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President's Message



Sara Harmel-ink

Let's break away from the ice of winter so we can smell the flowers of spring. Come and celebrate together at one of FFGM's major events of the year for the Spring Brunch. I hope to see you all there on Sunday, April 29th at noon at the Clarke Hotel in Waukesha. Send in your reservations now if you have not already. Read about this event elsewhere in this newsletter. This is an ideal time to invite friends to introduce them to FFGM!

Thanks to Dawn Scher Thomae for hosting the April 5th at 5 at the Milwaukee Public Museum. Dawn is the Curator of Anthropology Collections for the museum and a member of Friendship Force. It was a perfect time to coordinate viewing the featured Mayan Exhibit and a time to share our interest of different cultures with new and current friends.

Thanks to our many members who are actively and creatively preparing programs for inbounds from Clearwater, FL and Alajuela, Costa Rica and an Open World delegation from the Ukraine. Read about the many opportunities to volunteer assistance for these inbound journeys to Milwaukee. We look forward to an outbound journey to Santa Barbara, CA in November of this year.

We have received our matches from Friendship Force International for 2019. In July there will be an inbound journey from Ehime, Japan for English language learning. In September we travel to Montreal!

Since we publish our newsletters bi-monthly and if you receive your newsletter electronically, be sure to print it immediately or organize your files so that it can be found easily. There are many times you may need to reference it during a two month time frame. We want you to be well informed so you can share the news with friends or acquaintances who may want to know more about Friendship Force. We truly can promote peace in this world through experiencing different views and making one friend at a time

Calendar of Events

The 5th at 5 events will always be on the 5th of each month except for July, 2018.

04/29	.....	Spring Event
05/03	.....	Book Club, Louise Cieslak
05/05	.....	5 th at 5, Nancy Rubly
06/04	.....	Board Meeting
06/05	.....	5 th at 5, Joyce & Carl Stelzer
06/22	.....	Service project, Weakland Center
07/04	.....	4th instead of the 5th at 5, 9 AM parade party, Jerry Randall
07/05	.....	Book Club, Nancy Rubly
07/18-24	.....	Clearwater, FL, Inbound
07/23	.....	Annual Picnic
08/05	.....	5 th at 5, Stelzer's home
08/06	.....	Board Meeting
09/04-11	.....	Alajuela, Costa Rica, Inbound
09/05	.....	5 th at 5, South Shore Park Pavilion
09/22	.....	Lao Dinner, Brookfield. details later
10/20-24	.....	Open World
11/08-15	.....	Santa Barbara, Outbound
2019		
07/17-23	.....	English Language (w/ Japan), Inbound
09/TBD	.....	Montreal, Canada, outbound
11/TBD	.....	FF-Santa Barbara, Inbound

Volunteer Opportunity

Friday, June 22, 11 – 12:30

Sue Pack, Community Outreach, has arranged with the help of FFGM member, Nimmi Arora, for FFGM to serve lunch at the meal program of Weakland Center. The Center is located at 831 Van Buren, (behind St. John's Cathedral).

This is for 10 FFGM members who must sign up with Sue by May 12th. We will be serving lunch and afterwards have the option of lunching and/or socializing with the diners. Let's reach out for this worthwhile service project. RSVP to Sue at 414-351-5572 or spack@wi.rr.com.

**You won't want to miss attending our Annual Spring Brunch.
Sign up now.**



FFGM Spring Event

12 Noon, Sunday, April 29, 2018.

**We will gather at noon for our Spring Brunch in the
Banquet Room at the Clarke Hotel**

314 W. Main St. in Waukesha, (at the 5 Points Intersection).

The brunch menu includes scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, bacon and sausage, fruit, juices, coffee and tea and much MORE. A cash bar will be available. This is one of three annual events for the entire membership and we hope to fill the banquet room! Please mark your calendars now!

Write your check today for \$18.00 per person made out to FFGM and send to Mary Hauser, 10131 W. Nash. St. Wauwatosa, WI, 53222.

Fifth at Five Events

Why volunteer? It is an easy activity to arrange so volunteer to plan an evening event. Pair up with another member to plan. Choose either your home or a local place to bring members together for a fun evening. If interested, contact Dale Harmelink at 414-355-4676 or dalelink627@gmail.com. Become one of the future volunteers:

May 5 Host: Nancy Rubly, (happy to host FFGM for the very first time).

Join us for the 5th at 5 on Cinco de Mayo.

Location: 2440 N Pilgrim Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005. This is the first house north of North Ave, close to Parkside 23, across from Wirth Park. I am on a busy road so please park next door at Dixon Elementary School. There is a large well-lit parking lot. Walk over and down the drive toward the garage.

Nancy will be happy to supply Margaritas. Bring to share, (appetizer or dessert or beverage). There will be a small fire pit so we can sit around and share good stories and Mexican Folklore. If anyone has interesting objects or crafts from Mexico, please bring for show and tell.

Jun. 5 Hosts: Joyce and Carl Stelzer

Location: S70W19179 Kenwood DR Muskego, WI 53150

Directions: Kenwood Dr. is off of Hillendale Drive. Hillendale runs between College and Racine. College can be accessed off of Moreland Blvd. If using I43, Exit at Racine, then go thru the roundabouts South to Hillendale, (first traffic light). Turn left at Hillendale. Kenwood is on the right, just past Mug Z's Pub & Grill.

Parking: Plenty of street parking and also in the driveway at our house.

Weather permitting, we will be outside on the deck. 18 to 20 would be a comfortable group as our deck is on the 2nd level with no access to the yard.

Please RSVP to Joyce at joyce.stelzer@gmail.com

July 4th (note the date) Jerry Randall.



Instead of the 5th, we'll be meeting on July 4th at the home of Jerry Randall for a Parade Party. The parade starts at 9 a.m. at about 80th street and North Ave. and moves west to Mayfair, so Jerry's house is close to the end of the parade. It would be a good idea for guests to arrive by 9 a.m. to get situated on the lawn and get their snacks, etc.

We recommend parking at Mayfair at the south end of the parking area and walking the block to Jerry's house, 10233 W. North Ave., on the south east corner of North Ave. and 103rd St. Bring a snack and a lawn chair.

Aug. 5th at 5 open

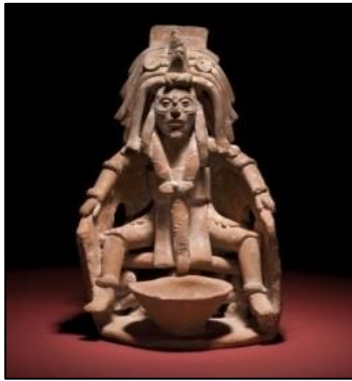
Sept. 5th at 5

South Shore Park Pavilion

April 5th at 5 Event at the MPM

Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed

Many thanks to FFGM Member and Curator of Anthropology of the MKE Public Museum, Dawn Scher Thomae, who graciously arranged this evening for us. Most of the 45 attendees saw the largest exhibition about ancient Maya ever to be displayed in the United States. Hundreds of authentic artifacts, immersive environments, multimedia, and hands-on activities were on display. It gave us a glimpse at a cross-section of Maya life.



FFGM Book Club



The FFGM Book Club's next meeting will be on Thursday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Louise Cieslak located at W171 S7932 Lannon Dr. in Muskego. We will discuss THE GIRL WITH SEVEN NAMES by Hyeonseo Lee.

It is the true story of a North Korean defector. Nancy Mitchell is the facilitator. R.S.V.P. to Louise Cieslak at 414-418-4541 or lamck58@sbcglobal.net.

Open World, Oct. 20-24

The 2018 Open World Program theme is Economic Development. We will welcome five or six delegates from Ukraine. Any member who wants to host delegates or plan the itinerary should call or email me, at mhauser2012@att.net or 414-466-5688. This visit is only four nights, so the program will be very full. Mary Hauser is HC.

Membership

Please welcome our newest members and update your directory. The 2018 Club Directory will be available at the April 29th Spring Event.

Update new emails:

Rubly, Nancy njrubly@gmail.com

Gruetzmacher, Ivan & Jan
ivan.gruetzmacher@icloud.com

Please send details of any person who might be interested in Friendship Force. Contact Rosie Haas at rmhaas1@gmail.com or 414-259-1747. If you need brochures. Rosie will provide them for you to distribute.

Santa Barbara, CA, 11/08-15



How would you like to spend a week in November in Santa Barbara? Santa Barbara has often been referred to as the "Riveria of the United States" with its dramatic combination of ocean, mountains, valleys and beaches. November 8-15, 2018 – a wonderful time to get away to some beautiful weather and enjoy meeting new friends and experiencing new things. If you are a new member, this is a great way to jump into a homestay and see what it is all about.

This Journey will not include an extension; however, ambassadors may want to plan their own travel before or after the homestay. Co-coordinators for this journey are Sara Harmelink and Dorothy Kelley. You can express your interest in this journey at the Spring luncheon on April 29 or email Dorothy at: dorothykelley60@gmail.com.

Costa Rica

FF Alajuela, Costa Rica will be visiting us September 4-11. If you can help with hosting or are interested in being on the planning committee, contact Co-Coordinators

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TELL YOUR FF STORY



Are you on Face Book? Go to www.fb.me/joinFFGM any time to post what is on your mind about Friendship Force. Tell about your own Friendship Force activities or any FF Journey you have been on. Let's spread the word through this great social media tool! You can also submit a story for the newsletter any time in 300 words or less and you will be published! Email your story to Doris Mueller at calldmm@gmail.com.

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FFGM on Facebook	www.fb.me/joinFFGM
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FFI NEW mailing address	400 W. Peachtree St. NW, Suite 4-980, Atlanta, GA 30308	

Lao Dinner, Sept. 22nd

Watch for details in the next newsletter.

Sign-up for Clearwater Events



The following events are open to all FFGM Members. Wear your name badge and please be on time. Sign up now.

Thur. 7/19 11:30
Mader's Restaurant background talk..... free
11:45 - 1:15
Mader's Welcome lunch..... \$21/person
Park: Mader's parking lot, 1041 N Old World 3rd St
2- 3:30 pm Vista King Cruise..... \$17/person
Parking: 518 Plankinton Ave. Be on time

Mon. 7/23 5-8 pm
Farewell and Annual Picnic.....\$18/person
Thiensville Village Park, 250 Elm Street.

Directions: From Mequon Road (east or west), drive to Buntrock; go north, (becomes Green Bay Rd. Turn right onto Elm. Continue to the park.

Send your check and reservation to Cris Reischl, 7163 Horizon Dr., Greendale, WI 53129. (Note: Ambassador's meals are paid for.) Deadline is July 1, 2018.

Reservation –Clearwater Inbound Events

Name(s) _____

Mader's Lunch-\$21/person No. of persons _____ Amount_____

Check Lunch Selection

- Sauerbraten (marinated roast beef & sauce, with red cabbage and spatzle) _____
- Weiner Schnitzel (sautéed, breaded pork cutlet, with sauerkraut and spätzle) _____
- Usinger's Bratwurst & Knockwurst Platter (with sauerkraut and parsley boiled red potatoes) _____

All entrees come with salad, rolls, coffee, and apple strudel.

Vista King Cruise-\$17/person No. of persons _____ Amount_____

Annual Picnic- \$18/person No. of persons _____ Amount_____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

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Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Alternate Work Phone _____

Is any of your information new? Yes E-mail _____

Please circle any of the following that you use: FFGM website Facebook LinkedIn Twitter Texting Skype WebX

Age range: (Spouses can average their ages) Under 36 ____ Age 36-50 ____ Age 51-65 ____ Age 65 + ____

I am interested in: Home Hosting ____ Day Hosting ____ Dinner Hosting (# of guests) ____ FFGM Facebook ____

Fund Raising ____ Host or Ambassador Coordinator ____ Website ____ Activities ____ Driving ____ (Have a Van) ____

Special Events ____ Outreach/speaker ____ Public Relations ____ Desktop Publishing ____ Musical instrument/singing ____

Language(s) _____ Very Little ____ Good ____ Fluent ____

Referral source: friend/neighbor _____ website ____ media ____ other _____

Current or former vocation _____

Membership: Single (\$35) ____ Family (\$65) ____ Hardcopy Newsletter (\$10) ____ Total Enclosed ____

Check one: New Member ____ Renewal ____ Total amount enclosed _____

Make dues check payable to: **Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee (or FFGM)**

Send completed application to: **FFGM c/o Dale Harmelink,
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