Phone numbers, emails etc quoted below will be removed before the newsletter is posted to the website. To contact Officers can be reached by using the numbers or emails in the club handbook or emailing [friendshipforcefloridasuncoast.org](mailto:friendshipforcefloridasuncoast.org).

### ***Our New 'Sunshine (Lady)' for our Friendship Force needs your help!!!***

Please contact me if you know of any member who is not well, has lost a dear one, or who needs to know we care and are thinking of them. Nadine Giani.

### **From Bob Lehner:**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Richard Baker, Geri Espy and Anneliese Tedeschi,

We are very pleased to welcome back our Suncoast member Lee Heath.

### **From Pat McQuaide:**

I'd like to thank the folks who contributed to the Florida Orchestra. Donations for the orchestra can always be made at the time we hand out the tickets. So many cities have lost their orchestras because they're up against the iPod's and Blackberries, and people seem to feel an orchestra is no longer relevant. We have been very fortunate to enjoy this opportunity and hope that it may continue. Anyone who is not aware of these tickets but would like to be included in the notifications, **please call or e-mail me. Thanks, Pat McQuaide**

### **Club Handbooks.**

Extra pages regarding new members have been prepared by Jim and Bren Miller, and will be available at future meetings for all those who have the original photo-handbooks. If you are a very new member, your picture can be taken. Otherwise you can supply a head and shoulders picture—at least 3 inches as we shrink them to achieve good quality in scanning. The originals are not affected, and will be returned.

### **From Aila Erman: Outbound Exchange 2008.**

We Floridians are so lucky to be invited to two, one-week homestays during Sept-Oct 2008, in Australia and Indonesia that allow us to include attending the FF International Conference on the Gold Coast of Australia, 45 min by car from Brisbane. Here are the details so far:

We need to depart Sept 20 in order to be in Sydney Sept 22 for our week's homestay, if we are flying directly to the homestay. Leave earlier, if you want to sight-see in Australia before the homestay. You will then be responsible to get to your home hosts on your own, unless you meet the "group" flight's arrival in Sydney. The exact return date is not set, as we don't know all the flight times yet, but I estimate it will be about Oct 15-16, 2008. We have a Qantas reservation from Miami to Sydney to Brisbane to Denpasar to Sydney to Miami. The coach fare is currently not dependent on group travel. You may go early, stay longer, or use your Frequent Flyer mileage.

The land arrangements as of today, include: 1. Three nights hotel stay in Brisbane, after the Sydney homestay 29 Sept and prior to the FF conf., that begins Oct 2. 2. Transfers from Brisbane airport to hotel; from the hotel to the conference in Surfer's Paradise, (about 45 min away driving); 3. Transfers from Surfers Paradise Hotel to airport in Brisbane; 4. RT transfers from airport in Denpasar, Indonesia to the Ritz Carlton Resort on Bali, 5. Two nights stay at the Ritz Carlton Resort in Bali, where we will "chill out" before our week's homestay in Malang. At this time, this air and land package costs \$3,694 per person, double occupancy. NOTE: Air is the largest part of this price and it is never confirmed until it is under deposit. Prices are not in yet for the two home-stays and the FF Conference, and one short RT air trip from Denpasar, Bali to Malang, Java, (the site of our homestay there). I would estimate \$1,000 - \$1,500 extra to cover these costs.

Clare Raymond is accepting \$300 nonrefundable deposits. Application forms and agreements will be available, and when completed will accompany the deposit.

### **The annual All-Florida Conference**

This is hosted this year by the F.F. of Lee County in the Ft. Myers area. It takes place the weekend of **October 26-27, 2007**. Details of the program, price and itinerary will be available soon. **These All-Florida Conferences are really enjoyable. Our members are welcome.**

**We have an inbound exchange from Costa Rica** in the latter part of January 2008. The participants will fly to Orlando, and visit the East Florida club at New Smyrna Beach first. Then we will meet them at a half-way point and bring them back for the second half of their stay. Jackie Kline is Exchange Director.

**Friendship Force South African Festival** starts November 5th 2007. Mac and Gaby are going - Eunice Hubbard is too, and was able to surf the internet for a very good fare.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Now is the time to renew your membership. (Our Club newsletters are included in the dues - no charge.)

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