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Newsletter

Barbara Rose, President

Camille Seelenbinder, Editor

President's Message

Hello everyone,

Can you believe that it is fall already? We have just returned from two weeks away and again appreciate the beauty that surrounds us here in Santa Barbara. How blessed are we?

In our friendship force world we have many thanks to give. The amazing job that Harv Turner and Agris Petersons did as ED's for the Hamburg/Latvia trip is nothing short of miraculous. And we will experience it vicariously at our September program meeting on Sept. 15th. Then there was the delightful rendition of Oklahoma that we experienced at the Solvang theatrefest thanks to our wonderful social chairman, Pam Vestal. Karolyn Hanna has been connecting with four different chapters for possible domestic inbound and outbound exchanges in 2015. That is no small job. And, of course, we cannot forget our amazing newsletter editor, Camille Seelenbinder, who in spite of some health issues has again produced our fabulous newsletter. Many thanks to all of you.

Exciting plans are underway for the incoming Southern Sydney Exchange which happens in just 2 weeks. Our ambassadors are already on their way to visit Oregon and northern California before joining us here in Santa Barbara. Please plan to join us in any or all of the events while they are here. I guarantee that they will be lovely, fun people and we will enjoy our visit with them. Karolyn Hanna and Pat Burkard have worked tirelessly on this exchange and we will all benefit from their efforts. You can read about the planned activities and sign up for those that interest you in the following pages of this newsletter.

November will feature our incoming ambassadors from Hartford, Connecticut and then we will be busy with holiday plans. Where did this year go?

I have asked Francie Jewesson to chair the nominating committee for officers for 2015. Please give her requests to serve on this committee or to serve as an officer for serious consideration. It is an awesome experience to serve this group.

I have received the official exchange request form from Friendship Force International for 2016. It must be completed by November 1 so I will be asking you all for your choices for outbound exchanges in 2016. Since our November meeting is later in the month I will plan to circulate choice forms at the program meeting on September 15th. I would encourage you to check the FFI website under exchanges (documents) for the overview of 2015 exchange requests and hosting capacity before you make your choices. Please keep in mind that we have a better chance of getting a match with a chapter that has visited us. Those that come to mind for me are Aichi, Japan and Piracicaba, Brazil. You may remember that last year our first request was So. Africa, second was Argentina, third was Wales and fourth was Japan. I feel that we got our first choice because they had previously visited us and we asked them to request us in 2015. Our history shows that in the previous three years, our exchanges were with Canada, New Zealand and Taiwan.

*Looking forward to seeing you all very soon,
In Friendship, Barbara Rose*

A Report on OKLAHOMA!

Photos by Sandy Grasso-Boyd

Text by Jo Magistad

On a Sunday afternoon, 25 of our club members and guests went over the hill to the Solvang Festival Theater to attend a performance of the mother of all modern musicals, Rodgers and Hammerstein's wonderful Oklahoma!

For most of us, this was a musical that we had seen several times before in our lifetime. I know that in my teens, I was dazzled by the first performance of this kind that I had ever seen. Opening in March, 1943, it ran for five years on Broadway, followed by a further national tour of ten years, playing in every state in the nation. Happily for me, this tour included Des Moines, Iowa.

Pam had kindly arranged carpools for us all and each group made its own dinner arrangements; some also making a visit to the Wilding Art Museum in Los Olivos. Wrapped in our warm togs, snuggled into our blankets, and under a full moon, we all enjoyed PCPA's slightly edgy and a little bit campy, production of Oklahoma!

Many thanks to Pam Vestal for arranging this lovely evening, and extra special thanks to our five volunteer drivers: Jack Orr, Dave Inouye, Karolyn Hanna, John Rose, and Pam Vestal, who made it all happen.



***Coming Social Events and
Planning and Program Meetings:***

Social Events:

The Social events for Sept/Oct. are being held in conjunction with the Southern Sydney Inbound Exchange. See separate schedule and reservation form for that exchange

Planning Meeting:

Tuesday, September 9th
at the home of Jo Magistad,
4816 Via los Santos

Program Meeting:

Monday, September 15th at 7:00pm
at the Goleta Public Library

Program:

*Hamburg/Latvia Experience by
Harv Turner and Agris Petersons*

*Note: Planning Meeting is our new name for
the former Business Mtg.*

Happy Birthday to you



<i>Silvio de Loreto</i>	<i>September 17</i>
<i>Bonnie Dutton</i>	<i>September 18</i>
<i>Paula Gregoire-Jones</i>	<i>September 19</i>
<i>Sandra Grasso-Boyd</i>	<i>September 23</i>
<i>Pat Burkard</i>	<i>October 3</i>
<i>Jackie Van Spanckeren</i>	<i>October 3</i>
<i>Margaret Cooper</i>	<i>October 7</i>
<i>Agris Petersons</i>	<i>October 8</i>
<i>Bill Dutton</i>	<i>October 16</i>
<i>Sandy Hartlev</i>	<i>October 31</i>

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(Quad Cities)*

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(Memphis, TN & Western KY)
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Inbound Southern Sydney, Australia Exchange

September 23 – September 27, 2014



Schedule of Activities

*Items with an asterisk are open to all FFSB Members; however because of the need to purchase tickets &/or food, **reservations must be paid for no later than September 18th**.*

Tuesday, September 23rd

5:30 p.m. Welcome Reception at Dottie Iverson's Home (4597 Camino Molinero)
Cost: \$10 per person plus bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share*

Wednesday, September 24th

9:45 a.m. Santa Barbara Trolley Tour Cost: \$22 per person*

11:30 – 12:45 p.m. Picnic at Court House Sunken Garden (Lunch \$9 per person)*

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Guided Tour of Court House and Bisno Schall Clock & Tower

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Free Time

6:00 p.m. Small Dinner Parties (Limited to Ambassadors and Hosts)

Thursday, September 25th

9:00 a.m. Meet at designated site for carpooling to Reagan Library
Cost: \$13 per person (Lunch available for purchase at Museum Cafeteria)*

6:00 p.m. Ambassadors Treat Hosts to Dinner

Friday, September 26th

9:45 – 11:30 Tour of SB Historic Theatre District (meet at Granada Theatre)*

*2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tour Casa Del Herrero
Cost: \$20 per person (Group size limited to Home Hosts and Day Hosts)*

6:00 p.m. Tri Tip Barbecue Dinner at Hanna House (5235 Toluca Ct.)
Cost: \$20 per person*

Member Registration for Southern Sydney Exchange Activities

Name(s): _____ # Individuals Amount

- Welcome Reception (\$10 per person) _____
- SB Trolley Tour (\$22 per person) _____
- Panera Box Lunch (\$9 per person) _____
- Reagan Library Tour (\$13 / person) _____
- Casa del Herrero (\$20 per person) _____

Registration limited to six members plus ambassadors Hosts/day hosts have priority

- Farewell Dinner at Hanna's (\$20 /person) _____
(Note: one Home Host is complimentary for the Farewell Dinner)

Totals _____

Return Registration Form & payment for activities by September 18th. **Advance purchase of tickets for activities is required for all scheduled activities.** Send to: Karolyn Hanna 5235 Toluca Ct., SB, 93111

Note: *Sweaters recommended for Welcome and Farewell Dinners*

A warm and heartfelt welcome is extended to our newest member:

Joyce Raimer

1 El Vedado Lane #7, Santa Barbara CA 93105
cell phone: 805-245-7427 golajoyce@gmail.com

Please enter the above new member information

Kudos to our untiring, enthusiastic, referring members who introduced new members to Friendship Force in 2014:

Barbara and John Rose, Jo Magistad, Don and Gail Gillies, Gladys Robinson, Mary and Jack Orr, Jan and Dave Inouye, Claire Magee, Pat Burkard, Inna Cook, Stan and Terry Scrivner, Agris and Elza Petersons

Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!!

Domestic and International Inbound and Outbound Exchanges in 2014

February 20 to 25 <> Inbound Exchange from Quad Cities.

New!! "ED for a Day" by Sandy Hartley (with) Gail Gillies, Rickey Farbman, Bonnie Johnson, and Nancy Pierson

April 3 to 13 <> Outbound Exchange to Memphis, TN and Western KY, Francie and Ken Jewesson, EDs

June 11 to 17 <> Outbound Exchange to Hamburg, Germany Harv Turner and Agris Petersons, EDs

June 18 to 25 <> Outbound Exchange to Riga, Latvia, Agris Petersons and Harv Turner, EDs

September 23 to 27 <> Inbound Exchange from Southern Sydney, Australia, Karolyn Hanna & Patricia Burkard, EDs

October 14 to 16 <> Friendship Force International 2014 World Conference, Auckland. New Zealand

November 12-16 <> Inbound Exchange from Connecticut, Pam Vestal and Rickey Farbman, EDs

FFSB Exchanges in 2015

We shall be visiting our friends at the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa in February-March 2015, with possible extensions to Kruger National Park and a visit to Victoria Falls. We'll also be hosting our friends from Kaoshiung, Taiwan in August 2015. **Save the dates!!!**

2015 Domestic Exchanges are still in the planning stages with possible Inbound Exchanges from Owensboro, KY, Columbus, OH and/or Sarasota, FL and a combined Outbound Exchange to Connecticut and Sarasota, FL

"THE SEVEN CITIES OF DESTINY"

*Presenting a new historical series that has left its footprints
on the sands of time in today's world.*

Let us journey together and explore another city of destiny:

ROME: a small village becomes the Holy Roman Empire

Romulus and Remus were twin brothers. They were abandoned by their parents as babies and put into a basket that was then placed in the River Tiber. The basket ran aground and the twins were discovered by a female wolf who nursed the babies for a short time before they were found by a shepherd, who then brought up the twins. When Romulus and Remus became adults, they decided to found a city where the wolf had found them. The brothers argued where the site should be and Remus was killed by his brother. This left Romulus the sole founder of the new city and gave it his name - ROME. The date was 753 BC.



This story, of course, is only a legend. The actual growth of Rome is less exotic and interesting. The city of Rome grew out of a number of settlements that existed around seven hills near the River Tiber for the obvious reason of a water supply. The early people of Rome were from a tribe called Latins. They were successful farmers and traders and became rich. From early days Rome was a rich city.

This was to create jealousy and to bring the city of Rome into conflict with surrounding areas, in particular the Etruscans and the Samnites. For this reason the leaders of Rome invested in an army. This skilled force both protected the city and expanded its power.

Rome began as an Iron Age hut village founded in the eighth century BC. In 616, the Romans' sophisticated neighbors seized power, but were ousted in 609 BC; the inception of the Roman Republic to an immense Empire. It conquered most of the rest of Italy, then turned its attentions overseas, and by the first century BC, ruled Spain, North Africa, and Greece.

"Rome, City of Destiny" continues on the next page

*The Western Roman Empire may have fallen more than 1,500 years ago, but its rich legacy of innovation and invention can still be seen today. The Romans were prodigious builders and expert civil engineers, and their thriving civilization produced advances in technology, culture, and architecture, from aqueducts to newspapers, that remained unequalled for many centuries. The Romans enjoyed many amenities for their day, including **public toilets, underground sewage systems, fountains and ornate public baths**. None of these aquatic innovations would have been possible without the **Roman aqueduct**, first developed around 312 BC.*

*Many ancient Roman structures like the Pantheon, the Coliseum, and the Roman Forum are still standing today, thanks to the **development of Roman cement and concrete**.*

*The Romans were known to contribute to public discourse through the use of official texts detailing military, legal, and civil issues. Known as *Acta Diurna*, or "daily acts," these **early newspapers** were written on metal or stone and then posted in heavily trafficked areas like the Roman Forum.*

*Ancient Rome was the wellspring for many modern programs, including measures that subsidized food, education, and other expenses for the needy -- **welfare**.*

*For most of human history, literature took the form of unwieldy clay tablets and scrolls. The Romans streamlined the medium by creating the codex, a stack of bound pages that is recognized as the **earliest incarnation of the book**.*

*The Romans built over 50,000 miles of road by 200AD, primarily in the service of military conquest. **Highways** allowed the Roman legion to travel as far as 25 miles per day. Roman engineers adhered to strict standards when designing their highways, creating arrow-straight roads that curved to allow for water drainage.*

Arches have existed for roughly 4,000 years, but the ancient Romans were the first to effectively harness their power in the construction of bridges, monuments, and buildings.

*In 46BC, Julius Caesar and the astronomer Sosigenes instituted the Julian system to align the calendar with the solar year. Caesar lengthened the number of days in a year from 335 to the now-familiar 365, and eventually included the twelve months as we know them today -- **the Julian calendar**.*

*Subpoena, habeas corpus, pro bono, affidavit -- all these terms derive from the Roman legal system which dominated Western Law and government for centuries. The basis for early Roman law came from the **Twelve Tables**, a code that formed an essential part of the constitution during the republican era -- first adopted around 450BC.*

*The Romans invented many **surgical tools** and pioneered the use of the **cesarean section**, but their most valuable contributions to medicine came on the battlefield. Under the leadership of Augustus, they established a **military medical corps** that was one of the first dedicated field surgery units.*

Along with all of the innovations and inventions from this City of Destiny, its greatest gift was to be The Christian Center of the World.