



friendship force
OREGON'S
MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Friendship Connections

The Friendship Force of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley

January 2020

JANUARY 19 GATHERING

The January general meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19th, at 2pm, at the Albany Public Library, 2450 14th Ave SE. The program will be the installation of the new officers. Members with last names starting with N through Z, please bring finger foods. Coffee and tea will be available. Following the general meeting host coordinators, Eileen Minette and Marilyn Peterson invite all members to stay for a planning meeting for our Tokyo inbound June 2 -8.

MEG

Meet with other FF members, Eat delicious lunch, Get Acquainted

Hello Everyone. I'm looking forward to taking my turn as Meet/Eat/Greet (MEG) coordinator, beginning this month of January. As this will be my debut for this pleasant task, I welcome input and feedback from experienced MEG attendees as well as those who may also be new to this shared adventure.

Please plan to meet for lunch at Mangiare in Independence

They have a large variety of modestly priced and delicious lunch selections, including great pasta with side salad specials. If your schedule is flexible, take time afterwards to stroll down to River Art Gallery, and/or the delightful, caloric, ice cream parlor, just a little stroll farther into the next block.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so that I may make a group reservation.

Email: Harrhaus3@comcast.net or phone: 541.752.0990

Hope many of you will join me!

Sharon Harr

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Tuesday, January 14, 11:30 a.m.
Mangiare, Italian Restaurant
114 South Main Street,
Independence

January 19 Gathering 2 PM
Albany Public Library
2450 14th Ave. SE, Albany, Oregon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN. 8, 1PM BOARD

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY 2450 14TH AVE SE ALBANY

JAN. 14, MEG 11:30AM RSVP REQUIRED

MANGIARE, INDEPENDENCE

JAN. 19, 2:00 PM GATHERING

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY 2450 14TH AVE SE ALBANY

PROGRAM: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, TOKYO PLANNING

FEB 16, 2:00 PM GATHERING

MAY 21 - 23, SUPERREGIONAL CONFERENCE (WESTERN STATES) PORTLAND

JUNE 2 - 8 INBOUND TOKYO, JAPAN

JUNE 20 - 27 OUTBOUND MANITOBA, CANADA

JULY 13 -18 INBOUND DENVER, COLORADO

SEPT. 8 - 15, 2015 INBOUND NORTH BAY, ONTARIO, CANADA

SEPT. 27 – OCT. 12 FFI FESTIVAL AT SEA: VANCOUVER BC TO JAPAN

SUNSHINE NEWS

Contact Sue Stein, 541-791-7144, with news.

Our new officers for 2020 will be installed at the January 19 meeting.

The new officers are:

President: Juanita Weigel

Vice President: Ted Powell

Secretary: Marilyn Peterson

Treasurer: Dennis Murphy



Friendship
Shared
Thai dinner
hosted by
Ken and
Peggy
Hoecker

The Newsletter Needs You

Thank you, Mary Ellen Lind, for being the newsletter editor for the past several years. Your contribution to club communication is most appreciated.

Marilyn has agreed to take over the newsletter for two months which means that someone will be the new newsletter publisher in March 2020. What does the publisher/editor do? Club members (officers, journey coordinators, hosts) write the copy and the editor put the copy into a Word document.

To keep things easier for the editor there are a few rules:

- Write as you want it to be read
- Do not format (no centering, lists, obscure artsy fonts, ALL CAPS, no columns or spaces to line up content)
- Think about what the reader needs and what will make the reader want to participate in the event
- Send pictures as separate email attachments
- Do not make the editor beg you to contribute copy for the newsletter
- Content is due on the 25th of the month prior to publication (January 25 for February 1 delivery)
- Two versions are created: the one sent to all members and one without contact information for the website
- Communications committee sends the newsletter to the club members and puts the scrubbed version on the website

Marilyn would be glad to answer questions about the newsletter and would also offer assistance and training to whoever would like to take on the newsletter.

Please contact Marilyn Peterson at peterson.marilyn@comcast.net or 541.926.7431 if you would consider doing the March (and subsequent) newsletter.

FRIENDSHIP SHARED: IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR 2020

Sue Stein has stepped up to lead Friendship Shared for 2020. Van Nichols will be assisting with money matters. Sue is in southern California at present, so Chris Duval is subbing for her for the next month or so to get the ball rolling on Friendship Shared events. If you have some ideas on what you would like to host, please see Chris at the January gathering. You can also email her at duval15@comcast.net.

We could probably use an event on Valentine's Day. Many of us like to play Mexican Train dominoes, so that could be on a weekend night. An international-themed dinner is another idea that would be well received. Put on your thinking caps and get in touch with Chris to put your event on our calendar. If you have questions about how Friendship Shared works, check with Chris.

May we have an "eventful" year, serving others!

FRIENDSHIP SHARED: THAI DINNER SEPTEMBER 2019

Twelve people enjoyed the Thai dinner provided by Peggy and Ken Hoecker on Saturday, Sept. 7. The food was as delicious as the setting was beautiful. Peggy and Ken served the wonderful five course dinner on their spacious deck overlooking the valley. Thai soup came first, followed by a beautiful plated salad. Then came the main course, a vegetable meat "stew" with rice and satay sticks. Dessert was Roti – banana crepes – and homemade roasted coconut ice cream. All of the food was a treat for the eyes as well as the mouth. Ken said that he and Peggy have been to Thailand eleven times and Peggy has taken cooking classes while there.

The group decided to honor Don Rea by giving the money raised by the dinner to Fish and to Jackson Street Youth Shelter, two charities that Don was influential in starting.

Finally, Peggy entertained us by telling jokes and playing her guitar and singing. This concluded a very special evening.

Board of Directors 2020

Standing Committee Chairmen:

Exchange Directors Outbound:

June 20 - 27 – Manitoba, Canada –
TBD 2021 Edmonton, Canada

Exchange Directors Inbound:

June 2 - 8, 2020, Tokyo, Japan – Eileen Minette and Marilyn Peterson Host Coordinators
July 13 - 18, 2020 Denver, Colorado
September 8 -15, North Bay, Ontario, Canada
August 2021 – Ft Worth, Texas



2020 JOURNEY NEWS

Tokyo, Japan to Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley

Our visitors from Tokyo will arrive on June 2 and depart June 8. Mitsue is the Ambassador Coordinator and she believes that about 14 folks will be traveling.

Please join Eileen Minette and Marilyn Peterson after the January 19 meeting to help plan the program for this visit.

Marilyn Peterson and Eileen Minette, Host Coordinators

Journey Coordinators are needed for our other 2020 journeys.

Please contact either Chris Duval or Juanita Weigel for more information about being a coordinator. Training is available and being a co-coordinator is a great way to learn the process.

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.



**PEGGY
HOECKER
COOKS THAI
FOR
FRIENDSHIP
SHARED**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With friendship as our mission, Family all are we.
Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment,
And live each moment, In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.

FFOMWV Board minutes

No board meeting in December

***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 or PO Box 1703, Albany, Oregon 97321***

WESTERN REGIONAL SUPER CONFERENCE

May 21st through May 23rd, 2020

Shiloh Inn Portland Airport. 11707 NE Airport Way. Portland, OR 97220
Call 503-252-7500 for Reservations (Mention Friendship Force for special rate)

Participating clubs from the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain, West Coast, and Western Canada Regions including clubs in: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah Washington, British Columbia and Alberta. All Friendship Force members are invited. Hosted by the Friendship Force of Lower Columbia.

Theme: Embracing Diversity Through Friendship Force
Panel Discussion on Embracing Diversity

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, May 21st 1:00 pm Registration
 3:00 pm President's Meeting
 7:00 pm Welcome Reception
Friday, May 22nd 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Conference
 Panel discussions; workshops
 6:00 pm Gala Dinner
 Presentations by Friendship Force International Staff
Saturday, May 23rd 9:00 am - 4 pm Conference
 Workshops, and wrap up

Participate in fun, stimulating workshops for all members whether you are a new member, club leader, journey coordinator or just an enthusiastic member. Topics include New Member Q and A, Planning Global Journeys, Building Memberships, Future Planning, Vetting Ambassadors, Websites and much more.

Registration Fee if paid by February 15, 2020	\$ 150
Registration Fee if paid between Feb. 16 and April 15	\$ 175
Gala Dinner (not included in registration)	\$ 55

More questions? Contact Yvonne Pecha at herbpecha@gmail.com or 360-577-8963

Membership Application or Renewal

Annual dues cover the cost of the monthly newsletter and expenses for exchanges 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 exchange travel and other benefits. Memberships expire on December 31, 2020.

Annual dues: Individual: \$35.00 (Please print clearly)

This is a NEW _____ or a RENEWAL _____ Application

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Dues enclosed: (\$35.00 individual) \$ _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Mail To: Friendship Force, PO Box 1703, Albany, OR 97321

SuperRegional

Conference

May 21 -23

Shiloh Inn

Portland Airport

Embracing

Diversity Through

Friendship Force

Early bird registration

ends Feb. 15