



friendship force  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

## March 2021 Newsletter

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### Zoom Cooking Demonstration on Thurs, March 4, 2 pm



After visiting New Zealand on a Friendship Force Journey, our Co-President, Linda Supakoff, learned to make dessert scones. She wants to demonstrate the "art of scone making" from her Punta Gorda kitchen and share it with you. Tune in for a truly unique time!

Do you know that March 1st is World Friendship Force Day? What a great way to celebrate friendship than by learning to cook a dessert from one of our New Zealand clubs!

Here is how to join us. Just click on link below at 2 PM on 3/4.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86970031647?pwd=ZXg5RFVER2t0bUtxRmVnU2txZFhUdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 7003 1647

Passcode: 408459

*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 the meeting date. Try it earlier with us so you will be ready for the Zoom meeting!



## Picnic in Fort Myers on Tuesday, March 23, 12 Noon Lakes Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers

Let's keep our group vibrant during the Pandemic!

Join us at a lovely location in Fort Myers called Lakes Park.

Bring your lunch or purchase a subway on the way over! Go to Parking Lot #1 and meet at the shelter nearest the beach. This park has lovely gardens and hiking trails if you feel energetic.

New member, Connie Anderson, tells us it is a favorite of her family. Let's check it out and meet there. Questions? Contact Carol Nasby at 507-236-6704.

Need a ride there? Check out the directory and phone a friend near your location and carpool together.

\*Note: There is a Parking fee of one dollar per hour/ \$5 a day

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## Keeping our upcoming journey alive!

As we were having lunch after the fabulous Mural Walk in Punta Gorda, it was suggested that we Zoom with Canadians from Edmonton, the club that we hoped to visit this year *before the Pandemic hit.*



Our Vice President, Carol Nasby contacted them and they are eager to Zoom with our club. The club president, Wendy Poirier, related the Province of Alberta is behind Florida in vaccinating the population. They are tired of restrictions and not seeing their families.

On a positive note, they would like to introduce themselves to us and talk about their community. They would like to share conversation about where they would like to go for their first trip when allowed to travel again. Of course, highlights of past travels are always welcome.

Look for an announcement in April for this unique zoom and plan to participate.



Save the Dates 2021 (first quarter of the year)

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

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## CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD

### Co President's Comments



As we move into 2021, we would like to know your thoughts on how we can make our club even better.

We have tried to respond to your suggestions – for example, we have had get togethers in an outdoor park alternating with Fort Myers and Punta Gorda areas. This allows people to get to know each other in an informal setting.

Please reach out to us with any other any suggestions.

As pandemic conditions improve in Florida and our USA, I am hopeful that there will be occasions for us to get together in person and meet to share some experiences locally. Stay safe!

In Peace and Friendship,



We aim to organize a monthly Zoom in the first week of the month and an “in person” outdoor gathering at the end of the month. Carol has contacted Edmonton Alberta FF Canada club to set up a Zoom meeting for our club and theirs.

As you know, our June 2020 FFI Journey to Edmonton and Medicine Hat was cancelled. However, the Edmonton club is most receptive to our suggestion to meet on Zoom in the next few months - Date TBA.

We will then be able to introduce ourselves and respond to their invite to visit their region as travel safely permits. Keep optimistic, we are making progress

In Friendship,  
*Linda*

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## Parting Shots

We had a great turn out for our Mural Walk and Lunch outside overlooking the beautiful Peace River at Laishley's. Check out all the pictures!





We missed you at the fabulous Mural Walk (if you are not in this picture!) Great lunch Yum!



Marcy points out that the turtle in the mural is named after Michelle. It's a **Kemps** after all!





Beautiful walk along Punta Gorda across from the famous Tiki Hut on the Peace River.



The dolphins in one of the colorful murals along the pathways.





The manatees (sea cows) in one of the murals.



The Calusa Indians crossing the Peace River in their canoes Mural.

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