



friendship force
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

September & October 2020 Newsletter

Our Website www.friendshipforceswfl.org

General Meeting & Egyptian Presentation

Friday, September 11, 7 pm EDT, On your device



Have you ever dreamed of floating down the Nile and visiting the pyramids?

Well, Friendship Force made this trip possible for two dreamers - Joanne Collins and Maureen Butt. They joined Friendship Force of Northeastern Ohio last November for a fabulous trip to FF Club of Cairo, Egypt with an add-on Nile Cruise and land tour to Jordan (Aman and Petra).

They will show us a short presentation following the General Meeting on Zoom. All you have to do is sign into Zoom, pour yourself a glass of wine (or your

favorite drink) and sit back and enjoy! It is better than anything you can watch on tv and by the way, you will learn how to join another club's journey to go to that special place in the world you have been longing to visit.

General Meeting & Romania Build Presentation Friday, October 9, 7 pm EDT, On your device



Amazing Michelle Kemps went to Romania last year to assist other like-minded Friendship Force volunteers to help people in Romania build houses. Don't miss her informative presentation on a unique way to help others in the world with the most basic of needs - a place to live.

Membership Report from Carol Nasby

"This extraordinary, bizarre year has caused us to be apart. In order to keep our club viable, and planning for the future, we, the board, are going



to take some steps to keep us together."

1. Members who joined our group in Jan, Feb and March will not need to pay dues for 2021.
2. Since our social and travel programs have been drastically curtailed, we will ask that continuing members pay only \$20 which will go to Friendship Force international, and this will keep us going as a club.
3. To be a continuing member, please send a check for \$20 made out to FF of Southwest Florida, c/o Richard Copeland, Treasurer, 2400 Aquí Esta Blvd, Punta Gorda FL 33950 as soon as you can.
4. Membership dues for next year should be received by us in October and November. Therefore, in December we will contact those who have not paid. We hope to keep **100%** of our membership.
5. Please join us for the Zoom meetings in September and October. Hope to see you there.



Pay \$20 dues

Because we believe in friendship and peace around the world, help us to work to make this a reality. Peace always!

- Carol Nasby, Membership Chair and Vice President

Living Through COVID 19 with a little help from your friends

I don't know about you, but I am so grateful for family, friends and Friendship Force during this extraordinary time!

Zoom Meetings with family, friends and club members kept me sane and gave me fun times during this Pandemic.



Trivia Zooming

Can you find some of our club members?

I recently tried a Zooming Event with FF of Western Michigan where we all broke out into teams and played Trivia. It was really unique because we met our team in an electronic "Break Out" Room to agree on our answers. Then, we met back up with the entire group to discover the answers. There must have been 25 people playing with 4 teams. *What a fun time we all had!*

Zoom has been such a great new tool to help us connect. I've also so enjoyed the Zoom Friendship Force Brazil Event as well as the Garden Event with Sacramento Club. If you haven't tried it yet, you are missing out!

Friendship Force International (FFI) Update



Have you heard the news?

Click on <https://blog.friendshipforce.org/> for all the latest Campaign Updates and ways to support our parent organization. When you do, you will discover the generosity of its members. They collected \$345,595, exceeding their goal to keep the organization thriving.

There are many more opportunities for you to check out. One is the Pen Pal Program. Others are Zoom opportunities. To discover them, click on <https://blog.friendshipforce.org/virtual-experiences/>

Looking Forward to 2021

There is hope for next year!



Beautiful Edmonton



Scenes of Medicine Hat

Our club was assigned to visit two Canadian clubs.

We hope by next year we will have good treatments for COVID-19 or even better, an effective vaccine. Let's look forward to visiting beautiful Edmonton, Alberta and Medicine Hat, Canada. Our co-President, Maureen, is the Journey Coordinator (JC) for this trip. She will let you know more about it when we can travel once again.



Sunshine & Club News

Jacquie Engle and her daughter had severe emergencies to their health within days of each other. They are both lucky to be alive and are doing well now. It will take some time for recovery, but with our love and support, Jacquie will recover!

Kevin Janiak is now living with his son in Arizona as he battles late stage cancer. He is grateful for his travels with dear Bev in Friendship Force and his children and hobbies.

You could help both of these members by giving them a supportive phone call. Their cell phone numbers are in our directory.

Luvvy Kovacik is delighted to announce she adopted an adorable little dog named Precious! Luvvy says, "She follows me everywhere and cuddles next to me when I sit. She is 10 lbs. of love!"

Cheryle Phelps & Lou Rizk's host in Haliburton, Canada recently passed away. Her name is **Judith Cole**. Those who went on this journey may want to check out this link about her. Click on [Judith's Obituary](#)



Save the Dates 2020

October 9

General Meeting and Romania

To be determined

Picnic in Park

November 6

Zoom Trivia

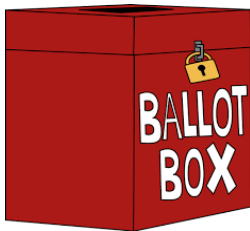
December

Holiday Event

date to be determined

Election of 2021 Officers

Proposed Slate of Officers 2021



It is the time of year to recruit officers for next year. Since Ginny Dooley cannot serve as co-President for 2021, the Board of Directors was notified that **Linda Supakoff** has agreed to be a Co-President with Maureen Butt. All other voting officers will continue in their respective positions. Any other nominations will be accepted at the November General meeting and there will be a vote of membership for 2021 Officers.

We do have a few vacancies for **non-voting** positions. Check out the bottom of the newsletter. We need 1 or 2 volunteers to help Maureen on the Social Committee to plan fun outings (also known as **Out & About**) especially in the Ft Myers, Estero, Bonita, Naples areas. These is an easy fun thing to do especially for new members! It would also be nice to have someone head up "Sunshine," to send out email or snail mail cards to those members who are sick or have lost important



Out & About Fun!

family. If you are willing to help, please contact Ginny or Maureen via email or phone. Please note that Joanne Collins has agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor and Michelle Kemps will continue as Webmaster.

CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD

"If you don't like something, change it.
If you can't change it, change your attitude"

-Maya Angelou

Presidents' Comments

Hello everyone. Hope this finds all of you and your family safe and healthy.

It's hard for us to believe that it's been seven long months since our world has temporarily had to change due to the virus. We are really missing friends and get togethers AND our normal routines. *This too shall pass!*



As you see in the newsletter we're going to start having our meetings once a month on Fridays with Zoom . If you don't care to sit in on the zoom or are unable, you can always get the information on the newsletter as to what is going on and to keep in touch.

We are hoping to put together a picnic once it cools off sometime in October and get-together as a group for social fun activities. We are open for any suggestions for get-togethers. Just email us!

In Friendship,

Maureen and Ginny

Parting Shots from Ice Cream Social



Dwight & Cindy Halderman



Jack Cooley



Michelle Kemp



Judy Carson



Sue & Rob Linehan



*Joanne with Marie,
her 99+ yr old Mom*

Ginny Dooley



Richard Collins

practice SOCIAL CONNECTION while PHYSICAL DISTANCING



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

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

[FFI Journeys Scheduled for 2020 Worldwide](#)

[Journey Application and Agreement Form](#)

[FFI Stories of Friendship](#)

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

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2020 Elected Board

(voting members):

Presidents

Ginny Dooley

Maureen Butt

Vice President & Membership

Carol Nasby

Treasurer

Richard Copeland

Secretary

Sue Masters

2020 Non-voting Board

Publicity

Luvvy Koviak

Host & Journey Mentoring

Cheryle Phelps

Newsletter

Joanne Collins

Webmaster

Michelle Kemps

Social Committee

Maureen Butt

Club Photographer

Maureen Butt

Sunshine, FaceBook, Ice Cream Social

Open position opportunities

Experience Different Views.

Discover Common Ground.