



The Friendship Force of Sacramento

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Peace Through Friendship

September 2007

Calendar of Events

Sep 5	Board meeting, 1:00pm hosted by Rose Phelan, Vice President. Located at 1206 Stone Hearth Lane, Lincoln. Board members, please contact Rose at (916)-408-4066 if unable to attend.
Sep 19	Presentation about Friendship Force by Chris Smith. Presented at 7:00pm at El Dorado Hills Library. Details inside.
Oct 11	Board meeting, 10:00am hosted by Lynn Meyer. Located at 9040 Windcove Ct, Fair Oaks. Please call Lynn at (916)-987-2426 if unable to attend.
Oct 15	Last date to RSVP to Madelene English for Oktoberfest. See below.
Oct 20	Oktoberfest/Annual Meeting and election of officers, 4:00pm. Hosted by Mary and Gene Mayer, 4349 Virgusell Circle, Carmichael. Cost \$10. RSVP to Madelene English at (916)-435-3662 or via email at madie@starstream.net . Details inside.
Mar 11-13, 2008	Western Regional Conference, San Diego, California.
Exchange Dates 2007	
Sep 23 – Oct 7	Outbound to Gelsenkirchen and Vogtland, Germany with a pre-exchange extension to Berlin, September 18-22.
Exchange Dates 2008	
March	Outbound to Kathmandu, Nepal . ED: Margaretha Logus, Co-ED: David Duncan
Late May	Inbound from San Diego, California . ED needed.
September	Inbound from Sunshine Coast, Australia . ED: Glendena Honeick, Co-EDs: Madelene English and Jim Hanson



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings members and fellow adventurers,

Are you an organizer, a leader, a follower, a worker bee, an adventurer, a musician, a hiker, a biker, a fund raiser, a computer geek, an entertainer, a writer, a marketer, a mathematician, a cook, an artist, a networker.....?

Whatever your talent or passion, there is a place for you in the inner workings of Friendship Force. We are naturally focused on our in-bound and out-bound exchanges and associated hosting activities, but there are so many other opportunities to help keep things running smoothly, that we want to use your talents to help us improve our Friendship Force Club.

As we gear up for Oktoberfest and our Annual Meeting for the election of officers, we are looking to find talents to help on the Board in various positions. Our Nominating Committee, chaired by Glendena Honeick, is putting together a slate of officers to guide your Friendship Force club for the next year. I hope that if called upon, or if you wish to be considered for nomination name for an elected office, (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) that you will think of this as a most worthwhile use of your time and energy.

If serving in an elected capacity is not your cup of tea, please feel free to let us know how you see yourself working within the organization. We have a wealth of talent among our seasoned members and look forward to creating the right opportunities for those of you who are newer, to become involved and to contribute to our Friendship Force club. Many thanks to those of you who have come forward to assist with the Campinas, Brazil exchange. It is through your efforts that a successful program will be realized, and the true benefits of hosting come to fruition.

George and I will be off to Europe as this Newsletter goes to print, so my next message will be from Germany as we enjoy our exchange in Gelsenkirchen and Vogtland. Stay tuned and have an enjoyable visit with our Campinas ambassadors.

The welcome dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory was attended by our 12 Brazilian Ambassadors, as well as 53 of our members. Despite a slightly noisy environment, we enjoyed meeting and greeting our new friends and learning about their Friendship Force experiences.

In Friendship,
Lynn Meyer, President

"Failures and mistakes are part of life; what you make of them is important"

OKTOBERFEST

October 20, 2007, 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Held at the home of Mary and Gene Mayer,
4349 Virgusell Circle, Carmichael
(916)-359-6934

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING, SO LET'S SEE ALL OF OUR MEMBERSHIP THERE. In addition to lots of food and fun, we will elect new officers for 2008. This is also your chance to voice requests for 2009 exchanges. Now you can see why it is important for all members to attend! There will be a great menu of Bar-b-qued sausage & buns, several salads, wine and dessert.

The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP by Oct. 15th to Madelene English at (916)-435-3662 or via email at madie@starstream.net.

SACRAMENTO/CAMPINAS EXCHANGE

The exchange appeared to have been very successful and I would like to thank all of the members of our club that participated in this exchange. There are a lot of you so I will not try to mention names, but it is always such a joint effort to make these exchanges a success. I would like to have hosted as it seemed like a fun group of ambassadors, but I am glad that we had so many new members involved in this exchange and hope that it was a rewarding experience for all that participated in this exchange.

Because of the exchange being so late this month, it is impossible to have a report from the exchange directors, but they will have a report in the October newsletter for all of us to read and hopefully some comments from some of our new members also.

Many thanks to all of you,
Rose Phelan

PUBLIC PRESENTATION ABOUT FRIENDSHIP FORCE

Chris Smith, FF membership chairman, will be giving a talk at the El Dorado Hills Library at 7 PM on September 19th. FF members are encouraged to attend to support Chris and to give testimony to attendees about the benefits of FF membership. If you have friends or neighbors who have indicated an interest in FF this would be a good event to invite them to attend. The Library is on Silva Valley Road. To get there, take Green Valley Road to Silva Valley Road and turn left into the parking lot, just before Serrano Parkway. Chris is an excellent speaker. He is very enthusiastic, and has had numerous FF experiences.

- Marilyn Marcroft

NEWS FROM FRIENDSHIP FORCE IN PERU

As you all know, the August 15th earthquake had devastating results in Peru, especially on the southern coast. We have heard from the Guerrero family, who visited here on an exchange in 2002, and whom many members visited during the FF trip to Peru in 2004. Here is a portion of their first email:

Lourdes (one of the daughters), has a good friend, Nin Campos, who lives in Chincha, one of the zones most affected by the earthquake, and thanks God she has a very well constructed house that has not suffered any damage, but the poor people who live in the surroundings have lost everything material that with a lot of effort they obtained in this life.

Nina's family, with a group of support are helping many families that live removed from the city to whom the help of the government is not coming...(They) are living in tents and being fed on the charity of everyday people like Nina, but they need more to reconstruct their houses..

Nina has a brother living in Florida who is a doctor. He is leaving soon for Peru to bring what help he has collected to date. His imminent departure makes it difficult to send aid directly to him, but Lourdes sent a second email which listed an American bank that is collecting funds.

...They send a number of account of Bank of America where you can also deposit your donations to buy construction materials.

*Bank Of America
Account No: 2905003522
Account Name: Michael Campos*

Other Opportunities to Contribute

Ada Roscoe, a Peruvian living in Sacramento (she taught Spanish at Sac State for 30 years), tells us there is a permanent account for emergency help in Peru, opened by the Peruvian Consulate in San Francisco at Wells Fargo Bank where any person can go and make a donation. Please submit your donations to:

Wells Fargo Bank
Account N° 3979519943
Checks to be paid to the order of COMITE PRO INFANCIA PERUANA
For: Víctimas del Terremoto

In addition, the Club Perú de Sacramento (Peruvian Club from Sacramento) is organizing a benefit for victims of the earthquake to be held at St Ignatius Church on Sunday, September 16. As soon as I know more details, I'll let you know.

This is an opportunity to demonstrate our fellowship and friendship across the miles. I will let you know when I get more details on the fund-raiser.

In Friendship,
Sue Erlich

MEMBER NEWS

Our newest members both live in Sacramento. **Ted & Helen Gangursky** told **Helen Krumm** about our club and encouraged her to join. Helen is a professor at Sacramento City College. She speaks a little Spanish and enjoys music, dance, swimming, exercise and of course, scholarly ideas. **Tom Flynn** was also referred to us by a current member. Tom likes golf, photography and travel. I think he is going to enjoy sharing those passions with the other members of our group! Welcome to you both.

The New Member Meeting Was Great!

We had a nice meeting last month with 7 new members learning a little more about our club. **Judy Mass** brought **Ken & Linda Mellor** who may be our next new members! Thanks to **Pat Longest, Margaret Winslow** and **Marlene Grass** from our membership committee for all your help. Those cookies were delicious Pat!

Sad news from Richmond, Virginia ... For those of you who met **George Glenn** during the Richmond exchange this year, you'll be sorry to hear that he has had a second stroke and is in the hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts. If you would like to send a card, he would appreciate it very much. Please send cards to: George Glenn, 6161 River Rd, Apt 17, Richmond Va. 23226

FUND-RAISING ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Jan Bessette has kindly agreed to take over the inventory of the pins, pens, tea towels, aprons, Friendship Force shirts, and books for sale at each meeting. Please remember to bring some money to purchase your Friendship Force Pin, an American Flag pin, the book on the history of Friendship Force, *The Other Side of the Mountain*, great looking shirts with our logo, or other items.

Jan has been busy in many areas in Friendship Force, and as the turnover of officers occurs in December will be looking for a willing volunteer to step up to help with this endeavor. Please speak with Jan at (916) 989-3555 if you feel you would like to learn more about our fund raising efforts and consider helping her for the rest of the year. Items available for purchase:

Friendship Force logo shirts (white or green)	\$20.00
Friendship Force pins	\$ 2.00
American Flag pins	\$ 1.00
Tea Towels	\$ 3.00
Aprons	\$10.00
Friendship Force pens	\$ 1.00
"The Other Side of the Mountain" book	\$10.00

We would like for all members to purchase a shirt so that they can wear them for inbound and outbound exchanges. If we get an order of at least 20 shirts we get a price break, so please consider ordering in the next weeks so that shirts could be available for the Oktoberfest meeting. Jan will have all of these items to sell at Oktoberfest.

The BIG SKY MONTANA FESTIVAL

August, 2007 – Great Falls, Montana

Have you walked in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark along the headwaters of the Missouri river or taken a boat through the “Gates of the Mountains” where the river has cut through a canyon of cliffs that rise a towering 1,200 feet from the waters edge while eagles soar high above? Have you climbed Pompeys Pillar, named after Sacagawea’s young son, to visually see Clark’s name engraved in this massive sandstone monolith or stood in the midst of the Little Bighorn Battlefield where General Custer and his whole army of 261 men lost their lives when defeated by the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians? Have you ever eaten a “Viking” or a massive buffalo burger while watching a Pro-rodeo at the Montana State Fair or stood on the largest buffalo jump in the world where Indians hunted bison by running them off the edge of the cliff to the valley below? This is only a small part of the incredible days prepared by the Great Falls Friendship Force club. Over 100 members attended from throughout the U.S. including a couple from Tokyo. We understand it took Robin Baker and her committee over a year of planning. Atlanta advised this has been FFI’s largest Festival – and after attending, it surely has to also be labeled one of the “best”.

With an additional week of home-stay in Billings, new friendships continued as our hosts and club members shared their lives and history with us. Our farewell dinner was a country BBQ, culminating with a hayride at sunset. As the purple and orange sky darkened, eyes glistened as hugs and good-byes were shared among life-long friends that were made once again – the Friendship Force way.

Thirty-three members continued together over 1,300 miles, for an additional week on a bus tour of Bozeman, Yellowstone National Park, Virginia City, Butte, Missoula, Flathead Lake, Bigfork, Kalispell, Glacier National Park & the famous “Going To The Sun” highway, Lake McDonald, St. Mary, and Waterton, Alberta, Canada. Combining cultural programs, tours and home-hosting was a new Friendship Force experience. It not only provided life-long memories with new and renewed friendships, but also increased my pride in our exceptional organization.

- Glendena Honeick

SACRAMENTO FRIENDSHIP FORCE WEBSITE

Our website has recently been updated – TAKE A LOOK!

<http://friendshipforcesacramento.com>

Please check it out for new pictures of the Brazil welcome party. More pictures from the Brazil exchange will be added later on. Generally, the website is updated monthly so that we get the current newsletter and any updates included. If there are computer savvy folks out there who are interested in working on the web site in the future, please let **George Meyer** know by calling (916)-987-2426.

OCTOBER 07 NEWSLETTER

The deadline for submission of articles/events is **September 25**.

Please Send Submissions to
 Judy Duncan, (530) 823 7019, jduncan@duncanimaging.com

Anyone interested in getting involved in helping out with the newsletter,
 please contact Judy.

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