



friendship force
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

February 2021 Newsletter

Zoom with Us Saturday, February 13, 2021 11:00 AM



The topic of the Zoom Call is to share with the group your most amazing experience you've had on a Friendship Force Journey. If you haven't journeyed yet with FF, you could relate an experience from any travel. It could also be something funny or frightening!

Here is how to join us. Just click on link below at 10 AM on 1/16.

Join Friendship Force Zoom Meeting

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Katherine Kiesch lives in Estero and in Madison, Wisconsin. She is retired and loves traveling, and exercising.



Dennis Meier lives in Punta Gorda, and Lansing Michigan. He is a retired college professor and has done extensive traveling in Japan and Asia.



Mural Walk and Lunch in Punta Gorda Tuesday, February 23, 10 AM



Join us on a lovely walking tour as you discover some of the unique murals of Punta Gorda. Meet our group outside the entrance of Fisherman's Village at 10 AM and look for our leader, Maureen Butt. It will be a leisurely walk along lovely Gilchrist Park ending at lunch on the outdoor balcony of Laishley Crab House. Please RSVP Maureen at may097@verizon.net by 2/20 so that she can let the restaurant know how many to expect.



Journey Update - The Reality of Covid on our Travel Plans

Our Friendship Force of Southwest Florida Outbound Journey for June 2021 has been cancelled by the Canadian clubs due to COVID-19 issues. The Canadian clubs would like us to keep in touch for a possibility of traveling there later in 2021 or 2022.

The February 2021 Inbound Journey from Detroit, Michigan, has been cancelled due to the surge in Covid. Judy Carson agreed to keep in touch with the Detroit club for a possible

Our President, Maureen, sent in our 2022 Journey Requests which includes: New Caledonia, Japan and the UK. Soon we will know where our club is going in 2022.



Save the Dates 2021 (first quarter of the year)

February 13 - Monthly Zoom at 11 AM

February 23 - Walking tour of Punta Gorda Murals at 10 AM with lunch outdoors

March 6 - Monthly Zoom at 10 AM - Cook on line with Linda

April 3 - Monthly Zoom at 10 AM

April Date to be determined - Lunch provided by the club at Bayfront Park, Punta Gorda

May 1 - Monthly Zoom at 10 AM

CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD

Co President's Comments



As we welcome in 2021 let's stay positive that one day, hopefully soon, we can again visit and host our friends around the world. With all the challenges of 2020, also came opportunities. Let us look for new opportunities in 2021 and keep our friendships to stay connected. Friendship Force International (FFI), our central organizing office, is working with staff and worldwide club members in hosting Virtual Experiences. You can find a list of upcoming events at <https://blog.friendshipforce.org/virtual-experiences/>.

Toward the bottom of that page is a list of previously recorded events. FFI also has a blog at <https://blog.friendshipforce.org/> with many articles about plans, events, journeys, and more. You can view their 'Friendship Connection Newsletter' (find links on right; if viewing on a smartphone/tablet, they are at the bottom). There are lots of new ideas to consider.

I am honored to be your Co- President along with Linda for 2021. Friendship Force of Southwest Florida has an excellent Board of committed members and we are here to serve you. Please let us know how we can help.

In Peace and Friendship,
Maureen

Parting Shots



We had a great turn out for our Picnic Lunch in Estero. Check out all the pictures!





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