



friendship force  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

## February 2023 Newsletter

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General Meeting and Program  
*with optional Lunch following*  
Friday, February 10, 10:30 am

North Fort Myers Library  
2001 N Tamiami Trail (Rt 41) N Ft  
Myers

Have you ever *wanted to apply for a FF Journey?*  
How about *search for journey opportunities throughout the world?*  
Be part of an *on-line book club with world-wide viewpoints?*  
Want to buy Friendship Force *travel insurance?* or anything else?

It's time to learn more about the FFI website and we'll make it easy! Join us for a program on **Friendship Force & Technology**. Don't forget your tablets or smart phones. Bring a charger or have your device fully charged.

Afterwards, we will eat at Ford's Garage, 1719 Cape Coral Parkway. Check out the menu ahead of time on line by clicking **Menu**. If you know you are coming, RSVP or Text to Joanne at **281-543-9018**. We need to give the restaurant a count ahead of time!

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# News on Australia

Linda Supakoff, our Journey Coordinator says, "We now have **firm dates** for our journey:

FF Gold Coast from **Sept 4 to 11th**

FF Blue Mountains from **Sept 11 to 18th**



On the 4th we will make our own arrangements to fly into Brisbane. We will then take the train to FF Gold Coast. We do not have a meet time or place in Brisbane so *don't buy tickets* just yet.

On September 11th we will fly out of the Gold Coast Airport to Sydney. From there we take the train to Blue Mountains. I will be arranging the flights and all train tickets with a local agent. The cost will be part of the fee.

On the 18th we will take the train back to Sydney, where our journey ends and we make our separate arrangements for leaving.

**We have only a few (3-4) spots left.** I have received inquiries from members of other clubs; therefore, if you are interested, I suggest you send me your filled **Ambassador Application form** and a **\$200 deposit** ASAP, which I will not "turn in" until you have a guaranteed spot." Questions? Call Linda at 772-539-1476. Linda's address to mail in forms & deposit is 1133 Bal Harbor Blvd, PMB 138, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

## How to help us with our March 15-22 visit from FF Northern Colorado

Sue Linehan, our club Host Coordinator, reminds you that before you know it, our 15 Ambassadors will visit! Their bios are amazing and you are sure to enjoy them!

Here is how you can help:

- Call and sign up to do a Small Group Dinner by calling Maureen Butt at 408-334-3216 You don't need a big table or extensive menu options. Just enjoy the group with whatever you can do! It's not about the food, it's about the friendships made!

- Carol, our wonderful President, is looking for people to bring brunch items to Gilchrist park in Punta Gorda for our Welcome Brunch Party on March 16. If you have not already signed up to help with that, please contact Carol Nasby at 507-236-6704.
- Organize the sandwich or salad lunch for the day they visit Echo Experimental Farms on Friday, March 17. Maybe bring some green Irish cookies with it (from Publix)? Picking up the food from a Sandwich Shop & drinks - and delivering it outside to Echo is all that needs to be done!
- Help our new VP, Judy, with the Farewell Party to be held at a private room at the Standard at Sable Springs in North Fort Myers. Not much needed except to help Judy do a fun program. Phone her at 313-300-5891.
- We need you to take as many pictures during the week as possible as we hope to do a slide show of the week's activities to present at the farewell and to send to each participant. If someone is tech savvy and knows how to set up a slide show, please let Sue know. Our "go to" computer guy, Richard Collins, will be on a trip to Asia so we need someone else to step up.

Those of us who have participated in an Outbound Journey know how generous and friendly the clubs we journey to are. Let's make a great visit for our ambassadors and in doing so, it ends up being a memorable time for us too!

Contact me at 941-979-6977 or [suelinehanpgi@gmail.com](mailto:suelinehanpgi@gmail.com) if you have any questions or suggestions.




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## A Soup Lunch Invite

### Thursday, February 16, Noon, Collins' home



One of the delights of traveling on a Friendship Force journey is sampling the cuisine of the country you are visiting.

While we were in Turkey, we all enjoyed red lentil soup,

which is the Turk's national soup specialty. Michelle, Marcie and Joanne recreated it with some ingredients they brought home from Turkey.

We are inviting you to try Turkish red lentil soup at a light lunch with homemade bread on Thursday, February 16, Noon, at home of Joanne & Richard Collins, 257 Lido Drive, Punta Gorda. Please let us know if you are coming by emailing us by February 14 by clicking [Joanne's email](#)

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**Mark your Calendar!**  
**Save the Dates!**  
Here is what is in store for 2023. . .

**March 10** - World Friendship Force  
Day Pot Luck, Noon

**March 15-22** - Inbound Journey  
Northern Colorado.

**March 24** - LEO

**April 12** - Florida Repertory  
Theater,  
Ft Myers, 2 pm

**April 14** - Ft Myers Library, 10:30  
General Monthly Meeting with  
optional lunch to follow

**April 28** - LEO

**May 12** - Picnic at Gilchrist  
Park, Punta Gorda - Time to be  
determined.

**June and July**

**August** - date to be determined - at

Judy Carson's Home, 9809 Spyglass  
Ct, North Ft Myers, Bring your fav  
foreign recipe and wear international  
clothing if you wish!

**All Hands on Deck!** Help Sue Linehan,  
our Host Coordinator

Lunch place to be determined

*Ring of Fire* Johnny Cash Musical

Video on the Pantanal Brazil by Linda  
Supakoff & Carol Nasby. Lunch venue  
to be determined

Lunch place to be determined

Topic - Recruiting new members.  
Invite friends!

**Summer Break**

Ice Cream Social - Video on Antarctic

Linda Supakoff's home

to cool you off!

September 4 - 18  
Club Outbound to Australia

September 8 - time and location  
to be determined

October 2 - 5 - World Friendship  
Force Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia

General Monthly Meeting with  
optional lunch to follow



## Let's Eat Out also known as LEO

Friday, February 24th

12 Noon

Conner's Steak & Seafood Restaurant  
10076 Gulf Center Drive, Fort Myers

Click on [Conner's Menu](#) to view lunch specials and prices  
Let [Carol](#) know if you are coming [by 2/21](#) so we can alert  
restaurant and have adequate seating and service!

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## Opportunity to go on Taiwan Global Journey

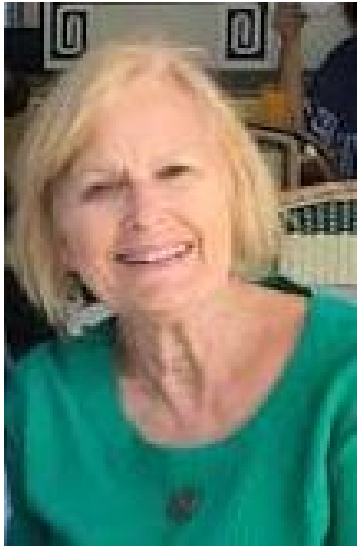
Maureen, Marcie and Michelle are going on  
this fabulous Journey. Lou and Cheryle are  
also considering it!

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.*

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## President's Comments



Have you ever tried to find information on the internet about possible Friendship Force journeys and had no luck?

Or tried to get some answers to questions on the FFI website, and no luck? Then join us for an exploration of the various websites at our next meeting! It should be very interesting.

Bring your iPads or tablets or smartphones, even small laptops to work on using the websites. The websites are new and improved so we need to get acquainted with them.

You, too, can do it!

Our first LEO was a success and 12 of us enjoyed the relaxed setting and talking about plans for the future for our club. We also enjoyed getting to know each other better.

See you at the Feb 10th meeting and remember to RSVP for the lunch afterwards at Ford's Garage in Cape Coral.

Text me at 507-236-6704 or email [Carol](mailto:Carol) to RSVP.

In Peace,

*Carol*

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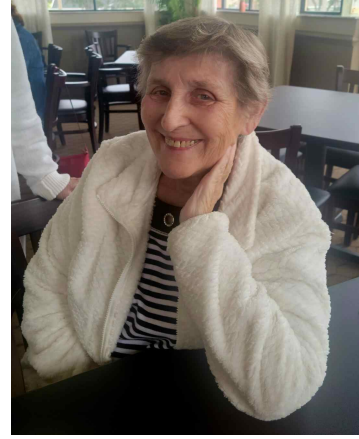
## Parting Shots of our First LEO



Carol Nasby & Michelle Kemp



Rob Linehan & Chris Nasby



Judy Carson



Terese Libby with Fred & Mary Giddings



Marcie Ellis and friend

## Friendship Force of Southwest Florida

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