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December 2022 Newsletter



Christmas Holiday Gathering Luvvy's Condo Clubhouse 21460 Strada Nuova Circle, Estero Wednesday, December 14, 4 pm

It's that time of year again to celebrate the holidays with your friends in our great club! Set your GPS to arrive on time with an appetizer-salad dish, main dish or dessert that will feed at least 8 -

10 people. Last names A to G, please bring appetizer-salad dish, H to N, bring holiday main dish and O to Z, come with desserts.

Christmas Wassail Punch, iced tea and water will be provided. The club will also supply our table setting plates, utensils, and cups. Please email <u>Carol Nasby</u> by 12/11/21 or give her a call/text 507-236-6704 on what dish you are bringing. Please let her know if you are coming so that we have enough place settings and drinks for everybody! Call someone close by to car pool or offer them a ride!

Our past tradition is that if you would like to participate in a fun gift exchange, bring your wrapped gift costing in the **\$10** range for holiday fun. Will will also have the Annual Meeting which will feature election of officers for 2022.



Election of Officers 2023-2024

It is the tradition of our club to elect officers at our December meeting and get-together. Our Search Committee (Sue Linehan and Joanne Collins) presents the following slate of officers

for our Board of Directors (voting members):

President: Carol Nasby 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents: Judy Carson and Terese Libby Secretary: Marcia Ellis Treasurer: Richard Collins

Non voting members who help the club:

Web Site: Michelle Kemps Newsletter & Notification: Joanne Collins Membership: Judy Carson & Joanne Collins Programs: Everyone on the Board We will be voting on these members and are also asking for nominations from the floor. Please be ready to vote!



Welcome to our New Members

Ruth Zanini is a bicycle club friend of Michelle Kemps who joined after our Halloween Social.

She lives in Punta Gorda, speaks Portuguese and loves RVing and biking, of course!

Jean Grady is friends with Carol Nasby and the Collins. She lives in Vivante Condo Community in Punta Gorda, where we've had several events in their beautiful clubhouse. She managed her husband's consulting business and loves tennis and travel.

Northern Colorado visiting our Club March 15-22, 2023



This is what we are all about - welcoming others to our area of the world ! It's all about our mission - promoting global understanding, peace, and experiencing other points of view! We call ourselves 'ambassadors' to promote friendship among people of the world. When in Inbound Group visits, we need all members to participate. **Block** off your calendar for March 15-22. Be ready to help where you are needed.

Sue Linehan stepped up and volunteered to be the **Host Coordinator** for next year's visit. Here is her message to you!

Northern Colorado FF Club is eager to know how many ambassadors we can accommodate so that they can take advantage of air fare bargains going on now. With that in mind, can you please let me know the following:

- 1. If you can host, what is your bed situation and do you prefer a single or a couple?
- 2. If you cannot host, can you be a driver for some of the day trips?
- 3. Are you willing to host a small dinner party at your home for some of the members who are hosting?
- 4. Are you willing to organize the Welcome Party?
- 5. Will you help coordinate the activities?
- 6. Are you willing to put together a Welcome Bag for ambassadors?
- 7. Are you able to put together a printed program for the event?

Please give me a call if you have questions about any of the above tasks. Reply to me, **Sue Linehan** (just click my name) or call me soon at 941-979-6977.

A little bit more about the Northern Colorado Club . The club is one of six clubs from Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. It currently has 49 active members located in the cities of Estes Park, Fort Collins, Greeley, Longmont, Loveland and surrounding towns. Although it is located toward the northern end of the Colorado "Front Range" on the high plains, they are only a few miles distant from the foothills to the Rockies. Their view to the west features one of Colorado's 54 "fourteeners" - peaks in excess of 14,000' above sea level. Long's Peak, at 14,109' is pictured above as viewed from Rocky Mountain National Park.

Australia Journey

Our club is visiting two Australian clubs in 2023 - The Blue Mountains and The Gold Coast. You can be part of this adventure. Linda Supakoff, our Journey Coordinator, reports that the host clubs have proposed us coming in **August or September.** Are you interested? If so, let Linda know. You can fill out the **Journey Application** and submit it to Linda with a \$100 deposit.



The *Blue Mountains* is a city, made up of 26 mountain towns dotted along the Great Western Highway that crosses the mountains. It is a city within a World Heritage National Park. Approximately 62 miles west of Sydney, the area is one of Australia's natural wonders and a popular tourist destination with bushwalks, views of valleys and sandstone escarpments, caves, gardens, galleries and cafes.

The *Gold Coast* - Our Shoreline of our city stretches for 37 miles along the Pacific Ocean, featuring some of the best surfing beaches in Australia. With names like Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach, Palm Beach and Mermaid Beach, visions of glistening white sands, rolling surf and gently swaying palms spring to mind – and that's exactly how it is. We have beautiful hinterland parks and forests to visit as well!

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Friendship Force International World Conference 2023 Dubrovnik, Croatia | October 2 - 5, 2023



This is the first world conference in four years! It will have so much to offer our members. In addition to the main hotel where our conference events will take place, guest rooms for varying budgets will be available at three sister properties just a short walk around the bay. Day tours and post-conference tours in and outside of Croatia will be on offer for our delegates. There really is something for everybody! More info coming up on your FFI member portal.

P.S. Our VP, Carol Nasby, already plans to go. Won't you join her?



Opportunity to go on Taiwan Global Journey

Maureen, our club co-President, recently heard from our regional representative about the following:

Most Asian region clubs could not host journeys during the long pandemic; they are restarting their activities for 2023 and are

pleased to announce the Global Discover Taiwan #23144 Journey for November 15-26, 2023. It is open to all club members worldwide. See the attached <u>PDF file</u> for description, itinerary, costs and details. The Journey Coordinator is Wan Fang <u>wfchen07@gmail.com</u> of Hsinchu FF club. If you have any questions, please contact Wan directly. Don't delay. There is a lot of interest in this journey. Two members of our club have already applied.



NOW is the time to send in your \$40 dues per person for next year to 257 Lido Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 Attn: Richard Collins, Club Treasurer *Note* Associate Members are \$15 per person annually.

Co President's Comments



Note: Both of our co-Presidents are traveling and having a great time on cruises.

Maureen and Hank will be back in time for our Holiday Event!

We owe big thank to both Maureen & Linda for leading the club over the past 3 years.

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It was a happy day when the Fema truck picked up our debris from Hurricane Ian!



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