

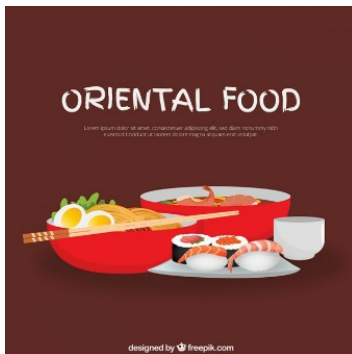


# friendship force Southwest florida

## Newsletter June & July 2016

Our Website [www.friendshipforceswfl.org](http://www.friendshipforceswfl.org)

### Lunch at Japanese Restaurant Friday, June 10, Noon



Mark your calendar for Friday, June 10th, 12 noon, for a delightful lunch at Ichiban's Restaurant, 1520 Broadway #106 in the Hotel Indigo downtown Ft Myers.

Let us know if you are coming by emailing us by this Wednesday, June 8 at [eagleswingsj@yahoo.com](mailto:eagleswingsj@yahoo.com)

We need to let the restaurant know how many are attending. Sue will be back and will have a short general meeting.

Hope to see you there!

**Save the dates**

### Quick Links

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### Mission

*To promote global understanding across barriers that separate people*

### Values

*Mutual Respect Cultural  
Diversity Cultural  
Exploration Service*

### Elected Board (voting members)

#### **President**

Sue Linehan

#### **1st VP**

Michelle Kemps

#### **2nd VP**

Beverly Harmon

#### **Treasurer**

Cathy Cobb

#### **Secretary**

Carol Berry



**Social**

**June 10 Ichiban's  
Lunch**

**Aug 14 Ice Cream**

**Sept 16-19 World Conference  
Marrakesch, Morocco**

**Oct & Nov TBD**

**Oct 21 - 22 All Florida Conference, 2-  
DAY EVENT Clearwater Suncoast Club**

**Dec 4 Holiday Brunch Colonial  
Country Club, 11 AM - 2 PM \$22 pp**

**Non-voting Board**

**Membership/Publicity**

Joanne Collins  
Michelle Kemps

**ED Coordination**

Lou Rizk

**Email, Club Roster,  
Sunshine**

Cheryle Phelps

**Historian**

Carla Harms

**Webmaster, Club  
Photographer**

Richard Collins

**Parliamentarian**

Jody Garmon

**Newsletter**

Joanne Collins

**Programs/Fundraising**

Entire Board

**Did you get the email?**

**CHANGING THE WAY YOU  
SEE THE WORLD**

Did you see the email about FFI's new initiative about Stories of Friendship? They're asking for you to write your own story because

*Stories of friendship are stories of peace.*

They are stories of our experiences that have helped eliminate the barriers that separate us, bringing us closer together.

For almost 40 years, the Friendship Force has brought tens of thousands of people together from all corners of the world with one goal - friendship. For many, their experiences with Friendship Force have created lifelong friends and lifelong memories. We invite you

to share your story here to be archived in the annals of our organization and to be shared, possibly, with the world.

It isn't our name, our mission, or our organizational structure that draws people to Friendship Force - it is our stories. Perhaps hearing about a Friendship Force experience was even what encouraged you to take part.

Whether it is short or long, funny or moving, from three weeks or three years ago, please share it here! [Link to Stories of Friendship](#)

## Where in the World are our Members traveling?



**Africa Bound this summer -**  
(with Overseas Adventure Tours)

Michelle Kemps

and Joanne & Richard Collins

Dennis Yemma - **eastern Europe**  
Exchange with FFI completed  
recently

Jack & Jo Cooley - returned from a FF Exchange to **Taiwan** with an add-on trip to **China with Sarasota Club**

Cheryle & Lou Rizk - Atlanta to spend time with Cheryle's daughter

Sue & Rob Linehan - cruised home from a 3-month catamaran trip to the Bahamas

Joanne & Richard Collins - sold their sailboat, *Eagles Wings*, and looking for a trawler to further explore the Florida waters.

Jack Cooley sent me this quote for your enjoyment:

*I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move.*

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

**Anyone else? Send me your vacation pics, quotes and news for the next edition!**

## **2017: Anticipating Canada and Japan Exchanges**



We look forward to **2017** Outbound Exchange to Canada - **Stratford-St Mary** and **Haliburton Highlands**, Ontario. According to their website, Stratford-St Mary says "Few places in Ontario are lovelier or more alive with culture and character than Stratford. It is a charming city nestled in pastoral countryside in Southwestern Ontario.

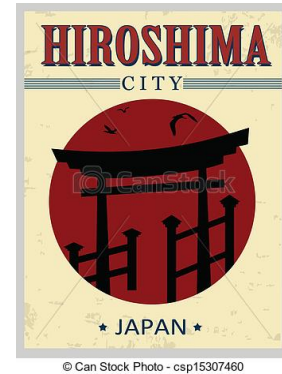
Stratford Shakespeare Festival is North America's largest classical repertory theatre, presenting the works of William Shakespeare and other great writers in its idyllic setting on the Avon River. Nine miles southwest is St. Marys, a charming small town, with many limestone buildings and houses, situated on the Thames River and Trout Creek. Its limestone deposits led to the development of a very well known Canadian cement company, St. Marys Cement. It boasts Canada's largest outdoor swimming pool, the Quarry."

The second club, Haliburton Highlands is a larger club (~ 75 members). They say "Our June/September exchanges begin with a welcome party and usually include the following elements: boat trip on one of our lakes, tour of the local artisan studios, trip to the Wolf Centre and the Fish Hatchery, and a walk along one of our trails through the woods." We received word that this is a "**cooperative exchange**" with the **Tbilisi Club** in the country of **Georgia**. Current suggested date is June 2017. Lou Rizk, Kev Janiak and Susan Beaudry volunteered to be EDs for this awesome outbound trip.

**But there is more news! Regarding our international incoming exchange, the club of Hiroshima, Japan** has been approved to visit us in March 2017. Members of our club visited them about 3 years ago. It will be great to return their wonderful hospitality.

Cheryle Phelps and Cathy Cobb volunteered to be the EDs for this exciting inbound trip.

*Stay tuned for more information as the details develop.*



## President's comments



Rob and I are back from our cruising adventure to the Bahamas. I would like to thank Michelle Kemps, Bev Harmon, and Joanne Collins for helping pick up the slack on my duties as President. Carol Berry and Cathy Cobb have continued performing their jobs in excellent fashion as well. It is a great club, everyone pitching in and we have had good turn outs for our interesting presentations.

Many of you may be gone for the summer but I am looking forward to meeting with those members who are still here, at the meeting on Friday. We will put ourselves in the mood for the Hiroshima visit by enjoying some Japanese cuisine. There will be a brief meeting with updates on coming exchanges and meeting times and locations. Please try to attend as our next opportunity to get together won't be until August!

See you soon!  
*Sue Linehan*  
*President*

## Parting Shots



*s/v Catalyst* at anchor in the gorgeous Bahama waters





Sue & Rob enjoying the solitude of the Bahama beaches

### ***Do you like our newsletter?***

Just email Joanne at [eagleswingsj@yahoo.com](mailto:eagleswingsj@yahoo.com) with any suggestions and stories. Hope to hear from you soon!

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