



friendship force
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

April 2021 Newsletter

Zoom with Edmonton Canada Club
Tuesday, April 13, 3 pm on your device



The beautiful cityscape of Edmonton Canada

Friendship Force International matched our club with Edmonton Club and Medicine Hat Club in the Alberta Canada Region for 2022! Although the Pandemic prevented us from visiting this year, we can now look forward to traveling there in 2022. In the meantime, we have the opportunity to Zoom with the Edmonton Club on **Tuesday, April 13, 3 pm** our time (1 pm Alberta, Canada time)

Their club members would like to introduce themselves to us and talk about their community. We can inquire about the best time to visit and what we can expect to see while there. We can also share conversation about where they would like to go for their first trip when allowed to travel again. We arranged

this special zoom with their president, Wendy Poirier. Let's show them our interest and join in the conversation!

Here is how to join us. Just click on link below at

Join Zoom Meeting - Click on

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Don't know how to Zoom? Give Joanne & Richard a call at 281-543-9018. Their cat, **Bleu Kitty**, will entertain you! Please don't wait for the meeting date. Try it earlier so you will be ready for the Zoom meeting!

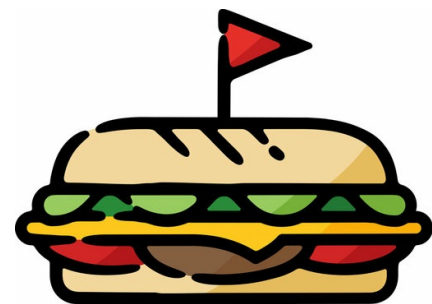


Free Sandwich Sub Lunch

Gilchrist Park

400 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

Tuesday, April 20, begins at 12 Noon



Our Snowbird members are leaving for northern climes soon. So, let's wish them safe travels by gathering at the park for free subway sandwiches and dessert. Please bring your own beverage!

Some of the cost of this get together is **defrayed** by a gift from Bev Harmon's family and friends who donated money in her memory to our club. Since Bev loved our group, we thought we'd use the money to keep our club together during this pandemic and to promote our friendship. If you knew Bev, you can bet she'd approve! Come with a story about her to share with us.

In order to know how many subs to purchase, we need your RSVP by April 18. If you are coming, email Carol Nasby at carol.nasby@gmail.com or phone her at 507-236-6704. Hope to see you there!



In Bev's memory

Announcing Sacramento, California Journey 2022



During a Friendship Force Journey to Egypt, Maureen and Joanne met wonderful members of the Sacramento, California club. We asked them if we could arrange a journey there and as a result, we recently received an invitation to visit them in 2022.

They have a vibrant club of approximately 100 members. There is much to see and do in and around the Sacramento area. From their website ([click on https://www.ffsacramento.org](https://www.ffsacramento.org)), "You can expect to see historic sites in Sacramento's Old Town and busy governmental center. The world-class Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento is a possible destination. Other oft-visited sites are the nearby wineries of El Dorado and Amador Counties, the giant Sequoias at Calaveras Big Trees State Park, and the former gold mining sites in the Sierra foothills such as the Empire Mine and

Coloma Gold Discovery Site. A day long excursion to Lake Tahoe, visiting historical and vista points along the way, is an optional activity. Another possibility is a trip into San Francisco, about 2 hours away.

You can expect a home hosted dinner or brunch party during your stay. A visit to one of the myriad of ethnic restaurants is another possibility. We also take advantage of local festivals and events if they occur during your visit."

Joanne Collins is the Journey Coordinator for this exciting trip. She will provide information as it becomes available.

Welcome to a new Cape Coral Member and Wisconsin members

Our fabulous secretary, Sue Masters, has been quietly recruiting new members. Hurrah!

Her latest new member recruit is **Katherine "Kat" Callahan**, a retired Southwest Airlines QA Supervisor and artist. She is happy to join our group and can't wait to host. Welcome, Kat!



Kat poses with ,Carol, VP and Membership Chair, with her completed application and cash in hand.

Our Membership Director, Carol Nasby, has also been busy relating the benefits of joining our great club.

Her latest recruits are Wisconsin friends, **Joan and Bob Bartengale**. They are bikers, hikers, kayakers and well as seasoned travelers. They hope to travel to Brazil on one of the Friendship Force journeys.



Save the Dates 2021



May - Monthly Zoom to be determined

June & July - Summer Break

August - Ice Cream Social with optional swimming in pool at Michelle Kemp's home on the Peace River - to be determined

CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD

Co President's Comments



It was a very positive step for our club to have gathered at beautiful Lakes Park in Fort Myers last week. There were about 20 members and two new members have joined. We will look forward to more gatherings as we hear of continued Covid improvement.

Our club is committed to being here for each and every one of you. We respect your comfort level as to event attendance. All of us agree that we are itching to travel with FFI and to home host again. In the meantime, stay connected, be safe and let us know what we can do for you.

In Peace and Friendship,
Maureen

Parting Shots

We had a great turn out for our picnic in Lakes Park, Ft Myers. Check out all the pictures!



Some of us explored Lakes Park after lunch. This bridge had great views.



One of the views from the bridge. So pretty!



Carol Nasby updates us on club business.



From L to R, new member, Kat, Maureen, Linda, Rich, Joanne and Richard



Club members made introductions.

practice SOCIAL CONNECTION while PHYSICAL DISTANCING



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