



friendship force
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

February 2024 Newsletter

We are set to host West Kentucky from Feb 1-7



Look at the picture above of Western Kentucky Club members copied from their web page! They look like a fun bunch!

Get ready to meet some of them beginning Friday, February 2 with a 5:30 pm **BBQ Welcome Party** at the Linehan home. Cost is just \$20. Join in some of the activities and at the very least attend the fun **Farewell Brunch** on Tuesday, February 6, at Linda Supakoff's home. Check with Maureen on what pot luck breakfast item to bring.

Maureen Butt & Linda Supakoff, our Host Coordinators, have been working hard planning a fun agenda. *Do you know what is happening?* Just click on [W Kentucky Schedule](#), fill it out and [email](#) or call Maureen at 409-334-3216 to let her know what you are attending! Participate in welcoming others and making new friends - that is what we are all about!

February Monthly Meeting & Program on Visiting Taiwan
Friday, February 16, 10:00 AM
North Fort Myers Library Conference Room
2001 N Tamiami Tr, North Ft Myers



Is that Michelle?



Linda and Maureen in Taiwan

Drive your car to North Fort Myers to learn about what is happening in your club. An added bonus is a neat talk by intrepid travelers, Michelle Kemp, Marcia Ellis, Linda Supakoff and Maureen Butt as they update us on a Friendship Force World Journey Trip they took a few months ago to fabulous Taiwan.

Afterwards, we'll have lunch at the nearby Shell Factory at **The Southern Grill**, 16554 N Cleveland, Hwy 41, North Fort Myers. Don't forget to add this to your calendar!

Next Up! March 3-9 - Minnesota



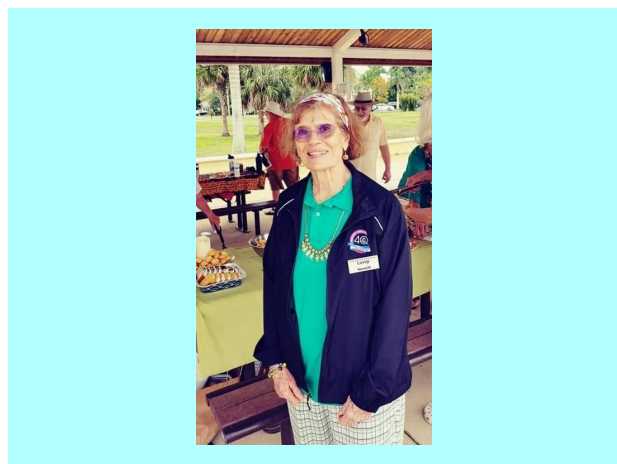
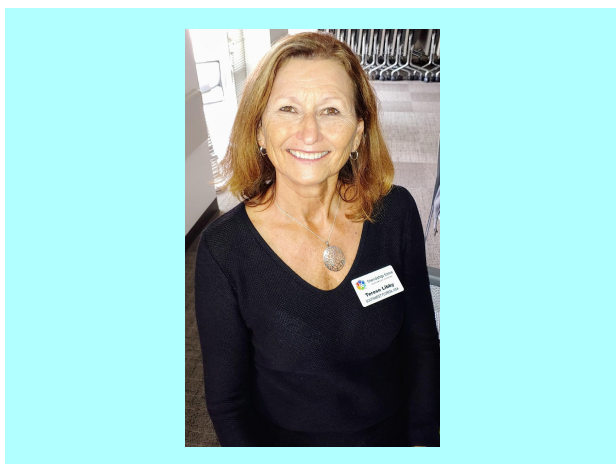
We are *hosting* FF Minnesota Twin Cities March 3 -

9, 2024

Thirteen Twin Cities Minnesota ambassadors will arrive March 3 and their journey begins with a Breakfast Brunch Welcome Party on Monday, March 4 and ends Friday, March 8 with a Farewell Party. Click on [Journey Activity Sign Up](#) to sign up for the activities you'd like to attend. We need \$30 each prepaid for Farewell Dinner (includes delicious food from Carmello's Restaurant and live entertainment). Send to FF of SW FL, 257 Lido Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Joanne Collins is the Host Coordinator with valuable assistance from Terese Libby and Michelle Kemps.

Five slots remain for our club Outbound Journeys



Journey Coordinator, Terese Libby, arranged Twin Cities to host our club from **June 20 - 24**. From there, Luvvy Kovacic helps her as our club journeys to Northern Colorado from **June 26 - 30**. (There is a one day break to travel there on June 25.)

The deadline to apply is **April 1** for both trips. To date, 9 club members have submitted their forms and deposits for both trips. There are 14 slots; therefore, **only 5 spots remain for each club journey.**

Terese reports that MN now has two journey coordinators and is planning the activities for our club. She is considering organizing a "pre-trip" to Duluth and Ely for those interested.

Luvvy shares that 3 people in Colorado are coordinating our visit and our fee for the days there will be about \$125 total (paid to their club). They ask those going to fill out a **Health & Mobility Form** (click on it) because the air in Colorado will be thinner and some activities will be on outdoor unpaved trails. They are looking at options for **LESS STRENUOUS** walking. For instance, the National Park has paved walkways and about one half mile walks. There is also a possibility for a post-trip. More on that later!

Now is the time to sign up by filling out **Ambassador Application Form** (also found on your FF Member portal, under Help Center). The form and deposit check (\$100 for Twin Cities and \$100 for Colorado) should be sent to Terese Libby via **email** with check mailed to 11905 Silver Cobblestone Way, Ft Myers, FL 33913



Join us in Sherbrooke, Canada next September!

Pretrip: September 3-7, 2024

Journey dates: September 8-14, 2024

Journey Coordinators: Marcia Ellis and Michelle Kemps

Marcie says, "Club members who wish to go on this journey should send application and \$100 down payment to Michelle Kemps by March 1. We have a Waiting List and we can only take 12 people on this journey."

Email FFI form (link above in previous block) to **michellejeanne11@gmail.com** (Need help, email Michelle). Make Check out to FFSWFL, mail to Michelle Kemps at 3772 Peace River Dr., Punta Gorda, 33983.

New Application deadline is March 1.

Please express if you are interested in the pre and post trips to Montreal and Quebec.

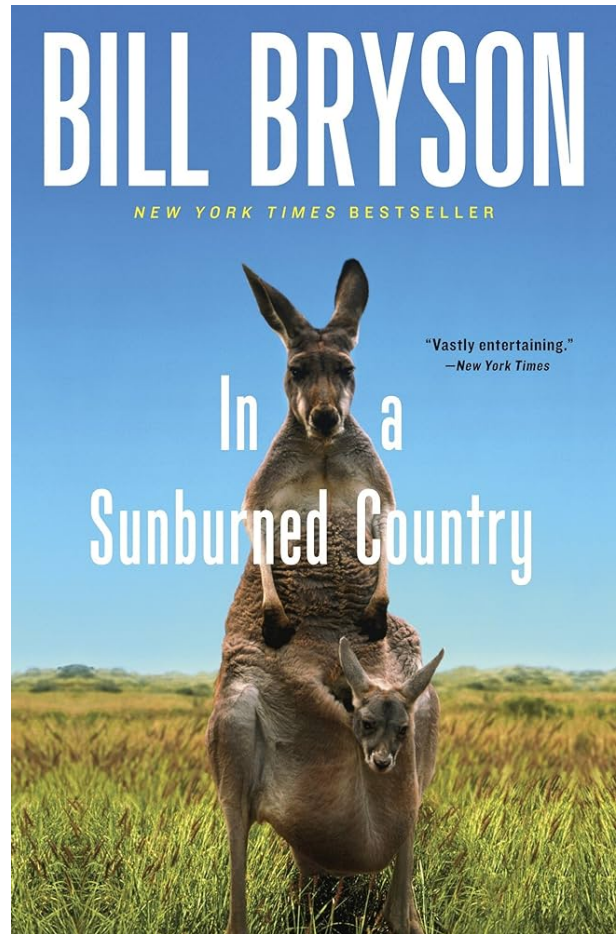
Announcing our new On-Line Book Club

Try something NEW for 2024!

February 14 - *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson

March 13 - *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

April 10 - *The Girl With the Louding Voice* by Abi Daré



Mark your Calendar!
Save the Dates!



February 1-7 - Western Kentucky visits us. Block off your calendar to help and attend events!

February 16- Monthly meeting with Taiwan Program featuring Maureen, Linda, Marcie, Michelle at North Fort Myers Library 10 AM

March 3 - 9 - Twin Cities Minnesota visits us. Block off your calendar to help and attend events!

March 15 - International Pot Luck - 11 AM - at Sue & Rob Linehan home

April 12 - Monthly meeting with Traveling to Morocco featuring Marcie and Michelle at North Fort Myers Library 10 AM

June 20 - 30 - Outbound Club Journey to Twin Cities, MN and Northern Colorado FF Clubs

September 8 - 14 - Outbound International Club Journey to Sherbrooke, Canada FF Club

October 2 - 5 - Regional Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Missed meeting? Need to Keep Up with our Club?

If you've missed a meeting and want to know what happened, check out club MINUTES found on our FF Website under Membership Tab. Click [minutes](#). Go to minutes and read all about it. So easy!

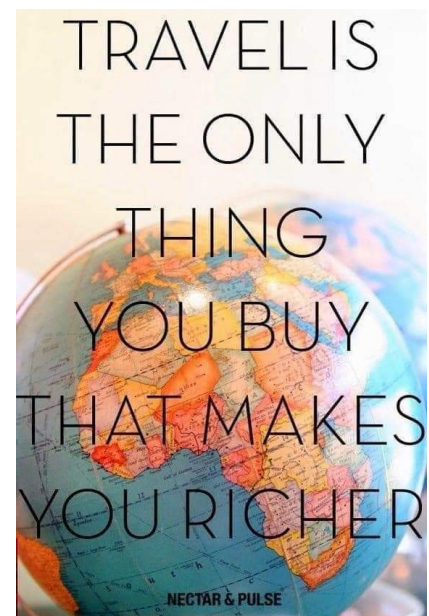
**CHANGING THE WAY YOU
SEE THE WORLD**

My FFI

The members-only portal, my.friendshipforce.org, is the go-to place for news, journey opportunities, payments, virtual experiences and all other member-relevant information. If you have not yet signed up, please do so. Confused how to do it? Email [Marcie](#) (click on her name).

More Travel Opportunities

Click the link below to review a catalog of Special Journeys that are currently being offered by other FFI clubs. Perhaps there is a journey that interests you!



President's Comments

Wonderful!

We are ready for our first guests, ambassadors to come. Western Kentucky will be here on February 1st, and I hope you are all signed up to do your part to make it a great experience!



The experience is all about people welcoming people! Our name tells it all: "Building friendships, building strong bonds between people, Building national and international community."

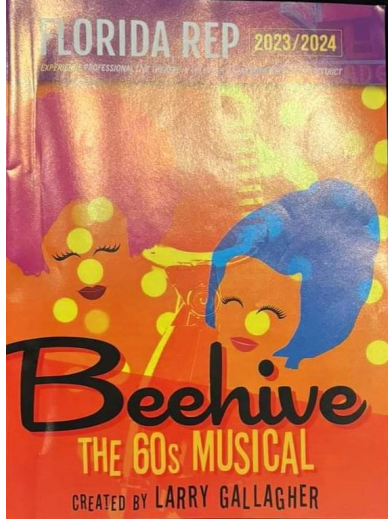
We need to take the time to share a day or two, and then share a meal or two with the people from Kentucky, and from Minnesota Twin Cities Club in March.

And before you know it, our turn to be hosted will come this summer.

*Our requests for an outbound journey next year have been sent in, and perhaps we will organize a second outbound journey in 2025. We can make plans, and then see what we are assigned. Stay tuned. One of my favorite quotes is "**Surprised by Joy**". Let this be our motto this next week!*

*Peace,
Carol*

Parting Shots



Fun Musical with memorable songs!



Thanks, Luvvy, for hosting game day!



Pizza at Capone's after Beehive! Yum!



Lots of members came out to play a variety of games

Friendship Force of Southwest Florida

Email Us



Check us out & contribute to Group Facebook Page! Click FaceBook icon above!

Friendship Force of Southwest Florida | 2509 Deborah Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

[Unsubscribe eagleswingsj@yahoo.com](mailto:unsubscribe_eagleswingsj@yahoo.com)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by joanne@friendshipforceofswsouthwestflorida.ccsend.com powered by



Try email marketing for free today!

