



# FRIENDSHIP FORCE NEWSLETTER

SANTA BARBARA JULY/AUGUST 2015

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all,

I really can't believe that I am writing this letter for the summer months of July and August. Time is slipping by so fast and the unfortunate thing is that none of us is getting any younger. So, the message is to live every day to the fullest and I believe that being a member of Friendship Force of Santa Barbara is one great way to do so.

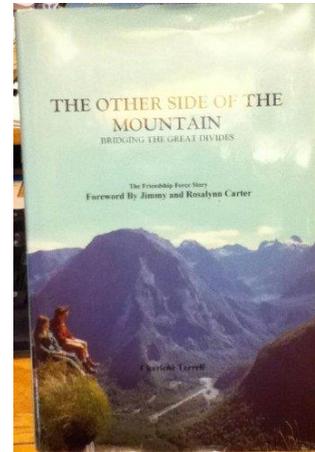
I have just finished reading a wonderful book entitled "The Other Side Of The Mountain" by Charlene Terrell. It is the story of Friendship Force from the beginnings in 1977 until 1997. I was amazed and proud of our organization as I read of its accomplishments and the obvious difference it has made in bringing peace to our world. It is true that we have an unbelievably long way to go but it is also true that each one of us can make a difference. A friend of mine said "if we add up the members of the 360 clubs across the world and the sum of its members, the impact of the one on one cultural understanding established by our exchanges is staggering". I recommend

reading "The Other Side of the Mountain" to give you a wonderful pride in what we are doing in Friendship Force.

You will read in this newsletter about the exchanges being planned for the upcoming months. We owe a special thank you to Paula Gregoire Jones who has stepped in for her mother, Barbara Gregoire, in the ED role for our incoming Taiwan exchange in August. She has done an amazing job and we do say Thank you, Paula.

As a side note we are happy to report that Barbara is doing well, finally has her new hip and probably is home from the rehab institute by the time you are reading this. We are so very grateful that she has had the incredible stamina to withstand this long ordeal.

The other exchanges in the offing are our outbound to central Virginia in October; inbound from Owensboro, Kentucky in November and the outbound international exchange to Brazil in 2016.



Please sign up for these exchanges at our business or program meetings in July.

Believe it or not it is not too early to be thinking about

your preferences for exchanges in 2017. We have received a timeline from FFI which includes inbound hosting availability with an August 15, 2015 deadline, and outbound exchange request starting September 1, 2015 and due by November 1, 2015. I will be circulating a preference form for your votes in accordance with these deadlines. We will receive the "It's a Match" news by January 15, 2016.

I am assuming that you all are enjoying the summer months and wishing safe travels for everyone. I also hope that most of you will be here to participate in the July meetings and Taiwan exchange in August. I am looking forward to seeing you then.

In Friendship, Barbara Rose

July 1, 2015

## July Program Meeting Features Art and Architecture Themed Exchange

Please join us at the Goleta Library at 7 p.m. on July 20 for a presentation by Ron and Sandy Hartley on "Art and Architecture" in Illinois and



Wisconsin. If you are unfamiliar with the concept of an international themed exchange this is your opportunity to find out



all about how these exchanges work. In this case clubs from Northern Illinois and Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin got together to select and feature the most interesting art and architecture in their areas.

Come find out where Ron Hartley's pictures portrayed here were taken. The ambassadors were from clubs all over the world. This is a great way to meet people from many nations as well as see the highlights of several cities. As always, friends are welcome and refreshments will be served



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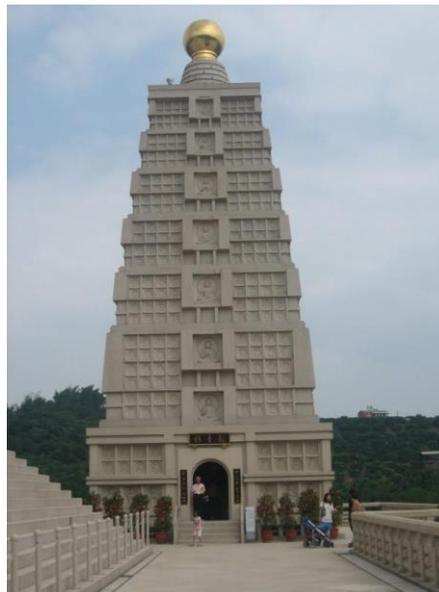
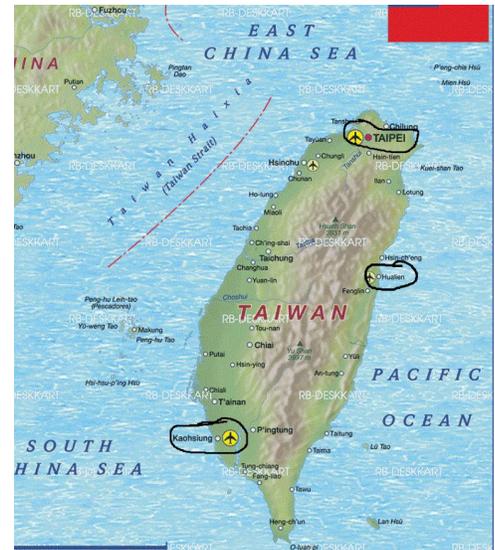
**Webmaster:** Paula Gregoire-Jones

**Welcome:** Agris and Elza Petersons

## Quick Facts about Kaohsiung, Taiwan

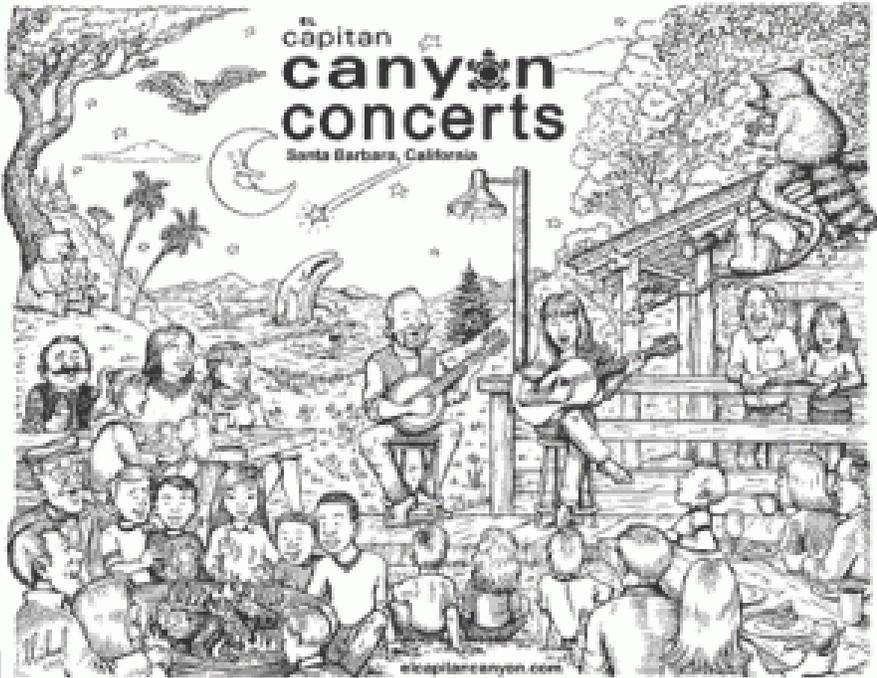
If you haven't been to this growing city in Taiwan, here's some info and pictures from our visit to Kaohsiung (it's at south-west end of Taiwan) in October 2012 before the ambassadors arrive in August:

- Population: almost 2,800,000
- Ethnic composition: mostly Han Chinese;
- Occupied at one time by the Dutch (1624)
- And the Japanese (1895-1945)
- Language: mainly Mandarin Chinese
- Economy: major international port and industrial city.
- Largest harbor in Taiwan
- Exports rice, sugar and fruits.
- Climate: tropical
- Special features: night markets, many museums and leisure parks
- Kaohsiung hosted the 2009 World Games.



## TAIWAN EXCHANGE FAREWELL DINNER AND MUSIC EL CAPITAN CANYON RESORT

Join us to say farewell to the ambassadors from Kaoshiung, Taiwan, a great way to spend a warm summer evening while enjoying good food and the company of your fellow FFSB members! BBQ Dinner is a chicken/ tri-tip dinner with all the fixings.



**El Capitan Canyon Resort**  
**Saturday, August 22, 2015**  
**at 4:30 pm**

**6:00 pm - 8 pm** BBQ Dinner  
service

**7:00 pm** Music begins

**Location:** off 101, about 18  
miles north of Santa  
Barbara. Carpooling is  
encouraged

**COST:** \$10 cash per person  
to enter the park, plus \$20  
per person if you want to

enjoy the delicious BBQ served (but you can bring your own food.)

**MUSIC:** Live music provided by the "The Mark Roberts" band. They will play rock 'n roll from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

**SIGN UP:** by **August 1**. No need to send money, but if you plan on joining us, please e-mail Paula Gregoire-Jones at [pgregoire-jones@verizon.net](mailto:pgregoire-jones@verizon.net) or Bonnie Johnson at [bonniehome@verizon.net](mailto:bonniehome@verizon.net) or signup on the Taiwan exchange signup sheet later in this newsletter (so we can reserve enough tables for the group).

**We would also like everyone to provide their own drinks- soft drinks/wine and snacks, but wine/beer and drinks are also available for sale at the Canyon market.**

**Kaohsiung, Taiwan Exchange Schedule August 17 to 23, 2015**

<p><b>August 17 Monday</b></p>	<p><b>1:00 pm</b> – Taiwan ambassadors arrive at Santa Barbara airport at 1pm (from Denver UA6192) –and will be met by their host at the SB airport  <b>5 pm-8 pm</b> - Welcome Dinner Social with SB Friendship Force                  Taco dinner buffet at Inna's clubhouse – members asked to bring a side dish</p>
<p><b>August 18 Tuesday</b></p>	<p><b>10 am Courthouse docent led tour</b>  <b>Box lunch at Courthouse provided</b>  <b>1:30 pm</b> Meet at Dolphin Fountain for 2pm Landshark tour of Santa Barbara  <b>3:30 pm</b> – pickup ambassadors at Dolphin Fountain                  Dinner with hosts</p>
<p><b>August 19 Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>8 am:</b> Meet Airbus at a location TBD for 3 hour trip to Hearst Castle  <b>10 am</b> Madonna Inn – ½ hour break  <b>11:30 pm</b> – Lunch on own at Hearst Castle                  Hearst Castle Grand Rooms tour  <b>3 pm</b> – Meet bus for trip back                  ½ hour stop at Pismo State Beach  <b>7:30 pm</b> – Pick up ambassadors at Airbus drop-off.                  Dinner with hosts</p>
<p><b>August 20 Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>9: 15 am</b> meet at Mission for a <b>9:30 am</b> self-guided Mission Tour                  Lunch on own &amp; carpool to Lotus land  <b>1-1:15 pm</b> Drop off ambassadors at Lotus Land – only parking for 5 cars.  <b>1:30 pm</b> Tour of Lotus land (with docent in Mandarin Chinese)  <b>5-6 pm</b> - Small Dinner parties</p>
<p><b>August 21 Friday</b></p>	<p><b>10 am</b> - Cold Spring Brunch - order off of menu.                  Free afternoon in Solvang/Santa Ynez/Los Olivos - Suggestions :  <i>Chumash Casino, Shopping in Solvang, Santa Ynez or Los Olivos</i>  <i>Wine tasting – Gainey Vineyard - 3950 East Highway 246 or other Winery</i>  <i>Quicksilver Ranch - Miniature Horses - 1555 Alamo Pintado Road</i></p> <p><b>Ambassadors take SB hosts to dinner</b></p>
<p><b>August 22 Saturday</b></p>	<p><b>Free time in morning</b> – Farmer's market and/or lunch- at Public Market  <b>1 pm – Tour Arlington theatre (tentatively)</b>                  Free time after to browse downtown                  Santa Barbara Museum of Art, SB Historical museum or Presidio  <b>5:00 pm</b> – Farewell BBQ Dinner &amp; concert at El Capitan Ranch (we will have a reserved location – more information earlier in this newsletter ).</p>
<p><b>August 23 Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>11:15 am</b> - Transport ambassadors to SB airport for 12:35 (UA5640) flight to Portland via San Francisco.</p>

**Scheduled Events  
For the Taiwan Exchange  
Reservation Form**

**Name(s) of person(s) attending:**

	# attending	Cost	Total
<b>Monday, August 17</b> Welcome dinner social at Inna Cooks clubhouse – Taco dinner, bring a side dish that serves 10 – <b>ask Paula what to bring</b>		\$10.00	
<b>Tuesday, April 18</b> Courthouse docent led tour Box Lunch at courthouse Landshark – limited to 25 people		No charge \$10 \$30	
<b>Wednesday, August 19</b> Trip to Hearst Castle – bus <i>limited to 23 people – ambassadors and hosts – but others may carpool there.</i>		\$25.00 for tour plus bus fee TBD	
<b>Thursday, August 20</b> Mission Self Tour Lotusland docent led tour in Mandarin Chinese– <i>may be 5 spaces available for hosts</i>		\$7 \$27	
<b>Friday, August 21</b> Cold Spring Tavern Brunch		\$20	
<b>Saturday, August 22</b> Farewell dinner at El Capitan Ranch Admission is \$10 per person Bring your own drinks/snacks. <i>BBQ dinner is \$20 or bring your own dinner.</i>	____ will purchase BBQ dinner at \$20  ____ will bring own dinner	Each pays at gate for admission and dinner (except for ambassadors/1 host)	
<b>Grand Total</b>			

**NOTE: The home hosts need to sign up for the Farewell dinner and *one* home host will be reimbursed for the BBQ dinner**

Please indicate number of members attending. Send the reservation form and your check made out to Friendship Force Santa Barbara to:

**Paula Gregoire-Jones, 5081 Oleander Place, Santa Barbara, Ca 93111**

**RESERVATIONS CLOSE Saturday, August 1 (except for Hearst Castle – July 20)**

## **Domestic and International Inbound and Outbound Exchanges in 2015 & beyond**

### **August 17 – 23**

**Inbound** Exchange from Taiwan, Paula Gregoire-Jones/Karolyn Hanna, EDs

### **August 27 - 31**

Friendship Force International 2015 World Conference  
Vancouver, British Columbia (waiting list only)

### **October 7-12**

**Outbound** Exchange to Charlottesville, Sandy Hartley, ED.

### **November 7-12**

**Inbound** Exchange from Owensboro, KY, Mary Orr and Mary Wolthausen, EDs.

**January 2016** – Inbound from Minneapolis, MN

**September 2016** – Outbound to Minneapolis, MN

**October? 2016** –Inbound from North Bay, Canada

**2016** – Outbound to Brazil (Belem and Fortaleza), Dick Falk and Sandy Hartley EDs

**2017** – Outbound to Sarasota, FL

### **Social Events , Planning and Program Meetings:**

#### **Social Events:**

#### **Saturday, August 22**

Enjoy a wonderful dinner, music and dancing at El Capitan along with the ambassadors from Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

#### **Planning Meeting:**

#### **Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 p.m.**

At the home of Dawn McGrew and Pat Wade, 106 San Rafael Ave.

#### **Program Meeting:**

#### **Monday, July 20, 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Goleta Public Library**

Ron Hartley presents Art and Architecture from an international themed exchange



### **Enjoy the Beautiful Fall Colors in Virginia**

Still Time to Sign Up for Central VA Exchange. ED Sandy Hartley says there are still a few spots left for the fall exchange to Central Virginia when the colors are the most beautiful. The exchange will be from October 7 - 12 in and around the Charlottesville area. Highlights will include a boat ride on Lake Monticello, the Frontier

Culture Museum on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Monticello and the Jefferson heritage, and the Heritage Festival in Luray. Cost is \$250 plus air fare.

Please contact Sandy Hartley for further information.

## Seaside Gardens Excursion

Our June social event was guaranteed to create thoughts of how to make our gardens beautiful as well as drought tolerant. Twenty-seven members (including one guest) toured the Seaside Gardens in Carpinteria, many for the first time. We were treated to eleven specially-created mini-gardens that reflected plants from around the world that thrive in our coastal environment. More than one member said they would be back to purchase a variety of succulents. Another noted that she would



be bringing her next out-of-town guests to this beautiful and educational venue. After an hour at the gardens, the group moved to the Best Western Hotel on Carpinteria Avenue for a chance to sample the early bird cocktails as well as enjoy some dinner. The service was, shall we say, leisurely, but that gave people time to mix and mingle and catch up on their

early summer activities. Thanks to Patricia Poilé for making the arrangements.



**Visit the Friendship Force Santa Barbara website:**

[www.friendshipforcesantabarbara.org](http://www.friendshipforcesantabarbara.org)

**We need past exchange pictures for the website.  
Please send your pictures to Paula Gregoire-Jones at  
[pgregoire-jones@verizon.net](mailto:pgregoire-jones@verizon.net).**

**Stay informed with the Friendship Force International website: [www.thefriendshipforce.org](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org)**



**Happy Birthday to:**

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|-----------|------------------|
| July 3    | Dave Inouye      |
| July 5    | Jack Orr         |
| July 7    | Inna Cook        |
| July 19   | Nancy Pierson    |
| July 21   | Roberta Lehtinen |
| July 25   | Francie Jewesson |
| July 26   | Joyce Falk       |
| August 13 | Mary Orr         |
| August 21 | Barbara Rose     |
| August 22 | Jane Haas        |
| August 28 | Will Billings    |

**A warm and heartfelt welcome is extended to our rejoining member**

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**Resignation of FFI CEO Joy DiBenedetto**

A letter on May 28 from Cecile Latour, Chair of the FFI Board of Directors, contained the surprise announcement that Joy DiBenedetto would be resigning as President/CEO of FFI after two years in the position. Latour praised Joy, saying that "never before have I met a person more dedicated to an organization, more connected to our mission of friendship, and more energized by the prospect to put FFI into the limelight." In addition he noted that she "wanted to make Friendship Force relevant to the next generation and to bring the organization into the modern world of online social interaction." To ease the transition Joyce will stay as CEO until October 30, 2015, a month after the International 2015 World Conference. In the meantime the Board will develop an executive transition plan to assess priorities. The Board is planning to approve the installation of a new website and data systems management over the September to February period. The e-membership initiative has been placed on hold, but the fill-the-seat policy and revised fees will go into effect in 2016 as planned.

