



friendship force
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

August 2017 Newsletter

Our Website www.friendshipforceswfl.org

Sunday, August 13, 2:00 p.m.



Delicious ice cream and cooling off in the pool - a great combo!

Join us for a fun Sunday afternoon with your favorite club. It's FREE!

**Corkscrew Woodlands Clubhouse
21798 Corkscrew Woodlands Blvd
Estero, FL 33928**

RSVP to Luvvy Kovacik at 314-406-8610
by Monday August 7th (We need a count to buy enough ice cream)

Wear your swim suits to cool off in pool. Changing rooms available.
Billiards, ping pong, paddle boats on lake, water balloon toss and water aerobics at 2:30. For questions call Bev at 816-210-6216

CANADA Outbound Journey - what a great time!

Twenty members of our club participated in amazing back-to-back journeys to two Canadian Clubs in Ontario - Stratford/St Marys from June 14-21 and Haliburton from June 21-28, 2017. Past President, Lou Rizk, along with assistants, Kevin Janiak and Susan Beaudry, were the outbound Journey Coordinators (formerly known as Exchange Directors).



At Stratford St Mary's Farewell Party, we educate Canadians about Florida

In Stratford/St Mary's, club members were treated to an afternoon Welcome Party in a gorgeous backyard setting at the home of Rose and Ken. We were divided up with the Canadians to participate in a fun quiz on Canadian facts. A wonderful chicken dinner followed with bountiful salads and an array of Canadian desserts that featured homemade BUTTER TARTS. YUM! The club kept us busy all week with an itinerary featuring a wonderful



Do you recognize these people?

performance of Guys & Dolls at the famous Festival Theater. We even learned a dance routine from the show and toured a Warehouse viewing costumes and props. We participated in a Car Rally followed by a fun dinner with a singer and lots of dancing. Later in the week, we went on a boat tour, the Hansall Co-op Tour and really had a blast on an Ice Sculpture Tour. The week flew by and before we knew it, we were saying farewell to this GREAT club.

We drove in vans to the next club, an easy 4-1/2 hour trip to the gorgeous lake region of Canada. The Haliburton Club welcomed us at their Curling Club. The week started with a Welcome Breakfast at Wintergreen. This place looked like an old-time cabin in the woods and featured a lavish breakfast with homemade maple and other syrups. We traveled to a fish hatchery for a tour, then onto a Sculpture Forest Tour (fantastic sculptures in the woods) and finally, our group was treated to a Welcome BBQ at the lake cottage home of Mary Lou & Bob Macklin.



How does this Co-op tour hair net look on Cheryle?



"Lady in Red" Warehouse Tour

The Haliburton Club seemed to be very active (about 50 in the club) and most of them were there to welcome us. On Friday, we went geo-caching at Kinark's Outdoor Center and were hosted at family-like dinners by club members. Saturday's agenda



We test out the Voyageur Canoes on the lake

incorporated a visit to the Wolf Center where we saw baby wolves nursing (many of our Canadian friends had never seen this. Quite lucky for us!) Subsequently, we had a lovely tour and lunch at Abbey Gardens, Tour of Haliburton Wind & Solar company and their Brewery and Tasting. On Tuesday, we toured the town and had a rousing Farewell Dinner at Peppermill Restaurant. As with Stratford/St Mary's, it was difficult to say goodbye to these great Canadians!



Mama feeds her baby wolves

Want to view more Pictures of these two journeys? Just click on our website (address at top of this newsletter). Click on **About Us** (second button on top of page). Click on **Journeys**, Click on **Canadian Journeys 2017** and scroll down to the pictures. By the way, Richard and I have a blog where we've written about the Canadian journeys and posted our pictures. If you are interested, the address of our blog is <http://saileagleswings.blogspot.com/> It is chronological, so will have to scroll down a bit to get to the Canadian journeys. Enjoy!



Richard & Joanne and Sue & Rob enjoy the Petroglyphs



Corrine, Michelle, Susan & Ginny dine in Toronto



Morning has broken on a Haliburton Lake - simply gorgeous!

Where in the World are our Members Traveling?



It's summer time in Florida and many of our members have gone **NORTH** to visit friends or to stay in their summer homes.

Judy Carson is on Stag Island, Canada. She recently hosted 6 of us before the Canadian Club journeys (Joanne & Richard Collins, Cheryle & Lou Rizk, Corrine Larson and Susan Beaudry).



Judy Carson

Her friends and long-term members, **Cecilia & Ted Bridge**, live on the mainland of Canada not far from her. They also hosted two of us (Sue & Rob Linehan) for a few evenings. It was so great to visit them and learn about their home towns. *Thanks so much to them for a great time!*



Cecilia Bridge

Sue & Rob Linehan traveled in their van to the NE after the Canada journeys and are expected to

arrive back in Punta Gorda on August 1. Here is a wonderful picture of her Family Reunion showing her Dad on his rider mower with most of his family surrounding him and celebrating his **105th birthday**!



Judy's Stag Island Cottage



Sue's Dad celebrating his 105th birthday - that's him in plaid shirt in the center

We heard recently from **Jule & Dennis Yemma ...**



"We are doing great, we moved in 15 May & have been busy unpacking before we head to SD on Tuesday 29 May to spend time with our son and his two boys before we take them on an Alaskan cruise. Beau (their dog) loves it here, he says hi to Richard. It's a beautiful area & our new neighbors have come by to welcome us so we are meeting new people."

Our new address is:

**3828 Woodland Dr
Schnecksville PA 18078**

Email and phones are the same

Our welcome mat is out and ready for visitors

Give everyone our best!

**In friendship,
Dennis & Jule**

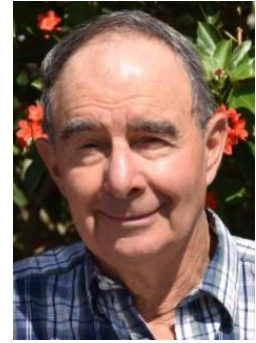
P.S. Dennis has future plans to build a pizza oven here"

Quote of the month from Jack Cooley ...

YOU JUST AS WELL STAY HOME IF:

If you reject the food, ignore the customs, fear the religion and avoid the people, you might better stay home: you are like a pebble thrown into water; you become wet on the surface, but you are never a part of the water.

~ ~ James Michener



Jack wants you to remember this quote

Want to see a good movie?



When we were visiting Canada, our hosts told us about a new Canadian film that was just out. It is about Canadian folk artist Maud Lewis (Sally Hawkins) who falls in love with a fishmonger (Ethan Hawke) while working for him as a live-in housekeeper. We found the movie playing in Sarasota and it was well worth the trip! The movie is called Maudie.



Save the Dates 2017

August 13 - Ice Cream Social with Pool Party in Estero. Bev & Kev hosting! **Note: Date changed from Aug 6**

September 1 - Meeting & Program, 10:30 a.m. Canadian Exchange discussed. Speakers and Location TBD

October 6 - Meeting & Program, 10:30 a.m. Punta Gorda. Speaker: Michelle Kemps regarding FF Holland Bicycle Journey

November 3 - Meeting & Program, 10:30 a.m. Punta Gorda. Speakers: Carol & Chris Nasby regarding FF Journey to New Zealand.

~November 11-18 - Inbound Journey with San Jose do Rio Presto, Brazil

December 3 - Holiday Brunch and Yankee Swap, 11 a.m., Isles Yacht Club. Contact: Joanne Collins

New Lingo to Learn - Friendship Force International (FFI)

Remember ... There are no more "exchanges"; the new terminology is **Journeys**. **Keep in mind**, there are no more "Exchange Directors" (ED's) - they are now called **Ambassador or Journey Coordinators**. Here is a further explanation from Allison Lindsay of FFI:



Allison Lindsey

- The new term for an outbound ED (Exchange Director) would be **Ambassador Coordinator** because they coordinate the details related to the Ambassadors traveling outbound. An Inbound ED is now referred to as the **Host Coordinator** since they coordinate everything related to the host program.
- An ED for a globally recruited themed journey is a **Journey Coordinator** because they coordinate the details for both the Ambassadors and the Hosts. (We also use **Journey Coordinator** to talk about either a **Host or Ambassador Coordinator** in general terms, kind of like using ED generically)

Richard updated our website with the new FFI terminology. Check out **Friendship Force Terminology and Frequently Asked Questions** on the bottom of the first page to get answers to your common questions.

Update on Brazil and Michigan Journeys



Symbols of Brazil

We will host an **INBOUND** Brazil exchange from Sao Jose do Rio Preto about November 11 - 18, 2017 (this year!). Then, in ~April 2018, our club will go on **OUTBOUND** journeys to 2 Brazilian clubs, Sao Paulo and Nova Lima. Sue Linehan and Michelle Kamps volunteered to be the Ambassador Coordinators. They also hope to have add on excursions to Iguacu Falls or other destinations.

Carol Berry and Joanne McPeck will be co- ACs (Ambassador Coordinators) for the INBOUND group. They are already "on point" working on

this journey. While both will be gone a good part of the summer, they will be accessible by phone and email. If you are willing to help them, please let them know. Things you can volunteer for are: helping with the program schedule, organizing the Farewell Dinner, arranging hosts for the ambassadors, arranging dinner hosts, or creating the booklet (itinerary of events). If you haven't done any of these tasks in the past, please step up and you will receive guidance on how to proceed. It is one of the best ways to get to know your fellow members and feel a big part of the club. We've been fortunate to have people step up and we'd like to see that continue. If you think you'll be available to host, please drop a note to Carol or Joanne. We have many members still up North in November - so we HOPE those who can, will volunteer. We are limited to 14 ambassadors because of the club restrictions they are visiting prior to us. That will help compensate for those who have not yet returned to SW FL.



NEW... The group from **Grand Rapids Michigan** will arrive on **Feb. 1 - 8, 2018..** We need volunteers to help with this incoming domestic journey. Sue Linehan wishes to be part of the committee, but is looking for more club members to take part of the tasks. Because this should be an easy journey to coordinate,

it is a good one to do for your first time. Please contact Sue if you are willing to help on the committee or be a host for some of the ambassadors.

We will schedule a date to go visit Grand Rapids in **September of 2019** during their world acclaimed **Art Festival**. There is time to plan for that in the future.

President's Comments

What a joy it was to meet such wonderful FF members in the two chapters we visited in Canada! What I was thinking though, was how well we were represented from our club. We had a great group of travelers and I was very proud to be the president of such a group.

Equally, I am thrilled when our incoming ambassadors get the chance, not only to see our part of paradise, but also, get the chance to become friends with our wonderful members. We will have two opportunities to greet incoming ambassadors, first from Brazil in November, and again, from Grand Rapids in February. Having started the year with no incoming ambassadors, we are ending up with two during this season.



Our President, Sue

Key to all this is the Journey Coordinator and their team. Special thanks go to Lou Rizk and his able helpers, Susan Beaudry and Kevin Janiak for our recent Canada journey. Kevin and Bev Harmon also deserve special thanks for being the drivers for the journey.

There are many opportunities to participate this year so please step up and volunteer. You are never alone in this and can be part of a team that will help you learn a new skill.

Besides our travels and interesting meetings, Linda Supakoff has stepped up big time to plan some fun events for the club. She hosted about 10 people for 4th of July at her home and a group went shopping at resale shops later in the month. We are lucky in the new people who have joined in the last few years as they have really stepped up to add a great deal to the group. Keep recruitment up!

We look forward to the return of our Snow Bird group! There will be a lot to come back for! See you that are in town, at the upcoming Ice Cream Social & Swim party. It promises to be a lively and entertaining event!

In Friendship,

Sue

Parting Shot



Here we are with the Haliburton Club at the Farewell Dinner

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