



friendship force
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

February 2022 Newsletter

General Meeting & Cruising in Covid Times Presentation
Friday, February 4, beginning at 10:30 am
Cape Coral Library
519 Chiquita Blvd, Cape Coral



PINCHERS
Florida Seafood, Florida Style

Joanne & Richard Collins had an interesting experience on their Viking Cruise around South America last month. They will update you on the "hoops and loops" they experienced traveling there during Covid Times. There are sure to be some great photos, too.

This is an important meeting to attend because Judy will update us on our Inbound Journey from the Detroit and Mid West area that will occur on **February 22-28**. Afterwards, we will try **Pinchers** at 5991 Silver King Blvd, Cape Coral. Hope to see you there!



Getting to Know FFI
Sarasota Club Members
Wednesday, March 16,
beginning at 10:00 am
Myakka River State Park
13208 State Rd 72, Sarasota

Our FF club will *'get to know'* the Sarasota FF club on **March 16th**. It will be great to trade ideas and make new friends!

We will meet at the picnic tables at Myakka State Park parking lot at 10 am. If you haven't been there, this is an opportunity to check out their neat forest elevated walk (*see above picture*) and hiking trails in a beautiful wooded setting.

You can either purchase lunch there, or bring a picnic lunch. There is a **\$6.00 charge per car**, so it is wise to car pool. Check your club directory to invite close by members to ride with you there. Questions? Call Carol Nasby 507-236-6704

Here is a map that will give you information. Be sure to put the location in your GPS.





February 4- mtg Cape Coral Library 10:30 am
Lunch at Pinchers

22-28- **INBOUND DETROIT**

March 4- Friendship Force Day Meeting &
International Lunch Pot Luck at Linda
Supakof's home 11 am

March 16 - Myakka River State Park with
Sarasota FF Club

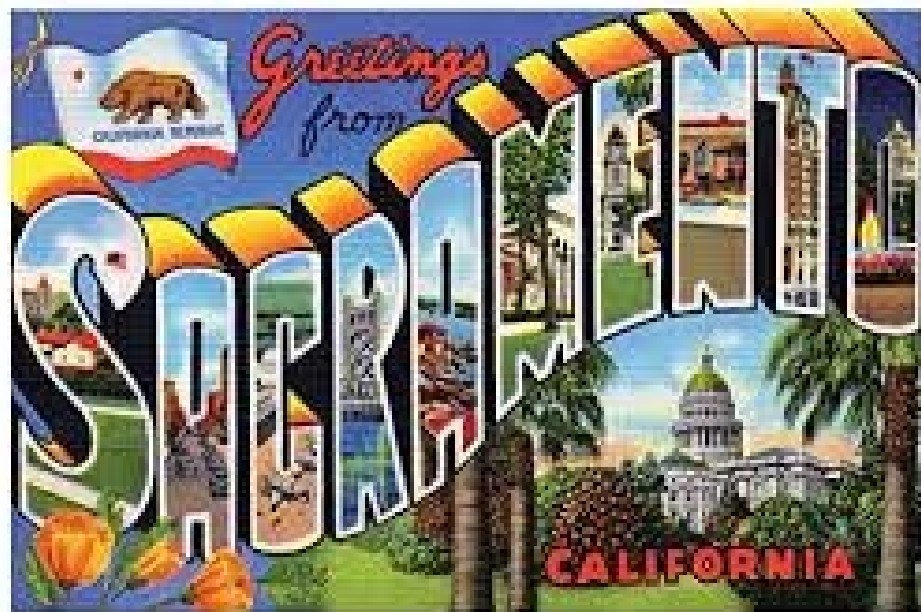
April 3- Lake Fairways, North Ft Myers
2 pm Spring Pot Luck

May 6 - Meeting Punta Gorda, 10:30 am

June 1-7 **OUTBOUND SACRAMENTO**

July 6-18 **OUTBOUND TO 2 CANADIAN CLUBS**

Sacramento, California Outbound Journey June 1-7, 2022



Joanne Collins reports that 12 club members completed their application and deposit for our club outbound journey to Sacramento. There is still time to apply. Let us know if you are "in" for this by completing the [Ambassador & Journey Agreement](#).

She has contacted Sacramento Club to ask if we should open this journey up to other

Inbound Detroit Club will visit our club February 22-27, 2022



Judy Carson says, "It won't be long before we are welcoming our first inbound group in quite a few years! The Detroit Club opened this journey up to other mid west clubs. We can expect members from Ohio and Wisconsin, too. Don't forget dates are **February 22-27, 2022.**"

Judy has a great schedule of events with some new places to show these ambassadors, *e.g.*, Ringling Brothers in Sarasota. The Farewell Lunch will be at Michelle Kemp's home on Saturday afternoon, Feb 26. More details will be given to you at our February General Meeting. Plan on attending at least the Welcome and Fare Well Events. It takes the **whole club's energy** to pull off a fun Inbound Journey for our guests! **Expect to help** in some way and someday when you travel to a domestic or international destination with Friendship Force, your generosity will be repaid!

CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD



Canada Edmonton and Medicine Hat Outbound Journeys July 6-18, 2022

Maureen, our Club Co-President, and **Carol**, our Club Vice President, our Journey Coordinators, relate that **NOW** is the time to send in your Ambassador & Journey Agreement for these two journeys scheduled for July 2022. Send in your trip deposits \$100 for each club (\$200 total for both) . (See article above on Sacramento Outbound to obtain link to the documents). There is an exciting rail journey add-on, if you wish across the Canadian Rockies. This is a once in a lifetime experience that you can enjoy with your club friends.

Give the forms to either **Maureen** or **Carol** at the February monthly meeting or mail to **Maureen** at 724 Via Tunis, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Co President's Comments

Happy New Year 2022 to all !

It has been a difficult time for all of us. This is especially true with regards to each of us as Friendship Force members to carry out our mission, 'Promoting global understanding across



the barriers that separate people....' our inability to travel abroad or welcome others to our homes.

We were successful, however, to maintain our friendships through Zoom virtual events and some in-person events. As with all our events we have tried to maintain a safe environment.

Thanks to all the members who have continued to participate, taken their time to organize club events, supported the club and renewed their membership. It means so much. ***Our goal is to remain connected.***

With our mission of service in mind, I would like to invite each of our members who have traveled as ambassadors or hosts to ***contact*** some of the domestic and international friends you have made through Friendship Force and ***renew your friendship*** with a note. Remember, our job as ambassadors of goodwill is not complete with the end of the journey. ***It's actually only beginning.*** And remember - a ***World of Friends is a World of Peace.***

We look forward to this year as we offer you opportunities to enjoy both local venues and Journey travel . Our Board and fellow members are here for you. We hope to see you participate and we do respect your comfort level as we gather in person again.

If you have any questions whatsoever in anything our club has planned, please feel free to reach out and contact me. Wishing you the best!

In Peace and Friendship,
Maureen

Parting Shots

Game Day in Estero at Luvvy's - Playing Chicken Foot, a Domino's Game



Friendship Force of Southwest Florida

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