

FFSWFL Membership Meeting

Jan 10, 2025

Present: Carol & Chris Nasby, Beverly & Dennis Haggerty, Marci Ellis, Fred & Mary Giddings, Judy Carson, Kit, Cullinan, Sue Linehan, Candis Penley, Terese Libby, Jo & Jack Cooley, Priscilla McShane, Jane McDonald, Hank & Maureen Butt, Diane Gooding, Richard & Joanne Collins, Mary Moontagne.

Guests: Rose Creamer, Roy Pearson, Sue Kohlert, Ruth Bosch, Chris Thanel & Deb Ferguson.

1. Carol welcomed guests.

2. Luvvy is in at Cedarbrook Rehab Center, 1600 Matthew Dr. , N Ft Myers. She would love to have visitors and prayers.

3. Treasurer's report:

Dues for this year \$45

Associate members \$15

Name tags are now \$13

General account \$2,094

Outbound account \$2,863

Inbound account \$ 741

Total \$5,698

4. Club members submitted their requests for places to travel in 2026. The top three places were: United Kingdom, Japan, South Africa.

5. January 25 – Saturday matinee at Florida Rep Theater to see Lucky Stiff

Ticket cost is \$57 due to Carol by Jan 10 th . Lunch at 11:30am at Bruno's of

Brooklyn, downtown Ft. Myers.

6. Book Club – Jan 28 th at Marci Ellis' home, 631 Andros Ct. PG. Book is The Last Light Over Oslo by Alix Rickloff

7. Wine tasting Valentine event – Feb 14. 1pm at Nasby home, 2509 Deborah Dr. PG. Sign up for this event.

8. Feb 3-6 Reciprocal visit to FF Greater Orlando

9. Feb 17-23 Reciprocal meeting. We will host FF Greater Orlando.

10. March 14 th - World Friendship Pot Luck of international foods. Hosted by Cheryl Phelps and Lou Rizk

11. March 17-20 – We will host FF Greater Orlando.

12. April 11 meeting in N Fort Myers, speaker on India

13. May 9 – Let's Eat Out

14. 2025 Outbound Journeys:

a. Aug 15, Nairobi, Kenya. . . postponed due to family conflicts. Stay tuned.

b. Oct 3-8 tentative dates Napa Sonoma Valley Club, to visit Crater National Lake Lodge , Oregon. Terese Libby and Ginny Dooley are working on this.

15. Other business: FF of Azerbaijan are planning on coming to visit our club next November. They are applying for Visas now.

16. Marcia Ellis and Michelle Kemps presented on their journey to FF Sherbrooke, Canada including a pre-trip to Quebec City and a post-trip to Montreal.

17. Adjourn for lunch at The Lodge.

Marcia Ellis, Secretary

Minutes of the SWF FF Board 01/29/2025

The board meeting was called to order at 9:00. Present were Richard Collins, Terese Libby, Marcie Ellis and Carol Nasby.

The first item was a discussion of the treasurer's information, and budget review. And then there was a discussion of the policy to allow new members a free trial of membership in the first calendar year. This has been costing us \$30 for each person as we need to pay FFI for their membership. We need to honor that until Dec. 31st of this year, But next year we need to go back to our old policy of full payment to cover costs.

Terese Libby made a motion that starting in 2026, new members will be paying full amount.. Richard Collins seconded the motion and it was passed.

Programming was discussed next. On April 11th, We will meet at the North Ft Myers library and Judy Carson will make that reservation. The program will be on India by Michelle and Marcie. In May there will be a game day and Terese will ask Kim to arrange that.

In November, we have a choice of meeting on the 14th or the 28th. The program will be on Antarctica by the Collinses and Judy Carson.

The December meeting date will be investigated by Joanne Collins. We will see if we can do it again at the Isles Yacht Club. There will be a business meeting then to elect new officers. President Carol Nasby reminded all that the Bylaws state that the Vice Presidents will form the nomination committee to bring a slate of officers to the meeting.

Marcie mentioned that the date of the inbound from Azerbaijan would be November 9 through the 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Carol Nasby

substitute secretary

FFSWFL Board Meeting
March 5, 2025 9am

Via Google

Present: Carol Nasby, Judy Carson, Terese Libby, Marcia Ellis
Absent: Richard Collins

1. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's report was approved as submitted by email from Richard.

Treasurer's Report:

General Balance \$2063

Outbound Balance \$4986.77

Includes \$2500 deposit for journey and pretrip

Inbound Bank Balance as of March 1 \$2884

Adjusted for Outstanding Checks and Receipts \$1141

Ticket costs may not have been recovered from all of our members

3. FFI survey regarding Winnipeg journey: Carol will send out.
4. FF Greater Orlando inbound: request to change place of meeting to Ft Myers to alleviate driving time. Judy will call library downtown to see.
5. FF Baku inbound, Nov 9-13. 5-6 ambassadors have received their visas.
6. Meetings:

Game day in May instead of meeting. Date to be determined.

April 11, Judy will confirm N Ft Myers library time.

Ice cream social in August date TBD.

7. No Sept meeting. Margie Kane will do presentation on Italy Oct 17 at N Ft. Myers.
Nov. 21, N Ft. Myers Richard & Judy will present Antarctica. November 21 for our

meeting.

Dec. holiday party: ask Joanne to reserve Yacht Club (Nov 30) or Judy will ask about Dec 14 for a xmas potluck.

8. Nominating committee: Judy & Terese will meet.
9. Lots of stuff collected for FF. . . Carol will donate what we don't need to thrift store.
10. Potluck baskets. Send Joanne article for newsletter. Send reminder for potluck at Lou & Cheryl's.
11. FF New Hampshire requested journey exchange.
12. Terese reported progress on Napa Sonoma & pre trip to crater lake. This is a full journey.
13. Carol has not heard from FFI on 2026 journey assignments.
14. Meeting adjourned 15 10am.

Marcia Ellis
Secretary

Addendum:

Judy reserved her clubhouse for December 14th from 11-2 for the holiday potluck.

Friendship Force Southwest Florida Board Meeting
March 25, 2025

Present: Carol Nasby, Marcia Ellis, Judy Carson, Terese Libby. Richard joined meeting later.

1. Minutes of March 5 meeting accepted.
2. Waiting for treasurer report.
3. Since we are going towards all members having their own picnic baskets with table settings for our potluck events, Carol will bring club "stuff" and disburse to club members, then donate the rest.

4. We need to get the nominating committee in place by end of June so new people can shadow current offices.
 1. Candis Penley agreed to take membership and newsletter.
 2. Marci will ask Diane Gooding to be Social Committee chair and Jane McDonald to be treasurer.
 3. Need new president for next year. Terese will talk with Kim Cullinan.
- 5.
6. Judy reserved her meeting rooms for the Christmas party and farewell for Azerbaijan on Nov 12.
7. Meetings and activities:
 1. April 11 next meeting. Judy will call restaurant Hacienda.
 2. May – Game day
 3. Linda Supakoff will host ice cream social in Aug
 4. Marjie Kang – October 17 - talk on changes in Italy
- 8.
9. Update Napa Valley journey: Ginney Dooley resigned as co-coordinator. Others going on the pre-trip will be helping Terese with planning.
10. Report on best practices summary of joint meeting with Orlando:

Marci made the motion that we have two journey coordinators, one experienced and one inexperienced. The motion carried.
11. Carol suggested a meeting of the old board and the new board in Nov.

Marcia Ellis, Secretary

FFSWFL
04 11 2025

Present: Bev & Dennis Haggerty, Joanne & Richard Collins, Carol & Chris Nasby, Priscilla & Hugh McShane, Sue & Rob Linehan, Jack & Jo Cooley, Kim Cullinan, Judy Carson, Marcia Ellis, Roy Pearson, Jean Grady, Michelle Kemps, Jane McDonald, Candis Penley, Susan Hills, Peggy Jensen

Guests: Deb Ferguson, Suzy Riddle & friend

1. We began our meeting with a celebration of Joanne and Richard Collins. They are planning to move to California in the near future.
2. Carol welcomed our new members Susan Hills, Peggy Jensen, and Jan Murphy and our 2 guests Susy ?
3. Minutes from our previous meeting were accepted.
4. May 3, Saturday will be game day at Sue & Rob Linehan's home. Potluck salad and games.
5. August Ice cream social will be hosted by Linda Supakoff. Date to be determined.
6. October 17 meeting program will be presented by Margie Kang on Italy
7. Napa Valley planning is ongoing. Terese had a planning meeting yesterday.
8. November 8-13 Nov. **Inbound** from Baku, Azerbaijan. 6 ambassadors have their visas. Marci & Michelle are Host Coordinators.
9. November 21 meeting - program by Judy Carson, Joanne & Richard Collins on the Antarctic
10. December 14 Holiday Party at the Fair Lakes Clubhouse. This will be a potluck and gift exchange with the annual meeting to vote for next year's officers
11. 2026 Journeys:

Inbound:

National Capitol Area, USA in February

Banjarmasin, Indonesia in November

Outbound:

Memphis, USA in March

Cornwall, UK May

12.

Terese Libby & Judy Carson are chairing the nominating committee. We need a person for president. Jane McDonald has agreed to take over as treasurer. Candis Penley will take over the newsletter and membership chair. Diane Gooding will be our social chairperson.

13. The board voted for 2026 to not offer free membership to new members, as it costs the club \$30 for each person that needs to be paid to FFI.

14. We have a new policy of bringing picnic kits to pot lucks to help us be a zero waste club.

15. Marci & Michelle gave a presentation on their trip to India & Butan.

16. Meeting was dismissed. Lunch at Habaneros to follow.

Treasurer's Report Richard Collins

Dues for this year \$45

(last year to try free membership for 1 year)

Associate members \$15

Name tags are now \$13

General account \$ 1,948

Outbound account \$ 4,987

Inbound account \$ 1,231

FFSWFL Board Meeting

6-23-25

Present: Richard Collins, Marcia Ellis, Carol Nasby, Terese Libby, Joanne Collins

1. Minutes of March 25, 2025 meeting approved.
2. Review of Treasurer Report. Report approved. See below.
3. We are having difficulty finding someone who will serve as president for next year. There was a discussion about reorganization of duties to make leadership more appealing for membership to step up and serve. Conclusion: job title may change, but job description remains the same.
4. Marci made motion to change wording of VP job description in Section 3 changed from "Assist the board" to "Be responsible for. . ." See below. Motion carried after discussion.
5. Terese reported on progress of Napa Valley journey, Oct 3-8 with pre-trip Sept 28-Oct 3.
6. Marci reported "nothing new" on Azerbaijan exchange, Nov 9-13.
7. Oct program: Marjie Kang will give a presentation; Nov program: Joanne & Linda can report on Japan exchange
8. Need host coordinator for National Capitol area inbound in Feb. Will ask Diane Gooding. To be paired with an experienced JC.
9. Carol will be JC for Benjarmasin in Nov 2026.
10. Carol was asked by FFI: since we are not going to Memphis in 2026, would we like to go to Sri Lanka. Maureen is willing to be JC, Joanne is willing to help.
11. Will plan to have outing to German restaurant in October.

Meeting adjourned.

Marcia Ellis, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - Account Balances as of Jun 22, 2025

General \$1825

Inbound \$1231

Outbound \$7187 less \$200 refund of deposit for CA journey to Cheryle.

((Hold Off on making changes....per order of Marcia Ellis))

FFSWFL Bylaws

Section 3. 1st and 2nd Vice-President Duties

The 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents shall:

1. Perform all duties and responsibilities of the President in the President's absence or incapacity of the President;
 2. Perform such other duties as the Board may authorize;
 3. Co-Serve with Chairperson of the Membership Committee by helping and advising Chair with membership recruitment efforts
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1. Plan General Meeting details (e.g., scheduling meetings, locating meeting venues, obtaining speakers, arranging restaurant reservations (if required) following meetings);

(E) ~~Assist Board of Directors in~~ Be responsible for recruitment of Journey Coordinators (outbound trips) and Host Coordinators (in-bound trips) for future journeys that the club participates in or hosts;

(F) Communicate with FFSWFL newsletter editor regarding club communications and news.

(G) At least five (5) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the two current Vice Presidents will serve as the Nominating Committee and will make nominations, with consent of those nominated to fill positions on the Board of Directors, and place them for nomination and election at Annual Meeting. Note: The President may also take nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

FFSWFL Board Meeting

Aug 18, 2025

Present: Carol Nasby, Judy Carlson, Terese Libby, Richard Collins, Marcia Ellis

1. Minutes of June 23, 2025 meeting were approved.
2. Treasurers report below was approved. Ice cream social bill was \$61.98.

1.

1.

Treasurer's Report:

1.

General

\$ 1756

2.

Inbound

\$ 1231

3.

Outbound

\$ 9791

2.

3.

4. Changes we made to the bylaws at June meeting were discussed further. (4. Marci made motion to change wording of VP job description in Section 3 of bylaws change from "Assist the board" to "Be responsible for. . .") It was determined there was no need to make the change to the bylaws. Marci made a motion to rescind the changes. Motion carried.

5. There was discussion about finding a new president. Richard pointed out that a new generation of members will be leading the club.

6. Terese gave a report on the journey to FF Napa Valley.

7. Marci reported on inbound journey from Baku.

1.

Carol asked that Marci and

Michelle include a new member to join them

in planning.

2. Khalida Rustova's son and his wife and 2 children (from Sweden) would like to join the group from Baku. That would make 10 ambassadors. There was discussion about age appropriate activities. Marci reviewed the tentative itinerary and some suggestions were made. Judy stated that one member of the family should be a member of FFI. It was determined we would invite the family to join this journey. Marci will coordinate with FF Baku.
- 8.
9. Carol will ask Susan Hill and Kathleen Davies to work on our next inbound , FF National Capitol Area, as journey coordinators.
10. Jack & Jo Cooley are organizing a LEO at Sandra's restaurant on October 10th.
11. Oct 17 Margie Kang is presenting on visiting Italy. Judy will find an Italian restaurant for lunch after the meeting.
12. November 21 meeting: Joanne & Linda are presenting on their Japan trip.
13. Carol plans to have a membership coffee the first week of December.

Marcia Ellis, Secretary

FF SWFL Board Meeting

October 25, 2025

Present: Carol Nasby, Marcia Ellis, Richard Collins, Joanne Collins, Jane McDonald, Diane Gooding, Terese Libby

Absent: Judy Carson

1. Secretary's report: Minutes of last meeting accepted.
2. Treasurer's report:

General \$1641.38
Inbound \$1231.05
Outbound \$2487.57

3.

Old business.

1.

Nominating committee Terese & Judy will be co-presidents, looking for
2 VPs

2.

November inbound: Marci reported itinerary is set. Joanne reported
on the welcome dinner, a Thanksgiving theme.

4.

5. New business.

1.

FFI dues increase discussion regarding those members who do not
travel (1)

2.

Terese would like to add a policy to our P&P on cancellation of
journeys.

6.

A motion was made to add a policy to our P&P manual that mirrors the FFI policy
of 60 days. Motion carried. The FFI policy is page 3 of the FFI journey
agreement. (2)

1.

3.

We need to redo the membership application for '26 with a photo
policy. (3)

4.

Audit committee will be Marcia & Jane

5.

Jane is evaluating our club computer which is running Windows 10
(no longer supported). She will send an email to the board with her
findings.

6.

Diane would like suggestions for social events for this year.

1.

Suggested policy for paying dues:

Annual dues are to be paid to FFI online every January. Those who do not plan to travel and do not wish to pay the FFI dues may pay \$15 per year for associate membership to FFSWFL.

(2) Ambassador Agreement Form Cancellation Policy from Ambassador Application form:

4. **Cancellation policy:** Any request for cancellation of this agreement must be made in writing to the local Journey Coordinator and forwarded to Friendship Force International. IMPORTANT: If an Ambassador cancels more than 60 days before departure, FFI will refund all FFI Ambassador Fees and Host Club Program Fees paid. **If an Ambassador cancels 60 days or less prior to the departure, FFI will not refund the ambassador fee paid.** It is the discretion of the host clubs whether or not the host fees can be refunded if a cancellation occurs 60 days or less prior to departure. If FFI cancels a Journey, all FFI Ambassador Fees and Host Club Program Fees paid will be returned to Ambassadors.

2.

Membership application suggested changes

Friendship Force Southwest Florida

Membership Application

Please complete this form and mail with payment to: Richard Collins, Treasurer, 257 Lido Drive, Punta Gorda FL 33950 Make Checks Payable to: Friendship Force SW Florida

Please Print

Date: _____

Name(s) _____

Address(es) _____

If part time Floridian,

Alternate address _____

Phone Numbers Cell _____ Home _____

Email _____

If Part Time Floridian: Months in Southwest Florida: _____

Occupation (if retired, list former) _____

Foreign Languages Spoken _____

Hobbies/Special Interests or Training _____

All members are expected to participate in and help our club. Ways to contribute are (1) Host visitors (ambassadors) in your home, (2) Be a day host (drive visitors to activities, airports, etc., (3) Prepare a meal in your home for small groups who visit (4) Serve as club officer and (5) Attend an Inbound Journey activity. You are encouraged to travel with our club or another FF club on Outbound Journeys. Don't hesitate to ask questions and please attend one of our orientations.

Photos are often taken at social events and posted on our club website and Facebook pages.

Signature _____

1. Annual Dues Free in 1st Calendar Year of joining paid to FFI online + \$13 for name badge = \$13 per person paid to FFSWFL.

X # people _____

2. Annual dues to FFSWFL or Associate Membership to FFSWFL \$15.

3. Donation (tax deductible) _____

Amount Enclosed (add total amount on lines 1, 2 and 3) _____

Changing the Way You See the World

FFSWFL Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025

Present: Carol Nasby, Jane McDonald, Richard Collins, Marcia Ellis, Terese Libby

Absent: Judy Carson

1. Minutes of 10-25-25 are available on the web. They were approved.

2. Treasurer's report was approved.

As of 11/18/25: Balances are
General \$1641
Inbound \$ 971
Outbound \$2468

3. Carol discussed contents of the regional meeting. One club planned to subsidize its members for one year. Another club is not charging a local membership fee if members pay FFI fee. Jeremy offered to meet with club membership if requested.
4. Nominating committee report: Carol will present a slate of candidates at the next meeting. We still need a membership chair. Joanne will continue to do this until we find someone.
5. Marcia gave a report on the November inbound. Carol suggested we complete the online evaluation forms from FFI. Marcia will send a link to hosts.
6. The computer has been repaired by The Computer Club thanks to Jane McDonald.

New Business

7. There was discussion on paying for music at the December holiday meeting. It was decided we will use our phones/speaker for music.
8. There was discussion about the recommendation in our policies that incoming ambassadors take a covid test two days before their arrival. One of our guests arrived with a cough. No covid testing was done in Orlando. The journey coordinators did not remember to discuss the policy with the inbound group from Baku. After some discussion it was decided we should follow our written policy in the future.

9. There was discussion on how to handle the 2026 membership dues. It was decided we will retain the \$15 associate membership availability.
10. Richard has updated the membership application.
11. Carol Nasby, Susan Hills and Kathleen Davey will be coordinating the inbound journey February 1-7 from Washington DC.
12. There was some discussion about the journey cancellation policy on the journey application form. There was an ambassador who decided not to go on a journey several weeks prior to departure date. Since fees had been paid and the time before departure was short it was difficult to change journey fees, etc. It is unknown if the club we were visiting was able to return any of the journey fee. We will adhere to the FFI policy on journey cancellations.
13. Carol advised that the pins we ordered are larger than the previous ones.
14. Susan Hills will begin programming for the year with Terese.

Marcia Ellis

***** FFSWFL Meeting

November 21, 2025

North Fort Myers Library

Present: Kathleen Davey, Susan Hills, Jan Murphy, Hame McDonald, Marcia Ellis, Linda Supakoff, Joanne Collins, Jo Cooley, Jack Cooley, Chris Nasby, Carol Nasby

Guest: Marty Schoonheim, Pam & Stan Sackett

1. Carol introduced and welcomed new members. She welcomed our guest.
2. The FF Pledge was read by all.
3. Lunch will be at Seacraft Waterfront Tiki, 3440 Marintown La, N Ft, Myers
4. Joanne Collins and Linda Supakoff gave a presentation on their trip to FF Tokyo and FF Osaka with FF Western Colorado.

5. Minutes of previous meeting is posted on our website.

6. Treasurer's report from Richard Collins:

1.	General	account	\$1,641
2.	Outbound	account	\$2,468
3.	Inbound	account	\$ 971
7.	Total		\$5,080

7. Marcia gave a report on the inbound journey that recently finished. A full report will be forthcoming.

8. Nominating committee report:

1.	President	Terese	Libby
2.	1 st	Vice President	Judy Carson
3.	2 nd	Vice President	Susan Hills
4.	Treasurer	Jane	McDonald
5.	Secretary	Marcia	Ellis
6.	Journey	Chair	Carol Nasby
7.	Membership	Joanne	Collins—looking for a replacement
8.	Newsletter	Kathleen	Davey
9.	Social	Committee	Diane Gooding, Kim Cullinan

9. Dec 8 – New members & all members are invited to a Christmas Coffee. 10am. Bring a Christmas sweet and some canned goods to donate.

11. Dec 14 – Holiday party and annual meeting with election of new officers. At Lake Fairways Clubhouse.

12. Feb 1-7 we are hosting FF National Capitol Area. Journey coordinator is Carol Nasby with Susan Hills and Kathleen Davey assisting her.
13. November 2026 inbound from Banjarmasin, Indonesia. Looking for Journey Coordinators.
14. News from FFI: FFI is implementing a new dues structure beginning in 2026. We will pay our dues through the myFFI portal. 2026 dues to FFI will be \$100. We will await instructions from FFI on how to do this. FF Southwest Florida dues will be \$15. All members who want to participate in a journey must pay the local dues and the FFI dues.
15. Joanne Collins reported on the outgoing journey to Cornwall. Dates are May 18-24. At this time the journey is full with 14 ambassadors.

The meeting was adjourned.

Marcia Ellis

Secretary

Present: Bev & Dennis Haggerty, Jane McDonald, Michelle Kemps, Judy Carson, Kim Cullinan, Chris & Carol Nasby, Diane & Bill Gooding, Maureen & Hank Butts, Marcia Ellis, Roy Pearson, Terese Libby, Fred & Mary Giddings, Linda Supakoff, Joanne & Richard Collins

1. Carol began the meeting with a thank you to Judy Carson for hosting this party/meeting.
2. Please review minutes on our website.
3. Treasurer's report from Richard: No changes from last month.
4. Jane is collecting checks today for our \$15 annual dues.

5.

Carol had an update from FFI on how we will pay our dues to them. There is going to be a trial run on December 18. All the club presidents will pay their dues online to test out the procedure. All members will be able to pay after January 1.

6.

Our next inbound journey will be February 1-7 when we will host FF National Capitol. We have 5 hosts currently. Carol asked for more hosts but none volunteered.

7.

Diane reported for the Social Committee. Upcoming activities being considered include Mote Lab & Aquarium on Jan 21; sugar cane tour; pop up events; baseball games (Tampa Rays, Red Sox, Twins).

8.

Elections

Nominations:	Terese Libby	President
	Judy Carson	Vice President #1
	Susan Hills	Vice President #2
	Jane McDonald	Treasurer
	Marcia Ellis	Secretary

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was made to accept the slate. The motion was carried unanimously.

9.

A big thank you to Carol Nasby for serving as our president for 3 years.

10.

Committees:

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Newsletter	Kathleen	Davey
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Social	Committee	Diane Gooding and Kim Cullinan
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Journey	Coordinator lead	Carol Nasby
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Membership	Looking for someone. Joanne Collins will
continue until someone	else volunteers for this position.

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12. Thank you to Richard Collins for serving as Treasurer.

13.

Thank you to Joanne Collins for writing the newsletter and serving as Membership Committee.

14.

Joanne reported on the outbound journey to Cornwall. There are 14 for the journey week, 9 for the pre trip and 7 for the post trip.

15.

Maureen discussed the outbound journey to Sri Lanka.

16.

Meeting was adjourned for our Christmas gift exchange game.

Marcia Ellis, Secretary