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President's Message



Today I'm full of gratitude for folks who say "Yes!" We have many willing volunteers to take on all the tasks, large and small, that make our club work. A big thank-you to Cheewa and Linda for volunteering to be host coordinators for our incoming journey from Banjarmasin, Indonesia. Now they will need volunteers to say "Yes" to home hosting, day hosting, dinner parties, party planning, and activities for each day. And we have host and journey coordinators for all the other journeys this year, thanks to PJ, Chris, Marty, and Jodi, and all those who will make these journeys successful. They will all need helping hands, and I know they will get the help they need, because you say "Yes!"

Others are working on planning day events close to home to keep us engaged between journeys, strengthen friendships, serve our community, and have fun together. We need more of these, so if you have an idea for a service project, day excursion, or exploring local places, say "Yes" and make it happen! Our members are creative: The Birds hosted a movie night, Kathy has arranged a backstage tour of the Harris Center, and Emily introduced us to Heath Ceramics in Sausalito. I know there are lots of great ideas out there, and I know our members will say "Yes" and make it happen!

We continue to attract new members because good things are happening. Let's all reach out to the new people and keep us all engaged in making our mission of world friendship start at home and spread around the world. And if you haven't yet signed up for the World Conference in Boulder, Colorado, in July, there is still time!

In Friendship,

– Helen Flach, President

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Upcoming Events

See FF Sacramento website for latest schedule and to register for the event: ([link](#)) [must sign in to see all events]

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| Feb 9 | Sat | New Member Orientation 11AM-1PM, 4701 El Greco Way El Dorado Hills, (register) |
| Feb 14 | Thurs | Shutterbugs Round Table Pizza, 7867 Lichen Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 Lunch Meet Up. (register) 12:30 Lunch Buffet. 1:00 to 3:00PM Meeting. |
| Feb 14 | Thurs | Board Meeting: 3:15-5:00 (register) General meeting: 5:00-6:30 PM Inside view of Uber, AirBnB + book exchange (register) Both at South Natomas Library, 2901 Truxel Rd , Sacramento |
| Feb 19 | Tue | Planning meeting for Southern Mexico Journey (Xalapa & Tuxtla- Gutiérrez) 7:00 PM, 4139 Riva Ridge Dr, Fair Oaks (register) |
| Feb 26 | Tue | Shutterbugs: online video or call-in meeting. Check website for details . |
| March 4 | Mon | Backstage Tour of Harris Center: 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM, Folsom (register) |
| April 4 | Thurs | Huntsville Inbound Planning Meeting 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (register) at Valley Hi-North Laguna Library, 7400 Imagination Pkwy |
| April 11 | Thurs | Board Meeting: 3:15-5:00 PM General Meeting: 5:00-6:30 PM – report on Tuxtla journey Both at Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Avenue |
| June 6 | Thurs | Report on Toronto Journey (board mtg followed by general mtg) |
| July 23-27 | | Friendship Force International – World Conference, Boulder Colorado |
| Aug 29 | Thurs | Report on World Conference (board mtg followed by general mtg) |
| TBD Sept-Oct | | Oktoberfest + brief general meeting at Van Dossey's house |
| Nov. 19 | | Report on Birding (board mtg followed by general mtg) |
| Dec 8 | | Holiday Party |

Journey Listing

◇ = more detail in following pages. See FF Sacramento website for details and latest info: ([link](#))

In-Bound Journeys 2019

- July (TBD) 15147-1 Banjarmasin, Indonesia Cheewa James, Host Coordinator
- Sept 18-25 15312 Huntsville, AL Marty McKnew, Host Coordinator
- Nov 14272 Birding in Sacramento (Global) Chris Smith, Host Coordinator

Out-Bound Journeys 2019

- ◇ Tuxtla Gutiérrez & Xalapa, Mexico March 8-30
Journeys #15010-1 and #15010-2. PJ Missman, Ambassador Coordinator
- ◇ Toronto, Canada May 10-20
Journey #15104-1 Jodi Vicario, Ambassador Coordinator

February 2019 Calendar

See FF Sacramento website for latest calendar: [\(link\)](#)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> 11:00 AM New Member Orientation and Luncheon |
| <u>10</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>14</u> 12:30 PM FF Sacramento Shutterbugs Lunch Bunch 3:15 PM Board Meeting- South Natomas Library 5:00 PM General Meeting at South Natomas Library Meeting Room | <u>15</u> | <u>16</u> |
| <u>17</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>19</u> 7:00 PM Planning meeting for Southern Mexico Journey (meeting #3) | <u>20</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> |

Recent Activities

2018 Club Activities

If you'd like to view a wonderful PDF slideshow of 2018 put together by Kathy Hart, click [here](#)!

Sunshine Corner

By Barbara Beland

Please let the Sunshine Corner know of all news of deeds of wonder, amazement and accomplishment, as well as any illness or situation that needs a card mailed out. The Sunshine Committee of one is:

Barbara Beland, (530) 886-8600, or email bdbeland@gmail.com



Announcements

New Member Orientation

By Jodi Vicario

Calling all New Members! Have you attended an Orientation Meeting yet? If not, please join us on **Saturday February 9th** at 11:00 am at the home of Jodi Vicario to learn about all the ins and outs of Friendship Force International and the Sacramento Club. Lunch will be provided, so please [register](#) for the event on the website.



SSSS on your ticket

By Kathy Hart

One more thing to worry about. An 'SSSS' on your boarding pass for your next flight. Kathy Hart came across a blog that explains it ([link](#)). SSSS means *Secondary Security Screening Selection* – i.e. you have been selected for enhanced security screening. It is applied using a risk-based randomized procedure. Even Trusted Travelers and Global Entry travelers can get selected.

February General Meeting

When: Thursday, **February 14**, 5:00 – 6:30 PM
Location: South Natomas Library, 2901 Truxel Road
Register: ([register](#))

As travelers we often use Uber to get around and Air B&B to find a place to stay. But we can be better consumers if we know the inside scoop on how these services work. Come and hear our members, Stephanie Shurilla (who is an Uber driver) and Terry Parker (who rents a room in her home through Air B&B). They'll tell us how these work and answer your questions.

Also, we're having a book exchange. If you have travel guides or maps you are ready to discard, bring them to the meeting and offer them to anyone who can use them.

The general meeting is preceded by the FF Board meeting 3:15 – 5:00 PM, same room.

Shutterbugs

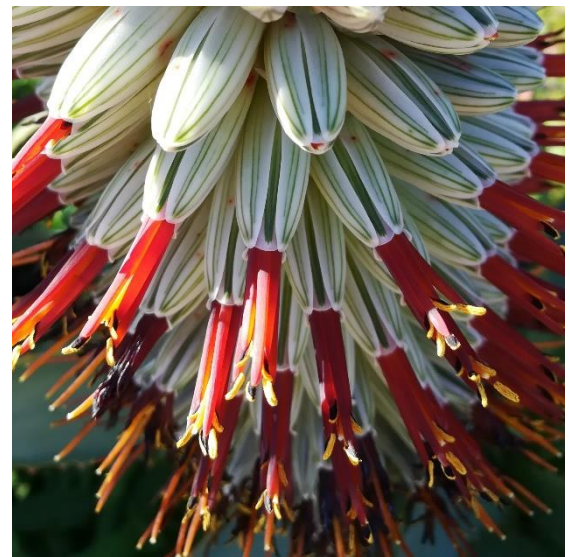
By Rozlynn Worrall

Our Friendship Force's Photography Club Cluster submitted three new photos for close-up/macro photography to Friendship Force International Photo Club Clusters in the month of January. Photographers zoomed in close to their subjects.



Lily by Audrey Wiechman

Each month FF SAC Shutterbugs FOCUS on a theme as a means of practice and growing their skills. If you would like to see the rest of the photos taken by cluster photographers, check out the Shutterbug's [Share Site](#).



Mystery Bloom by Chris Smith

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In the month of February, the Shutterbugs will be experimenting with video conference calling. On **February 14**, the Lunch Bunch will be prepped on the Video or Call-in process by Chris Smith in anticipation of their first remote online meetup tentatively scheduled for February 26. All who attend, please bring your cell phone, laptop or tablet to see how this works. ([register](#))

We'll also be reviewing the "Patterns" photos that were submitted in January, picking the 3 best shots. Then we'll be discussing February's monthly challenge: "Sunrise/Sunsets".



Icicle Drip of Donner Lake by Rozlynn Worrall

If you would like to learn more about photography or learn how to video conference call, all members of our club are welcome to attend the meetings. Register online for details of when and where we meet. If you have questions send an email to FFSACShutterbugs@gmail.com.

English-Ish

Chris Smith

You might recall some from our August 2018 issue on how hard it is to communicate effectively in another language. Here are a few more examples in this vein from the book "Here Speaking American"

Road Signs:

- Stop: Drive Sideways. (detour sign in Kyushu, Japan)
- Drive Carefully, Your Lovers are waiting for you (billboard, Philippines)
- Caution, Water on Road During Rain (Malaysia)
- Danger: Slow men at work (Brunei)

Museums and Historic Sites

- The painting, Wheatfield with Crows, probably painted before Van Gogh committed suicide (caption under painting in Malaysia)
- 2nd Floor Upstairs (visitors' sign at historic convent, Philippines)
- Foot Wearing Prohibited (sign at Buddhist temple, Burma)

Mexico Journey

By PJ Missman

Tuxtla Gutiérrez & Xalapa, Mexico Journey, March 2019



Temple of the Sun (note microscopic people on top)

We still need a few ambassadors to fill this journey - if you have been tempted to join Sacramento's 2019 Outbound to Southern Mexico, now is the time to send me your application! We will visit the most celebrated Museum of Anthropology in the world, we will see pyramids, visit Mayan peoples and learn about their culture, hearing ancient languages being used, enjoy the famous seafood cuisine of Veracruz, boat down rivers and visit forest water falls. This trip will be spectacular!

FF NE Ohio photo

Submit your application and \$100 deposit to PJ Missman (pmissman@hotmail.com) immediately, if this is the trip for you!

Application form: click [here](#) - instructions on form.

Toronto Outbound

By Jodi Vicario

Details such as the itinerary and cost are still being worked on by the hosting clubs, but applications are now being accepted for this journey to determine interested ambassadors. Applications with a refundable \$100 deposit should be sent to the Ambassador Coordinator, Jodi Vicario, at 4701 El Greco Way El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 by February 9th. Once all applications are received, a selection process will occur, and waitlisted members will have their \$100 deposits returned. Known information: Toronto May 10 - 17 and Montreal stopover May 17 - May 20. Ambassadors will take a train from Toronto to Montreal.



Please contact Jodi with any questions at 530-350-7951 Home or 916-936-6342 Cell or email jodi.vicario@gmail.com.

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Harris Center Tour

By Kathy Hart

Backstage Tour of Harris Center in Folsom

Monday, March 4 at 10:30

Register [here](#)

This is your chance to experience a backstage tour of the beautiful Harris Center performing art center on the Folsom Lake College campus. This 80,000 square foot regional arts center opened in 2011 and recently sold its millionth ticket. We plan to tour the facility which includes a recording studio and three stages. We hope to be able to see the prop building room and the costume design area.



The tour size will be limited to 30 participants, so be sure to sign up if you know you can make the date. If you have registered and are unable to make the tour, please cancel with as much notice as possible so someone else can sign up.



There is no charge for the tour, but if you register and do not cancel, you need to be there.

Parking passes will be sent to registrants so there will not be a need to purchase a guest parking pass for the event.

After the tour, we will meet for a no-host lunch in Folsom. Details will be provided soon!

Questions? Contact Kathy Hart at kathleen-hart@sbcglobal.net

Huntsville Inbound Planning Meeting

Marty McKnew

Huntsville is coming to town September 18-25, 2019. Come help plan an amazing journey for the ambassadors from Huntsville. Last year their club treated ours to an amazing experience. Let's show them California hospitality is up to their standards. We need home hosts, day hosts, home-hosted meal hosts, day planners, event planners, welcome planners, farewell planners and everything in between.

The first planning meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 4** from 1 to 3 pm at the Valley Hi-North Laguna Branch Library, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento. This library is located at the corner of Imagination Parkway and Bruceville Road across from Cosumnes River College.

Take Highway 99 south from Sacramento to Cosumnes Blvd., turn right onto Cosumnes Blvd, turn left at the first stoplight onto Bruceville. Imagination Parkway is on left at the 2nd stoplight. There is lots of parking in the lot behind the library. Meeting room is on the left as you enter.

Refreshments provided.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to help in any way, please contact Marty McKnew at martymcknew@comcast.net .

Register ([here](#))

German Genealogy

By George Meyer

Greetings fellow adventurers!

The International German Genealogical Society (IGGS) will hold a meeting **14-17 June** at the Hyatt Hotel in Sacramento. Our Friendship Force chapter will host a table for a great opportunity to provide information to the attendees about our organization and the opportunities we provide for cultural understanding and enrichment. If you are available to assist for part of the time, please feel free to ask for more info, or to sign up by e-mailing Lynn or me of your interest.

Danke Schön,

- George Meyer

Mission & Vision

Experience Different Views. Discover Common Ground.

Mission: **Explore - Understand - Serve** To promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.

Vision: Each individual will contribute 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.

Board Members

| 2019 Board Members | |
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Next Newsletter Deadline:

March 28, 2019 (later than normal due to Mexico journey)

Please submit your articles
& photos to Ray Missman at
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