



friendship force
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

February 2022 Newsletter

Celebration of World Friendship Force Day
+ Pot Luck + Short General Meeting

Friday, March 4, beginning at 11:00 am

Linda Supakoff's home

1353 San Mateo Drive, Punta Gorda



Our co-President, Linda, invites you to Pot Luck Lunch at her home this Friday. In celebration of **World Friendship Day**, please bring a dish to pass of your favorite country's food. Also, please wear a hat or tee shirt or something from one of the countries you've visited or would like to visit.

RSVP by Wed March 2, to carol.nasby@gmail.com. Or call 507-236-6704

We will also have a short meeting to fill you in on club news and pending trips. Don't forget to email your selections to **Maureen** of **where in the world** you would like our club to travel with Friendship Force next year! Come join us for a fun Friday afternoon! Too far to drive? Set your GPS, call a close-by member and carpool to Punta Gorda. **Don't miss it.**



Recap of Inbound Detroit & Midwest Clubs Feb 22-27, 2022



A Great Big Thanks to Judy Carson, our Host Coordinator, for arranging a terrific inbound stay!

After an almost 3 year "Pandemic Break," our club finally welcomed our first inbound group of 13 ambassadors from 6 clubs in the mid-west : FF of Detroit, Michigan; Northeast Ohio; Madison, Wisconsin; St Louis, Missouri; Southwest Michigan and Lincoln, Nebraska. The weather was picture perfect and our winter guests totally enjoyed themselves during their 5-day stay. After consultation with the clubs, Judy developed a unique itinerary that included a Welcome Lunch at Six Mile Cypress with a stroll along the gorgeous walkways, a tour of Sarasota's Ringling Museum, Dinner at Salty Sam's Parrot Key with a Pirate Ship Cruise, and Edison-Ford Estates to name just a few. Another adventuresome touch was our ambassadors boated to the Farewell party on the Linehan and Nasby's two pontoon boats!



Many club members helped and attended. Thanks to those who hosted guests in their homes - the Linehans, Nasbys, Cooleys, Linda Supakoff, Michelle Kemps, Luvvy Kovacik, and Joanne MacPeek. Thanks to those who made small dinners and invited ambassadors and guests to their homes - Cheryle Phelps & Lou Rizk, the Haggertys, Marge Kang, Marcia Ellis & Roy ,

Maureen Butt & Hank. Thanks to those who day hosted - the Collins, the McShanes and Ginny Dooley. Thanks to Michelle who graciously allowed use of her home for the Farewell Party. Thanks to Maureen who organized and brought food to the Welcome & Farewell Parties. Maureen had quite a **heart-stopping moment** when Nino's caterer lost her order!

To those of you who missed it - WE MISSED YOU! We know our schedules don't always work out. We hope you will participate next time! Know that someday when you travel to a domestic or international destination with Friendship Force, your generosity will be repaid!



**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.



2022 - Save the Dates!



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 7- Meeting in Estero at Luvvy's complex. Pot Luck lunch, optional swimming in pool or board games.

June 1-7 **OUTBOUND SACRAMENTO**

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

Phelps & Lou Rizk, Linda Supakoff & Rich Copeland. There is still time to apply. Let us know if you are "in" for this by completing the [Ambassador & Journey Agreement](#).

Sacramento Club is happy to host only our club members. It will be a fun time for all as we explore California and make new friends!

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 March Pot Luck and monthly meeting or mail to Maureen at 724 Via Tunis, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Co President's Comments



A big **shout out** to all of our club members who participated in our incoming journey with Detroit club and surrounding Midwest states.

Thank you to everyone for making this a successful week. As previously mentioned in this newsletter, please return your "wish list" for 2023 journeys, both domestic and international. I have to submit this within the next week to FFI and would encourage everyone to make their choices.

I'm hoping that you will mark your calendar for our meetings and events.

If you have met a person or friend who you think might be interested in Friendship Force, please invite them to any of our gatherings.

In Peace and Friendship,

Parting Shots

Fun times with our Detroit and Mid West Clubs Inbound Journey



Welcome Party at Six Mile Cypress





Visiting Edison Ford Estates



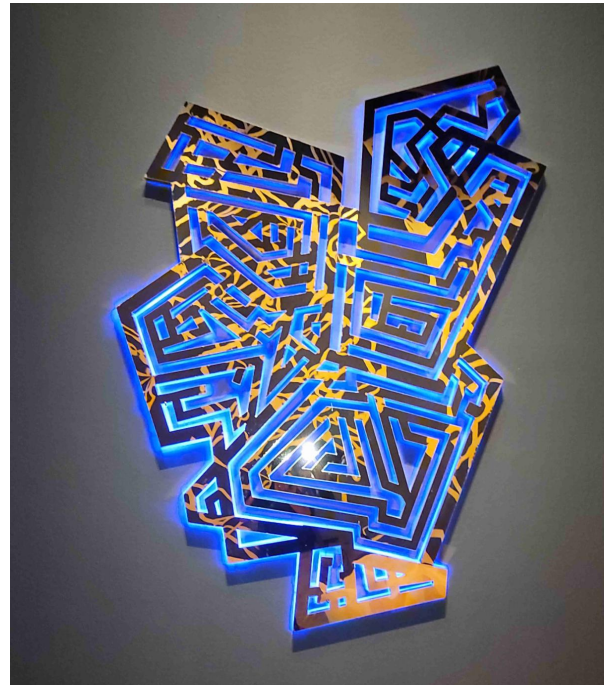
Small dinner party fun



Collage picture of circus treasures



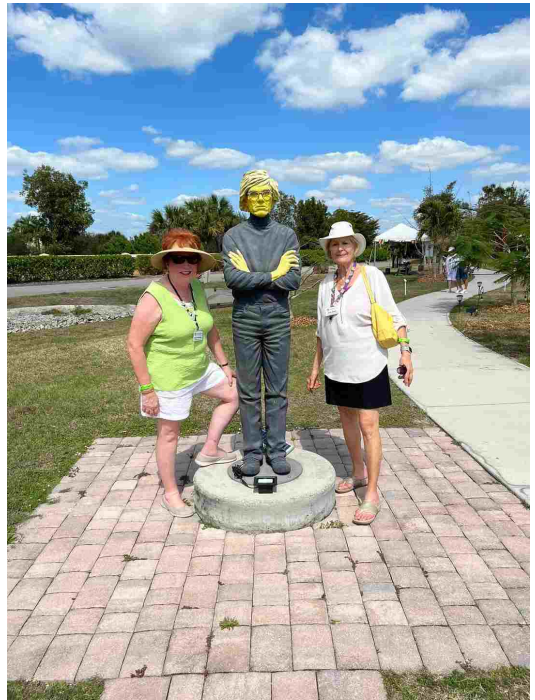
Fabulous courtyard garden outside of museum



We loved this modern piece inside of museum



Peace River Gardens and Sculptures





Fabulous Farewell Party - saying our Pledge and singing Let There Be Peace on Earth





Dottie was there in her "yellow pok-ka dot bikini!"



**Friendship Force of
Southwest Florida**



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