

Join us for Inbound Australia Journey fun!



**friendship force**  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

## February 2019 Newsletter

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

### General Meeting and Program

Friday, February 1, 2019 - 10:30 am

Punta Gorda Police & Fire Station Conference Room

1410 Tamiami Trail (Rt 41), Punta Gorda

#### A real treat awaits you!

Two of our members, Ginny Dooley & Linda Supakoff will relate details of their adventurous FF Journey last year to two Indonesian clubs, Yogyakarta and Surabaya. They traveled there with the FF Las Vegas, Nevada Club before they knew that our club was matched to go there this year.



*Ginny and Linda*

You will also be updated on our club's activities, the inbound Australia Journey and Richard Collins will refresh you on what is available on our website.

Afterwards, we will sample Vietnamese food at **Pho Saigon**, 318 Tamiami, #115 ~ 1/2 mile north between Virginia and Olympia. Turn into the lot when you see Belgian Monk Cafe. The restaurant is just 2 doors down from it.

**Here come the Aussies -2019 Inbound Journey**  
February 24 - March 3, 2019

We hope at the *very least* you will attend the **Welcome Brunch** at the Linehan's home on Mon, 2/25, 9:30 am. This is a potluck so please bring a breakfast dish to pass. If that doesn't work, please come to the wonderful **Fa** you will have an awesome this marvelous group who received an email with the not, contact Joanne at 281 your **checkbook** to the Feb Thanks!



## Australian Icons



Tuesday, Feb 12, 3:15 PM

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**Palmgrass** Presents our Sunday Shows for the 2018-2019 season

The coming shows this Spring are Jan. 6th & Jan. 13th, Feb 24, March 24th, April 14, and May 26th.

Featuring Bluegrass and Acoustic Music

**Sunday, December 16th, 2-5:00pm, \$15**

Indoors at the Foulds Theatre at Lee County Alliance for the Arts  
10091 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers, Florida 33919

Advanced tickets now available at [ArtInLee.org/tickets](http://ArtInLee.org/tickets)  
or by calling the Alliance at 239-939-2787.  
Limited tickets available at the door. All tickets \$15.

**Paddle Faster**  
**Captain Joe & the Bottom Feeders**  
**Hwy41**



Meet us on February 24 and/or March 24 at the Blue Grass Concert. See above poster for more details!

## Our Club's Outbound Journey to Indonesia

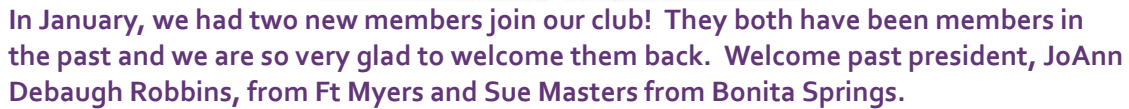
Our upcoming journey to Indonesia, Singapore and Cambodia is less than two months away, and we have five travelers from Sarasota, two travelers from Western Michigan and nine travelers from SW Florida going. Sixteen \*16\* in all!

How exciting for them. We wish them a wonderful safe journey. We can't wait to hear all about it.



Carol, Journey  
Coordinator

## Welcome New Members to our Club



## Betty Foster

**FFI** is the international organization of Friendship Force. We all belong to it and as part of it, you should receive their interesting on-line quarterly newsletter that contains information on journeys and leadership news. To subscribe, just click on the link [\*\*FFI subscription.\*\*](#)

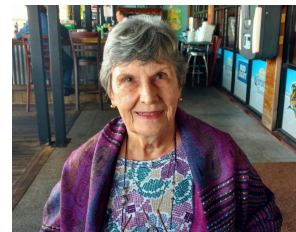


Snowbirds, **Gloria & Frank Thompson**, are back from Connecticut, where they recently purchased a second home to be close to their adult children & grandchildren. Congrats!



Long-time Canadian member, **Cecelia Bridge**, is here visiting a friend in Port Charlotte. Look for her at the February meeting and be sure to say *Hello!*

**Mary Howard** is on a Viking Cruise looking for the Northern Lights. Hope she gets some great pictures!



**Mary & Fred Giddings** are on the Friendship Force Cruise. Hope to hear all about it upon their return.

**What Are YOU doing next summer?**

**SAVE THE DATE**

2019 FFI World Conference  
New Location and New Dates

**BOULDER, COLORADO, USA**  
**JULY 23-27, 2019**

Workshops/Plenaries: July 23-25 | Social/Local Activities: July 26-27

Due to Hurricane Maria's lasting impact on Puerto Rico, our 2019 World Conference location and dates have been changed. Please save the \*new\* date and location, and plan to join us in Boulder, Colorado next July!



Friendship Force is having a **World Conference** in Boulder, Colorado. To register, click on **REGISTER NOW**. Perhaps other club members will join you for this opportunity to learn more about our great organization. Let us know at the February meeting if you think you might go to it!

### Save the Dates 2019



**February 24 - March 3 - Inbound Australian Journey to us**

**March 1 - Meeting & Talk on Australia given by Aussie ambassadors, Location Punta Gorda Police & Fire Station. Lunch to follow at Hurricane Charley's.**

**April 5 - Meeting & Talk on Scotland Journey by Joanne MacPeck, Location TBD**

**May 3 - Meeting & Talk on cruising Egypt by Betty Botsaris**

**June 7 - Lunch TBD**

**August 2 - Ice Cream Social, Location TBD**

*Note: TBD means "to be determined"*

**CHANGING THE WAY YOU  
SEE THE WORLD**

" One's destination is never a place, but always a new way of seeing things."  
- Henry Miller

*What have you learned about the world since you joined Friendship Force?*

## President's Comments



*Michelle with her Brazil host and host's best friend*

Dear members, I have been a member for **less than 5 years**. I absolutely **LOVE** Friendship Force and especially **OUR** club. Last month I asked if we could **TRY** to have 100% participation for our Inbound Australians.

### **YOU DID IT!**

I have been given the list of those who are not signed up. Many are travelling, some have health issues, and then there are some **Newbies** who are not quite sure what our club is all about and a bit overwhelmed. All these are very excusable. I proudly say I see the names of some of the **Newbees** that are helping by preparing small dinners or by being day hosts. Awesome!

**Newbees**, now I want to **PLEAD** with you. **PLEASE** at least come to both the **Welcome Breakfast** and the **Farewell Party**. I am hoping at the breakfast you will change your mind and join us for some of the weekday activities.

When you do an Outbound Journey you will be in awe of the attention to detail these foreign (and domestic) clubs give to us! Their hospitality will bring **tears to your eyes** when the day comes you have to leave them. So that is what We do for them when they come here. We need to make each one of them feel welcome, special and loved. Friendship Force is an amazing organization. Be proud to be a member. The more you get involved the better it gets.

Feel free to call me with any questions. All our names are in the directory.

The picture is of me with my host from Brazil and her best friend. We have all kept in touch with email and texting. I am hoping someday my host will come here to my home.

I am so Proud to be your President,  
Love,

*Michelle*

## Parting Shots



*Our members enjoy a Florida Repertory Theatre Performance of the Rosemary Clooney Musical.*

Thanks to Joanne MacPeck for organizing it! She said, "Seems like everyone enjoyed TENDERLY, the musical bio song story of Rosemary Clooney. The Doctor played many roles. The songs told the story. Listening was the key to finding the best in Clooney...despite some very difficult life circumstances."

### 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](#)

[Friendship Force of Southwest Florida Group on FaceBook](#)

[Order our Club Shirt](#)

[Join our Club](#)

## 2019 Elected Board

(voting members):

**President**

***Michelle Kemp***

**1st Vice President**

***Beverly Harmon***

**2nd Vice President**

***Ginny Dooley***

**Treasurer**

***Jack & Jo Cooley***

**Secretary**

***Linda Supakoff***

## 2019 Non-voting Board

**Membership**

***Carol Nasby***

**Publicity**

***Kevin Janiak***

**Host & Journey Mentoring**

***Cheryle Phelps***

**Email, Club Roster, Newsletter**

***Joanne Collins***

**Webmaster, Club Photographer**

***Richard Collins***

**Social Committee**

***Maureen Butt, Carol Berry &***

***Bev Harmon***

**Sunshine & FaceBook**

***Susan Beaudry***

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Discover Common Ground.

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