

THEY CAME FROM EDMONTON!

Our Canadians are home sweet home, tucked in their own beds. When they dream, it will be of their week in our Oregon. The Wheatland Ferry was their cruise ship as they looked at Oregon agriculture backroading to the welcome



potluck. "They don't have any straight roads!" Our great cooks did not disappoint, Ambassadors and Hosts found each other and the week already had a good day. Free day on Monday with great thanks to small group dinner hosts. Tuesday was good weather for the Oregon Garden, some of us found Silver Falls and a craft beer at the visitor's center. Wednesday's Thyme Garden tour, the grounds and meal were exceptional. Those Thyme folks dialed it in, that meal was going to be one of the dreams in Edmonton.

Our hotel rooms were not ready, a round at Rogue helped all to get friendlier and maybe a little louder as well. A light dinner and a sleep got us ready for the Coast Aquarium and that afternoon we found enough pieces to assemble a sixteen foot whale skeleton at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Friday morning - the Brownsville Museum .What a



jewel! That afternoon we had a great docent educate us on what went into the Albany Carousel project, another dream



followed by our farewell dinner at Sybaris. All the Ambassadors ordered steelhead, nothing but praise and another dream. We feel pretty good about our Oregon, a good place to make photos and dreams.



The Journey is just that, a Journey, made possible by so many, maybe almost all of us in our club, we made origami boxes, cookies, food, drove, hosted, folded up chairs, cleaned the kitchens, lined up events and made arrangements. The Ambassadors thank you! Patsy and I thank you as well. It takes many to do a big lift. Just wish Patsy could have been with us! Well it happened again, more friends. I bet we see these folks on the road to Manitoba.

Remember what cousin Red Green said at the end of each show: "keep your stick on the ice".

Thank you All! Ted and Patsy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 10, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

FFOMWV Board Meeting

Albany Public Library conference room
2450 14th St, SE

July 21, Sunday, 2 pm General Gathering

Albany Public Library conference room
2450 14th St., SE

August 5, Monday, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Meeting for hosts of Atlanta journey at Ciddici's Pizza, 859 Belmont Ave., SW, Albany.

August 13 – 19, Inbound Journey from Atlanta, Georgia. See more information on back page (page 9). All members are welcome to attend the activities.

August 24 Saturday. The August Gathering will be a joint picnic with FF Columbia Cascade at the Champoeg State Park. You will be mailed more information about this event.

December 22, Sunday 2 p.m. End of Year celebration! (Save the date!)

Sunshine News

Contact Sue Stein, with news.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by CHRIS DUVAL*

Friends:

By the time you read this, the 2019 World Beat Cultural Festival will be over. I want to thank all the many club members who have made it possible for us to spread the word about Friendship Force by volunteering to work in the festival booth. I hope to report at the July gathering meeting that it was a success. We will see. At the least, we will have a lot of fun together.

I am continuing to seek a couple of volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. It is critical that we form this committee and let them get to work finding members who are willing to serve as officers for the 2020 Board of Directors. Please be thinking how you could be a part of serving in this capacity. Our club is vibrant and active in many ways, hosting and traveling together. But we need to have leadership in place.

If you are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee, please let me know. It is a very short duration – just a bit of phone calls and contacts in July and early August, and then you are done!

Be thinking as well about your willingness to serve on the Board as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, or President. Our board meetings over the last two years have been busy and fun. We have worked to move the club forward and shared the work together. In 2020, I will be the former President, and as such, will serve on the board as an ex officio member, providing as much support as possible for the new board members to find success in their new roles.

Note that we have, now and then, had co-presidents, so that is an option too. It provides a back-up so that no one person has to do it all.

Thanks to each of our members for their contributions to the club. Thank you for stepping up.

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.

SUMMARY OF JOURNEYS AND CONFERENCES

BY RITA POWELL

2019 Inbound

August 13 – 19

Greater Atlanta, Georgia

Ambassador JC: Judy Hausmann

Hosts JCs: John Wolcott and Mary Ellen Lind

September 23 – 28

Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico

Host JC's: Rita Powell and Juanita Weigel

2019 Outbound

October 12 – 27

Whangarei and New Plymouth, New Zealand

Host JC's: Peter Geange and Betty Tarrant

Ambassador JCs: Marilyn Peterson and Chris Duval

2019 World Conference

July 23-26: Boulder, Colorado

2020 Super Regional Conference

For Western states

May 21 – 23, Portland

Inbound Hosting, Pre-Conference

May 17 – 21

End of May or beginning of June

Tokyo, Japan

Fall

North Bay, Canada?

2020 Outbound

June or July

Manitoba, Canada

Fall

Oklahoma



2019 WORLD BEAT FESTIVAL *BY CHRIS DUVAL*

What a great time we had at the World Beat Festival this year in our FFI booth! It took many volunteers and a bit of effort, but we got the word out in our community about Friendship Force. Peter and Sharon Harr provided the popular salt water taffy to give away; we tattooed many arms and a few faces; and we gave out almost 100 flyers with details of international and local FF activities. Thanks so much to all who helped.



Pam Riley, who helped set up the booth.

A temporary tattoo



Russ and Marla Karow, with some of their friends.

FRIENDSHIP SHARED

BY SHIRLEY KARSTENS

Ted and Rita Powell graciously opened their doors on June 1st to 20 Friendship Force members and friends to celebrate The Yucatán Table. We learned that food from the Yucatán Peninsula tends to be high in flavor but not in spice. They served an abundance of wonderful food and no one went away hungry.

The feast began with cucumber martinis, chips and guacamole followed by chicken soup. The entree featured pork loin, vegetables and rice. Finally, we had Tres Leches cake for dessert. Of course, there was plenty of laughter and stories.



Then it was time for a serious discussion about the charity that should receive the money. Remembering the speakers at the May meeting who told about their work with refugees in Mexico who are fleeing their homes in Central America, it was agreed to donate to Latin America Relief Fund.

Thank you, Ted and Rita, for a delightful afternoon! And thank you members for your generous support of Friendship Shared.

Recipes for the delicious main dishes, [Sopa De Lima](#) and [Short Cut Tres Leches Cake](#), may be requested from Mary Ellen Lind, Shirley Karstens or Rita Powell.

The next event is **Wii Bowling and Pizza** hosted by Kathy Butler, Marilyn Peterson and Don Rea. It is scheduled for July 13 at 4 PM at Lakeside Center at the Mennonite Village. The cost is \$15 and space is available. Call or email Shirley Karstens if you have questions.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE is on Facebook!

Please “Like” us at the Friendship Force of Oregon’s Mid-Willamette Valley



Friendship Force of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley Membership Application or Renewal

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 of each year.

Annual dues: Individual, \$30.00

Please print clearly:

This is a NEW _____ or RENEWAL _____ application.

Date: _____

Name: _____ (one person per form, please)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Members have opportunities to participate in some of the following activities: travel on international and domestic Journeys; host incoming Ambassadors overnight and participate in planned activities; day host Ambassadors; provide small group dinners; provide rides to non-driving members to meetings and events; enjoy lunches together; and serve in leadership roles. We invite you to become involved!

Mail to: Friendship Force, P.O. Box 1703, Albany, OR 97322



Our mission is to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people. Each individual can make a contribution to global goodwill. The Friendship Force worldwide network of clubs and individuals seeks to overcome differences among people and nations

FFOMWV Board Minutes

April 10, 2019

Present: Pat Byers, Chris Duval, Peter Harr, Sharon Harr, Mary Ellen Lind, Rita Powell, Marilyn Peterson, Gail Wolcott, John Wolcott
Absent: Van Nichols, Eileen Minette, Ted Powell

President Chris Duval called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes: March Minutes were approved as amended. (Rita/John) **MSP**

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account reconciled.

Proposed 2019 Budget: Peter to correct budget estimate to reflect changes in number of memberships (2018 membership was 65; to date 2019, number is 49). 2019 Budget adopted with corrections to be made.

(Eileen/Rita) **MSP**

Renewal of non-profit mailing: Peter to follow up on this; Rita's address is on this although she hasn't received it yet.

Membership Renewals Update: Phone calls to those who haven't renewed underway; new list to Marilyn Peterson when completed.

Journey Treasurer Report: No changes.

Journey Coordinator Reports: (Journeys in date order) Rita Powell

- ❖ 2019 Montana Outbound – May 9 – 16. JCs: Rita Powell and Eileen Minette. 3 remaining spaces
- ❖ 2019 Edmonton Inbound – June 16 – 22. Could use 1-2 Hosts, Day Hosts, Small Dinner Hosts.
- ❖ World Conference in Boulder, Colorado – July 23 -27.
- ❖ 2019 Atlanta Inbound – August 13 – 19. In good shape per John Wolcott. Whale Watching trip included; other events being researched.
- ❖ 2019 New Zealand Outbound – Oct. 10 – 27. Marilyn Peterson & Chris Duval. There are 20 spaces; 3 remaining spaces to be advertised. Workshop Apr. 28th after Gathering.
- ❖ 2020 Journey Matches: Outbound Manitoba, Canada, July (possibly to include Edmonton). Potential Open World Inbound; Fort Worth 2-3 day in the Spring.
- ❖ Regional Super Conference, May 21-23, 2020: "Embracing Diversity Through Friendship Force." Portland OR, Shilo Inn by PDX. FFOMWV to host a preconference mini-journey.

Committee Chairperson Reports:

- ❖ **Internet Communication:** Marilyn has registered the website.
- ❖ **Newsletter:** no report

Old Business:

- ❖ Audit of 2018 Journey Treasury: Completed and in good order. Thanks to John Wolcott for doing the audit of both accounts. Much appreciated.
- ❖ 2019 World Beat Festival Booth, June 29th & 30th: Chris will talk at Gathering to recruit volunteers to form planning committee. (As a non-profit, we won't be able to sell anything).

New Business:

- ❖ Board reviewed FFOMWV Policy & Procedures manual: Rita will update.
- ❖ Request by FF Columbia Cascade for joint picnic in August: Discussion yielded preference for Aug. 24th.
- ❖ FFI Fee Increases: Motion to raise annual dues from \$30 – 35 per person to compensate for the increase in International Charter renewal fees. (Marilyn/Rita) **MSP**. Membership will need to be notified by both email and newsletter and dues increase to be voted on at annual meeting on Sept. 15th 2020.
- ❖ Chris conveyed that Judi Smith, Field Rep., noted that L.A. is hosting a group from Tuxlla, Guitierrez, Mexico, Sept 16-23, 2019, for 18 – 20 Ambassadors. Following that, a second Journey is proposed to visit FFOMWV, Sept. 24-28, for 3 – 5 days. Motion: That Chris convey to Judy that we're open if she's unable to find another club to host at that time. (Marilyn/Rita) **MPS**
- ❖ Nominating Committee needed for 2020 Slate of Officers.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ❖ April General Meeting: April 28th, 2 p.m., Albany Public Library. Festival at Sea Report.

- ❖ May Board Meeting: May 8th, 1 p.m., Albany Library.
- ❖ May General Meeting: May 19th, 2 p.m., location tbd.: The Refugee Relief Project, Sher & Gary Davidson.
- ❖ June Board Meeting: June 12th, 1:00.
- ❖ No June Gathering due to Edmonton Inbound Journey.
- ❖ December Holiday Gathering date changed: Rita & Ted are unable to host on 12/15; suggest alternative date of Sunday 12/22, at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Harr

ATLANTA, GEORGIA INBOUND JOURNEY August 13 – 18

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2019

*This Issue of Connections, and more information about our club, may be found on our website: <http://www.fforeign.org>
Contact us at: fforeign@comcast.net or PO Box 1703, Albany, Oregon 97321*

ATLANTA INBOUND JOURNEY August 13 – 19, 2019

All members of the Friendship Force Mid-Willamette Valley club are invited to join some or all of the activities that are planned when the 18 members of the Atlanta FF visit us as ambassadors. Below is a listing of the activities and any related costs for hosts and non-hosts. After you send us this form indicating you will join us and include the payment, you will receive more specific information about the event.

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON

	CHECK (X) IF YOU WILL ATTEND AND THE PAYMENT AMOUNT
August 14, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. Welcome brunch and program at home of Juanita and Lloyd Weigel in Salem. Most of the brunch is provided. All members are asked to contribute fruit, cheese or egg dish. 2:00 – 3:00 Tour and wine tasting at Willamette Vineyards, South of Salem	_____ _____
August 15, Thursday. 9:30 Tour Hull-Oaks Lumber Company. 11:30 Gathering Together Farm, lunch and tour, all members ----- \$24 2:30 Tour marijuana/hemp farm	_____ _____ _____
August 16, Friday. 8:30 Whale watching. Marine Discovery Tours, Newport. Club fund will pay part of host cost.----- \$22 Non-hosts can participate providing there is room on the boat ----- \$42 After boat trip, pizza provided at Rogue Ales Bayfront Public House on Bay St. Drinks on your own.	_____ _____ _____
August 17, Saturday. 1 p.m. Grand Ronde Pow Wow at Uyxat Powwow Grounds, Willamina, OR. All members. Lunch on your own. Eat at Spirit Mountain or at food booths at Pow Wow . 5:00 Small Group Dinners in Salem, Albany, or Corvallis. For Hosts and Ambassadors only	_____ _____
August 18, Sunday. 1:30 Farewell lunch and program. Mennonite Village, Albany. All members welcome.	_____

TOTAL PAYMENT: _____

NAME: _____

Contact information: Phone: _____ Email address: _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: _____ Make checks out to FFOMWV.

Please print and return this form ASAP or by July 15. Send form with payment to Gail Wolcott, 1020 NW 30th St., Corvallis, OR 97330

Hosts, please plan to attend an informational meeting and to receive the program booklet on Monday, August 5 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. at Ciddici's Pizza, 859 Belmont Ave, SW, Albany.

