

## **Meet, Eat, Greet (Get Acquainted) – MEG Luncheon** **Members and Guests WELCOME** *by Jane Rakoncay*

It is time for another season of MEG luncheons! We took a break over the summer when everyone was so busy. Now, with the falling leaves and autumn's crisp air, it's time to get together and catch up with what has been happening in each other's lives. Through the fall, winter, and spring, MEG luncheons are usually scheduled once a month in a restaurant somewhere in the valley. We try to vary the locations so that we try new places. New members and prospective members are especially invited to come and get a chance to become better acquainted with our club members and our mission.



October's MEG luncheon will be held on Monday, October 22, at 11:30am at McGrath's Restaurant, 3805 Center Street NE, in Salem. I do need everyone to RSVP by Friday, October 19, so we can get a table set up properly for the number of members to be present.

Please RSVP to Jane Rakoncay.



## Calendar of Events

### **October 10, 1 p.m. Board meeting**

Albany Public Library. 2450 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE  
Main conference room.

### **October 21, 2 p.m. Gathering**

Albany Public Library. 2450 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE  
Main conference room.

### **October 22, 11:30 a.m.**

**MEG luncheon.** McGrath's Fish House. 3805 Center St. NE, Salem

### ***Save the date!***

### **December 14, 5 – 8 p.m.**

### **End of Year Party.**

Albany Senior Center. 489 Water Ave. NW

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### **Sunshine News**

Contact Sue Stein with news.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends:

At the August Annual Meeting, those present voted on international destinations they would like to travel to in 2020. Later, the general membership was also asked to vote. I want to share with you the results of that voting.

**Belgium** came in first, with 5 members voting it their first choice, 3 members voting it their second choice, and 1 member voting it their third choice. Belgium has 4 FF clubs, each with one week hosting availability. It may be low odds that we get our first choice, but we will submit it to FFI and see how this works out.

Our second choice was **England**, with 1 member voting it their first choice, 5 members voting it their second choice, 3 members voting it their third choice, and 2 members voting it their fourth choice. England has 8 clubs, with a total of 10 weeks of hosting, so the odds of getting that assignment are a little better.

Our third choice was **Turkey!** However, at present, there is a state department advisory for travel there, so unless that changes soon, we will not get this assignment. However, Turkey has 9 clubs, with a total of 12 hosting weeks available.

Lastly, our fourth choice was **Costa Rica**, with 3 members voting it their second choice, and 5 members voting it their fourth choice. Costa Rica has 4 clubs with a total of 5 weeks of hosting availability. So the odds are low on Costa Rica.

Also, for 2020, we have been working for some time on a mutually arranged journey with **Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**. If we get one of our international choices for 2020, we will then have two international journeys that year! Even though Edmonton is rather close to us, it is considered international.

We will hear from FFI in mid-February 2019 as to our 2020 assignments. Thank you all for voting!

In friendship,

Chris

### ***Friendship Force Pledge***

As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace can be furthered. I can make a difference.

# HAPPY, FUN TIMES IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER!

## MOONFALL THEATER

BY TED POWEL AND VAN NICHOLS

September 14th was a special night at Moonfall Theater for the presentation of Falling in Love Again. What a great evening. Twenty-four songs were wonderfully sung by Marlene Cox (former FF member), Jan Rickert, Bill Brown, Bev Shein and new cast member, Zach Brehm. They were accompanied on piano played by Dobie Long along with Leslie Darland on percussion, and Janey Jefferson, the choreographer. Much applause and great thanks to the Moonfall team. Praise also to Marlene and crew for not only putting on a great show but also for doing so much for us in her house theater at break time - having tables, cloths, dishes and so much more - plus the cleanup! Our greatest thanks. One more detail. Zach also bartends at Latitudes One in Dallas, the restaurant owned and operated by Marlene Cox and husband. Stop in for one of Zach's signature cocktails. The address is 904 Main St. A truly talented guy!



Moonfall has given our Friendship Force club the revenue from ticket sales. What a super thing for them to do! We calculate about \$660 of proceeds. Our Board will make the decision on where best to apply this money. Also, thanks to all the FF attendees who brought nibbles for a delicious break time and to Rita Powell for cooking a dinner for the cast.

## OCTOBERFEST BY TED POWELL

September 15. What a special day it was in Mount Angel! Van and I had lederhosen on! We were joined by Rita, Kathy and Marilyn. The wiener dog races are overrated but the schnitzel beer and brats made up for it. There are two pairs of lederhosen for sale now.



*This Issue of Connections, and more information about our club, may be found on our website: <http://www.fforegon.org>*

*Contact us at: [fforegon@comcast.net](mailto:fforegon@comcast.net) or PO Box 17TIB03, Albany, Oregon 97321*

## **OCTOBER BOARD MEETING *BY EILEEN MINETTE***

The October board meeting will be held on October 10th at 1 p.m. at the Albany Public Library, Main Branch, 2450 14<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Albany, in the main floor conference room.

## **OCTOBER GATHERING *BY EILEEN MINETTE***

Our October gathering will be held on October 21st at 2 pm at the Albany Public Library, Main Branch, 2450 14<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, in the main floor conference room where we usually gather. If your last name starts with A – M, please bring finger foods for refreshments.

The program for the October meeting will be announced at a later time.

## **POLICY REVISION *BY CHRIS DUVAL***

At the September board meeting, the board voted to revise the policy on Archived Materials in order to clarify what documents we want to maintain and how they will be maintained. The policy follows the Oregon Non-Profit Corporation Handbook guidelines.

The old and new wording of the policy is as follows:

~~Materials for Archivist and Historian~~ **Archived Materials: (8/3/2015) (9/12/18)**

The **appointed club** archivist shall keep copies of official documents. These include **Articles of Incorporation and Amendments, IRS Exemption Documents, Resolutions of the Board, Audited Financial Statements**, minutes of Board meetings and any club meetings such as the annual meeting where official action is taken, the monthly Treasurer's reports, the Bylaws (current and past), club rosters, club policies, **club newsletters, copies of club publicity, written club communication, Journey Report packets**, and any other official documents. ~~The historian shall keep items of a social nature such as photographs, newsletters, and newspaper articles concerning club activities or members.~~

### **Archives Retention:**

The club officers, board members, and committee heads shall keep in their possession records that they are required to maintain during their term of office or committee leadership period. When their term of office or period of committee leadership is over, they shall provide copies of any documents required to be archived (listed above) to the Archivist for retention according to the following retention schedule:

- a) Permanently: Articles of Incorporation and Amendments, and Bylaws; IRS exemption documents/ Resolutions of the Board; minutes of Board, committee, and annual membership meetings; other records of the Board, committee, and membership actions; financial statements and general ledgers; audited financial statements; official Journey records, and club newsletters.
- b) 10 Years: All documentation showing proper handling of conflicts of interest or handling of suspicious circumstances; insurance information; all documentation on any matter that may become a subject of a lawsuit or claim.
- c) 3 Years: Written communications required to be made by Oregon law; written communication with members regarding membership matters; other archived materials of no historical significance to the club.

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# **JOURNEYS AND CONFERENCES**

***SUBMITTED BY RITA POWELL***

## **2019 Inbound**

June: Atlanta, Georgia

Ambassador JC: Judy Hausmann

*Applications have been submitted for Host JCs*

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Brenda Kane – President & Acting Journey Chair

*Need Host JC*

September: Fort Worth, Texas ?

11 Ambassadors

*Need Host JC*

## **2019 Outbound**

May: Missoula, Montana

14 Ambassadors

Host JC: Michael Flanagan

Ambassador JC: Rita Powell

*Need Helper*

October: Whangarei and

New Plymouth, New Zealand

*Need Ambassador JC*

## **2019 International Conference**

July 23-27: Boulder, Colorado

Post-conference homestays

## **2020 Outbound**

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Brenda Kane – Edmonton

*Need Ambassador JC*

## **2020 Inbound and Outbound**

Reciprocal visits Spring or Fall

Denver, Colorado (plus Pikes Peak/2021)

Lynn Dawson - Denver

*Need JC*



# FFOMWV Board Minutes

July 11, 2018

Members present: Chris Duval, Eileen Minette, Kathy Butler, Mary Ellen Lind, Dennis Murphy, Rita Powell and Marilyn Peterson

Members absent: Peter Harr, Sharon Harr, Van Nichols, John Wolcott, Ted Powell

Welcome and Call to Order at 1:02 pm

June's minutes – no changes. MSP (Marilyn, Eileen)

Treasurer's Report – Peter Harr [not in attendance]

Chris mentioned that the Board needs to receive an updated Treasurer's report as soon as possible – one that shows expenses versus the budget.

## Journey Coordinator Reports

- Moscow incoming – Ted Powell/Van Nichols. Since Moscow cannot get visas, the Ketchikan group has been invited to experience short trial hosting with us as well as the Lower Columbia FF club.
- Oklahoma outgoing – Rita Powell/Eileen Minette  
Rita is in contact with the Oklahoma group and hopes to have dates soon. Then, applications will be accepted from Ambassadors who want to participate.

## Committee Chairperson Reports

- Journey Organizer – Rita Powell. A list of upcoming journeys was provided to the Board members.
- Journey Treasurer – Van Nichols – Written report was handed out to the Board.
- Marilyn (Co-Host J.C. for the North Carolina group) reported that the bus company is to refund ½ the cost of the bus used for the day to the Rose Parade. She sent a letter of complaint regarding the fact that, due to fogged-up windows, we could not see out, and that the toilet evidently was not working properly and was disgustingly smelly for most of the day. The amount to be given back is \$950. \$45 per Ambassador will be sent to the incoming participants. Hosts will not be given a refund as their cost was used for their actual expenses: tickets to the parade and meals. If anyone wants more information, they should contact Marilyn.
- At the September Board meeting, Chris would like the group to look at both treasury reports in a complete and in depth way so we can talk about how and when we want to be able to spend. To help with this project, we need from Peter an accurate/updated roster with only those who paid Sept. 2017 or after, for the 2018 year.
- We need to discuss how we “process” new members: dues, name tag ordered, name given to Navigator, name added to the roster, name given to Rita to create a newsletter article about the new member.
- Membership – Eileen Minette – Nothing to report.
- Internet Communication – Marilyn Peterson is refining the website. It will be ready soon. In the revamp, she intends to include information about who we are and what we do on the Home Page. In the Blog, journeys may be documented (Peru).
- Newsletter – Mary Ellen would like material for the next newsletter by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Rita will write an article about Caye Poe's sister. We have no photo, but Rita will edit the material she sent. Rita wrote to Rod and Raylene Sell, friends of Mary Ellen and Dennis; no response thus far. M.E. and D. will talk with them. A new member from Springfield, Marie Cavaroc, will be contacted. Rita will cc Barb (Navigator) on the message sent. The names of new members shall be included in the newsletter regardless of whether there are bios and photos available.

## Old Business

- Storage and Access to Journey Record Keeping – Chris Duval  
We need to keep journey documents so future J.C.s can look at them for details, such as budget, trips, and more. Upon completion of a journey, the reports will be shared with the Board members and then filed by the Journey Organizer.
- Business Cards Distribution – Chris Duval  
Chris handed out club cards; she will make them available to our members at the next gathering.
- Retractable Sign – Chris Duval. Chris will order the new sign for our club.
- Oregon Secretary of State FFOMWV Certificate of Existence – Chris Duval  
Chris has gathered the information we need to keep on hand regarding our tax-exempt status. It will be kept in the President's notebook.

## New Business

- By Laws Update – Rita Powell. MSP (Rita, Kathy) that the Bylaws be updated to conform to FFI wording (journeys, instead of exchanges).
- New Journey Policy – Chris Duval. Residual Funds in Journey Accounts: If there is a residual amount of funds remaining after all expenses of an inbound or outbound Journey have been paid, the overage will be resolved as follows:

- a) If the overage amounts to \$10 or more per ambassador, the funds will be divided among the number of ambassadors and refunded to them.
- b) If the overage amounts to less than \$10 per ambassador, the funds will remain in the Journey treasury to be used in furtherance of future Journeys. MSP (Mary Ellen, Eileen)
- 2020 FFI Journey Matching Process Updates – Chris mentioned that there are new guidelines for our requests to host. She asked the Board how many Ambassadors will we host – 18-20; how many weeks are we willing to host – 2 per year. The group discussed hosting a “regular” inbound and a global inbound. “Mutual” journeys have been conducted by many clubs without any payment being sent to FFI. Mutual journeys are not acceptable. Reciprocal journeys, with full disclosure and payment to FFI are encouraged. “Short stays” or “stopovers” cannot take the place of regular journeys. FFI would like clubs to indicate whether they are willing to host themed journeys. Chris suggested “Willamette Bounty.”
- Updated Club Policy – Archives – Chris Duval  
Due to the way we will be managing our records into the future, we will not need both historian and archivist. Chris will speak to Russ Karow (Historian) and Ann Sickles (Archivist) to inform them of this change for 2019. We will not be keeping scrapbooks. Each officer or committee head will keep records through their term of office. Then, the records will be moved to Archives. We need to comply with the Archives Retention guidelines required by the State. These policies will be sent out for review and approved at the next Board meeting.
- Field Representative Report – Chris Duval on behalf of Judi Smith. Judi Smith, our region’s Field Representative mentioned that Jeremi Snook (FFI President) would like some detailed information regarding the commitment in time to conduct a journey. This data is needed to determine whether our organization is “Gold-star” worthy as a non-profit. The number of hours needed to carry out our mission is needed in order to obtain grants.  
Judi is willing to visit clubs for Coordinator Training. There are many ideas to discuss with those who are leading groups for the first time. Ex.: Sometimes the places where people are being hosted are not great. Travelers need to be aware of potential conditions. Recently, with our group, we had an inbound cancel because they could not get visas. Being flexible was important: reservations made in advance had to be cancelled.  
Judi also mentioned that some clubs are not getting matches due to making requests to places with a limited number of hosting weeks.

#### Upcoming Meetings

- Marilyn suggested that our group set up a booth next year for the July World Beat Festival. The “request” should be made early to get it on the calendar. Kathy said it would be a good if we could come up with some new ideas of things to do at the booth.
- July Gathering Joint Potluck Picnic at Champoeg Park with Columbia Cascade club is Saturday, July 21, 11am-3pm. Twenty-six of our people have signed up. Folks are encouraged to ride up together. There is a set-up crew. The organizers have a list of who is coming and what foods they are bringing. Marilyn will bring the “left-over” water bottles from the North Carolina inbound.  
Members need to bring their own table settings. Chris will take along extras for those who may forget. In addition, she’ll bring Rita’s hibiscus tea. Chris is in hopes that the new club sign will be ready to display at the picnic.
- No Board meeting in August. August Annual Meeting – Sunday, August 5, 2pm, Albany Public Library  
Everyone will be asked to bring finger-food
- We need to make reservations for our December meeting. Where? Suggestions: Lasells Stewart Center. Eileen recommended we ask Debbie Burke of Jacopetti’s Catering to provide our meal at the Albany Senior Center. Who could we ask for speakers? Shall we make flyers telling about the December gathering to see if others would be interested in joining us for the gathering?

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Rita Powell, Acting Secretary

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Deadline for November issue of Friendship Connections is October 20. Please send copy to Mary Ellen Lind. THANK YOU!

## APPLICATION FOR NEW OR RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

Please complete one form for each member. Annual dues cover the cost of the monthly newsletter and expenses for Journeys and activities of the Friendship Force of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley, as well as membership in Friendship Force International, which provides discounted prices on Journey travel and other benefits. Memberships expire on December 31, each year. Please PRINT clearly.

Annual dues: Individual: \$30.00

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