



friendship force  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

## October & November 2017 Newsletter

Our Website [www.friendshipforceswfl.org](http://www.friendshipforceswfl.org)

Friday, October 6, 10:30 a.m.

**General Meeting & Canadian Journey Presentation**  
**Police & Fire Station Meeting Room**  
**1410 Tamiami Tr (Rt 41 N), Punta Gorda, FL**  
**Across from IHOP**



*Susan Beaudry*

Hurricane Irma got in the way of our September meeting! Be not deterred, our very own, Susan Beaudry, presents a slide show all about our club's fabulous Canadian Friendship Force journeys to Stratford-St. Mary's and Haliburton Highlands clubs. Twenty of our members participated in this fun-filled two week trip in June 2017.

Hope you will all come to the next General Meeting on Friday, October 6 to hear all about it.

Afterwards, we will have lunch at Sandra's Restaurant, serving authentic German & European cuisine using family recipes, lovely buffet or order from the menu, 111 W Olympia Ave, Punta Gorda, 941-575-0177

*Need a ride?* Just phone a member who lives close to you and carpool together. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.

**Recruitment Talk**  
**Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association**



## 2001 Shreve Street Punta Gorda, FL

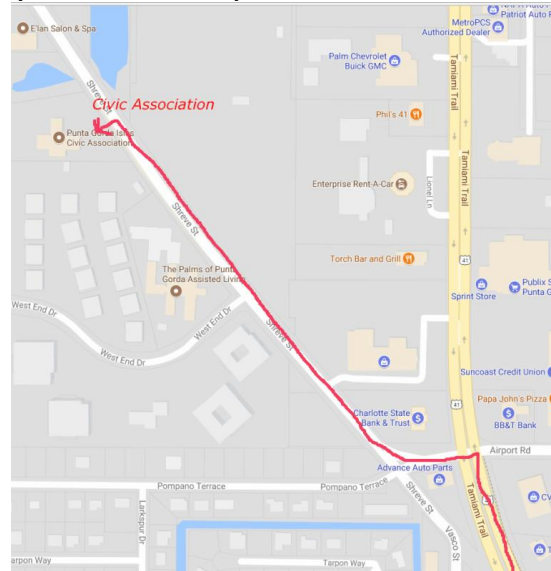
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## *We need more members of our wonderful club!*

Every year we must replace members who move away (e.g., Dennis & Jule Yemma) and leave for other reasons (e.g., retirement - Russ & Jody Garmon). The proven best way to recruit new members is to talk to your friends who have similar interests and invite them to one of our meetings or events. Another way is to talk to the public.

That is what I (Joanne) and Sue Linehan will do on Tuesday, October 3. The Civic Association asked us to present a program in their series called *Beyond Punta Gorda Isles*. We have a new slick slide show and we hope we will be well received.

Please consider coming to it to greet the people and talk up our club. Just show up by 7 p.m. next Monday. If you have a club shirt, wear it. Hope to see you there!



*Map to Civic Association from yellow Rt 41 N*

**Friday, November 3, 10:30 a.m.**

## General Meeting & Journey Presentation Police & Fire Station Meeting Room 1410 Tamiami Tr (Rt 41 N), Punta Gorda, FL Across from IHOP

Carol Nasby volunteers to give us a talk about her & husband, Chris', trip with the Friendship Force to New Zealand. She is sure to show us some fabulous scenes and relate some of her memories of this terrific adventure.

Attend the November General Meeting on Friday, November 3, in Punta Gorda to be inspired by their adventures.

Afterwards, we will have lunch at Cilantro's Restaurant, serving a Puerto Rican inspired menu,

2705 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, 941-621-4612.

*Need a ride?* Just phone a member who lives close to you and carpool together. We look forward to seeing you there.



Carol Nasby

Where in the World are our Members Traveling?



Visiting Moldova FF Club

**Mary & Fred Giddings** - The Giddings are new members to our club, but seasoned members of the Grand Rapids, MI club. They recently returned from a FF trip to Moldova and Romania. Check out the video on this link to see them interviewed on the PRO-TV news there. Most is in the native language, but they broadcast their interviews in English -

<https://www.facebook.com/protvchisinau/videos/1713998061975507/>

You can also follow them on their facebook page for more pictures and stories at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendshipForceChisinau/>

**Corrine Larson** - traveled to the wine region of Sonoma, California and then spent time with old friends in Minneapolis, MN.

**Ginny Dooley** - *fortunately*, escaped the hurricane while visiting friends and family in Colorado.

**Carol Nasby and Linda Supakoff** - just left on a FF Journey to Peru. Can't wait to hear all about it!

### ***Quote of the month from Jack Cooley ...***

*Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all of one's lifetime.*

*- Mark Twain*

**Reminder** - *If you have traveled somewhere and want to share your story and pictures, please let the newsletter editor know!*



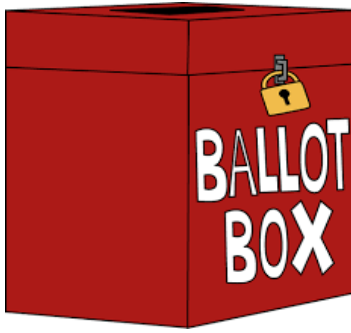
**Save the Dates 2017** Meeting & Program, 10:30 a.m. Canadian Exchange discussed. See lead off article above.

**November 3** - Meeting & Program, 10:30 a.m. Punta Gorda. Speakers: Carol & Chris Nasby regarding FF Journey to New Zealand.

**December 3** - Holiday Brunch and Yankee Swap, 11 a.m., Isles Yacht Club. Contact: Joanne Collins

## **Results from Nominating Committee**

Lou Rizk and Joanne Collins recently completed their task of locating members to serve on next year's elected board. These members' names will be put in nomination at the December 3 Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch. We will vote at that meeting and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. We are still seeking volunteers for non-elected



positions. These positions do not require attending meetings - you help as needed. See below. It takes a village to run the club. *Won't you help us out?*

*For 2018 Elected Board Positions:*

President	Michelle Kemps
Vice President	Beverly Harmon
Second Vice President	Ginny Dooley
Secretary	Linda Supakoff
Treasurer(s)	Jack and Jo Cooley

*For 2018 Non-elected Positions:*

Membership & Publicity	Your name here?
Host & journey mentoring	Your name here?
Newsletter	Joanne Collins
Website, club photographer	Richard Collins
Email, club roster, sunshine	Your name here?
Historian	Your name here?

New Lingo to Learn - Friendship Force International (FFI)

**CHANGING THE WAY YOU  
SEE THE WORLD**

<i>Former Term</i>		<i>New Term</i>
Exchange	=	Journey
Exchange Director (ED)	=	Journey Coordinator (JC)
Ambassador Exchange Director	=	Ambassador Coordinator (AC)
Host Exchange Director	=	Host Coordinator (HC)
Program Coordinator at FFI	=	Regional Support Manager (RSM)

Richard updated our website with the new FFI terminology. Check out **Friendship Force Terminology and Frequently Asked Questions** on the bottom of the first page to get answers to your common questions.

## Brazil and Michigan Journeys

Michelle Kemps and Sue Linehan recently distributed an email detailing the Brazil Journey plan with approximate costs for Sao Paulo from April 8-14 and Nova Lima from the 15-21, 2018. There is also an "add on" package to visit some other iconic sites - Iguazu Falls, Rio, and the charming Portuguese colonial center of Paraty. Please let Michelle and Sue know if you think you are "in" for this amazing adventure. Deposits are due at the November 3 meeting. (Applications can be found on the FFI site "Member Resources"). Don't delay. Sign up now!



*Iguazu Falls*



## Grand Rapids, MI coming next February!

We are looking forward to welcoming members of Grand Rapids, MI chapter from Feb 1-8, 2018. Our Journey Coordinator, Sue, reports that we need club volunteers to help set up and execute this incoming journey.

### Can we count on you?

Will you help Sue & Ginny plan the program, figure out where to have the Welcome and Farewell parties and help set up hosting and group dinners? If you are new to our club, there is no better way to get to know everyone than by helping us out. Friendship is really the main reason for the club in the first place. ***Remember, we will get to see these visitor ambassadors on our outbound to their club in September 2019.***



## President's Comments

It was such a relief to hear that you all made it through the hurricane safely and with little damage. We are concerned for those who were not so lucky and hopefully you have been able to help in some way. That is the blessing in this type of situation, the opportunity to reach out and be there for someone else. Certainly we have had contact from our ambassadors and



hosts from around the world and their prayers and concern have been gratifying. I wonder if we would be as aware of their natural or man made disasters. FFI reached out to find FF hosts for those needing to evacuate. Though no one from our club took them up on this generosity, we appreciate the willingness to be there for us. In Friendship Force, there are no strangers!

#### Brazil

Hopefully you have seen the announcement about the upcoming Brazil trip. Michelle has been putting in a lot of work on the additional package and it is not only varied and

interesting, but also comes in at a very good price as well. We will need for people to make commitments **no later than the November meeting** and we will need to collect a percentage of the cost prior to January 1. The reason for this is that there are many internal flights that need to be booked and we will need that money up front, as well as a deposit for the travel agency. Please send your applications in as soon as possible. If we don't have enough interest in our club, we will begin advertising in November to other Florida clubs as well as on the FFI international web site. If you have questions about applications or the trip in general, you can contact Michelle Kemps or myself.

#### 2019 travel request list:

The request for travel in 2019 is submitted to FFI in November.

**We need feed back from members so that we know a preference on where we would like to go.** Some considerations are:

Are we willing to take a long flight?

Do we want to go someplace "out of the norm" e.g., eastern Europe or Asia?

What do you think about Japan or Africa?

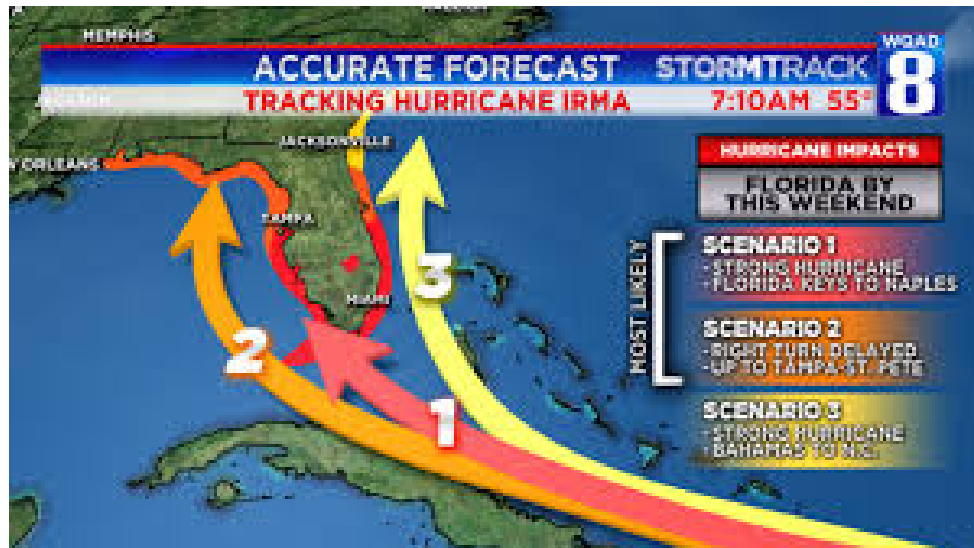
*Or - we could make it easy and return to a different part of Canada?*

Please let me know if you think you would like to go on an outbound trip in 2019 and if so, what you would like to see in our choices. We will be discussing this at the October meeting but if you cannot be here for that, please send your ideas to me. If we don't get any feedback, the board will chose the locations submitted. Don't forget that we hope to have a outbound journey to Grand Rapids, Michigan in Sept of 2019. It will be nice to renew the friendships we hope to make when they come to our club this February.

In Friendship,

*Sue*

## Parting Shot



## Quick Links... help you find info fast!

Just put your curser on what you want and click away! See below links...

[Friendship Force International \(FFI\) Website](#)

[FFI Journeys Scheduled for 2018 Worldwide](#)

[FFI Stories of Friendship](#)

[Order our Club Shirt](#)

[Join our Club](#)

## 2017 Elected Board

(voting members):

### President

*Sue Linehan*

### 1st Vice President

*Michelle Kemps*

### 2nd Vice President

*Beverly Harmon*

### Treasurer

*Cathy Cobb*

### Secretary

*Carol Berry*

## 2017 Non-voting Board

### Membership & Publicity

*Joanne Collins, Michelle Kemps*

### Host & Journey Mentoring

*Lou Rizk*

### Email, Club Roster, Sunshine

*Cheryle Phelps*

### Webmaster, Club Photographer

*Richard Collins*

### Newsletter

*Joanne Collins*

### Historian

*Carla Harms*

**Note: Programs & Fundraising - Entire Board**

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