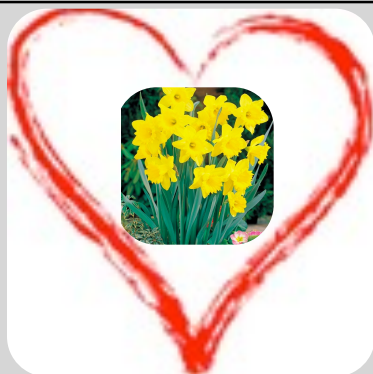


Friendship Force of Big Canoe/North Georgia

February/March 2012

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February 22-29 -- Incoming Winnipeg, Manitoba, Exchange

March 4-April 7 -- Outgoing New Zealand Exchange

March 18 -- Meeting at Forno Italian Restaurant, 4:30 p.m.
Contact person: Aimee Baars, 706-579-1640

April 15 -- Picnic, possibly

President's message

I've been President for a whole month now, and my new knee is eight weeks old. So far we're doing fine, but it's still the honeymoon phase.

The officers and committee chairs know what needs to be done, they do it, and they are accomplished workers in getting the job done! They are easy to work with and are cheerful ambassadors of good will, to other clubs as well as within their own club. Working with them and all the volunteers makes my job easier, so let them know you appreciate their thoughtful work and dedication!

Our new Activities Committee is hard at work planning the rest of the year's activities. Our Incoming and Outgoing exchanges have kept us busy for the first quarter, but the rest of the year is also important for growing our membership and long-range planning.

We haven't heard from the Pike's Peak, Colorado, club to plan a return domestic exchange for the fall, so that possibility is still on hold.

I want to encourage you to meet our winter visitors from Winnipeg February 28th at the Farewell pot luck dinner if you haven't had the opportunity earlier in the week. We always have a good time at our Farewell Dinners. The energy following a busy week spent with our club members plus a thorough indoctrination of north Georgia's hospitality, beauty, and great food seem to be a combination that pleases our ambassadors and club members! Call Helen and Jim Wiltse, Exchange Directors, to help out.

As soon as we say farewell to our Canadian ambassadors, it will be time to pack the last of our stuff for a month at four different clubs in New

Zealand. Huw Williams is our busy Exchange Director for this trip from March 4th - April 7th for many of us.

Yours in Friendship,
Mary Ellen Johnson



**Membership Renewal
Past due!**

We are well into the renewal period for membership in Friendship Force for 2012. Please mail dues to Robert Logan ASAP. Dues remain the same as last year: \$20.00 for a single membership; \$40.00 for a family membership. See form on last page.

Welcome, Winnipeg Friends!



There are nine ambassadors coming--six from Winnipeg, two from Colorado, one from Ohio.

The hosts are Aimee Baars, Dot Brinson, Nancy and Monte Davis, Barry and Linda Kadechuk, Ginny Miller, and Linda and Cecil Schneider.

We encourage all members to participate as much as you can. We only ask that you pay your own way. We will keep a list for each activity, and Robert will bill you at a later date. We need an accurate count for each event by February 15. Please call Helen Wiltse at 706-268-2133 to let her know what you will attend. To day host or dinner host, call Margie Bowyer, 706-268-3913.

Wednesday, Feb. 22: Welcome Party. 5 -7 PM -- Home of Frank and Bobbie Garner. ADDRESS: 1 Petit Ridge, Big Canoe. The welcome party will be hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, and wine. Please notify Peggy Anderson what appetizer you will bring: 706-579-1708.

Thursday, Feb. 23: Roswell 9:50 AM -- Meet at Bulloch Hall for 10:00 AM guided tour. No admission after 10. ADDRESS: 180 Bulloch Avenue. Cost \$7.

12 noon -- Lunch at Holiday Inn in Roswell. ADDRESS: 909 Holcomb Bridge Rd. Cost \$15.

1:30 PM -- Guided tour, Smith Plantation. No admission after 1:30. ADDRESS: 935 Alpharetta St., Roswell. Cost \$7.

Watch the movie at the Visitors Center after the plantation tour if you are interested.

Evening is free with your hosts.

Friday, Feb. 24: Free day with your hosts.

Ambassadors may take their hosts to dinner. See following page for list of outing ideas.

Saturday, Feb. 25: Dahlonega

9:50 AM-- Meet at Consolidated Gold Mine for guided tour of the underground mine. Wear comfortable shoes (not open-toed). Pan for gold. Keep all you find! ADDRESS: 185 Consolidated Gold Mine Rd., Dahlonega. Cost \$10.

12 noon -- Lunch in Dahlonega at Back Porch Oyster Bar on the Square (formerly Wiley's). ADDRESS: 19 N. Chestatee St. Cost \$15.

1:30 PM -- Meet at Gold Museum in Dahlonega for movie and museum. ADDRESS: 1 Public Square. Cost \$5.

Optional shopping on square or trip to N. Ga. Outlet Mall near Dawsonville, GA.

Evening: Hosted dinner for the hosts and ambassadors.

Sunday, Feb. 26: Free day with your hosts.

One suggestion is to attend church at the Big Canoe Chapel

at 10:30 AM and afterwards visit the Friendship Force display cases in the basement of the Broyles Center.

Evening is free with your hosts.

Monday, Feb. 27: Free day with your hosts.

Note: There is a Community Dinner with an international theme at the Clubhouse in Big Canoe this evening. For information, call Becca Weck at 706-268-3326, ext. 334. If interested, call early, as it's expected to fill up.

Tuesday, Feb. 28: Kennesaw

9:50 AM -- Meet at the Southern Museum in Kennesaw, GA, for a guided tour of the museum, including the "General" locomotive. ADDRESS: 2829 Cherokee St., Kennesaw. Cost \$5.

12 noon -- Lunch at Trackside Restaurant. ADDRESS: 2840 S. Main St., Kennesaw. Cost \$14.

1:30 PM -- Meet at the Visitors' Center at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. ADDRESS: 900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr. Tour Visitors' Center Museum and Battlefield grounds. Cost \$0.

6 PM -- Meet at the Canoe Lodge in Big Canoe for the **Farewell Dinner**. Bring vegetable, salad, or dessert as assigned. Meat and beverages supplied by club. Call June Tredway at 706-268-1714.

Wednesday, Feb. 29:

The ambassadors depart by air or auto. Bon Voyage!!



The following is a list of some suggested activities for you to consider for your free time:

The Booth Museum of Western Art in Cartersville, GA. Closed on Monday.

The Funk Heritage Museum at Reinhardt University. Closed on Monday.

New Echota--The Cherokee National Capital near Calhoun, GA. Open Thursday - Saturday. On Feb. 25 and 26, there's a Cherokee Film Festival at this site showing history and culture of indigenous North American Indian tribes.

Marble Museum at Nelson, GA

Various sites in Atlanta--**Atlanta History Center, MLK Museum, High Museum of Art, World of Coke, CNN, Centennial Park, Georgia Aquarium, Carter Center, Cyclorama.**

Stone Mountain State Park

Amicalola Falls State Park

Etowah Indian Mounds near Cartersville. Open Weds. - Sat.

Tater Patch Players in Jasper during the week end with "The

Dixie Swim Club"

Day trip to Helen, GA

Day trip to Chattanooga, TN: Lookout Mountain Battlefield Park, Tennessee Aquarium

Wineries in Dahlonega, GA

Play in Roswell: "The Foreigner"

Share with your guests your daily lives, activities, and your family.

Restaurant ideas: Woodbridge Inn in Jasper; Davis BBQ on Refuge Rd. in Jasper area, is open Fri., Sat., and Sun.

Travel Tip from FF of Greater Atlanta

Make a copy of your itinerary, including flight numbers, destinations and emergency contact numbers. Place this on top of your clothing inside your bag. This will make it easier for airlines and others to get your bag back to you if it becomes lost. Carrying a photo of your bag can be helpful if it is lost in a non-English speaking country.

2012 Outgoing Exchange to four clubs in New Zealand

Approximately March 4 - April 7
(Participants are traveling on varying days before and after the home stays)

Huw Williams, Exchange Director, is coordinating with members signed to take part in this exchange. Contact Huw at 678-513-2456 with questions.

The NZ clubs, in chronological order are:

1-Otago Club (Dunedin and Alexandra) on the south island;

2-Wairarapa Club (Masterton);

3-Western Waikato Club (Hamilton);

4-Thames-Coromandel Club (towns of the same names).

The last three clubs are on the north island.



Minutes of Jan. 15, 2012 Meeting

Big Canoe/North GA Friendship Force met at Forno's at 4:30 p.m. with 25 members present. Mary Ellen Johnson presided and led the FF pledge and welcomed members. She presented an appreciation gift to immediate past president Ches Tredway.

Minutes of the Nov. 2011 meeting were printed in the newsletter. They were approved as written. Robert Logan, treasurer, gave his report showing a balance of \$13,121.16. He reported that the Executive Board had voted to close the wire account because of lack of use. The dues for 2012 are past due, so the membership will be reminded again in the newsletter.

The Membership Committee chairman position has still not been filled.

Communications Committee:

Publicity--Charlene Terrell and Ginny Miller will publicize regular meetings in area papers.

Newsletter--Bob Anderson will be taking this position.

Telephone--Margie Bowyer has asked Jean Ficht, Karen Toby, and Irene Barker to call the membership before each meeting as a reminder. If any other info' needs to go out at this time, Margie should be notified.

Website--Ray Bowyer will continue to update our site.

Historian--Margie Bowyer will continue to bring some of the scrapbooks to our events. She encourages members and their guests to look at our displays in the cabinets in the Chapel.

Incoming Exchange from Winnipeg, Canada--Robert Logan gave the report for Helen. Another meeting of the committee will be on Jan. 31, 2012, at Helen's. Eight ambassadors will be coming. Marie has assigned hosts, and activities are being planned by the Andersons and Logans. Members are encouraged to attend events, particularly the welcome party on Feb. 22 at the home of Frank and Bobbie Garner and the farewell party at the Canoe Lodge on Feb. 28. Margie is arranging group dinners for Saturday night, Feb. 25. Nancy Davis will prepare welcome booklets. Huw Williams will take photos of guests and hosts.

Outgoing Exchange to New Zealand--Huw Williams reported 14 ambassadors will be going to NZ for the exchanges beginning on March 4 to Dunedin/Alexandra, Masterton, Hamilton, and Thames. Fees are being disbursed and travel arrangements have been made. Some of the group will be leaving early for other visits.

Old Business--None.

New Business--Meeting places will continue to be Forno's near Big Canoe and The Ridge in Cumming. The Feb. meeting will be a farewell pot luck dinner at the Canoe Lodge on Feb. 28 [at 6 p.m.] in connection with the Winnipeg Exchange. The March meeting will be held with the place announced in the newsletter.

World Conferences--Oct. 30 to Nov. 3, 2012, at Hiroshima, Japan with homestays; Nov. 22 to Nov. 25, 2013, in New Orleans, LA.

The program was presented by members on the South Africa 2011 Outgoing Exchange. Ches and June Tredway, Tim and Lenna Anderson, Ginny Miller, Ray and Margie Bowyer, and Harry Yarbrough presented different aspects of the exchange and included photos of people met and the beautiful animals seen on the safari.

Margaret Logan, Secretary

2012, Here We Come!

Your Activities Chairs, Tom Eubanks and Alan Johnson, would like your feedback on the following program ideas for 2012. Contact information for them is on the following page.

March 18 - Forno's Restaurant. Possible Skype connection with New Zealand ambassadors

April 15 - Spring picnic outing. Place and time yet to be determined

May 20 - Forno's Restaurant. Expert speaker about North Georgia history, including the Gold Rush

June - Date and time yet to be determined, but going to Cumming for an event, meeting, and dinner is possible.

July 15 - Forno's Restaurant. Presentation from New Zealand ambassadors.

August 19 - Forno's Restaurant. Expert speaker about Georgia Marble.

September - Back in Cumming. Details unknown now.

October - Possibly meeting combined with incoming exchange from out west.

November and December - Still in planning stages.



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February Birthdays

5 Marie Williams
10 Danielle Logan
14 Dot Brinson
24 Huw Williams

March Birthdays

6 Louise Morgan
7 Ginny Miller
16 Jim Wiltse

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.

2012 Membership Form

Your annual dues include: membership in both the local club and Friendship Force International, the club's newsletter, informative meetings, opportunities to host FFI members from other clubs and to travel to visit other FFI clubs.

Type of membership:

INDIVIDUAL _____ (DUES: \$20/calendar year)

FAMILY _____ (DUES: \$40/calendar year)

If family membership, please complete this form listing all members.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Birthday (Month and day only) _____

Would you be interested in serving on one of the following committees? *Please check your preferences.*

_____ Membership

_____ Communications

_____ Publicity

_____ Activities/Program

_____ Exchange committees

***Send this form and dues to: Robert F. Logan, Treasurer
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