



# FRIENDSHIP FORCE NEWSLETTER

SANTA BARBARA NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Australia!

I'm writing this President's Letter from Australia! This is my first international Friendship Force journey, and it's been a great experience. Our first stop was Brisbane, a city of three million people and a tropical climate rather similar to Santa Barbara. We arrived just as the rains stopped, which allowed for lovely warm and even hot days. We were graciously welcomed with Australian morning tea and then Australian meat pies for lunch. We are now in the Blue Mountains, very lovely with large areas of "the Bush," as the Aussies say. We have enjoyed amazing sights of birds and fantastic spring flowers everywhere, along with long walks in botanic gardens and preserves. And, of course, we have been seeing kangaroos and wallabies! Both the Friendship Force clubs have been very welcoming and friendly. Now, if only I could understand their Aussie English!

Thanks to Roberta and George Lehtinen, Terry Scrivner, and Pam Vestal for organizing our

September hosting of Sweden's Friendship Force club. The Swedish ambassadors have indicated that they would like us to come visit them! (See story elsewhere in this newsletter.)

In early November our club will welcome a large group of Friendship Force members from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin club. Journey Coordinators Karolyn Hanna and Mary Wolthausen have put together a busy program for them. We cannot have a successful inbound group experience without the help and kindness of so many of you. So, thank you in advance!

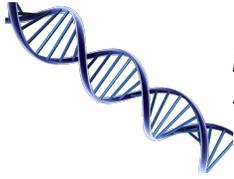
Speaking of journeys, we are hosting the Moscow club in late March 2019, as assigned by FFI. So far, we do not have Journey Coordinator(s) for the Moscow visit, despite several calls to our club members. The Moscow club will travel to San Diego immediately after their Santa Barbara stay and the San Diego Journey Coordinator is anxious to begin communication with our JC. Please consider supporting our club's commitment to this



incoming international journey by serving as a JC or part of a JC team. Two or more people working together as the JC makes the planning and organizing enjoyable and not too time consuming.

Upon my return, the board and I will compile the final tally of our International journey requests for 2020. If you have not yet voted, please send your three top choices to me by November 4th. But please vote only if you plan to travel internationally with FFSB in 2020.

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## MYSTERIES AND SECRETS REVEALED

At our September program meeting Bill and Bonnie Dutton led a lively discussion of members' ancestry, countries of origin, and assumed ethnicity. Each member of the audience gave their name, told the countries they or their parents were from, and related an anecdote about their family history. Bonnie kept track of the countries on a poster board while Bill stuck a pin for each country on a map of the world. In the tally of the countries claimed by participants Ireland, England, and Germany were almost tied; runners-up were Scotland and Poland.

The country of origin of one's grandparents does not necessarily indicate one's actual ethnic ancestry. For example, Prussia was for centuries part of

the German states but after WWII was given to Poland. So, if you are from Prussia, are you German or Polish? Likewise, because for many years Finland was part of Sweden, even if you are from Finland and consider yourself Finnish through and through, you might actually be Swedish. Only the DNA will tell!

Interesting stories were told about how ancestors had managed to get through Ellis Island scrutiny, how names were changed, sometimes to comical effect, and how DNA searches revealed hitherto unacknowledged children, professions, or other family secrets.

In addition to the stories of participants, Bill explained the features of the online database, Ancestry.com, and Anne Gray reviewed the multitude of resources and services of the Santa Barbara Genealogy Society.

### **2018 Governing Board of the Friendship Force of Santa Barbara**

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*Sandy Hartley (AC), British Columbia,  
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## ***Domestic and International Inbound and Outbound Exchanges in 2019 & beyond***

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

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

**October 2019** – Outbound to Hartford, CT, Anne Gray and Barbara Rose (ACs)

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

**September 2020**, Outbound to Sarasota, FL, AC needed  
**2020** – Outbound to Tucson, AZ, AC needed

### **2019 FFI World Conference**

July 23-27, 2019 Boulder, CO

### **WHERE ARE WE GOING IN 2020?**

Santa Barbara Friendship Force members who plan to travel with FF in 2020 have until November 4<sup>th</sup> to vote on their three preferences of countries to visit. Results of the tabulation of first, second, and third choices will be announced shortly after.

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

### **Planning Meeting:**

**Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.**

Join us at the home of Anne and David Gray 7834 Day Dr. Goleta 93117

### **Program Meeting:**

**Goleta Public Library**

**Monday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.**

Readying Your Home For Future Needs presented by Linda Williams.

**See article later in this newsletter for more information.**

### **Social Events:**

**Sunday, December 9.**

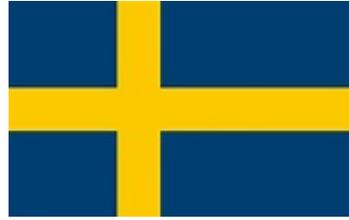
Annual holiday party at Mulligan's

**See article later in this newsletter for more information.**

## **NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL**

A comprehensive report on the state of Friendship Force International is available in the 2017 Annual Report. The standard sections include the report from the Board of Directors, the 2017 Financial Report and 40th Anniversary Campaign, and a letter from CEO Jeremy Snook (in several languages!). Other useful or interesting sections are: a complete list of clubs and a chart listing the clubs that celebrated anniversaries in 2017, for example, Billings, Montana, and Des Moines, Iowa, both reached their 40-year milestones; FFI accomplishments during the year; and a report on the 40th Anniversary celebrations.

For the complete report go to [friendshipforce.org](http://friendshipforce.org); under Who We Are select News and Media; then scroll to Presenting the 2017 Annual Report.



## FARVÄL, VIKINGS

We bid farewell to our sixteen Ambassadors from the Helsingborg, Sweden, Friendship Force club at a



sumptuous potluck dinner at the Rancho Santa Barbara Clubhouse (courtesy of Mary Wolthausen). The FFSB members continue to outdo each other with their array of delicious dishes! The food and drink were enjoyed against a background of popular, folk, and country western music by the Americana Cats combo.

Ambassadors were presented with the Journey program booklet and a special insert on Carpinteria (by George Lehtinen), which complemented the “Carpinteria Day” of Seaside Gardens, Westerly Orchids farm, and Carol and Peter Nichols' exotic fruit ranch. At the fruit ranch they learned about the growing of the fruits and had a taste of some of them—as well as hearing about the Nichols' harrowing experiences during the Thomas fire. The day was topped off with a wildly festive and happy “Happy Hour” at the home of Terry and Stan Scrivner.



One of the highlights of the visit—and a new experience for FFSB members—was the chocolate tasting event at Chocolats du CaliBressan in downtown Santa Barbara. There visitors indulged in some of the delicious chocolate candies followed by a bit of gelato. A video showed the making of chocolate and the owner/host demonstrated decorating the chocolates.



Activities most enjoyed by our Swedish Ambassadors included the Farmers' Market, the Courthouse, and the trolley tour, which made a special detour into the mudflow area above Coast Village Road. Ambassadors were impressed with the work of the Santa Barbara based Direct Relief organization and, as their club gift to FFSB, made a donation to Direct Relief.

## PROGRAM MEETING NOVEMBER 19: READYING YOUR HOME FOR FUTURE NEEDS

President Linda Williams will share with us her passion for helping others know how to plan and execute changes to their homes to make them safe and livable in the future. Her presentation will include bathroom design for safety and beauty, kitchen design for accessibility and style, and overall considerations for the home as one "ages in place." Linda has fifteen years' experience designing kitchen, bathroom, and general home remodels for comfortable, safe, and attractive living for owners who want to remain in their homes long term. We look forward to a very instructive meeting!



### COME YE, COME YE !

**All ye joyful souls to the FFSB holiday party!** 

Join your fellow holiday revelers at Mulligans Café (3500 McCaw Ave., Santa Barbara), Sunday, December 9.

Merrymakers will assemble at 6:00 pm to enjoy libations at the no host bar and partake of savory bruschetta and meatball appetizers. Festivities will then continue with a sumptuous dinner of roast prime rib or salmon with lemon cream sauce,

accompanied by a delightful garden salad and jolly vegetables, all to be topped off with delicious dessert pies.

Lively holiday elves will help conduct a white elephant gift exchange – so be sure to bring your funny, fanciful, useful-or-not, cherished or unloved, beautiful or not-so-pretty, no-longer-wanted white elephant.

And don't forget to wear your colorful, gaudy, goofy, or gorgeous holiday sweater. The elves (or one of their spirited leaders) will award an appropriate prize for the zaniest sweater!

No time to tarry! Get your reservation in by Nov. 25! Make check for \$35 per person payable to FFSB and mail to Treasurer David Jones (5081 Oleander Place, Santa Barbara 93111) or give to him or Anne Gray at the November program meeting. For questions, call Anne at 805-403-4454.





### **FROM CITIES TO MOUNTAINS TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS**

Become acquainted with Colombian culture during a homestay in Bogotá April 26 to May 11, 2019, hosted by the Friendship Force Club of Bogotá. Highlights of the Journey include an introduction to native dances (and a chance to practice them!), a tour of the unique underground salt cathedral, a visit to a rose farm high in the Andes mountains (enjoy the aromas!), and panoramas of gorgeous mountains and valleys. In Ecuador ambassadors will tour the old city of Quito and the famous Indian handicraft market in Otavalo. From mainland Ecuador the Journey goes to the Galapagos Islands for viewing wildlife (yes, including the turtles!) and snorkeling with sea lions and fish. A post-Journey option of a four-day encounter to the Amazon is available. For a detailed description and itinerary, see the FFI Journey catalog online.



### **WONDERLAND OF NATURAL FORMATIONS**

**April 28 to May 10, 2019**

See the incredible natural formations of Utah's national parks: magnificent natural arches, breathtaking canyons, stunning palettes of color, and the dinosaur footprints and petroglyphs from past civilizations. While enjoying the home hospitality provided by the FF Club of Utah, learn about the history of this area, including Native American petroglyphs and the pioneer heritage as well as the geography and geology of this fascinating area. Additional excursions during free time are also available. See the FFI Journey catalog for details.



**DRAFT** Schedule for  
Friendship Force Journey from FFMKE  
- Milwaukee, WI to  
FFSB-Santa Barbara, CA  
November 8-15, 2018

**Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> - Ambassadors Arrive Santa Barbara;**

5:30 p.m. Welcome Dinner at home of Karolyn Hanna. (Limited to ambassadors and home hosts.)

**Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> - Overview of Santa Barbara:**

9:15 a.m. 2 Hour Santa Barbara Trolley Tour (\$15 pp)

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch - place to be determined (Cost est \$15 pp)

2:00 p.m. Tour of Santa Barbara Court House (Cost \$5 pp)

3:30 p.m. Chocolate Tasting at Chocolats du Cali Bressan (1100 State St.) (Cost \$4 pp)

6:00 p.m. Small Dinner Parties for Group A; other ambassadors will dine with their hosts

**Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> - Trip to Reagan Library (Simi Valley)**

8:30 - Meet at location TBD for trip to Simi Valley (Cost est \$40-45 pp tickets)

Tour Special Pompeii Exhibit and Reagan Library Exhibits

Lunch on own @ Reagan Library Cafe

Return to SB approximately 6 p.m.

**Schedule for Ambassadors Not going to Reagan Library**

10 a.m. Visit Downtown Santa Barbara Farmers Market

12:00 - 1:30 Veteran's Day Parade (begins State & Sola St)

Lunch on own either in Santa Barbara or in Carpinteria

Afternoon Activities: Visit Westerlay Orchid Co. (3504 Via Real, Carpinteria, CA)

&/or weather permitting, Seaside Gardens (3700 Via Real, Carpinteria, CA); Tour

Downtown Carpinteria: Consider a walk on the Beach (weather permitting); visit

either Island View Brewery or Rincon Brewery

Dinner with Home Hosts

Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> -

Attend Church in a.m. (if desired) SB Mission (Mass @ 9:00 & 11:00) or attend services with hosts

No Host Lunch -

Consider lunch on the Wharf or at the Harbor @ Stearns Wharf; Longboards or Char West at the Harbor; Fish Tacos at "On the Alley"; Clam Chowder @ Brophy's; or Sushi @ Sushi Gogo @ 119 Harbor Way Suite B )

1:30 p.m. Tour Santa Barbara Maritime Museum (113 Harbor Way, Suite 190) \$5 pp

2:30 - 3:30p.m. SB Art Walk on Cabrillo Blvd

4:00 Optional Tour of SBBC Campus & Environmental Sciences Garden

Evening: dinner with Host Families

Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> - Goleta Day

9:30 a.m. Tour Stow House & Stow Park Gardens (Cost \$5 pp) time is tentative

11:30 a.m. Lunch at Rusty's Pizza (5934 Calle Real, Goleta) (Cost \$9 pp)

1:30 Tour of Direct Relief

6:00 Group B - Small dinner parties or Dinner with Home Hosts

Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> - Santa Ynez Valley Day

10:15 a.m. Arrive at Cold Springs Tavern for Hosted Lunch @ 10:30 (Cost est. \$15-18 pp)

12:00 -2:00 p.m. Tour Solvang, Los Olivos &/or Santa Ynez with Host or Day Host

2:15 Arrive Fess Parker Winery 6200 Foxen Canyon Rd. for 2:30 group wine tasting. (\$15pp)

Evening: Ambassadors Take Home Hosts to dinner

Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> - Santa Barbara

9:45 a.m. Granada Theatre Tour (1214 State St.) for 10 a.m. tour.

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Self Guided Tour of Santa Barbara Mission (\$7)

5:30 Farewell Dinner at Rancho Santa Barbara Club House (333 Old Mill Road, Santa Barbara, CA) (Cost \$24 pp - includes appetizers (chips w guacamole & salsa), beverages (wine, beer & margaritas) Tri tip, salad, rice, beans, tortillas and dessert plus decorations, table settings, etc.)

The reservation forms and checks are due November 3rd. See the email to FFSB members October 18th from friendshipforcesb@gmail.com for details.



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Our November planning meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 6. The Board will be introducing some meeting guidelines aimed at smooth and productive business meetings for discussion. As always, everyone is welcome.

We truly are part of a fantastic organization that allows us the opportunity to make friends all around the world. One of our Australian hosts tells me that FF stands for "Feeding Frenzy"—and yes, we have been well fed on this Journey! The Aussies insist on both morning AND afternoon tea, and I'm being called to tea NOW!

In Friendship,  
Linda



**Happy Birthday to:**

- November 18 John Rose
- November 23 Ken Jewesson
- December 4 Sidonia Slaff
- December 10 Carol Lazar
- December 16 Claire Magee
- December 24 Marilyn Torrey
- December 27 Lou Smitheram de Pravia

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