



friendship force  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

## April 2018 Newsletter

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

Friday, April 6, 2018 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

General Meeting & Program on Peru  
Ft Myers Library Meeting Room  
2450 First Street (near back parking lot)

Did you know that our members, Carol Nasby and Linda Supakoff, went on a Friendship Force Journey to Peru with another club?



Linda



Carol

They came back with glowing reports all about it. We are looking forward to hearing about their adventures in this interesting country. I can't wait to see their slides and pictures! Afterwards, we are trying a new location for lunch - Cristof's, 10231 McGregor Blvd, 239-791-8473, located just 10 minutes from the library.

**Need a ride?** Phone a member friend and you can carpool together. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

## Outbound Brazil Journey April 8-21, 2018 with add on package to Rio and Iguazu Falls



*Images of Brazil*

We'll be leaving the day after our April meeting on Saturday, April 7, on our club's journey to Brazil!

We are very excited to experience this country. Most of us have heard from our hosts. We are trying to learn a few words of Portuguese. *Tchau* means goodbye. *Ate logo* (see you soon)!

## Out and About Celebrating World FF Day, the Florida Way



When the Miniature Golf Idea to celebrate National FF Day fell through, some people just wouldn't give up. Bev, Kevin, Luvvy and Michelle decided to take the afternoon and go on a pristine Kayak ride. The weather was perfect. We rowed in awe of nature and the dreams of FF. Thank you Friendship Force!



*Bev & Kev, Luvvy & Michelle kayaked to Celebrate World FF Day*

## Coming Up

Next Kayaking trip will be **May 18th**. It will be a Ladies Day Out to shop at the Thrift Store (Our Lady of Light) for their 1/2 price day. We'll find a bite to eat for lunch and then do a little Kayak trip.

Unfortunately it is limited to 8 ladies, as Luvvy only has access to 4 'double seater' Kayaks. If interested, please contact Luvvy via email at [revluvvy@gmail.com](mailto:revluvvy@gmail.com) or phone her at 239-789-0879.

## What's Next?

### 2019 Outbound Journeys to Indonesia and West Michigan April and September

We heard from Friendship Force International that our club and Sarasota FF Club will share a journey to **Indonesia** next year. Yes, Indonesia! The two clubs are **Banjarmasin** and **Malang** Trip #15074 in April 2019. Just where in the world are those clubs located?

**Malang** is the second largest city in East Java and is a popular tourist destination. Click on [Malang FF](#) to discover more fascinating info about this club of 40 that was founded in 1997 and who has welcomed many FF clubs throughout the world. **Banjarmasin** is known as a River City because it is located at the junction of the Barito and Martapura Rivers. Its population is 625,000 (2010 census). Find out more by clicking [Banjarmasin FF](#), a club of 27 founded in 2015.



*Images of Indonesia*

*Are you interested in leading us there? We need one Journey Coordinator (JC) to work with Sarasota's JC and it could be YOU.*



**West Michigan Club** invites us to the 2019 [Artprize Festival](#). Click on the underlined link to read all about it. We need just one **Journey Coordinator** to coordinate this Journey. This would *only be a one- week Journey unless* we try to coordinate it with two other invitations: Lincoln, Nebraska or Denver, Colorado...or anywhere else you would like to go.

At this time, the week West Michigan Club requests us to come is the **4th week in September 2019**. We had such a wonderful time with their club - *wouldn't you like to see*



*them again? Contact Michelle or any board member to volunteer to lead us there.*

## A fun Afternoon Sailing on *Catalyst*



*A close up view of Catalyst sailing along*

*Catalyst* is going on the market so we are glad that our members had a chance to experience what we have been providing for our ambassadors.

The sail day for our local members was on March 14. It was **lucky** the date had to be moved as it was a much better day for sailing. It was cool but comfortable for the 2 hour sail for the 16 members that attended. The pot luck ahead of time was delicious. No desserts were brought which tells you that we are all trying to eat a little more light.



*Yummy lunch enjoyed by all*

## Here come the Aussies -2019 Inbound Journey next February

We recently received word that we've matched to host the Central Coast Australia Club next February. Joanne Collins and Bev Harmon stepped up to co-chair this inbound journey. They've both been on FF journeys to Australia and want to "give back" some of the fun times they experienced.

Central Coast Australia Club was chartered in 1986, the first in New South Wales, and the second in Australia. It is a small, but growing club, that currently

has 20 members. Central Coast is an urban region in New South Wales, located approximately 1 hour north of Sydney. The region is a network of towns that have been linked in recent years by expanding suburban development. The main urban cluster of the region surrounds the northern shore of Brisbane Water and includes the Coast's largest population center, Gosford. Central Coast has a campus of the University of Newcastle and many theaters in the region.



*Australian Icons*

Stay tuned for more information as it develops and think about what you can do to help us welcome the fantastic Australians. G'day Mates!

## Welcome New Member

We are happy to welcome one new associate member of our club...



**Marcia Ellis**, current president of the West Michigan Club,  
who has been wintering in Punta Gorda.

302 Sabin

**Welcome to our Club!**



## Do you FaceBook?

Susan Beaudry has conquered FaceBook and we now have it up and running! There are a few older versions "out there" so be sure you look for the one with us all under the tree ! It is called: [Friendship Force of](#)



[Southwest Florida Group](#). Check it out by clicking underlined address in previous sentence or clicking it in [Quick Links](#) (see box below).

Keep the online conversations going by adding your own posts and pictures. Use the power to Social Media to promote our club. Hey, let's get "with it", keep up with the grandchildren by embracing the technology of the 21st century. **You can do it!** Contact Susan with questions. Be sure to **LIKE US!**

## Save the Date Events & Travel Quote



### Future Meetings

May 4, 2018

NW Regional Library

519 Chiquita Blvd N

Cape Coral

239 533 4780

Program by Corrine Larson... *"Living on a Cargo Ship"*



Lunch to follow at Bubba's Restaurant

2121 SW Pine Island Rd

Cape Coral 33991

239 282 5522

### June 8

11:30 am - **No meeting**, but

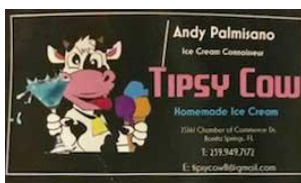
**FF Lunch at Ginger Bistro**

4650 S Cleveland Ave

Ft Myers 33907

\*41 Dim Sum items on the menu\*

Check out the roast ducks to the right!



### August 7 - Ice Cream Social

Prado Movie & Topsy Cow

25261 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Homemade Ice Cream infused with alcohol

Fresh Sorbets/Italian Ice \*No sugar added options\*

**"You learn a lot about your country, by leaving it" - Rick Steves**

## President's Comments



*Michelle at the Global Journey to Dude Ranch*

It's been a chilly month of March, and I'm looking forward to the warmer weather. However, I will be sad to see our Snowbird Friendship Force Family leave. Thanks heavens for the Internet, it makes for a 'small world.'

Since our last meeting we had a Global Journey to Westgate Resort and Dude Ranch in Lake Wales, Florida. Next month is our Brazil Journey. We will definitely do a program and share the Brazil adventures with all our members.

And...

Beyond this year we have Indonesia and Australia around the corner.

Yee Haw, we sure have a great club!

In Friendship,

*Michelle*

## Parting Shots





*Bob & Eleanor Hill, Luuvy Kovacik, Michelle Kemps and Lou Rizk had a great time at the ranch!*





### Quick Links... help you find info fast!

Just put your cursor on what you want and click away! See below links...

[Friendship Force International \(FFI\) Website](#)

[FFI Journeys Scheduled for 2018 Worldwide](#)

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**2018 Elected Board**

**2017 Non-voting Board**

**(voting members):**

**President**

***Michelle Kemp***

**1st Vice President**

***Beverly Harmon***

**2nd Vice President**

***Ginny Dooley***

**Treasurer**

***Jack & Jo Cooley***

**Secretary**

***Linda Supakoff***

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***Bev Harmon***

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