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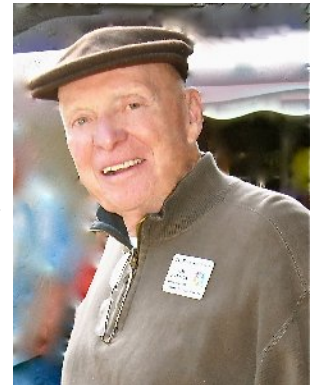
December 2009

Special points of interest

- Dec 5th
FAIR OAKS
PARADE
- Dec. 6th
CHRISTMAS
PARTY & GIFT
EXCHANGE
North Ridge
Country Club
Fair Oaks

Message from Jim Hanson, President

ANNUAL "STATE OF THE CLUB" REPORT NOVEMBER, 2009



Well, we are doing it again! We can celebrate another successful year for our vibrant and enthusiastic club. Success in any club is a combination of the membership enjoying each other, along with a strong dedication of purpose. Our club has both of these qualities, plus a high percentage of volunteerism. This year, as you have heard from our committee chairs, was and will continue to be a success.

Our club is fortunate in having very dedicated board members and committee chairpersons.

From our Activities chair, Tom Flynn, we have had informative speakers at our general monthly meetings, along with delicious dinners afterward. Additional fellowship has been enjoyed such as a mystery trip by bus, a parade through the Fair Oaks Village and even a stage play.

Communications did well in informing the membership of these events - thanks to Lynn Meyer and her crew.

Our talented and creative Craft committee provided the club with a net profit of \$1,120.85 - which set a record! Thanks to Madelene as our chairperson.

Our membership of 137 members is a growth of almost 100% in the last 4 years. This growth shows the community that we have something they want to share. Glendena did an outstanding job in greeting and educating our new members.

Judy Maas, along with Carol Christensen, informed us each month with our "Newsletter Spectacular".

And all of these achievements were publicized by Arnie and his publicity committee.

Our secretary, Barbara, provided the board with well documented minutes.

And of course our Treasurer, Scott, kept our accounts in great order.

Rose, as Past President, was always there for our support and guidance.

And Pat, as VP, was a rock while I was in Montana.

My role, as President, was letting these talented chairpersons do their job. Thanks to all of them and to the membership for supporting the hard work many have given to make this a great year for the club.

May the next year be as joyous!!

Jim

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 5, 2009	3:30 p.m. Fair Oaks Christmas Parade, followed by caroling & tree lighting (See pg. 3 for details)
Dec. 6, 2009	12:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS Luncheon & Gift Exchange North Ridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Ave., Fair Oaks
Dec. 23, 2009	1:00 p.m. Transitional Board Meeting at Fair Oaks Library Only outgoing and incoming board members should attend.
Exchange Dates and Events: 2010	
Jan. 11—20	OUTBOUND EXCHANGE—Orlando, Florida Dawn Beck, Exchange Director
Jan. 24	11:00 a.m. Crafters' work session at Glendena Honeick's, 5339 Flyway Dr., Fair Oaks (All are welcome)
Jan. 27	1:00 p.m. Board Meeting—2500 Marconi Ave., Sacramento Sheriff's Building, Community Service Room
Mar. 7	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION Fair Oaks Community Center
May 3 -10	OUTBOUND EXCHANGE - Pau, France Barbara Beland, Exchange Director
June 9-16	INBOUND EXCHANGE - Montreal, Canada (tentative dates) Carol Tilley, Exchange Director
Oct. 16-18	Friendship Force International Conference - Washington, D.C.



*** URGENT ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

FAIR OAKS CHRISTMAS PARADE

3:30 p.m., Saturday, December 5th

Club members and their families are invited to join us in marching in Fair Oaks Christmas Parade. We will meet at 3:30 p.m. at Fair Oaks Elementary School at 10700 Fair Oaks Blvd. (corner of Fair Oaks Blvd. & Winding Way). Rain or shine, the parade starts at 4 p.m. and ends in downtown Fair Oaks with caroling and lighting of the tree in the park to follow. Please call Arnie at 363-6191 if you'd like to participate, want directions or parking information, or have questions. If possible, please wear your club shirt.

The overall event, **Christmas in the Village begins at 1:00 p.m.** with a band, Santa, shopping in the park & a Winnie the Pooh play in the amphitheater (at 2:00 p.m.), so you may want to come early and bring your grandkids. A can of food entitles you to free admission to the play.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 6th

If you've made reservations to join us, please remember to bring a wrapped gift for our pirating gift exchange at our annual luncheon and installation of officers for 2010. It can be "wild & zany", but "useful" is fine, too. North Ridge Country Club is at 7600 Madison Ave., Fair Oaks, (between San Juan & Sunrise Blvd.)

DUES & SURVEYS

One last reminder that dues are due before the first of the year, as mentioned in our last two newsletters. A survey was sent out to everyone, so please complete that and send it in, too, if you haven't already.

WALL CALENDARS

We have a few of our 2010 club calendars still available. If you haven't already bought one, please take a look at them at our **Christmas luncheon**. The cover has some group shots of our members, and the 12 months each have one large photo of scenes from around the world which would appeal to everyone, not just club members. They make great gifts, and they're only \$15. (Also, the back cover explains all about FFI and our Sacramento Club.) And thanks again, to our members who took all the great photos during past exchanges—Joe, Chris, George, Audrey & Barbara!

If you'd like one, but can't attend on Sunday, please contact Judy Maas, 772-7764.

EXCHANGES

OUTBOUND EXCHANGE TO FLORIDA JANUARY 11-20, 2010

All the plans for Florida are moving smoothly with interesting activities planned by our 2 ED's each day. We will spend 5 nights in Orlando and 4 in New Smyrna. The cost is \$275. Atlanta receives \$25 per host club, \$100 goes to Orlando & \$75 to New Smyrna. The extra \$50 is for incidentals, but any left over will be returned. The only additional payment is for Kennedy Center which we'll pay on our own, and when we take our hosts out to dinner.

14 members have signed up so far, but both clubs welcome more. Many of us are taking Southwest, and we can take a shuttle back from New Smyrna on the Atlantic coast to the Orlando airport.

Please call me at 771-5645 if you are interested. Remember we'll be making new friends in Florida sunshine when the winter fog is over Sacramento.

Dawn Beck, Exchange Director

OUTBOUND EXCHANGE TO PAU, FRANCE MAY 3 to MAY 10, 2010

We had a planning meeting in November to discuss generalities and get input from members who are going to France. We now have 25 ambassadors signed up. We will arrive in Paris ahead of time, take the fast TGV train to Pau and be met by their club. I have met with the Exchange Director from Pau, and am working on a tour of France after the exchange. Further information will be forthcoming.

Barbara Beland, Exchange Director

INBOUND EXCHANGE FROM MONTREAL, CANADA JUNE 9-16, 2010 (proposed dates)

This will be our first inbound exchange for 2010. The Montreal Ambassadors will begin in Madison, Wisconsin, arriving here on June 9th for one week, and then continuing on their own in San Francisco. They are just starting their planning and transportation.

I will notify the general membership of an Exchange Planning Meeting in early January. Yes, there will be many committees & opportunities to participate. Please be willing to step forward and join in the fun of showing off our great club, great city and surrounding areas. It is guaranteed to be a wonderful and fulfilling experience.

Carol Tilley, Exchange Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY **Sunday, March 7th, 2010 - 1:00 p.m.**

***** EVERYONE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS! *****

We have once again booked the facility in the Fair Oaks Village for our 2010 annual event. FFI tells us the theme for 2010 is "*Friendship On Six Continents*" as this special event will be celebrated globally.

Also FFI announced they will be recognizing the most creative celebrations of World Friendship Day at their World conference in Washington, DC in October of 2010. *Wouldn't it be great to hear our club name announced as one of the winners!*

We will need many volunteers to make this a successful event. We are a "volunteer" organization - so consider what **each** of you can do to make this truly memorable. And don't forget to start telling your friends of this important date as every member should invite at least one extra person.

Madelene English & Glendena Honeick, co-chairpersons

REMEMBER Gayle Macready, **from our Australian exchange last year? She will be leading:** **A *CANADIAN WINTER WONDERLAND* Global Exchange** **February 17th - 24th, 2011**

This **Global Exchange in Winnipeg, Canada** welcomes ambassadors **from all nations** to join for a taste of winter in Canada and experience the "*Joie de Vivre*" - *the Festival du Voyageur*. It is a celebration of the French and Metis history and culture (Métis is pronounced Meh-tee and is a French word for "mixed-blood of Native American or First Nations and European ancestors.") Your hosts, the Friendship Force Clubs of Winnipeg and Manitoba, located in south central Canada, have planned a full week of cultural and social activities. You will have the opportunity to attend an ice hockey game (Canada's national sport), walk on frozen rivers, try snowshoeing, go on a horse and sleigh ride, see and try the game of curling and much more. There will be a chance to visit The Manitoba Museum, rated one of the best in North America, Voyageur Park to view snow sculptures, Fort Gibraltar, and enjoy French music and food. Snow is guaranteed! Your hosts will provide their ambassadors with appropriate winter outerwear, and the warmth and friendship extended by them will keep you warm on the inside.

Estimated Price: US \$365 (land only). There will be an additional cost of approximately US\$120 for hotel accommodations on the evening of February 16th. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity please email:

Gayle Macready, Sunshine Coast, Australia macready@bigpond.net.au

MEMBER PROFILES



Richard Latimer

Richard graduated from California State University, Sacramento in 1976 with a BS in Vocational Education/Engineering. He received his Master of Education at the University of Louisville, Ky in 1992. He has had over 30 years of teaching experience at the high school, community college and university level involving various facets of mechanical engineering. In the mid 1980's, he served as the Director of the Auto-CAD Premiere Training Facility at the University of Louisville, and was among the first few professors in the nation implementing computer graphics into their college curriculum. He was also very active on the sports' fields serving as a sports official after school hours for baseball, basketball and football. During the summer vacations, he served his community as a Deputy Sheriff, as well as serving his country in the Army National Guard for over 35 years.

Although he was born in Butte, Montana, he has called the Sacramento area his home for the majority of his life. Living up to his name, "the wanderer" he has enjoyed traveling throughout the entire United States, including Hawaii and Alaska with his wife of 43 years, Suzanne. They are the proud parents of two sons and one grandson, all of whom live locally.

Since his retirement, he has been an active member in the California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association where he has enjoyed playing various roles of prominent men in our California history at the State Capitol. Richard is an avid photographer and has worked on various projects down through the years from Yearbook Advisor to Wedding Photographer. He looks forward to participating in Friendship Force International and plans to serve on the Board with much enthusiasm.



Audrey Wiechman

I first learned about Friendship Force of Sacramento by reading a promotional piece in The Sacramento Bee a few years ago. Since I joined in late 2006, I have been on one international and one domestic exchange, have been a day host on several occasions, and have enjoyed serving on several committees.

I was born and raised in Nebraska, and moved to Denver in 1960 to attend nursing school. After a few months of working as a registered nurse in a hospital, I yearned for adventure and joined the Peace Corps. I met my husband, John, in Peace Corps training at UCLA, and we were married in Togo, West Africa. After completing our tour of duty there, we lived in Kansas until moving to Carmichael in 1980 when John accepted a position with California Farm Bureau. He succumbed to cancer in 1990.

Having worked in many areas of nursing, I have worked for the last 20 years primarily with developmentally disabled adults. I retired from nursing three years ago, but participate in quality improvement reviews for a long term care facility.

I have a daughter who lives in Granite Bay, and another daughter lives in Seattle. Twin five-year-old granddaughters are in Seattle, and I travel to see them at least four times a year. I enjoy gardening, reading, music, attending art galleries, sightseeing, hiking, volunteering, and meeting new people.

Mission

To promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people



Values

- Mutual Respect
- Cultural Diversity
- Cultural Exploration
- Service



Vision

- Each individual will make a contribution to global goodwill.
- The Friendship Force worldwide network of clubs and individuals will overcome differences among people and nations.
- By connecting the world, one friend at a time, we will create a world of friends that becomes a world of peace.

SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Held: November 17, 2009 at the Sheriff's Building, Sacramento

Present: 10 board members, 9 members **Membership Roster Count:** 137

Motions Approved: Minutes • Treasurer's report • All itemized bills over \$200 to be approved for payment • The club to pay for a calendar sent to George Brown of FFI • Carol Tilley selected as ED for Montreal exchange in June 2010 • Advise Howick, NZ that we are unable to accommodate their request to change the inbound exchange from Sept to May 2010 due to our outbound exchange to France at that time • We accept an incoming wine-themed exchange for 2011 suggested by George Brown of Atlanta (It will require no funds from our club, but we will do the home hosting.) • Club to purchase an LCD overhead projector • The Annual State of the Club Report & Annual Treasurer's Report to be emailed to all members • Our club will participate in the Fair Oaks Parade on December 5th • Madelene & Glendena will co-chair our World Friendship Day celebration on March 7, 2010 • Judy Maas & Dick Latimer will perform the annual audit

Reports:

Crafts: Anyone going on an exchange who wants to take craft items for gifts should let Madelene know so they will be available.

Publicity: Arnie reported that the new club brochure will be available in Dec.

ED Manual: Glenn Tilton's committee has postponed any further meetings until after Atlanta's ED manual comes out.

Board Members

(Area Code is 916 unless otherwise noted)

President: Jim Hanson hanson12@comcast.net	435-3662	Membership: Glendena Honeick friendshipforcesac@me.com	989-2595
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JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of articles/events is December 28th, 2009.

Please submit your articles to: jemaas@aol.com