



Friendship Force of Sacramento Inc.

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June 2017

Special Points of Interest

Sun., June 4, 4:00 pm.,
Welcome Potluck for Big Canoe at Camp Pollock

Fri., June 9, 5:30 pm
Farewell Dinner at Chevy's by The River, 1369 Garden Hwy., Sac.

Thurs., June 29 5:30
Board Meeting followed by 7:00 pm General Meeting at Fair Oaks Library.. Program on Cedar Rapids/St. Louis

President's Message:

The leaders in our club have just returned from a President's Conference in Santa Barbara. Marty McKnew and Pat Ghiglieri (our regional reps) along with V.P. Kathy Hart and I enjoyed a short home hosting and a long day of training. It was very well organized and a lot of information was shared.



Jeremi Snook, the President of Friendship Force International, spoke on a Skype call for about 45 minutes. He is an inspirational leader who is working to expand the Friendship Force while holding on to our core values. He stressed that the "signature week long homestay" continues to be the primary method of promoting peace and cultural understanding in our club, but FFI will be exploring other travel options as well.

FFI is also looking into grants and partnerships with other companies that can bring a steady income to support the organization. FFI has 7 full time staff and 7 part-time staff that live and work around the world. They support over 15,000 active members and more than 300 Journeys each year. All of this training is going to be helpful as the Sacramento club continues to be so active. We host and go on more Journeys than any other club in our region. This year we still have three inbound Journeys and we will need your help, especially for home hosting.

June is the middle of the year and time for us to think about our leadership for next year. Some of your Board members are ready to retire and pass on the baton so please let me know if you can help. We can use help for Board positions and backup help in all areas including: VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Exchange Treasurer, Membership, Newsletter, Crafts Chair, Webmaster, Activities, Publicity and Journey Coordinators. You can email me at President@FFSacramento.org if you are willing to help in any way.

I'm very proud of what our club has become and look forward to working with you all to make it even better over the coming years.

Chris Smith

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Journey Dates and Events - 2017

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| June 4 - 10 | Big Canoe, GA Inbound Journey Charlene Taylor, HC |
| Sun., June 4 | 4:00 pm: Welcome Potluck for Big Canoe Ambassadors at Camp Pollock, 467 Del Paso Blvd., Sacramento (See page 5) |
| Tues., June 6 | Small dinner parties in the evening. |
| Fri., June 9 | 5:30 pm: Farewell Dinner for Big Canoe at Chevy's on the River, 1369 Garden Hwy., Sacramento 95833 |
| Thurs., June 15 | Next planning session for 2018 Conference, time & place TBA |
| Thurs., June 29 | 5:30 Board meeting at Fair Oaks Library, 11601 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, followed by the General Meeting at 7:00 pm with the Cedar Rapids/St. Louis ambassadors presenting the program. |
| Mon., July 17 | 1:30 Board meeting at Judy Maas's, 2805 McCloud Way, Roseville 95747 |
| Sat., July 22 | Hoedown in El Dorado Hills (see page 6) |
| Sat., Aug. 12 | 10:00 am: Exploring Woodland. Meet at the Woodland Opera House, 340 2nd Street, Woodland |

JOURNEYS

Updated 5-23-2017

Below are some of the details on the Sacramento club's upcoming Journeys. We try to keep this updated as much as possible but if you have any specific questions please contact the Coordinators listed below or check with Chris Smith at president@ffsacramento.org or 916-712-6979.

2017 Journeys

Big Canoe, Georgia Inbound - June 4 to 10, 2017 Charlene Taylor, HC. Things are looking good for a great inbound Journey. See the articles in this newsletter on how you can be a part of it.

Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico Inbound - August 1 to 7, 2017 PJ Missman is the HC. Our club stepped forward to help when another club was unable to find enough hosts. PJ has been working hard to get hosts and now it turns out we have seven young people included! Please watch for requests from PJ on what is needed. pmissman@hotmail.com (713) 446-3836

Friendship Force International Conference - August 25 - 28, 2017 This year's conference will be in Manchester, England. Home hosting may be available before or after the conference. Details can be found on the website: www.FriendshipForce.org

Gifu City, Japan Outbound - October 4 - 22, 2017 George Meyer is the AC. The exchange is full and no new applications are being accepted at this time. If you would like to visit Japan there are other clubs going that you may be able to travel with. [Click Here](#) for a list of Journeys and email the Regional Support person on anything that may interest you.

Discover Vietnam Tour – September 30 – October 21, 2017 Chris Smith is the AC. This is going to be a very interesting Journey. We have it set up in three different stages, so depending on your mobility or time commitments you can do part or all of it. [Click Here](#) for details or contact Chris at smithinsac@gmail.com or (916) 712-6979

Toronto, Canada Inbound - October 25 – November 1, 2017 Kathy Hart, HC. 20 Ambassadors are expected. Kathy can really use your help. We have two outbound Journeys in October and want to make sure everything is organized as early in the year as possible. Please contact Kathy if you can help with hosting, day hosting, parties, etc. kathleen-hart@sbcglobal.net or (916) 988-8266.

JOURNEYS

Big Canoe, Georgia

June 4-10, 2017

We have the honor of hosting a Friendship Force club from Big Canoe, Georgia (the state, not the country). We have some wonderful events planned and would love to have you join us.

Sunday, June 4: 4:00 pm: Welcome dinner at Camp Pollock. This will be a potluck dinner and a great opportunity to meet our guests and mingle with your club friends.

Monday, June 5: We will have a full day touring the Lake Tahoe area with lunch at Pat & Bob Ghiglieri's mountain home



Tuesday, June 6: Our day begins with a tour of the Capitol followed by a visit to the rose garden. Lunch will be on your own and an open afternoon to visit Old Sac.

Wednesday, Jun 7: We will be touring the wine country, El Dorado and Amador County with sightseeing in the local areas.



Thursday, June 8: The morning will be spent visiting Calaveras Big Trees with a picnic lunch and an open afternoon.

Friday, June 9: 5:30pm Our farewell dinner will be at Chevys on the River! Dinner includes a Mexican buffet, non-alcoholic drinks and dessert. We have the upstairs balcony with our own open bar; the view of the river is spectacular. A fun time is awaiting you!

Please sign up on our website for the dinners, and If you are able to day host on any of these days, please contact Audrey Wiechman at audreywiechman@gmail.com or 916-481-4073

Tuxtla/Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico Inbound July 31-August 8, 2017.

(Note the date changes.)

We have a group of 17 ambassadors that includes 6 young people ages 12-22. We are putting together a few special days of activities specifically designed for active young people. We also have a Tahoe day that will include lunch at the Ghiglieris' in Truckee and refreshments at the Mellors' in Strawberry. We still need some help with hosting, day hosting, Spanish communications, small dinner parties, and planning outings. We have one day we still need to plan, and I would love to have someone take charge of that day. Also, let me know if you would like to be involved in the youth outings. They will include hiking, biking, and/or kayaking. This is a multi-generational journey. If you want to help make this a fun and successful week, please let me know. The next planning meeting is at our home at 7pm, June 12, 2017. We will have snacks.

PJ Missman, HC

pmissman@hotmail.com or 713-446-3836

JOURNEYS

Welcome Potluck for Big Canoe Ambassadors Camp Pollock 4:00 pm - Sunday, June 4

Help welcome our ambassadors from Big Canoe, Georgia with a potluck meal on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 4:00 pm. Bring your favorite dish or follow the guide below. Plan for your dish to serve at least 10 people.

If your last name begins with:

- A through F - Bring a salad or appetizer.
- G through R - Bring a main or vegetable dish.
- S through Z - Bring a dessert.



Camp Pollock along the American River is the venue. 467 Del Paso Blvd, Sacramento. For directions, click [here](#). Please register so we know how many will be coming. For more information and online registration go to: [Upcoming Events- FF Sacramento](#)

Table service and water will be provided. You are welcome to BYOB.

If you can help set up or clean up, please contact Marty McKnew at 916-709-1347 or martymcknew@comcast.net.

Farewell Dinner Chevy's by the River 1369 Garden Hwy., Sacramento 95833

5:30 pm - Friday, June 9
Please sign up on our website.

The farewell dinner is planned for Friday, June 9 at Chevy's by the River, upstairs, with an elevator, and a great view from the balcony. We'll have our own no-host bar upstairs, too.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend welcome and farewell parties, and that is true, too, of the events during the week. It's a great way for new members to get their feet wet and become familiar with exchanges/journeys.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Meeting 7pm. Thurs., June 29 Fair Oaks Library

This sounds like good news for the members who've missed having monthly meetings this year. And the day and time may help include some who previously were unable to attend. So please, come out, everyone and spend the evening with friends and hear about our ambassadors' recent stay in Iowa.

Sacramento FF Summer Picnic and Hoedown

When: Sat., July 22

Exact time TBD (early evening)

Location: El Dorado Hills

Mark your calendars for this event that is sure to be a hoot for everyone. We will enjoy a delicious chicken dinner with everyone bringing various

salads at a member's home in EDH, and after our meal feel free to relax and visit, or get your cowboy boots on and enjoy some square dancing and line dancing!

Two members have offered to help, but we will need more help. Interested in helping?
Contact Kathy Hart



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Exploring Woodland

When: Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 am

Location: Woodland Opera House at 340 2nd Street in Woodland

We begin our adventure touring the Woodland Opera House. It is California State Historic Landmark #851 and was built in 1895. Our club has arranged for a private tour for up to 30 people. Cost is \$5 per person and is due by Aug. 3rd. No refunds after Aug 3rd due date.

<http://www.woodlandoperahouse.org/>

After the Opera House, we plan to meet at Ludy's BBQ at 667 Main Street, Woodland for lunch on your own. Details to follow.

After lunch, we plan to visit the California Agricultural Museum. We are **not** taking payment for the museum, you will pay when you arrive.

1962 Hays Ln, Woodland



Details are on our website.

<http://www.californiaagmuseum.org/>

The California Agriculture Museum is home to the nation's most unique collection of tractors and artifacts. Interactive exhibits tell the history of farm to fork. Hear how California food producers evolved from horse drawn to steam driven to fuel powered machines, eventually becoming the state's economic driver. Open until 5 pm.

General Admission \$10.00

AAA members \$9.00

Veterans \$8.00

Seniors \$8.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Four Seasons Community Garden Tour

Pat and Bob Ghiglieri along with Sharon Heilman and other helpers put together a wonderful event for us. It was a lovely afternoon where 55 of our members learned about the beautiful community garden in this El Dorado Hills neighborhood. Pat and Bob have worked over 9 years to shape the garden into a real asset. There are areas for people to grow their own vegetables, rose gardens, a Japanese garden, over 30 fruit trees and even grapevines where they are making their own wine!

The volunteers put together a lovely lunch. We had time to chat together and even a time for a short “general meeting”. This was a successful day, and we have more in store! Join us for some of the events during our next three home hostings and don’t forget to mark July 22nd on your calendar for our 1st Annual Summer Picnic and Hoedown.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunshine Corner

Get well wishes go out to Judy Maas, recovering from a mild stroke and Susan Shambaugh, recovering from surgery. A get well card was also sent to Bob Ghiglieri who had pneumonia. Please contact Elaine Wilson, Sunshine Chair, at 916-316-4596 or gagi1212@sbcglobal.net or to inform her of any members who may need congratulatory, sympathy or get well notes.

Board Minutes

Board Minutes are now being posted on our club's website. To read the draft of the Sacramento Friendship Force Board Minutes [click here](#).

Mission: To promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.

Vision: Each individual will make a contribution to global goodwill. • The Friendship Force worldwide network of clubs and individuals will overcome differences among people and nations. • By connecting the world, one friend at a time, we will create a world of friends that becomes a world of peace.



The mighty Mississippi in Wisconsin. Photo by Audrey Wiechman

Board Members

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| President: Chris Smith president@ffsacramento.org | Membership: Kathy DeBlonk deblonk@comcast.net |
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Next Newsletter Deadline: June 24, 2017

Please submit your articles & photos to Judy Maas at jemaas@aol.com.