



FRIENDSHIP FORCE NEWSLETTER

SANTA BARBARA MAY/JUNE 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow travelers,

This is an especially busy time for some of us in the club. We are excited to be preparing for the Western Regional Presidents conference, May 19-21. Hosting this meeting is similar to having a mini exchange. You have received the email information inviting you to the two dinners planned. Our members have offered 14 homes to accommodate the guest members attending the conference. Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help.

We still need a few kind people to assist with the set-up and clean-up for the second night at the Jewesson's clubhouse. The home hosts will be busy transporting their guests, so we need a few extra hands.

Our upcoming inbound Journey from Tuxtla-Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico, will be July 23-30. Karolyn Hanna and her committee will provide details as

they develop. This has been a difficult connection to make, but hosting our Mexican Friends will be fun and stimulating.

Twenty-two of us are going on the Journey to Japan in October. Barbara Rose is busy keeping us in line with the paperwork needed. Our next outbound Journey will be to Australia in March 2018—the planning should begin very shortly. I'm asking that we select an outbound Ambassador Coordinator now. Please email me if you are interested. Also needed soon is a Host Coordinator for the incoming Sweden Journey in September 2018. I feel that we were really lucky to get both of these countries for our assignments for next year.

I would like to remind everyone to make sure they are on the FFI email list. If you have not been receiving information



RICKEY IN JAPAN LAST YEAR

from FFI, please go to their website (friendshipforce.org) and sign up at the bottom of the opening page. There are an amazing number of opportunities for cultural journeys, both domestic and international.

We're always in need of fresh ideas for places to take our Ambassadors, for programs, and for our socials and other events. Please email me with your thoughts.

In Friendship,
Rickey Farbman

REMEMBERING A LONGTIME FRIEND

Silvio Di Loreto



You may remember Silvio Di Loreto (d. March 17, 2017) for his delight in bringing treats to our program meetings. After all, he was a renowned chef who had a cooking show on local TV and taught cooking in Adult Education.

You might remember Silvio's great sense of humor as when he won the best costume award with Mary MacDonald at the FFSB President's Day social in February 2012 (pictured above). Or you may remember him at our program meeting on Direct Relief, one of the most outstanding of the many charitable organizations he supported.

You may have encountered him in connection with one of his numerous activities contributing to the Santa Barbara community, beginning with his "People Helping People" Sunset Realtors Company and including, among many more, his service to the Chamber of Commerce, Santa Barbara City College, Hillside House, Marjorie Luke Theatre, Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, and Alpha Resource Center.

No memorial service was held because Silvio felt that his 90th birthday party was the appropriate celebration. See a fuller appreciation of his many accomplishments in the article by Erin Graffy in the Santa Barbara News-Press, Sunday, March 26, 2017.

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Global Wine and Food Exchange in Ontario, Canada

By Terry and Stan Scrivener



Stan and I and Carol and Peter Nichols joined the Global Wine and Food Exchange, September 27 to October 4, 2016, in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. This exchange was particularly appealing as Stan had always wanted to visit Niagara Falls and we both enjoy fine food and wine. Furthermore, Carol's experience as a gourmet cook and hostess and Peter's background as a winemaker and grower of exotic fruits made them a perfect fit as ambassadors from Friendship Force Santa Barbara.

In St. Catharines the Armbrusts hosted the Nichols and we were hosted by Marilyn Weber and Mort Sider, frequent Friendship Force world travelers. Mort's email address, mortfromport@..., led Stan to think he was a connoisseur of port, so he brought them a bottle of Ficklin Port from Madera, California (our home for 40 years). It turned out Mort is from a lakeside town by the name of Port Dalhousie. Mort and Marilyn have been meeting friends every week for thirty years at Murphy's Restaurant, but unfortunately, Murphy's was shuttered in October when we were there.



During our visit we were treated to special meals and wine tasting at restaurants, wineries, and FF Niagara members' homes. Our welcome dinner, arranged by wonderful Elaine Duffy, was at Grand Oak in Lincoln. Grapes for delicious ice wines are grown and produced in this temperate climate. We tasted wines and cheeses at Thirty Bench Winery and visited Twincrest Holsteins, a robotic dairy where cows walk themselves to the milking machines; even the barns are automatically scraped and washed.



We enjoyed a boat ride in Niagara Falls, the Welland Canal and Museum, a five-cent carousel ride in Lakeside Park, and organic farms that raised and sold flowers, fruits, jams, eggs, and meats. All in all this was a fantastic and fun exchange during which we tried new foods and wines and made new friends and happy memories.



Domestic and International Inbound and Outbound Journeys in 2017 & beyond

May 2017 – Regional Meeting of Club Presidents in SB, Rickey Farbman, Host Coordinator (HC)

July 23-30, 2017 – Inbound from Tuxtla-Gutiérrez, Mexico, Karolyn Hanna, HC, 8 Home Hosts needed.

November 2017 - Outbound to Kumamoto and Ehime Japan, Barbara Rose, Ambassador Coordinator (AC)

Outbound Domestic Journey – Stay tuned for details

March 2018- Outbound to Blue Mountains and Mount Baker, Australia, AC needed

September 2018 – Inbound from Heisenborg, Sweden , HC needed

International Conference Dates:

August 25-27, 2017 -40th World Conference, Manchester, England

Planning and Program Meetings, Social Events:

Planning Meeting:

Monday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.

Join us at the home of Barbara and John Rose, 6813 Silkberry Lane, Goleta

Program Meeting:

Goleta Public Library

Monday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.

World Dance for Humanity by Janet Reineck

Social Events:

Tea Party

June 25, 2-4 pm at the Gillies clubhouse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuxtla-Gutierrez, MEXICO incoming journey (exchange)

July 23-30 is the date for our incoming ambassadors from Tuxtla-Gutierrez (Chiapas) Mexico. We are expecting seven couples and one single person, so we will need eight home hosts. Karolyn is looking for a second club to host the group for one week, as well as exploring possibilities in Los Angeles. As more details are available, Karolyn will send information and requests for hosts.

JUNE SOCIAL - Save the Date

FFSB is planning a Tea Party for Sunday, June 25, 2-4 pm, at Gail and Don Gillies' clubhouse. Description (is it a Mad Hatter's tea party, per chance?) and cost will be forthcoming shortly, but we know the party will be fun, so mark your calendars and look for details from Karolyn!

DISCOVERING "VISTAS"

If you missed our March program meeting, you missed a lively presentation by Ted Anagnoson, president of Vistas Lifelong Learning. We were treated not only to an introduction to Vistas but also to a fascinating, if troubling, review of the political turmoil in Democratic Republic of Congo.

Vistas is a self-governing, peer-led discussion group whose members present courses for continued learning in science, public policy, history, art, literature, philosophy, cinema, and other areas—everything from the Ottoman Empire to Lewis Carroll, to the history of the symphony orchestra, to films on politics and social issues. Coming up is a course on three countries of Sub-Saharan Africa. See

www.vistaslifelonglearning.org for details.

New Member Biographies

Meet Lisa Kelly and Marc Osborn



Lisa and Marc met five years ago on Match.com and on March 11th, 2017, were married in their garden in Goleta. Lisa is a psychologist and has worked as

an integrative healer, a college professor, and a life coach. She grew up in Minnesota and moved to Santa Barbara in 2012. Marc was raised in New Jersey but has lived in Goleta for 27 years. He recently retired from his position as a mechanical engineer at Flir. He currently pursues his hobbies of cooking, gardening, inventing things, and flying airplanes.

Lisa has two grown children, and together, Marc and Lisa sponsor eight children in need, five of whom live in an orphanage in Nepal and three who live in Guatemala. They love to travel to serve and to meet people from other cultures. Marc has been to Nepal ten times to visit his sponsored children and has cultivated a deep and loving relationship with each one of them. Both Lisa and Marc have traveled together to Nepal and Guatemala to foster their relationships with their sponsored children and to provide assistance to their families and the institutions that serve them.

Marc and Lisa love traveling (in case you haven't guessed!). In the past five years they have traveled around the world visiting Turkey, Greece, Peru, Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Alaska, Patagonia, Argentina, New Zealand, Fiji, Guatemala, Nepal, Thailand, Bhutan, and the West Coast of the United States. They have visited more than fifty countries and have met many fascinating people. They look forward to continuing their adventures with Friendship Force!



Welcome to Diane Galvan and Larry Disharoon

Diane Galvan is a California girl, raised in the small town of Fillmore in Ventura County. Studies for her career as a clinical laboratory scientist brought her to Santa Barbara where she has remained ever since. She and her husband Larry Disharoon first met while both were employed at Cottage Hospital, where Larry was a pathologist assistant for 25 years. Larry hails from St. Louis, Missouri; he relocated to Southern California with his parents in 1956.

Diane and Larry are now retired. She is an active Master Gardener, a California Naturalist, and a volunteer in the retail nursery business. She also serves on several committees at Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and is smitten by all things tea. Larry is passionate about his docent work for various local organizations, and enjoys his hobby in art glass projects. Both enjoy travel, and try to make time to enjoy the music, art, and general enrichment opportunities available in this lovely town. They are the doting caretakers of their dachshund Alfie.



Winston-Salem

A Unique Arts and Culture Journey to North Carolina

For a week of art, theater, music, and museums, join the Friendship International journey to the City of Arts, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (July 31-August 7). Events include a performance at the National Black Theatre Festival; the museum of Southern decorative arts and museum of traditional pottery; the Old Salem living museum of colonial heritage; the historic house museum of American art; and a concert at the Blue Ridge Music Center. To take advantage of the trip back East, you might consider adding on a side trip to Asheville (see the article in National Geographic Traveler, April/May 2017). For more enticement, look up the description on the FFI website. Coordinator of the journey is Judy Greene, ArtsWSFFCNC@gmail.com

Visit the Friendship Force Santa Barbara website:

www.friendshipforcesantabarbara.org

Stay informed with the Friendship Force International website:

www.thefriendshipforce.org



Happy Birthday to:

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| May 2 | Jill Wilk |
| May 3 | Dick Falk |
| May 7 | Pat Wade |
| May 17 | Jo Magistad |
| May 24 | Diane Galvin |
| June 4 | Rickey Farbman |
| June 5 | Diane Siegman |
| June 9 | Harv Turner |
| June 27 | Anne Gray |

News from International

*"Experience Different Views
Discover Common Ground"*

Reminder of our new FFI terminology:

Journey is what we now call our travel and hosting programs (instead of Exchange).

Ambassador Coordinator (AC) is the term for the person who manages the outgoing journey (formerly Exchange Director)

Host Coordinator (HC) is the name for the person who manages the incoming journey.