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President's Column

Although it doesn't always feel like it, summer is here and it is time for many outdoor activities. Many of our members are busy with preparations for our two inbound exchanges. We will be hosting 14 ambassadors from FF Mexico City and 10 from Central Arizona June 25-July 1. July 31-August 7 we will be hosting 18 ambassadors from FF Guadeloupe and 2 ambassadors from Brazil who are interested in practicing their English. It does take a whole club to organize a successful exchange. Thanks to all who are participating.

Our club is 25 years old this year! We continue to be a strong, vibrant club that is always willing to try new things such as the Leadership Exchange and 5th at 5:00 events, along with traditional activities. On October 11th we plan to celebrate our anniversary with a wonderful concert and reception to be held at the Sunset Playhouse. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Sara and Dale Harmelink, Dave Kalan and I attended the Midwest Regional Conference in Cedar Rapids the beginning of May. It was a great opportunity to meet leaders from other clubs and exchange ideas and best practices. I enjoyed being hosted by a couple who are four years new to Friendship Force and full of energy. Be sure to read Dale's article with more comments. Next year's Midwest Regional Conference will be held April 28-May 1, 2016 in the Quad Cities and will be open to all members.

Recently, you probably received an email announcement from the FFI Board Chair informing us that Joy DiBenedetto has resigned as CEO of Friendship Force Intl. Joy brought many fresh ideas and now it is up to the Board, staff and membership to carry on and implement the best of these ideas. As the Chair, Cecile Latour said: "we can weather this transition."

Enjoy the summer and I hope to see you at one of the upcoming FFGM activities.



Rosie Haas, President

Calendar of Events

- 07/05 "5th at 5", Port Washington, K. Morris
- 07/16 Guadeloupe meeting
- 07/22 Workshop, Olympia, WA
- 06/25-07/01 Mexico/AZ, inbound
- 07/31-08/07 Guadeloupe, inbound
- 08/05 Annual Picnic & "5th at 5"
- 08/10 Board Meeting
- 08/21-27 Olympia, WA, domestic outbound
- 08/28-31 FFI World conference. Vancouver, BC
- 09/05 "5th at 5", L. Harschutz
- 09/19 Food Packing, Crossroads Presbyterian
- 10/05 Board Meeting
- 10/11 **FFGM 25th Anniversary Event**
- 10/24-11/01 Open World-Ukrainians, theme is Protection of Children's Rights

2016 Dues

Electronic Newsletter

FFGM dues for 2016 can be paid any time after July 31st.

Beginning with the 2016 membership year, there will be a \$10 additional charge for members who wish to receive the newsletter in hard copy to cover printing and mailing costs.

All members with computers will continue to receive a complimentary electronic copy of the newsletter. It is advisable to print a copy when you get the E-newsletter so you will have it handy for easy reference. Mark your calendar so you don't miss any important events or reminders.

2015 FF Midwest Leadership Conference



The 2015 Midwest Conference was hosted by the Cedar Rapids/ Iowa City Friendship Force. With a few exceptions, the Midwest clubs each sent three delegates to the conference in Cedar Rapids. Attending the conference for FFGM were Rosie Haas, Sara, Dale Harmelink, and Dave Kalan. The conference was introduced and guided by Dale Moore, president of the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Club, and the primary speakers were Adrienne Moen, Midwest Regional President, Matthew Nidik, FFI Department of Program Services, and Dave Kalan, FFGM Member and FFI Board Member.

The discussions included FFI news/events and the 2015 New Strategic Plan Overview, new partnership opportunities and an introduction to the latest NEXTGEN techniques. We also had breakout sessions to discuss how our clubs could produce great leaders as we attract younger members and address the NEXTGEN concepts. Perhaps the most interesting portion of the conference for me was the second day as 4 delegates each addressed individual prepared topics of about a half hour. "Meet-Up" by Joy Schaal of Omaha; "Attracting and Retaining New Members" by Mary Bryant of Lincoln and "Interacting with the Community" by Dave Kalan of Milwaukee and Helen Rugowski of Madison. A session discussing Best Practices, Successes/Weaknesses, Goals/Accomplishments was led by Matthew and Adrienne. The conference was concluded with Adrienne answering questions submitted by the attendees.

In addition to the conference sessions, Cedar Rapids / Iowa City club did an outstanding job of hosting all attendees. They also prepared a fabulous pot luck meal on our first night at a Welcome Party at Prairie Oak Lodge in Squaw Creek Park, Marion, Iowa. On our second night we all had the opportunity to attend the beautiful Brucemore Mansion for appetizers, wine and private guided tours.

Membership

Please say Hello to newer members at our events and welcome them to FFGM! Wear your name badge at all FFGM events so you don't have to wear one of these.



Welcome Back!

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Meeting - Olympia Exchange

2 p.m., Wednesday, July 22

Home of Mary Goeks

W60 N329 Hilbert Ave., Cedarburg

Final details will be discussed for this exciting exchange. Nineteen ambassadors are looking forward to a grand domestic exchange with FF-Olympia.



Afterwards, many ambassadors will be heading north to beautiful Vancouver for the 2015 Friendship Force World Conference.

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Mexico and Arizona Exchange, June 25-July 1



Our hosts are prepared to show our Ambassadors from this domestic/international exchange a fun-filled time in Milwaukee.

Some of the activities include a visit to Schully's Catering in Thiensville, a tour of Miller Park followed by a lunch at TGIF Friday's and a visit to the Pabst Mansion. Our welcome party is at UCC where there will be Mexican food, live music and dancing!

Thanks to all who are hosting and have helped plan this exchange.

Sara Harmelink, ED

Guadeloupe Exchange

Important Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 16

Community Room, Brookfield Public Library

1900 N. Calhoun Road (between North Ave. and Gebhardt Rd.)

Home hosts: be sure to attend for final details. All day hosts, drivers, dinner hosts and any volunteers willing to be involved are also encouraged to attend.

URGENT APPEAL - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

1. Eighteen ambassadors from the French-speaking island of Guadeloupe in the Caribbean and two ambassadors from Brazil are coming to practice and improve their English skills. To date, we only have home hosts for half the ambassadors. Home hosts for ten more ambassadors are needed. NO French skills are needed as our guests are here for an English immersion experience. Day hosts and drivers are also needed.



2. Franglish: Est-ce qu'il y a des francophones parmi les membres de FFGM? During the Guadeloupe exchange there will be a Franglish event during which one will speak alternately in French and English with multiple partners, somewhat like speed-dating. If you have intermediate level of ability in French, be part of this unique event that will take place 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 2.

Participate as a volunteer for events involving a great program. Some highlights are: a farm visit and hay ride, gospel music event, downtown Milwaukee tour, a Lake Michigan cruise, tours of the Pabst Mansion and Miller Brewery, and also finally the State Fair. Many helpers are needed to make this a successful exchange.

Volunteer today. No experience necessary. If you are interested, please contact Ann Line today at linerusy@yahoo.com or call 262-784-3085. Merci beaucoup! Thanks a lot!

These Guadeloupe Events are open to all FFGM members: Send in your reservation and check made out to FFGM to: Ann Line, 165 N. Elmridge Ave., Brookfield, WI 53005

Reservation – Guadeloupe Events, (Sign up deadline is July 25th)

Mon., Aug. 3, 2:00 p.m. Number attending Vista King Cruise at \$18/person _____

Wed., Aug. 5, 1:00 p.m. Number attending Pabst Mansion Tour at \$8 _____

Name _____ Amount _____

Our Switzerland Exchange, Total Success

On May 5th, 18 ambassadors (14 from our club & 4 others from Madison, Nebraska, and California) descended into Switzerland with the hopes of shaking off their jet lag by the following day when our club's outbound exchange was to begin. The host club in Solothurn provided us with a variety of cultural and fun activities and with plenty of Swiss Gemütlichkeit.

Highlights:

- Walking tour of Zürich and welcome dinner
- Tour of Lucerne and trip via cogwheel train to top of Mt. Rigi
- Tour of studio of Swiss painter Albert Anker
- Walking tour of Solothurn during a festival weekend
- Woodland nature walk to an interesting shrine
- Tour of Bern and visit to a school where we interacted with pharmacy aide students
- Visit to a museum where we saw clocks with twittering birds & clocks with odd actions
- Farewell dinner where the host club sang (with great animation) & where a club member played the alphorn for us



All of our ambassadors raved about their hosts, who were attentive to our every need. Many friendships were formed. Two new members to our club who were on their first exchange loved the entire experience.

After the exchange week, 14 of us continued on to an extension with two nights in the following towns: Mürren, Zermatt, and St. Moritz.

Summary:

- Mürren: high on a mountain side, accessible only by cable car/gondola. No cars are allowed. Surrounded by the fabulous Alps. Visitors can go even higher via gondola to the Shilthorn, a mountain peak where a James Bond scene was filmed.
- Zermatt, where we just had to look up to see the Matterhorn. A brief snowstorm in the village had us all walking with baby steps.
- We got to our final destination, St. Moritz, via the Glacier Express, a train with extended windows that allowed us to drink in the sheer beauty of the countryside. The 8-hr. train ride took us through many tunnels and over many bridges. At one

hotel, we were treated to an unplanned concert. A woman entertained two Chinese women by playing a bandoneon (accordion) and singing Swiss folk songs with friends.

The exchange and extension were unforgettable.

Well Done, Solothurn!





FFGM ANNIVERSARY

4 p.m., Sunday, October 11, 2015

Come and join the celebration!

At the Sunset Playhouse

Located at 800 Elm Grove Rd, Elm Grove, WI 53122

“Explore the World through Music and Its Ethnic Origins”

This celebration will feature a glorious concert by the acclaimed PROMETHEUS TRIO followed by a GALA RECEPTION. Prometheus Trio members, Stefanie Jacob, (piano), Scott Tisdel, (cello), and Margot Schwartz, (violin), are our featured performers for this very special occasion. The program "Exploring the World through Music and Its Ethnic Origins" will delight us with music selections from all over the world as we learn how composers are influenced by their native cultures.



What a special opportunity to hear these premier Milwaukee musicians in concert! They all are members or performers with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. The founders, Tisdel and Jacob established the piano trio in Milwaukee in 2000 and have been enravelling audiences with their artistry ever since. Check out their web site at www.wcm.org or Prometheus Trio on Face Book.

The cost of this event including the concert and the reception is only \$25. Invite your family and friends. Send your check and reservation form to Doris Small. Reserve now because the first 30 reservations will get priority seating. See page 7 for the reservation form..

"The 5th at 5:00"

The past two events, "Cinco de Mayo Party" in May and the June "Father's Favorite Appetizer" Party, at Mary Hauser's house were completely awesome.

Each event seems to have more attendees and everyone is saying they love these "5th at 5:00's". If you have to have a party - this is the way to do it. Well we don't have to have a party but we will.

- **July 5th at 5:00** - Host: Karen Morris. Will be at the Port Hotel, 101 E Main St, Port Washington, WI 53074.
- **August 5th at 5:00** - No host because August will be held in secret since we'll all be attending the annual picnic. However, as we are having a blast celebrating at Wirth Park, we can all have a secret toast to the "5th at 5:00".
- **September 5th at 5:00** – Host: Laurene Harschutz. So stay tuned in and she will send out the details as they become available.

Mary Hauser reports June 5th was a tasty hit!

Appetizers shared at the June "Fifth on the Five" were based on the idea of "My father's favorite appetizer" and included cheese spread and crackers, sardines, and herring, as well as dishes that "my father would have liked if he could have tried it." The fifth meeting of this event was held at Mary Hauser's home. This monthly get together on the fifth of each month is an informal gathering that is open to all FFGM members and Potential Members (hint: come and bring a friend). Look in the above article for information about future events. **NOTE: You don't have to arrive at exactly at 5 p.m. The event lasts at least 2½ hours, so come when you can. Join us and bring friends!**

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Annual Picnic, August 5, 2015 Brookfield's Wirth Park, Site #6



Make your reservations now and help to welcome our new friends from Guadeloupe.

Social hour begins at 5 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the music and fun with
The String-Along Band.

You can be assured of great food and great company!

Directions: 2585 Pilgrim Rd. Brookfield
(Pilgrim Road between North Ave. and Burleigh).

RESERVATION – AUG. 5TH, ANNUAL PICNIC

Send check made out to FFGM. Mail to Doris Small 1932 Cliff Alex Ct. N., Waukesha WI 53189-5613

Name _____

Number attending _____ at \$15.00

Phone _____

Email _____

Total amount enclosed _____



RESERVATION – OCT. 11, FFGM 25TH GALA



Send check made out to FFGM. **Mail** to Doris Small, 1932 Cliff Alex Ct., N., Waukesha, WI 53189-5613
First 30 reservations get priority seating. Deadline is Sept. 26th.

Name(s) _____

Number attending _____ at \$25/person, (includes concert and reception)

Phone _____

Email _____

Total amount enclosed _____

The Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee
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**Guadeloupe Exchange –
Be a home host,
driver or day host.**

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE – 2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Payment made after July 31st is payment for 2016 FFGM dues.)

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Alternate _____ Work Phone _____

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

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) _____

Fund Raising _____ Exchange Director _____ Website _____ Activities _____ Driving _____ (Have a Van) _____

Special Events _____ Speaker's Bureau _____ Public Relations _____ Desktop Publishing _____ Diversity Dinners _____

Language(s) _____ Very Little _____ Good _____ Fluent _____ Career (or former) _____

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

Current or former vocation _____

Membership: Single (\$35) _____ Family (\$55) _____ 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)**

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