

Friendship Force of Big Canoe/North Georgia

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Welcome,
Kauai and
African
exchange
ambassadors

CLUB HAPPENINGS --

May 17 - 24

Kauai incoming exchange. See p. 2, 3 for details.

June

No meeting. Happy Father's Day !

July 17

3 p.m. performance of *Big River*, Cumming. SEE **P. 4.

President's message

The coming months are busy and different. The group from Kauai, Hawaii, will be with us from May 17 - 24, and we will be taking them to places that we have not taken ambassadors in recent times. The details of this exchange are in this newsletter on pages two and three.

In June we will have NO meeting because our normal meeting date is Father's Day.

In July we will be going to the play *Big River* in Cumming with dinner afterward at The Ridge.

For August our plan is to have our regular monthly meeting at Forno Restaurant. We look forward to hearing

about Friendship Force experiences from some of our members at that meeting.

We are still awaiting an answer from FFI about our proposed exchanges in New Zealand in April 2012. There is the possibility of three week-long home stays with three different New Zealand clubs.

We have also requested a three-day exchange with Shelby NC Friendship Force Club for late October or early November. Previously the Shelby Club has indicated a strong interest in an exchange with us, but they have not yet confirmed the dates.

Remember that all of our club members are invited to

participate in all the activities during the Hawaii exchange.

You just need to make reservations for the activities you expect to attend. I look forward to seeing you as we get to know our new friends.

In friendship,
Ches Tredway



For FFI's website:
www.thefriendshipforce.org

Kauai, Hawaii, Incoming Exchange -- May 17-24, 2011

All members are encouraged to participate in these activities, but we need to know how many are coming in order to get discounts on tickets and coordinate transportation. To discuss activities, call Huw Williams at 678- 513-2456 or cell 678-462-1453. To discuss transportation for activities, call Ray Bowyer at 706-268-3913 or cell 770-366-3736. Harry Yarbrough is Exchange Director.

Tues., May 17

1:30 PM Pick up at airport (some at 2 PM)

5:00 PM Covered dish welcome dinner, home of Jim and Jean Goggin, 6430 Streamside Ct., Hampton subdivision (3 mi. s of Outlet Mall) 678-513-7157. On 400 from south: cross 369, at Settendown Rd. turn right. At first stop sign (2 mi.) go right, around the clubhouse, right on Hampton Crk. Dr., first st. on right is Streamside. On 400 from north: turn left at light at Crossroads. Take quick right onto Settendown Rd. At 1st stop sign, left into Hampton section. Go around clubhouse, right on Hampton Crk. Dr., first st. on r. is Streamside.



Weds., May 18

10:30 AM Consolidated Gold Mine, Dählonega \$13.
12:15 PM Lunch at Oar House, 3072 Hwy 53E, Dählonega, Dutch Treat
2:15 PM Gold Museum and shopping 5.
6:00 PM Dinner hosting for all ambassadors and their hosts

Thurs., May 19

10:30 AM Visit Governor's Mansion (1 1/2 hr. drive)
11:30 AM Lunch at Swan House, Dutch Treat
followed by visit to Atlanta History Center. After discount: 10.
6 PM Dinner at Tam's Restaurant, Cumming. Ambassadors treat their own hosts; others, Dutch Treat
8 PM Play, *Mash*, at Cumming Playhouse. Note: Huw Williams needs to know if you plan to go to dinner & play by May 5th!! 15.

Fri., May 20

11AM or 1 PM Tour of Homes, Big Canoe. Lunch Dutch Treat. Vendors and used book sale to browse. Tickets are timed. \$20.

Sat., May 21 FREE DAY/EVENING WITH HOSTS

7:00 PM Optional Banks & Shane concert, Big Canoe. Dinner available at same outdoor location catered by Dawsonville Poolroom.



Sun., May 22

Free morning with hosts for worship or rest.
2:00 PM Bocce ball instruction and play at Wildcat area, Big Canoe (close to North Gate). Bring folding chairs for relaxing but will eat at the picnic tables.
5:00 PM Picnic at Wildcat pavilion, Big Canoe. Food provided. 5.

Mon., May 23

11 AM Blue Ridge Scenic Railway. Lunch in McCaysville. Dutch Treat Return, 3 PM. 22.
5 PM Farewell dinner, Ryan's Steakhouse, 400 & Rt. 53, Dawsonville area. 14.40

Tues., May 24

Take ambassadors to airport for their next exchange.

**** July meeting, *Big River*, at Cumming Playhouse, 3 PM matinee.**

The manager at the Playhouse is offering group tickets for us at \$15. (versus regular price of \$20.), but we must pay ahead. To go, please bring a check to BCNGFF or cash to Robert Logan, our treasurer, at the picnic on Sun., May 22nd (see above). All who want to follow the play with dinner will then go to Ridge Restaurant, Cumming. We will arrange carpooling as desired and will publish directions to the playhouse in the July newsletter. If you have questions, call Fred Mullins, 404-513-4302.



EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

OUTGOING:

Shelby, NC -- Possibility for **Fall 2011**.

New Zealand -- **April 2012**.

The Wairarapa Club of New Zealand accepted an incoming exchange from us! Their club is in a region whose main center is Masterton. It is an agricultural area involving sheep, beef, and dairying and also areas of grapes, olives, and timber. The club's web site is: <www.friendshipforce.org.nz/wairarapa/>

A second week on the north island and a week on the south island have been proposed by FFI but not yet accepted by the New Zealand clubs. Huw Williams will be the Exchange Director if this exchange works out.

INCOMING:

Kauai, Hawaii -- **May 17-24, 2011**. See pages two and three for details. Harry Yarbrough, Exchange Director.

Winnipeg, Manitoba -- **February 2012**. Jim and Helen Wiltse, Exchange Directors. More information will be available at a later date.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The April meeting of Big Canoe/North Georgia Friendship Force was held on April 17, 2011, at 4:30 PM at Forno Restaurant with 32 members and 9 guests present. Ches Tredway presided and introduced Randy Lewis, who presented a program entitled "Improving Your Photographs." The informative presentation was followed by a short question and answer session.

Ches led the group in the Friendship Force pledge. Then he presented membership pins to Danielle Logan, Barry and Linda Kadachuk, Tim and Lenna Anderson, and Robert and Peggy Anderson.

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$9,147.48.

Activities chairperson, Jobeth Yarbrough, announced that our May meeting will be held in conjunction with the Kauai Exchange, and Huw Williams went over the schedule for the exchange week of activities. The number is still 16 with 18 hosts. Hosts should check with Ray if they need assistance with transportation.

An incoming exchange with Winnipeg, Canada, has been accepted for February 2012. The Wiltses volunteered to serve as Exchange Directors.

Ches reported that we still don't have acceptance for two additional weeks in New Zealand for April 2012, but signs are favorable. If so, Huw Williams has agreed to be exchange director.

Ches said that Shelby, NC, wants an exchange with us for November 2011. Margaret Logan moved that we go there first. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting concluded with a showing of an Exchange Director DVD. Dinner followed.

Margaret Logan
Secretary

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Wiltse
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May Birthdays

2 -- Carolyn Smith
17 -- Aimee Baars
31 -- Tim Anderson

Please let the newsletter editor know
if we have missed your birthday.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE PLEDGE

As a member of the Friendship Force, 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
through my example to my own fellow citizens and
the people of other nations, the cause of friendship,
love, and peace will be furthered.

I can make a difference.



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