

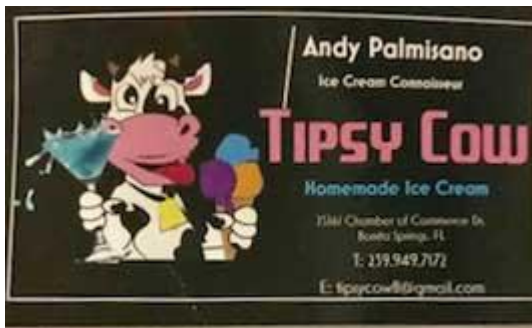


friendship force
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

August & September 2018 Newsletter

Our Website www.friendshipforceswfl.org

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 meet there at 12:15 pm



FF Movie & Ice Cream

Prado Theatre - only \$6 admission

25251 Chamber of Commerce Dr

Bonita Springs, FL 34135

See *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*

Ice Cream to follow at Topsy Cow

Need a ride? Phone a member friend and you can carpool together.
Next month we will begin our regular meetings.

Friday, September 7, 2018 beginning at 10:30 am

General Meeting & Program on FF Global Dude Ranch Journey
Colonial Country Club
9181 Independence way, Fort Myers, FL 33913



Fun at the Dude Ranch by our club members

Join us at the country club to catch up on our club's activities and hear Lou Rizk and Eleanor & Bob Hill update us on the global journey they took last March to Westgate Resort & Dude Ranch in Lake Wales, Florida. Afterwards, you'll enjoy lunch (cost is \$6 - \$12) and can *only be paid* by credit card. An 18% gratuity is automatically added to the bill. No cash accepted.

The club is located off Colonial Blvd, 1.5 miles east of I-75. From Colonial Blvd, turn south on Colonial Country Club Blvd and go to the guard house. Tell the guard you are with Friendship Force and you will be admitted. Go to the round about and take the first right onto Independence Blvd. Turn left on the third entrance (one street and 2 driveways). Park near the tennis courts and go into the building adjacent to the tennis courts. Tell the person at the desk that you are going to the Friendship Force meeting and you will be directed to the meeting room. Dress code is no jeans, collars for men and no sleeveless blouses for women.

**Meeting & Brazil Presentation with South American Lunch
Friday, October 5, 2018 beginning at 10:30 pm
Punta Gorda Police & Fire Station Conference Room
1410 Tamiami Trail (Rt 41), Punta Gorda**

You are in for a real treat -
Michelle and Sue will

Brazilian Cuisine

A collection of seven Brazilian dishes arranged on a green tablecloth. The dishes include: a bowl of Salada de Frutas (fruit salad) with avocado, tomatoes, and onions; a bowl of Feijoada (black bean stew) with meat and rice; a bowl of Moqueca (seafood stew) with shrimp and fish; a bowl of Sopa de Leão (lion's head soup) with carrots and green beans; a bowl of Arroz com Feijão (rice and beans) with meat and vegetables; a bowl of Salada de Alface (lettuce salad) with tomatoes and onions; and a bowl of Feijão com Bacon (beans with bacon) with rice and vegetables. Each dish is served with a fork and a spoon. The background is a light yellow gradient.[illegible]

Australian Icons

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2019 Outbound Journeys to Indonesia and West Michigan April and September

At our last General Meeting in April, two club members stepped up to lead the Journey with the Sarasota FF Club to **Indonesia** next year! Yes, thank you **Carol Nasby** and **Susan Beaudry**, our Journey Coordinators for Indonesia! The two clubs we will visit are **Banjarmasin** and **Malang** Trip #15074 in April 2019. They report that we have 8 slots to fill and they've already received many applications. However, if you want to go, you can still be on the "Waiting List" in case others drop out. Just let them know.

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



Also, at the May General Meeting, **Linda Supakoff** and **Luvvy Kovacik** volunteered to be joint Journey Coordinators (FF lingo is "JC"s) for the 2019 Fall trip to **West Michigan Club**. This will be *only a one- week Journey unless* we try to coordinate it with other locations. They will be working on the itinerary and will let us know. At this time, West Michigan Club requests us to come the **4th week in September 2019**.

Where in the World are our members traveling?



From **Joanne MacPeck**...

"My travels this summer include a trip to NYC with my niece who graduates high school. She flies in from Austin, TX and we spend 3 days with my other niece who



lives in Brooklyn. Highlights of our visit is lunch with my other niece at the Met and seeing the Heavenly Bodies exhibit and tickets to Phantom.

I leave for Barcelona, Spain from there and visit my son, John. We go to Edinburgh, Scotland for 5 days. Then I return from Barcelona to Charlotte, NC to stay w my daughter. Later in July I go to Buffalo to stay until September. I visit Los Angeles, CA to celebrate my brother's birthday there. I return to FL in October. See you then."



From **Cheryl Phelps**...

"My daughter and I spent a full week in New York City, doing it all! Here is a picture taken in 9/11 Memorial."



From the Grape Vine...

We heard that **Ginny Dooley** and **Linda Supakoff** left recently a 5 week trip. First stop is an Indonesia FF Journey. The trip has had many problems due to volcano eruptions! After Indonesia, they continue on a personal trip to Australia and hope to drop by the Central Coast Club, some of whom are visiting us next February.

Jack & Jo Cooley left on another trip to Africa.

Sue & Rob Linehan took a long driving trip to Nebraska to close up her Dad's farm and have a family memorial service for him. Sue is continuing on a driving trip to Colorado and California with her sister.

Joanne & Richard Collins are headed on a Viking Cruise on the Danube River to Budapest and will continue on a land trip to Prague in late August and early September. Also, Joanne recently returned from a trip to Pleasant Hill, CA (near the Napa Valley) where she visited her sister and daughter. Fun times!

Susan Beaudry recently returned from a fabulous destination wedding in Spain.

Carol and Chris Nasby are headed to Europe.

Travel Insurance with FF - Did you know?



The Friendship Force Travel Protection plan is available for *non FF related travel*. Just enter the number **14000** for the Journey number. Click on the Quick Links below under FF International Website, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on FF Travel Protection Plan (underwritten by Nationwide).

Save the Dates



October 5 - General Meeting & Program on Brazil with special Brazilian lunch, Punta Gorda Police & Fire Station

November 2 - General Meeting & Program on Spain by Susan Beaudry, Cape Coral Library, 519 Chiquita Blvd North, Cape Coral

December 2 - Holiday Brunch at Isles Yacht Club, Punta Gorda with gift exchange

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Do you see the email from FFI?

FFI recently emailed a beautiful 2017 Annual Report that is worth reading. Missed it? Here is the link [FFI Annual Report](#) Just click on the arrow on the right to read it all.

Highlights are a complete listing of clubs, all of the journeys that occurred, accomplishments and financial report. Very interesting and well done!

President's Comments



94...92...90... Ah - I see a cooling trend! Hope y'all are having a great summer. For those of you who went North to escape the heat, I understand there was not much relief! This picture is from the FF Journey to Canada, maybe That's where we all should have gone?

Although it is nice taking a break in activities over the summer I must say I am anxious for FF to be back in active mode. Starting off with Ice Cream and *Mama Mia* is a super way to begin! 2019 is looking great with the Aussie's inbound. Party Time!

Anybody have new suggestions for our club? There is always room for more ideas and volunteers. The more volunteers we have the more fun we all will have.

See some of you and August and more in September!

In Friendship,

Michelle

Parting Shot



We had a great crowd at the Ginger Bistro Lunch Get-together on June 8!

Quick Links... help you find info fast!

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

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

[FFI Journeys Scheduled for 2018 Worldwide](#)

[FFI Stories of Friendship](#)

[Friendship Force of Southwest Florida Group on FaceBook](#)

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2018 Elected Board

(voting members):

President*Michelle Kemp***1st Vice President***Beverly Harmon***2nd Vice President***Ginny Dooley***Treasurer***Jack & Jo Cooley***Secretary***Linda Supakoff***2017 Non-voting Board****Membership***Carol Nasby***Publicity***Kevin Janiak***Host & Journey Mentoring***Cheryle Phelps***Email, Club Roster, Newsletter***Joanne Collins***Webmaster, Club Photographer***Richard Collins***Social Committee***Maureen Butt, Carol Berry &**Bev Harmon***Sunshine & FaceBook***Corrine Larson & Susan Beaudry*

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