



friendship force
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

January 2021 Newsletter



Zoom Getting To Know You Better
Saturday, January 16, 10 AM

We miss you! It's a new year and our club is having monthly zoom meetings as well as **outdoor** featured events as long as the Pandemic is with us. To start off the new year in a BIG WAY, we are asking you to join us on Zoom for a fun event to learn about your friends - especially our new members!

News Flash!

One of the benefits of going an outbound journey is getting to know your fellow members better! Why not take this Zoom opportunity to do so now?

Some discussion items will be: *Where are you originally from?; Any info about your family (children, grandchildren; How long you've been in Friendship Force; your favorite trip(s); your favorite guest ambassadors; what place is on your bucket list?*

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

Join Friendship Force Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83612585635?pwd=cll3aHliUk9xcckV5L1o1SDRha2VOdz09>

Meeting ID: 836 1258 5635

Passcode: 508726

Let us know if this time and date do not work for you! Please suggest some alternatives. We are hoping that Saturday mornings are a good time for most everyone. *Still don't know how to Zoom?* Give us a call at 281-543-9018 and we will walk you through it., Please don't wait for

Last chance to be a 2021 Member!



Carol says, "We think we have 40 members! **But...** we haven't received dues from all of them! The National Organization, FFI, requires us to send in membership dues by the **end of January**. If you haven't paid, please send \$20 to our treasurer today.

We will be publishing a **new membership directory** with our 2021 members soon."

To be a 2021 member, please send a check for \$20 made out to FF of Southwest Florida, c/o Richard Copeland, Treasurer, 2400 Aqui Esta Blvd, Punta Gorda FL 33950

Remember - Only 21 days remain to become a 2021 member!

"**B**ecause 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

Picnic in Estero Park with your friends Thursday, January 21, 12 noon



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Luvvy invites you to pack your own lunch and drink in a picnic basket or simply brown bag it! Alternatively, you could pick up your lunch at nearby Culver's or Wendy's. Destination: Estero Park, 9400 Corkscrew Palms, Bonita. Let's meet at the covered pavilion near the Dog Park. Table and benches are there, but bring your own lawn chair if you'd like. Take Exit 123 and go west about a mile. Turn left into Estero Park and follow the sign to the section called "Dog Park." Look for us at the pavillion by the volleyball court. Hope to see you!

2021 Club Officers - Get to know them!

Welcome to our new club officers who stepped up to continue leading our great club into 2021 and beyond!

Elected Board (voting Members) / Non-voting Board Members

Co Presidents

Maureen Butt
Linda Supakoff

Vice President

Carol Nasby

Treasurer

Richard Copeland
(pictured on the right)

Secretary

Sue Masters



Newsletter, Club Notifications

Joanne Collins

Web Master

Michelle Kemps

Membership

Carol Nasby

Social Committee (Out & About)

Maureen Butt, Luvvy Kovacik

Host & Journey Mentoring

Cheryle Phelps, Lou Rizk



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 October/November 2021 Journey.

Our President, Maureen, sent in our 2022 Journey Requests which includes: New Caledonia, Japan and the UK.



Save the Dates 2021 (first quarter of the year)

February 6 - Monthly Zoom at 10 AM

February Date to be determined - Walking tour of Punta Gorda Murals 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



Happy New Year! Let me start the year out by saying thank you to all of you. Time and time again, you are the critical driving force behind all we do in Friendship Force and you make it happen!

2020 was a difficult year, but we are resilient!

Welcome Linda Supakoff as my Co-President. Linda will take over Ginny Dooley's position. We appreciate all that Ginny has done in 2020. Also welcome to Carol Nasby for taking the Vice President position. So many have helped with keeping us connected during our most challenging 2020 year. With vaccines arriving soon, I am hopeful 2021 can be a more normal year. Thank you for supporting FFI. We can see that they are building a stronger club for us. It will become clearer as different subscription levels roll out.

At this time we have approximately 40 FFSWFL club members. We can look forward to monthly local get-togethers and excursions as well as Zoom. As always, we encourage your ideas for building our club and attracting new members. It is unclear at this point as to when international travel might become available. By keeping positive and hopeful we will get through this.

In Peace and Friendship,
Maureen

Parting Shots



Holiday Party and Gift Exchange at Gilchrist Park, Punta Gorda was lots of fun!

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