

## November 2018 Newsletter

Our Website www.friendshipforceswfl.org

General Meeting & Spain Presentation Friday, November 2, 2018 beginning at 10:30 am Cape Coral Library 519 Chiquita Blvd, Cape Coral



Susan Beaudry is sure to entertain you with her Adventures in Spain and More, a trip she took to a friend's wedding this summer with her daughter and friends. You'll also "catch up" with some returning snowbird members and view Michelle's General Meeting information. We also hope our new members come to this fun time. Don't miss it!



Susan Beaudry

Lunch will follow at a club favorite, **RUADHOUSE** SALU Bubba's , for their delicious barbeque. See you there!

Holiday Brunch & Election of Officers Sunday, December 2, 10:15 a.m. Isles Yacht Club 1780 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL



We are looking forward to our Holiday Brunch at the beautiful Isles Yacht Club, 1780 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring your wrapped gift costing in the \$10 range for some holiday fun. We will also have the Annual Meeting which will feature election of officers for 2019.

Need a ride? Just phone one of your FF friends who lives close to you!

In order for you to participate, please mail a check for \$20.26 (per



person) by 11/21/18 to Joanne Collins, 257 Lido Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. We must let the Yacht Club know how many are attending.

**Out and About** 

RIVER DISTRICT HISTORY TOUR OF FORT MYERS Saturday, November 17 at 10:30 am



Carol Berry and the Out and About Committee invite you to

Check out historical Ft Myers

go on a 90 minute walking tour of downtown Fort Myers on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 10:30 am. This River District History Tour, (CLICK ON<u>Truetours)</u> will educate and entertain you with descriptions of local history and the colorful personalities of the founders of the city.

The tour begins at the Franklin Shops, 2200 First Street, Fort Myers. Reservations are required and may be made in advance from <u>Truetours</u> or by calling 239-945-0405. Tickets are only \$14.78, including tax.

Afterwards with us, have an informal lunch at Ford's Garage or other downtown restaurant.

### Its Time to Pay Your Dues!

The new year is just a few months away and that means it's time to pay your dues. The cost is \$35 per person or \$70 per couple. What a great value for a super club! Make out your check to Friendship Force of Southwest Florida. Bring it with you to the Holiday Brunch. That will save you postage. If you can't attend, mail your check by 12/31/18 to our current treasurers, Jo & Jack Cooley, 24464 Riverfront Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33980.

Note: New members who joined our club in October, November and December of 2018 do not have to pay next year's dues!



Only \$35 annually!

### Welcome New Member



Barbara Nightingale from North Fort Myers recently joined our club after meeting Michelle and Ginny at a social. She's lived in Florida since 1971 and still does computer consulting, teaches QuickBooks and has a small microscope sales and service business. She loves to travel.



So glad you joined us, Barbara. Welcome Aboard!

### Here come the Aussies -2019 Inbound Journey February 24 - March 3, 2019

Our Goal is that everyone of you to participate in this Aussie Visit to our Club!

- \*Will you host? \*Will you prepare a small dinner?
- \*Will you be a Day Host? \*Will you help us plan the Welcome & Farewell Party?

Joanne Collins and Bev Harmon are co-chairing this inbound journey. Plan on being with us on the dates of Feb 24- March 3, 2019. Six members of Central Coast club have signed up. They have also



Australian Icons

accepted a few Americans from US clubs. Their plan is to come here first, then travel to FF Austin, TX club and finish up with a 3rd club visit to Phoenix, AZ.

A little about them : <u>Central Coast Australia Club</u> 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.

By the way, our FF friend, Margie Kang, sent us this link which gives you information about many aspects of Australia. Let's read up on it by clicking <u>Australia facts</u>

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

Our club members Carol Nasby and Susan Beaudry, are our Journey Coordinators for Indonesia! Along with our neighboring Sarasota Club, we will visit **Banjarmasin and Malang** Trip #15074 in April 2019. There are 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 <u>Malang FF</u> 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 <u>Banjarmasin FF</u>, a club of 27 founded in 2015.



Images of Indonesia



Want to go on this great journey? October 1-8, 2019

If so, please apply by clicking this link <u>JOURNEY APPLICATION</u>. Then, turn the completed form into Linda Supakoff or Luvvy Kovacik, our joint Journey Coordinators (FF lingo is "JC"s) for the 2019 Fall trip to **West Michigan Club**. They are working on adding another week to the itinerary.

### Where in the World are our members traveling?



From Jo & Jack Cooley...



Jack & Jo just returned from 6 weeks in Africa. They traveled with a group of 6 other couples in rented motorhomes. The other couples were all Brits. The group departed from Johannesburg, South Africa; driving north, spending a few days in Kruger National Park, and on into Botswana where they spent a few days in Chobe National Park. An excursion to Zimbabwe took them to Victoria Falls for an overnight visit, a helicopter ride over the falls and an elephant ride through the African bush.



The group continued to Namibia where they spent several days in Etosha National Park. Each couple were essentially on their own and could wander at will, all they had to do was show up at the appointed campground before dark! The wildlife was absolutely amazing. We arrived at one water hole where there were at least 100 zebra, and 100 wildebeest! It's awesome to be driving down the road and see a dozen elephants cross the road a few yards in front of your vehicle! There is a lot more to their trip. They said, "It was another amazing experience. Our flights home consumed about 36 hours, and we are now beginning to recover!"

"One's destination is never a place, but always a new way of seeing things."

- Henry Miller

### What Are YOU doing next summer?



Friendship Force is having a World Conference in Boulder, Colorado. Did you see the recent email sent out to all FF members? To register, click on <u>REGISTER NOW</u>. There is a special EARLY BIRD discount if you register prior to 11/30/18. Perhaps other club members will join you for this opportunity to learn more about our great organization. Let us know at the November meeting if you think you might go to it!

### Save the Dates



## December 2 - Holiday Brunch at Isles Yacht Club, Punta Gorda with gift exchange, 10 am Make out check for \$20.26 (includes brunch, tax and tip) to Joanne Collins by 11/21/18.

# CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD

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

In a recent article in the *Wall Street Journal*, travel book writer, Rick Steves reflected on how his world trips make him more humble. "I like to think of myself as a well-traveled citizen of the planet, but I commonly surprise myself at how ethnocentric I am," he says. As a visitor to Kabul he had a small epiphany about his own deeply ingrained habit of eating with a fork and knife. While he was at a cafeteria, he met a well-dressed Afghan professor who ate with his fingers and pointed out that much of the world doesn't use silverware. "You learn a lot about your country by leaving it and looking at it at a distance," he says.

What have you learned about the world since you joined Friendship Force?

### **President's Comments**



Sibby, Michelle & Dennis enjoyed FF Costa Rica Journey

### Where does the time go? Somehow the whole month of October disappeared!

This picture was taken in Costa Rica with former members, sister-brother, Sibby and Dennis.

One of the many benefits of FF is our opportunity to bond not only with foreigners but also our own members. If you have not gone on a journey, please try to go on one soon. The benefits are outstanding, and not to be missed.

So now as we turn our calendar to November may we all be thankful for all that we have. As we have seen on our journeys there are so many people that have so much less.

Happy early Thanksgiving!

In Friendship,

Michelle

# **Parting Shots**



Montserrat is a multi-peaked mountain range near Barcelona, Spain. Isn't Susan Beaudry's picture beautiful?

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(voting members): President Michelle Kemps 1st Vice President Beverly Harmon 2nd Vice President Ginny Dooley Treasurer Jack & Jo Cooley Secretary Linda Supakoff

### 2017 Non-voting Board

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