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From: **Friendship Force of Southwest Florida** <[eagleswingsj@yahoo.com@ccsend.com](mailto:eagleswingsj@yahoo.com@ccsend.com)>

Date: Sat, Dec 31, 2022 at 9:30 AM

Subject: January 2023 news from your Friendship Force Club

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S O U T H W E S T F L O R I D A

# January 2023 Newsletter



## General Meeting and Program Friday, January 13, 10:30 am

**Punta Gorda Police & Fire Station  
Conference Room with lunch to**

**follow**

**1410 Tamiami Trail (Rt 41), Punta Gorda**

Join us for the first meeting of the new year in Punta Gorda. There will be a program updating you about club business and upcoming inbound and outbound journeys. In addition, **Carol Nasby** and **Maureen Butt** will present an informative talk about last year's Outbound Journey to two Alberta, Canada clubs - Edmonton and Medicine Hat. Afterwards, we will travel a short distance to Fisherman's Village to eat at Captain's Table, a lovely restaurant that looks over the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor at 1200 West Esplanade. Check out the menu online at [Lunch Menu](#)

# New Club Leadership for 2023



Carol Nasby is our new President!

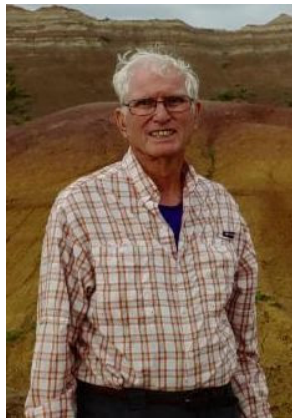
Thank you for stepping up from your previous role as Vice President.



Judy Carson, Vice President



Terese Libby, Vice President



Richard Collins, Treasurer



Marcia Ellis, Secretary

Other Club Members who help run our club are: Michelle Kempes - Webmaster, Joanne Collins - Newsletter Editor and Keeper of Roster, Membership - Judy Carson with Joanne Collins, Planners of Social Events - Everyone! That means YOU!



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## Welcome Sue Carey and Lisa Tyler!

Sue lives in the same beautiful complex in Estero of our long-term member and former president, Luvvy Kovacik.

Luvvy brought her to our **Holiday Event** and she had such a good time that she joined **on the spot!** She works in relocation management and loves to travel and exercise. She is willing to help host or be a day host in upcoming journeys. We are so happy to welcome her to our club! P.S. Sue's picture is below under the section called "Parting Shots." **Thanks to Luvvy for providing us with such a lovely club room to celebrate the holidays *in style!***

Jo and Jack Cooley brought their daughter, **Lisa**, to some of our club events. Lisa is a fashion designer. She also decided to join at the Holiday Party! She is pictured in the group photo between Jack and Jo. We are so glad to welcome her! P.S. She is probably the **youngest** member of our club!



## Florida Repertory Theater Performance

### **RING OF FIRE**

**Wednesday, April 12 at 2 pm**  
**2268 Bay Street, Ft Myers, FL**

For a **\*limited time only\***, Joanne MacPeek is coordinating a **spectacular opportunity** for you to see a show about the famous Johnny Cash! The more tickets she sells, the more reasonable the price for our club!

Tickets are going fast and all the March matinees are sold out already! **Don't delay! Don't miss out!** Please

write a check to Joanne MacPeek for your seat at the price of **\$69**. If she sells more than 5 tickets, the price will be **reduced to \$56** and you will receive a refund! She must have your check by **January 6**. This is a popular show and that is why you must get her your check so early! Make check payable to Joanne MacPeek at 2140 Cottage Street, Apt 106 Ft Myers, FL 33901. If you live in the Punta Gorda area, you may drop by your check off to our treasurer, Richard Collins, at 257 Lido Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. **Sorry - no refunds!** Questions? Call Joanne MacPeek at **239-560-4386**.



## Let's Eat Out also known as LEO

Our Southwest Florida Friendship Force Leadership Team is starting a new initiative called **LEO**. Mark your calendar for the end of January (not sure of date as of press time). You will receive a BLAST EMAIL from the club with the details. Judy Carson is planning the next one to be located in the North Fort Myers area.

Be part of our new tradition and join us for lunch to start out the new year with your Friendship Force friends!

**Northern Colorado visiting our Club  
March 15-22, 2023**





This is what we are all about - welcoming others to our area of the world ! It's all about our mission - promoting global understanding, peace, and experiencing other points of view! We call ourselves 'ambassadors' to promote friendship among people of the world.

When in Inbound Group visits, we need all members to participate. **Block off your calendar for March 15-22.** Be ready to help where you are needed.

**Sue Linehan** stepped up and volunteered to be the **Host Coordinator** for next year's visit. Here is her message to you!

Northern Colorado FF Club is eager to know how many ambassadors we can accommodate so that they can take advantage of air fare bargains going on now. With that in mind, can you please let me know the following:

1. If you can host, what is your bed situation and do you prefer a single or a couple?
2. If you cannot host, can you be a driver for some of the day trips?
3. Are you willing to host a small dinner party at your home for some of the members who are hosting?
4. Are you willing to organize the Welcome Party?
5. Will you help coordinate the activities?
6. Are you willing to put together a Welcome Bag for ambassadors?
7. Are you able to put together a printed program for the event?

Please give me a call if you have questions about any of the above tasks. Reply to me, [Sue Linehan](#) (just click my name) or call me soon at 941-979-6977.

A little bit more about the Northern Colorado Club . The club is one of six clubs from Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. It currently has 49 active members located in the cities of Estes Park, Fort Collins, Greeley, Longmont, Loveland and surrounding towns. Although it is located toward



# Friendship Force International World Conference 2023 Dubrovnik, Croatia | October 2 - 5, 2023



**This is the first world conference in four years! It will have so much to offer our members. In addition to the main hotel where our conference events will take place, guest rooms for varying budgets will be available at three sister properties just a short walk around the bay. Day tours and post-conference tours in and outside of Croatia will be on offer for our delegates. There really is something for everybody! More info coming up on your FFI member portal.**

*P.S. Our New President, Carol Nasby, already plans to go. Won't you join her?*

## Opportunity to go on Taiwan Global Journey





Maureen, our club Past President, recently heard from our regional representative about the following:

Most Asian region clubs could not host journeys during the long pandemic; they are restarting their activities for 2023 and are pleased to announce the **Global Discover Taiwan #23144 Journey for November 15-26, 2023**. It is open to all club members worldwide. See the attached **PDF file** for description, itinerary, costs and details. The Journey Coordinator is Wan Fang [wfchen07@gmail.com](mailto:wfchen07@gmail.com) of Hsinchu FF club. If you have any questions, please contact Wan directly. *Don't delay. There is a lot of interest in this journey. Two members of our club have already applied.*



as FFI.

**\*Have you paid your dues? \* Just \$40 per person! Associate Members are \$15 per person annually. We must have your renewal by early January because we must submit a large portion of your dues to the International Organization known**



## In Memoriam of Corrine Larson

Many of you will remember an amazing lady, **Corrine Larson**, who was a member of our club for a few years (~2017-2019) with Susan Beaudry of Cape Coral. Corrine wowed us in May 2018 when she gave a presentation to us about her adventures traveling the world by "Living on a Cargo Ship." Corrine had an indomitable spirit and I got to know her on a journey to St Mary's and Haliburton, Canada. What an amazing women, and what an

adventurous life she had traveling the world! She passed on August 11, 2022 at the age of 90. May she rest in peace.

## President's Comments



### Welcome to 2023!

I hope your holidays were bright! As we go into the new year, we look forward to a year full of fun and friendship. Besides our general meetings, we will try to do a social event each month.

Many clubs do a "LEO" event, a Let's Eat Out event, so let's try that.

Let's go to a North Fort Myers restaurant. Judy Carson is arranging the first one. Stay tuned for a Friendship Force luncheon during the last week of January.

We are excited, your new slate of officers, to try new things. As the year goes on, we'll update our club on how the FFI website works and how we can use it to make the resources there more available.

An exciting year ahead! I am so glad that in January the registration for the World Conference in Dubrovnik is finally open. Stay tuned!

Happy New Year,

*Carol*

# Parting Shots... of our wonderful Holiday Party



Jo Cooley looking gorgeous!



Reindeers Lou Rizk and Cheryle Phelps