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January 2022 news from your Friendship Force Club

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

January 2022 Newsletter



Casual Meeting & Picnic at Gilchrist Park Covered Pavilion

400 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

Friday, January 7, beginning 12 Noon

Our club will provide "Free" Sandwiches. Please bring what you would like to drink. Marvel that you made it to 2022! Enjoy catching up with fellow members and



take in the beautiful sights along the Peace River.

Our club officers will present club business and the status of our Inbound and Outbound Journeys in 2022. We'll need to know how many sandwiches to order. Therefore, please email [Maureen](#) by 1/4/22 to let her know you are coming!

Hope to see you there!



Join us in Estero for Game Night

Saturday, January 22, 1:00 pm
 Genova Community Clubhouse
 21460 Strada Nuova Circle
 Estero, FL

Luvvy Kovacik invites you to a Game Day Social at her beautiful Clubhouse. Bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice. Let's have fun playing your favorite game. Is it cards, Mexican Train, scrabble? Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Luvvy at 239-789-0879 for more info.

2022 - Save the Dates!

January 7- Picnic w/free sandwiches,

Noon

22 - Game Day Social, Estero, 1 PM

February 4- mtg Cape Coral Library 10 AM

Lunch at Rumrunners

22-28- **INBOUND DETROIT**

March 4- mtg Punta Gorda, 10 AM



April 3- Lake Fairways, North Ft My
10 AM Spring Pot Luck

May 6 - mtg Punta Gorda, 10 AM

June 1-7 **OUTBOUND SACRAMENTO**

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

Sacramento, California Outbound Journey June 1-7, 2022



Joanne Collins is our Journey Coordinator for this trip and is working with **Kathy DeBlonk**, Sacramento's Host Coordinator, for our trip next year. Joanne and Kathy agreed the dates June 1-7 would be great for both clubs. Sacramento Club usually houses 20-22 ambassadors. If you are "in" for this exciting adventure, now is the time to send in a deposit of \$100 made out to **Friendship Force of Southwest Florida** along with your application form that is accessible on the FFI website under Member Resources, Journey Documents. Click on [Ambassador & Journey Agreement](#). Give the forms and check to **Joanne** or mail to her at 257 Lido Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. The trip costs will be approximately \$150 to Sacramento Club for the week's activities and meals; plus \$175 to our parent organization FFI; and your cost to fly or drive roundtrip to Sacramento and your incidentals for the week.

What can you expect for the week when you visit the Sacramento Club?

From their website ([click on https://www.ffsacramento.org](https://www.ffsacramento.org)), "You can expect to see historic sites in Sacramento's Old Town and busy governmental center. The world-class Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento is a possible destination. Other oft-visited sites are the nearby wineries of El Dorado and Amador Counties, the giant Sequoias at Calaveras Big Trees State Park, and the former gold mining sites in the Sierra foothills such as the Empire Mine and Coloma Gold Discovery Site. You can expect a home hosted dinner or brunch party during your stay. A visit to one of the myriad of ethnic restaurants is another possibility. We also take advantage of local festivals and events if they occur during your visit." We will spend one week in Sacramento. You can easily add on another week by planning your own activities. Perhaps one of our other club members would be interested in going with you to San Francisco, Yosemite or one of the other interesting places in the state! Reach out and start your planning now for 2022.

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



Judy Carson says, "Mark your calendar and be ready to help your club host the Friendship Force of Greater Detroit Club **February 22-27, 2022.**" This club was chartered in November 1991 and has ~40 members including families and singles.

The oldest city in the Midwest, Detroit is best known as Motor City because the city revolves around automobiles. The Detroit area houses the world headquarters of General Motors and Ford. Most Greater Detroit members live in southeast Michigan, radiating out from Detroit about 60 miles, in 16 different communities.

Judy volunteered to be our club's Host Coordinator for the week they will be here. We **expect ambassadors (visitors)** from Detroit and surrounding area clubs. We will need our members to host and help. Perhaps you will house a visiting club member or members, perhaps you will cook a dinner for a group during their stay. You could be asked to be a "day host" to help those housing ambassador visitors or you could volunteer to coordinate a Welcome and/or Fare Well Party. You should plan on attending 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!

Joanne Collins is updating and verifying our club's **hosting information**. She will contact you via text, phone or email. We need to know **bed** information (e.g., do you have twin, queen size beds and how many), how many

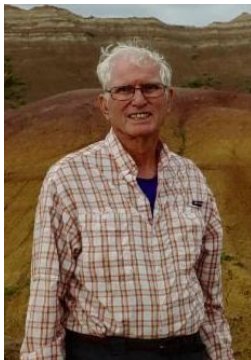
ambassadors are you willing to host, if you will host smokers, and whether you have any pets (dogs, cats, birds). ***Our Board is requiring all those who visit to have a current Covid Vaccine and in turn, the visiting clubs require that you, too, and your family members have been vaccinated against Covid.***

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 are the Journey Coordinators for these two journeys scheduled for July 2022. Both want you to know that they are working on setting up firm dates with the two clubs. The trip will be back-to-back journeys in July 2022. They are talking to the two clubs and we are on their schedules. Look for more info later in the year. Now is the time to check your calendar and decide whether you want to go. Be ready to send in your trip deposits on February 15, 2022 of \$100 for each club (\$200 total for both) and Ambassador & Journey Agreement Forms. (See article above on Sacramento Outbound to obtain link to the documents). **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.**



Welcome New Club Officers 2022

Most officers were elected to serve one more year.

However, we do have two new officers:
Richard Collins, Treasurer and **Marcia Ellis, Secretary**

Thank you for your service, Richard and Marcia!



It's Time to pay your Dues for 2022

If you want to remain a member of our wonderful club in 2022, your **\$40 dues check** to Friendship Force of Southwest Florida is required. Give it to our treasurer at the next monthly meeting. \$25 of your dues must be remitted to our parent organization, FFI, by the end of January.

Co President's Comments



As we close 2021 and move into the new year, I would like to wish everyone a very happy new year 🎉

Our Board has put together some fun events for all of us to be able to meet in person. We hope that you will participate and perhaps bring a friend who might like to join our club.

I would like to thank all of you who are our member - and to our Board and those who have volunteered to take a position.

The success of FFSWFL is dependent on our members. We encourage you to suggest ways that will keep us connected by recommending places to visit in our beautiful SW Florida. Let us know and we can make it happen . Our club inbound and outbound journeys are getting ready to be launched - so hop on and get involved!

Blessings for good health and happiness to all ❤️

In Peace and Friendship,
Maureen

Parting Shots



Our Halloween Party at Linda's was such fun!

2021 Holiday Party at Lake Fairways



Maureen poses before Holiday Party with our flag



Cheryle and Sue compare shoes and discover they have the same ones!



Margie displays her gift



Santa Sue looking good!



Bobbie drove from Bonita Springs



We were happy to reunite with our Canadian members, Bev & Dennis. They brought genuine maple syrup!



Roy and Marcia poses with Sue.



Linda with outgoing Treasurer, Rich



Gorgeous Angel Tree



Carol, Dottie, Jo & Jack

Lou welcomed everyone - don't forget to pay your dues in the New Year and come join us on one of our Journeys in 2022!



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