



FRIENDSHIP FORCE NEWSLETTER

SANTA BARBARA MAY/JUNE 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Spring is in the air!

It's official: Friendship Force Santa Barbara is now officially registered as an Unincorporated Nonprofit Association (UNA). We have also received an Employer Identification Number (EIN) to meet the bank requirements. These new statuses change nothing about our FFSB club's activities. As I mentioned in last month's message, Treasurer David Jones put a tremendous amount of time and effort into obtaining these designations. We finally have two official club bank accounts and we have zoomed into the 21st century with on-line banking.

2019 is going to be a fantastic and busy time, with so many in-bound and out-bound journey opportunities. See the listing of the two 2018 in-bound journeys (Sweden in September and Milwaukee in November) later in this newsletter. Likewise, see our international journeys for 2019: Moscow, Russia, in-bound in March; Western Canada, 3 clubs, out-bound in Spring; and Tuxtla-

Gutierrez, Mexico, out-bound, date to be arranged to avoid conflict with the newly announced Connecticut journey. We received an invitation from the Hartford Connecticut Club for an October 2019 out-bound journey. After receiving immediate interest from our club members, we have accepted, and FFI has formally confirmed, that journey.

Since we have no domestic out-bound journeys scheduled for this year, please take advantage of domestic journeys that other clubs are trying to fill or ones announced by FFI. You should be receiving emails from FFI regarding travel opportunities every month. Joining another club on a journey can be a unique opportunity to make even more new friends.

The Super Regional Friendship Force Conference is around the corner, May 3 – 5. Anne Gray, our secretary, will be attending and representing our club. We look forward to hearing her report on "Citizens of a Global Community," which is the conference theme,



and on the keynote speaker from World Relief, Sacramento.

On April 14, nearly 30 of our members met at Moby Dick Restaurant for fellowship and good food following an afternoon movie. Jan Inouye and Barbara Rose organized this April social and report on it later in this newsletter.

Mark your calendars for May 14 and 21 for our planning and program meetings.

Looking forward to up-coming shared experiences, more service opportunities and deepening friendships with FFSB!

In Friendship,

Linda Sadie Williams

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

FFSB's April social evening combined a movie and a post-show dinner on the Stearns Wharf. Those attending chose between two films at the same theater shown at about the same time: "I Can Only Imagine" and "The Miracle Season." Both movies were based on true stories and had positive messages. Both were touching and inspirational and had a "feel good" ending.



On this warm and balmy evening, 28 FFSBers enjoyed a delicious seafood dinner at Moby Dick restaurant on the wharf along with camaraderie, conversation, and laughter against the backdrop of a spectacular sunset.

Thank you to Jan Inouye and Barbara Rose for organizing this event.



DIANE GALVAN IN THE HEADLINES

FFSB member and Master Gardener Diane Galvan is featured in a two-page spread in the Santa Barbara News-Press of Saturday, April 21. She tells that about ten years ago she and husband Larry Disharoon stopped watering the grass on their 1/3-acre lot and, with professional help, planned a low-maintenance, low-water landscape populated with a variety of trees, shrubs, and succulents. As a volunteer at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden native plant nursery Diane learned about California native plants and became convinced that they were the right plants for her own garden. She describes how she has added numerous colorful natives, including ones from the Botanic Garden and Lotusland.

2018 Governing Board of the Friendship Force of Santa Barbara

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Webmaster: Paula Gregoire-Jones

Welcome: Agris and Elza Petersons

Domestic and International Inbound and Outbound Exchanges in 2018 & beyond

September 18-25, 2018 – Inbound from Heisenborg, Sweden ,
Rickey Farbman, Lehtinens and Terry Scrivner (HCs)

November 8-15, 2018 – Inbound from Milwaukee, WI, *Karolyn Hanna and Mary Wolthausen, HCs*

March 2019 – Inbound from Moscow, Russia, *HC needed*

Spring 2019 –Outbound with FFLA to British Columbia, Metro Vancouver, and Victoria, Canada, *Sandy Hartley (AC)*

October 2019 – Outbound to Hartford, CT, *AC needed*

Late 2019 - Outbound to Tuxla-Gutierrez, Mexico, *AC needed*

2019 FFI World Conference

July 23-27, 2019 , Boulder, CO



Planning and Program Meetings, Social Events:

Planning Meeting:

Monday, May 14, 7:00 p.m.

Join us at the home Barbara Gregoire, 5001 Sungate Ranch Road, SB.

Program Meeting:

Goleta Public Library

Monday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.

Are you prepared for the next Disaster? presented by a member of the Red Cross

Social Events:

June - TBD



FFI SEEKS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Friendship Force International is looking for persons with the vision, passion, and skills to help build the future of Friendship Force. The Nominations Committee of FFI invites nomination, by May 20, 2018, for new directors to serve on the FFI Board. The new Board members will be elected to a four-year term, beginning January 2019.

Nominees for the FFI Board of Directors should have a strong commitment to the Friendship Force mission and goals, as well as leadership skills and the ability to think strategically. English is the working language of the Board.

The Nominations Committee is specifically seeking nominees who have a network of connections and/or expertise in fundraising, accounting, non-profit management, marketing and communications, or technology.

You may nominate yourself or someone else. To submit a nomination, by May 20, see <https://friendshipforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018-call-for-FFI-board-of-directors-nominations-1.pdf> or email board nominations@friendshipforce.org.

RETURN TRIP TO WONDERFUL JAPAN



For our program meeting on March 19, Paula Gregoire-Jones and the Japan ambassadors treated us to a delightful visual tour of our members' Journey to Japan last October 29 to November 16.

See Dave Jones' written report in the FFSB January-February

newsletter of the group's visits to Kumamoto, Ehime-Matsuyama, Hiroshima, Kyoto, and Tokyo, with descriptions of visits to museums and views of fields and mountains, volcanos, towering bamboo forests, a tea ceremony, dozens of dolphins, and much more.

ART, SCENERY, AND FABULOUS TRAINS



All in one Journey, view the stunningly beautiful landscape of Switzerland, visit outstanding art museums, and enjoy riding on Switzerland's superb railway system, October 17-26.

Swiss hosts in Zurich (3 nights) and Solothurn (4 nights) will lead the group of international art enthusiasts to visit the country's several museums, including ones in Bern, Luzern, Zurich, and Aarau, with an emphasis on modern art of the twentieth

century. The Ambassadors (maximum of 12) will spend part of each day on the program with the whole group then have various options for the rest of the day, including going off on one's own.

Travel within Switzerland will be on the comfortable and efficient Swiss rail system, for which you will have an unlimited ticket each day, and which will afford ample views of the Swiss landscape. The train ticket can be extended for a week before or after the Journey.

For more enticements, go to friendshipforce.org/journeys/art-and-train-in-Switzerland.

BREAKING NEWS FROM FFI

FFI has just announced new dates and location for the 2019 World Conference. Mark your calendar for July 23-27, 2019, and get ready to go to Boulder, Colorado. Unfortunately the impact of the hurricane on Puerto Rico necessitated the change in location, but we are excited about the opportunity for Santa Barbara FF members to attend the World Conference in nearby Colorado.

Member Biographies

Welcome David Briggs

Our new member David Briggs, husband of FFSB Secretary Anne Gray, is an avid sports enthusiast. He sent the following biographical sketch while sailing on his boat in Florida—with a few clarifications added by Anne.

I was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and came to California in the 1960s. I am now a 70-year-old retiree who worked for more than thirty years primarily in the disability field before retiring in 2012. I worked for eighteen years at the Independent Living Resource Center in Santa Barbara helping disabled people remain in their homes.

I counseled consumers, taught independent living skills, provided transportation in an adapted van, did attendant and housing referral, delivered Food Bank packages each month, and did personal and system advocacy. I worked the last twelve-and-a-half years for the California Department of Rehabilitation, initially in Santa Maria, and then in Santa Barbara, assisting persons with disabilities, including helping clients with mental illness get employment.



I enjoy surfing, sailing, snorkeling, swimming, bike riding, movies, reading, fishing, bird watching, softball, camping, following the Green Bay Packers and the Baltimore Orioles. I have been a Packers fan since 1961 and go to the Packers' Lambeau Field Stadium almost every year. I just attended my 33rd Santa Barbara Film Festival.

My wife, Anne, and I have been together for twenty-two years. We have four children and six grandchildren, with whom we always enjoy spending time. I love to travel with Anne. In addition to going to our place in Kona, Hawaii, we have also traveled in Mexico, the Caribbean, and extensively in the U.S.



ANOTHER CHANCE FOR AN ARIZONA JOURNEY!

If you have not yet visited the Hopi, Navajo, Pima, and Maricopa reservations of northern Arizona – or want to refresh your memories – here is an opportunity to experience the environment and cultural traditions of these people of the American Southwest with native guides and local Friendship Force members.

Ambassadors, hosted by Friendship Force of Central Arizona (Phoenix area), will learn about the rich culture of these Native Americans through demonstrations (basketry, jewelry, weaving, pottery), ceremonies, personal meetings with natives, and tours to ancient ruins as well as modern communities. You will be able to compare the Spanish role in conquering the Southwest with our own Santa Barbara presidio and mission experience. Highlights of the Journey also include the John Ford/John Wayne Museum of Westerns made in Monument Valley, the Code Talkers Museum, and the Harvey Girl tours.

For more information on this fascinating immersion in the history of the Southwest, go to the Journeys section of the FFI web page, www.friendshipforce.org and choose “A Walk through History.” For information on adding a Grand Canyon tour, see the separate www.southwesttours.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 3 | Dick Falk |
| May 7 | Pat Wade |
| May 17 | Jo Magistad |
| May 24 | Diane Galvan |
| June 4 | Rickey Farbman |
| June 5 | Diane Siegman |
| June 9 | Harv Turner |
| June 27 | Anne Gray |