

Friendship Force of Big Canoe/North Georgia

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September 2011

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Sept. 18 -- Regular meeting, 4:30 pm, Ridge Steakhouse and Grill, Cumming.

Oct. 16 - Regular meeting, 4:30 pm, Forno Italian Restaurant, Foothills Shopping Center

Nov. 4-6 Shelby, NC, outgoing exchange

Nov. 20 - Regular meeting, 4:30 pm

At left: Our August storytellers: Carolyn Smith, Charlene Terrell, and Bobbie Garner.

President's message

We have three exchanges coming up in the next six months. On the week end of November 4-6, we will be going to Shelby, NC. About a dozen members have expressed interest.

The Winnipeg, Manitoba, club will be coming to visit us from February 22 to 29, 2012, and then in early April we are going on a three-week exchange to three clubs in New Zealand.

Helen and Jim Wiltse are the EDs for the Winnipeg exchange, and Huw Williams is the ED for the New Zealand exchange.

Our September meeting will be at the Ridge Restaurant in Cumming. Several members will be presenting information about possible areas in the world we may consider for our 2013 exchanges. We need to have our requests in to FFI by Nov. 1.

We have scheduled two meetings (counting the play in July) in the Cumming area so that our growing number of

members in that area do not have to travel so far for every meeting. I look forward to seeing you soon.

In friendship,
Ches Tredway



FFI's web site:

<www.thefriendshipforce.org>

Trio Tidbits

Our August meeting delighted attendees with historical anecdotes from Carolyn, Bobbie, and Charlene (see picture above).

Carolyn quoted Wayne's comment that when he saw busloads of tourists in Brazil he

knew they were not really learning anything about the people who live there. Thus arose a desire to create a force for friendship based on living with people.

Bobbie related their experience with their Brazilian family of cleaning the family's cemetery area, followed by a party there with calypso band. She and Frank developed long-term friendships. They met one couple with whom they got together almost every year.

Charlene reinforced the concept that FF sees a country from the inside where traditional tourists see it from the outside.

Members who hope to visit New Zealand may have chuckled at her comment that going to New Zealand was like going back to the '50s. One home had a sign which read, "Please get up by 6 a.m. We need to use your bedsheets as tablecloths."

Thanks, ladies, for a fun and compelling tribute to FFI!

In September Come Choose !

Meeting is in Cumming.
Directions below.

In the fall the FFI headquarters sends each club a form on which the club can list three prioritized requests for an outgoing exchange. This fall we will submit our hopes for a 2013 exchange. Here is your chance to influence what we request.

At our September meeting member volunteers will present at least six different regions or clubs for us to consider. The top three chosen by our votes will be submitted.

Huw Williams, Harry Yarbrough, Mary Ellen Johnson, June Tredway, and Helen Wiltse will describe destinations. Areas to be presented will likely include Romania, Scotland, Turkey, South Pacific Islands, Quebec, and Russia.

Note that we will meet again at the Ridge Grill in Cumming at 4:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to carpool may call Ches Tredway, 706-268-1714.

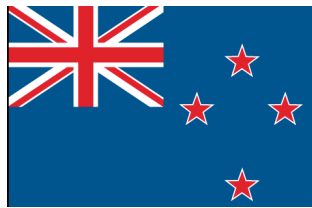
To get to the Ridge Grill from 400: if going south toward Cumming, take exit 15. At the end of the exit, go back over 400. Make the first right. The restaurant is up the hill on the left. We will have a private room.

EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

OUTGOING:



Shelby, NC -- Nov. 4-6, 2011. A domestic exchange--we estimate it will be a 3 1/2 hour drive. We do need an Exchange Director.



New Zealand -- April 2012. Huw Williams is Exchange Director and can be reached at 678-253-2456.

Communications continue between Huw and the three clubs in New Zealand under consideration. Two of the clubs are on the North Island, and one is on the South Island.

As new information is forthcoming, Huw will let us know. Be thinking about whether this exchange is one for which you want to apply.

INCOMING:



Winnipeg, Manitoba -- February 22-29, 2012. Jim and Helen Wiltse, at 706-268-2133, are Exchange Directors.

The Winnipeg club will meet again in late Sept., after which more information will be available. So far, 14 ambassadors have expressed interest in coming, and it's possible more will sign up in September.

Our planning is starting, so please notify the exchange directors or any of the committee names below if you can assist.

The first planning meeting will be after our club's Sept. meeting. Committees:
Dinner/day hosts - Margie Bowyer
Activities - Robert & Margaret Logan, Bob & Peggy Anderson
Welcome book - Nancy Davis
Hosts - Marie Williams
Accounting - Treasurer
Transportation - Harry & Jobeth Yarbrough

Minutes of last meeting

The August meeting of Big Canoe/North Georgia Friendship Force was held on August 21, 2011, at 4:30 pm at Forno's in the Foothills Shopping Center with 26 people present. In the absence of Ches Tredway, Mary Ellen Johnson presided. She welcomed the four guests and led the FF pledge. Treasurer Robert Logan reported a balance of \$7,618.66.

Membership chairman Marie Willians stated that we now have 45 members. Margie Bowyer is keeping the scrapbooks up-to-date and displayed them at the meeting. Activities chairman Jobeth Yarbrough reminded members that the Sept. meeting will be held at The Ridge in Cumming with six members of the club giving short presentations about possible destinations. In Oct. Julie Fleming, who works with international students at Reinhardt University, will be our guest speaker. In Nov. our program will be presented by our members who made the trip to South Africa. Dec. will be our annual Christmas party.

Helen Wiltse reported on the incoming exchange from Winnipeg next year. They will come to use Feb. 22-29 with 14 people now signed up. Helen has asked for volunteers to head up committees to work out activities and plan for hosting.

Our outgoing exchange to New Zealand for April 2012 will be led by Huw Williams. A sign-up list was passed around. Three clubs will be visited with an estimated cost in the low to mid \$3000s per person.

A club poll suggested that the members prefer the week end of Nov. 4-6, 2011, for the Shelby, NC, exchange. An exchange director is needed.

Jobeth introduced Carolyn Smith, Bobbie Garner, and Charlene Terrell, who all have ties to the early days, and even before, of

Friendship Force. They each related interesting stories and memories of FF. They agreed that Friendship Force had shaped their lives in extraordinary ways and changed the way they travel and view the world community. The audience enthusiastically agreed!

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Margaret Logan
Secretary

Treasurer's report

Friendship Force of Big Canoe/North Georgia
Monthly Financial Report
August 21, 2011

General Fund Beginning Balance	\$7,583.18
Deposits	0
Checks	64.52
Ending Balance	\$7,518.66
Wire Account Balance	100.00
Total Net Balance	\$7,618.66



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A tip from member Fred Mullins:

A list of discounts for seniors (and some of our members qualify) is available on line at the web site listed below.

<http://www.bradsdeals.com> After reaching the web site, scroll to the bottom and click on the link for senior discounts.

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September Birthdays

15 -- Robert Logan
17 -- Margaret Logan
26 -- Jim Goggin
26 -- Guy Schneider

The Friendship Force Mission

*What does it mean to be committed to the FF mission?

FFI has a thirty-year history of bringing people together in friendship across the barriers that separate people. We think of ourselves as "citizen ambassadors," each of us having the power to promote good relations at a personal level.

*From the FFI website.

Membership Form

Annual dues include: Membership in both the local club and Friendship Force International; subscriptions to the club's newsletter and the FFI online magazine; opportunities to host FFI members from other clubs; and opportunities to travel to other clubs.

Type of Membership: New _____ Renewal _____

Individual _____ (Dues \$20. per calendar year)

Family _____ (Dues \$40. per calendar year)
(If family membership, please list all family members.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Would you be interested in serving on one or more of the following committees?

_____ Membership _____ Program _____ Publicity

_____ Exchanges _____ Other (_____)

Send this form and your dues to: Robert Logan
741 Oakdale Road
Canton, Georgia 30114

Checks should be made payable to Friendship Force of Big Canoe/North Georgia.
Welcome!