



The Friendship Force of Sacramento

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Peace Through Friendship

January 2009

Calendar of Events

Jan 13	Meeting – Home of Glenn and Gwen Tilton for Germany Inbound Exchange, 10:00 AM, 442 Windward Way, Sacramento, CA (916) 393-6479; gtilton@comcast.net (see details inside Newsletter).
Jan 24	Board Meeting, 1:00 PM, at home of President Jim Hanson, 4066 Coldwater Drive, Rocklin, CA, 95765; 916-435-3662. Please tell Jim, by January 17 (RSVP), if you can attend.
Exchange Dates 2009	
Jan 28 to Feb 3	Outbound Exchange to San Diego; <i>Jan Bessette – Exchange Director</i> Email – janorm3@comcast.net . Telephone 989-3555
April 17 – 23	Inbound from Vogtland, Germany <i>Glen & Gwen Tilton – Exchange Directors</i>
May 4, 5, 6	Western Regional Conference, Reno Nevada
August, first week	Inbound Exchange from Dallas, Texas <i>Tom Flynn – Exchange Director</i>
Oct	Friendship Force International Meeting in Okinawa, Japan
Nov	Outbound to Noumea, New Caledonia, Christchurch, and South Taranak, New Zealand – <i>Pat Ghiglieri – Exchange Director.</i>



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy New Year to all!

What a great year we had in 2008. Exciting inbound exchanges with our Australia and San Diego ambassadors were enjoyed by all. And those that went on our exceptional outbound exchanges this year to India, Nepal and Romania once again learned the true meaning of belonging to "The Friendship Force". The year also included a very productive "World Friendship Day", along with many additional activities. They included numerous dinners, luncheons and our annual Oktoberfest and election of the 2009 board members. The new board was installed at our recent December luncheon.

2008 also saw 32 new members joining our nationally recognized Sacramento club. I am thrilled with our vibrant membership and the enthusiasm our new members are bringing to our club. We have also developed a very creative craft committee that has raised several hundred dollars. Thanks to all who so generously donated their time and talents making the numerous crafts, substantially increasing our annual fund raising.

The new year of 2009 promises to be just as exciting, with inbound exchanges coming from Germany and Dallas. Our outbound exchanges will be to San Diego and then to New Caledonia and New Zealand. Our Activity chair, Tom Flynn is also working on a variety of events for all club members, so if you have a suggestion for Tom, please let him know. Remember, your participation is what it's all about.

Madelene and I are presently in our home in Bozeman, Montana. We were in hopes of a "White Christmas" this year. With three feet of snow, along with minus temperatures - our wish was granted! It is so picturesque and peaceful here; however, we will be returning back to California on or before January 20th, just in time for the board meeting at our home on Jan 24th. *All members are invited, so be sure to RSVP.*

Thanks to all of you who have made 2008 so successful - lets all continue that enthusiasm into 2009!

In friendship, Jim

*****NOTICE*******IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2009
DUES, YOUR DUES ARE NOW OVERDUE**

Club dues are to be paid by January 1st each year. We start collection in October and this gives members plenty of time to pay before January. 1. Annual dues are \$35 for individual memberships and \$65 for family. These dues are for the period from January 1, 2009, to January 1, 2010.

If you have not already done so, please send your dues, to

The Friendship Force of Sacramento
P.O. Box 584
Roseville, CA 95661

If you have any questions send an email to Scott Matthews (ScottMattGB@att.net) or call him at 916-791-1626.

GERMAN INBOUND EXCHANGE MEETING

You are invited to attend the first planning meeting to prepare for our German Inbound Exchange, **Tuesday, January 13, at 10 AM.** The meeting will be in our home at 442 Windward Way, Sacramento. The inbound exchange will be with the German Vogtland Club, April 17 to 23, 2009.

We were on the Outbound Exchange with this region in the old East German area in 2007. We are excited for our club to have the opportunity to meet some of our new German friends. We were able to visit the beautiful city of Dresden and many other wonderful provincial sites as part of that exchange.

Thankfully, several of you already signed up at World Friendship Day to be hosts and helpers for this exchange. So please come and meet with us as we prepare for this happy event. Please contact us to tell us you are coming.

Glenn and Gwen Tilton, 916-393-6479

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

When our small group first met with our sewing machines and/or scissors – we started making dozens of “potato bags” and after expansion to many other items – we are proud to have contributed hundreds of dollars to our club helping support various exchange expenses.

It’s now time to plan for 2009 – and we need fresh new ideas.

Also, have you thought of having Knitting or Crochet lessons while having tea with your club friends?

I would like to schedule our first planning session the early part of February. This means – YOU – YOU – YOU – new members and long time members! Give me a call advising what February dates are good for you so we can kick-off 2009 with new ideas of what we can create.

Madelene English – 2009 Craft chairperson

Phone: **916-435-3662** – or Email: **madie@starstream.net**

WANT AD: WEB-MASTER NEEDED!

Do you have a creative imagination? Do you want to enjoy all phases of our high-profile club? Do you have some web-page knowledge?

Volunteer to continue our great website which displays our club’s numerous activities and incredible inbound and outbound exchanges.

The salary is in the six figures – 000000!

The health benefits are "having fun!"

The paid holidays are included in your six figures!

The retirement benefits are also included in the above!

IN THIS ECONOMY - YOU CANNOT BEAT THIS OFFER!!

Be one of the first five applying for this job and you will win a prize!!

Our club needs you!!!

Call Jim Hanson, President - 916-435-3662

Communications Update

With many Friendship Force meetings, parties, exchanges, and other important events coming up in 2009, it might be useful to help the membership understand how we go about informing everyone about all that is happening.

The Newsletter is a key method to learn about all that is in the works in the Friendship Force of Sacramento, so reading it monthly will be great way to stay on top of various events, exchanges, and meetings. It is useful to keep it for reference during the month. Our website is in process of being updated so please use it for ongoing information at

From time to time, the calling committee will be set in motion to 'phone members as a reminder about a particular event or to take reservations for a dinner, such as the recent Christmas Party. Please remember we are all volunteers so take a moment to pleasantly receive this information from the caller, or request to be called at a later time if, at that moment, it is not convenient. These calls are made to help us all. Thus take the time to give your caller the consideration she/he deserves and make a new connection along the way!

Happy New Year to all, and many thanks for the time given by the callers, writers, webmaster, and all our excellent communicators!

Lynn Meyer, Communications Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP

Some of our new members joining in 2008 were unable to attend our "Orientation and New Member Party" on November 8th. We are arranging a date, toward the end of January, for our first 2009 "Orientation" for those unable to attend in November and those joining since.

We continue to learn of many persons in our greater Sacramento area that have never heard of *The Friendship Force of Sacramento*. Do you belong to a community service club or organization that might be interested in having us provide them our history and the friendship benefits of belonging to our International Club? If so, note we are dedicated to "spreading the word" this year. We need your help. Give me a call:

Glendena Honeick, Membership Chair, (916) 989-2595
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Board Members			
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Of these ten directors, six are required to establish a quorum. The **elected officers** are President, Vice president, Secretary, and Treasurer. The “**Past President**” (Rose Phelan), is a Board Member. “**Standing Committees**” are **Activities** (Tom Flynn), **Communications** (Lynn Meyer), **Membership** (Glendena Honeick), **Publicity** (Arnie Garverick), and **Newsletter** (John Closs). Non-Voting Board members include **Exchange Directors** and **Community Resource Persons**. As to the Chairpersons of **Special Committees**, the President appoints with Board approval. These persons are Pat Ghiglieri (**Fund Raising**) and Dawn Beck (**Sunshine**).

FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

The deadline for submission of articles/events is **January 23rd**.

Please Send Submissions to

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Anyone interested in helping with the newsletter,
please contact John.