

FRIENDSHIP FORCE SWFL MEETING MINUTES

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DEC 8, 2013.

27 members gathered at Kelly Greens Club House for our Christmas Brunch. President John Jansen called a business meeting to bring members up-to-date on the up-coming Costa Rica inbound exchange, to elected our proposed slate of new officers and other information.

New member, Kevin Janiak and his friend, Joan Hall were introduced. Judy ___??_____ was introduced. She went to Israel with us and will be a member .

Exchanges: The Costa Rica exchange is planned. Day hosts and Small Dinner hosts are still needed. John handed out material showing who, what and when things are happening. He discussed a proposed bus trip to the Everglades (Shark Valley), The Denver group has been cancelled. Lou Risk, ED for the Australian exchange, plus 2 weeks in New Zealand, has discovered that he is unable to go in July, so a new ED is needed, if the exchange is to occur. An All-Florida Conference is scheduled for Orlando, no date has been set. Those attending the FFI World Conference reported that all went well.

Pam LaFontaine, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominations for the 2014 year.

President: Joanne Collins Vice-President: Pam La Fontaine 2nd Vice-President: Dennis Yemma
Secretary: Jule Yemma Treasurer; Robert (Rob) Linehan Membership: Sue Linehan
Parliamentarian: Jody Garmon ED Director: John Jensen Website: Cheryle Phelps
Historian: Carla Harms. The club voted unanimously to elect them for the 2014 year.
Other vacancies filled were: Facebook: Cheryle Phelps & Cecilia Bridge Fund-raising (garage sale): Wendy Hanko. Lou Rizk volunteered to help with activities & publicity.

Newly-elected President, Joanne Collins, gave an over-view of what is planned for next year, new members, cultural activity program every other month. Meetings will again be held at Robb & Stucky on a Friday, 10:15 Board and 11:00 Membership. January 17 is the date for the first 2014 meeting.

Our Tax-number is 85-8015173511C-7.
Adjournment :1:00pm

Jody Garmon, secretary

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF SWFL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, NOVEMBER 11, 2013

President John Jansen called the meeting to order at 11:05. Twenty-two members were present and two guests, Cathy Cobb and Jan Nowlan.

The minutes will be found on our website. The Treasurer, Russ Garmon, reported a balance on hand of \$6,996.58. Membership dues are due, \$50 per couple and \$35, single.

Discussing finance, it was decided to continue our Garage sale in February. The Dragonette's are willing to "rent" their garage.

Activities: December 8, is our Christmas Party at Kelly Green Club House, at 11:00am. We will have our \$10 Chinese Auction. The Board recommended that we give \$200 to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. It was approved unanimously.

Nominating: Pam La Fontaine, chairman of the nominating committee presented the slate of officer for the 2014 year.

President: Joanne Collins; Vice-President: Panels Fontaine; 2nd Vice-President: Dennis Yemma; Secretary: Yule Yemma; Treasurer: Robert (Rob) Linehan; Membership: SueLinehan; Parliamentarian; Jody Garmon; ED Director: John Jensen; Website: Cheryle Phelps; Historian: Carla Harms.

Exchanges: Dennis Yemma, ED for the Japan Exchange which took place at the end of October, gave an overview of the trip. He had on display a video and display of other interesting items. A good time was had by all. The 2015 exchanges will be out by the new year.

The Costa Rica inbound exchange (March 30-April5) is in the planning stages and well along. John Jansen would like to offer a bus trip to Shark Valley (Everglades). It would cost about \$50 per person. 50 people will be needed. It will be decided if the ambassadors want to go. Domestic Exchanges are wanted by Lincoln, NB and Denver.

Lou Rizk, ED for Australia, has 2 exchanges in Australia and is working on 2 in New Zealand. The date is in July. The FFI Conference is next week in New Orleans. Sandy Gourdine, the field Rep for Florida, is planning to host a get-together.

Other business: Sue Linehan will host a meeting of the 2013 and 2014 boards, at home on November 21 at 2pm. Luvvy Kovacik had a magazine, Spotlight, that will print a picture of

a group, if a picture is taken with the magazine showing. Good publicity. The All-Florida Conference to be held in Orlando is scheduled, but no date. Cecilia Bridge would like to begin some "coffee's", but needs home & interested persons.

Adjournment came at 12:00, followed by an interesting presentation on Panama by Sue and Rob Linehan.

Jody Garmon, Secretary.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF SWFL
Board Minutes, November 16, 2013.

President John Jansen called the meeting to order at 11:26 in the Bass Pro Shop meeting room. Board members present were Cheryle Phelps, Lou Rizk, Sue & Rob Linehan, Russ Garmon, Pam LaFontaine, Cecilia Bridge and Jody Garmon.

Russ Garmon, treasurer, report a balance of \$6,996.58. He, also, reported he had received application from Kevin Janaik.

Our Christmas Party will be held December 8 at the Kelly Greens Country Club at 11 am. We will have a gift exchange (approximately \$10). Cost is \$20. Payment can be made today. Cheryle Phelps moved that we give the Harry Chapin Food bank \$200. 2nd and passed.

Pam La Fontaine presented the Slate of Officers for 2013.
President: Joanne Collins; Vice-President: Pam LaFontaine; 2nd Vice-President: Dennis Yemma
Secretary: Yule Yemma; Treasurer: 3BRobert (Rob) Linehan; Membership: Sue Linehan;
Parliamentarian: Jody Garmon; ED Director: John Jensen; Website: Cheryle Phelps;
Historian: Carla Harms. Facebook, Newsletter, Activities & Publicity are yet to be filled.

The Costa Rica Incoming exchange is shaping up. President John is the exchange director. An extra-cost event is a bus trip to Shark Valley (Everglades), it needs help from our club, as well as the Costa Ricans, if it is a go, as we need 50 people. Day hosts and small dinner host are still needed. Cecilia Bridge volunteered to be in charge of the Farewell Dinner.

Domestic exchanges are wanted by Lincoln, NB and Denver.

The FFI World Conference to be held in New Orleans is to be held this month. We have 5

attending. An All-Florida conference will be hosted by the Orlando Club, but it will be held earlier than November.

The Outgoing and Incoming Exchanges should be out soon. The 2014 exchange to Australia was discussed by ED Lou Risk. He has two weeks in Australia and is planning on two weeks in New Zealand.

The 2013 and 2014 Boards will meet Nov. 21 at 2pm at the home of Rob & Sue Linehan.

Adjournment came at 11:50.
Jody Garmon, Secretary

Announcements & Notes from the Sept 7, 2013 Pizza Party.

President John thanked our New Field Rep, Sandra Gourdine and her husband, for attending. He thanked Dennis and Jule Yemma for their gracious hosting.

Nov. 16 at 11:00 at the Bass Pro Shop will be the General Meeting. It is on the 2nd floor. We will be needing a new slate of officers at this meeting. John requested that everyone give it serious thought.

Sept 17, FGCU will hold their International Club. We can have a table, if we wish. No one was available and it was said that it really wasn't pertaining too much to our club.

Domestic exchanges were discussed. Lincoln, Nebraska wants to visit in 2014, we there in 2015. Our Field Rep, Sandra, said that she is in contact with other field reps and will put out the word that we are wanting exchanges.

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Out-bound exchange for 2014, Netherlands (Europe), Canada and Costa Rica are our choices. We would be happy with an All-Florida Exchange or with another Florida club as a co-exchange.

Costa Rica will be coming on March 29, 2014. Luvvy Kovacik will be happy to host the Welcome or Farewell Dinner. 20 Ambassadors will be coming. Pam LaFontaine will be requesting hosts for small dinners. Elin Derickson and Delores Fell will be in charge of Activities. President John is the over-all ED.

Sandra Gourdine, field rep, discussed a Teacher Program Educational trip. She, also, talked about the Learning Cruises, which Phyllis Becker and Maynard Houston plan on attending. We have 5 FF Florida Clubs. New Smyrna may hold an All-Florida Conference. The new President of FFI has a wide & varied background, and Sandra reported that she feels she will be an excellent President.

At our November meeting, Rob and Sue Linehan will present a program on Panama.

Jody Garmon, Secretary

FRIENDSHIP FORCE

August 16 General Membership Meeting

President John Jansen called the meeting to order at 11:30. Only 10 members were present.

President John brought the following items up for discussion:

Costa Rica Exchange the first week in April 2014. The Committee will meet to make plans. We need to decide if anyone in our club wishes to go to Australia. We need to make it a go or no at our October meeting.

Domestic exchanges are, also, wanted. John Jansen and Pam La Fontaine will try to see if they can get some interested clubs at the International Meeting coming up. FFi International Conference for 2014 is in Auckland, Aust; 2015 is in Vancouver, Canada.

Up-coming meetings: Sept 7--Pizzaq Party at Dennis and Yule Yemma home; November 16-- Bass Pro Shop in Gulf Coast Mall; December--Kelly Green .

Adjournment came at 12:00.

Jody Garmon, Secretary

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF SWFL
August 16, 2013 Board Minutes

John Jansen called the board meeting to order at 10:40. Members present were Pam La Fontaine, Elin Derickson, Russ Garmon, Dennis & Jule Yemma and Jody Garmon.

The Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report were not given.

President John reported on the in-coming Costa Rica Exchange. President John will be the ED for this exchange. It will be the first week in April, 2014. A committee will be set up for small dinners, hosting, day hosting, Welcome and Farewell dinners. Pam LaFontaine would like to schedule the small dinners. Delores Fell and Elin Dickerson will schedule the activities. There will be 20 ambassadors coming.

With Australia, we need to make it a go or cancel in October.

We are looking into Domestic exchanges. Lincoln, Nebraska would like an exchange.

John needs to submit our out-going exchange(s) 2014 to Atlanta by August 31, 2013. Our club is requesting Canada, Netherlands, or Costa Rica.

President John, also, reminded of the e-mail we received inviting any one to sign-up for a trip to Argentina in Sept, 2013. Check FFI web-site.

Dennis and Jule Yemma will host a Pizza Party on Sept 7 at 1 pm. Please make reservations.

No meeting in October. November 16 will be the next meeting at the BASS Pro Shop at Gulf Coast Mall on the 2nd floor. Board meets at 10:00, Membership at 11:00. Kelly Greens will host our December Party.

Dennis Yemma discussed his up coming Japanese exchange.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Jody Garmon, Secretary

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF SWFL

**FFSWFL GENERAL MEETING
MAY 17, 2013**

President John Jansen called the meeting to order at 11:00 . 17 members and guests were present. Members introduced themselves. Two guests were present Bob Rollman and Renate Kuhnle. John presented information about our club.

The Secretary's report was approved as read.

Treasurer, Russ Garmon, gave a financial Report. As of May 17, the Balance on Hand is \$9, 982.24 (note: \$2,900i is the Japaan exchange). 48 members have paid. The board approved a check of \$100 to the Dragonettes. Approved by the members.

ACTIVITIES:

July 28, 2013 is the date for our Ice Cream Social to be held at the Collins home in Punta Gorda. More information will be forth-coming.

Pres. John reported that the Bass Pro-Shop in Gulf Coasting Center has a room that we might be able to use. He will check to see if we can use it on Saturday, Nov.16 for our meeting. Linda Sadler moved that John see if this is possible, 2nd and passed.

Dennis Yemma & Jule are going to hold a Pizza/Oragami gathering on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 2pm. Bring your scissors.

EXCHANGES:

In-coming 2014 will be Costa Rica. An ED will be needed.

Pam LaFontaine will be the ED for Domestic Exchanges.

The members said that they want more domestic exchanges.

Dennis Yemma reported that his exchange (22) is filled.

Pres. John is to contact Paula Wirka to get more information on an Indonesian Group for 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

Betty Myer Reported that that the Turkey Dinner served to the Ronald McDonald House was a success. She thanked the Yemmas, Cheryle Phelps and Linda Sadler, who helped. She, also, requested that we save our "pop"can tabs.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2013

Only 11 members were present for the meeting.

Jody Garmon presided because of the absence of President John Jansen, 1st VP, Joanne Collins, and 2nd VP, Pam LaFontaine.

Jody Garmon gave an over-view of the January 18,2013 minutes. Russ Garmon, Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$6,936.31. He reported that we have 45 members who have paid their 2013 dues.

EXCHANGES:

Dennis Yemma, Ed for the out-going trip to Japan reported that he had 10 signed up for the Sept 29-October 14th trip. He reported that the cost of the trip would be around \$4,000, possibly less. It will be advertized in the next FFI On-line Publication.

Cheryle Phelps reported that she received an e-mail from Paula Wirka that she had contacted Keil, Germany for an in-coming exchange this year. Jody Garmon reported that she had e-mailed Deiter Thewke, Ed from Varel, Germany, to see if their group coming to the Sun Coast Club would like an extra week exchange, depending on the time frame.

The World Friendship Conference in New Orleans, La will be held on November 22-25, 2013. At this time 5 people from our club will be in attendance. If interest, contact Pam LaFontaine for information.

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A Potluck/Game night will be held at the home of Cheryle Phelps and Lou Rizk on April 28 (Sunday) at 4:30. The meat and drinks will be purchased by Cheryle. A sign-up sheet was passed around. As time get closer she will check on what you are planning to bring.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sibby Yemma was thanked for holding the World Friendship Day. Approximately 25 attended. There was lots of good food and conversation. A number of visitors were in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Sadler reported that a Japanese film would be playing at the Atrium for a cost of \$5 on Sunday, March 17.

Betty Meyer had two dates for a few of our member to cook a dinner for the Ronald MacDonald house. May 10th was chosen and members signed up for it.

We have several items (shirts, bags and lanyards) left, before the name change. It was decided to sell these items for \$1. Most of them were sold.

Linda Sadler reported that anyone wishing to go out to it, they would be eating at a Japanese restaurant near Steinmart.

Adjournment came at 11:50

Jody Garmon, Secretary

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF SWFL
Board minutes January 18, 2013

Joanne Collins, 1st VP, called the meeting to order, in the absence of President John Jansen, at 10:20am. Board members present were Russ Garmon, Pam La Fontaine, Linda Sadler, Reta Lanning, Cheryle Phelps, Lou Rizk, Jim Marks and Jody Garmon.

The minutes of the Dec. 6, 2012 minutes were approved as read. Russ Garmon, treasurer, presented a financial statement. He reported a balance of \$5,752,95. He, also, gave a financial report on the Ukraine Exchange.

Reports of committees:

Publicity: Our club will be featured in the Lifestyles February issue.

Activities & Fund Raising: Linda Sadler reported that our Garage Sale to be held at the Dragonettes, on Saturday, February 2nd. Large items and clothes are needed. Sibby Yemma will hold items at her home. Cecilia purchased a clothes rack. Linda will send out e-mails. Members are needed to volunteer to work, Thursday-Saturday

World Friendship Day, will be held at the home of Sibby Yemma on Sunday, March 3, at 2:30. A potluck will be held. Dishes from around the world are requested. JoAnn Robbins will be requested to give a history of the club.

Our Christmas lunch will again be held at Kelly Green on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013.

Our annual Ice Cream Social will be held at the home of Joanne and Richard Collins on July 28 at 3pm. Linda would like a list of annual events in the community, so we might be able to coordinate them with incoming exchanges. She would like to know if there is an orchid festival. Linda would like to know of the wants of members. Another game day event is possible.

Exchanges: Our outgoing exchange wishes for 2014 could not be fulfilled. Atlanta contacted Pres. John for other clubs. He rechecked our former list and sent Atlanta these choices, Netherlands, Brazil, England and Australia. In 2013, we have no incoming. It was suggested we check with other Florida Clubs to see if their incoming exchange would like a week with us. Dennis Yemma, exchange director for our 2013 exchange, has been in touch with Japan and is working on dates. We are still in need of an ED Coordinator.

Sunshine: Jean Clark at this time is in California with her son. She became ill on the Israel exchange. Casandra Wooden is homebound.

Website: Cheryle Phelps reported that all is up-to-date. She can always use information & pictures. Cheryle will be doing a directory after membership dues are in.

Membership: Reta Lanning reported that Sibby Yemma hosted a coffee. It was well done. There were 4 interested and 3 of our new members attended- Carol Berry, Maryanne Daly and Donna Cowley. Several other members were present. Cecil will give a short presentation on Feb 13, to the Horizon Village,

New Business: Cecilia Bridge would like a meeting of our club to outline the duties of the various positions. It could also look over the By-Laws for any changes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00

Jody Garmon, Secretary

FRIENDSHIP FORCE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 18, 2013

Joanne Collins, 1st VP, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am in the absence of President John Jansen. 21 members were present. Joanne introduced new member, Maryanne Daly.

The secretary's minutes were approved as read. Russ Garmon, treasurer, presented a financial report. The balance on hand is \$5,752.95. He, also, gave a Ukraine Financial report. Members who have paid their dues, as of this date, were 26.

Report of Committees:

Publicity: Our Club will be featured in the February issue of Lifestyles. Cheryle will send out an e-mail so members can be made aware to get a copy.

Website: Cheryle reported that all is up-dated. She suggested that members check the calendar for upcoming events. She ,also, suggested that they check the photographs.

Membership: Reta Lanning reported on the Coffee held at Sibby Yemmas on Feb 13. There were 4 interested guests, 3 of our new members-Carol Berry, Maryanne Daly and Donna Crowley and other members. It was well done.

Activities: Linda Sadler present activities for the upcoming year;

Feb 2--Yard Sale at Marian & Dan Dragonette's. Items and workers are needed.

March 3-- World Friendship Day. A potluck will be held at the home of Sibby Yemma. Dishes from around the world are requested, time 2:30.

July 28--Ice Cream Social at the home of Joanne & Richard Collins. Time: 3:00pm.

Dec 8--Christmas/Holiday Luncheon at Kelly Green

Exchanges--Dennis Yemma, ED for the Japan Exchange has been in contact with Japan. No dates have been set yet. He said it will a Sept/October date. He needs 20 people. He feels that the cost will be around \$3000+. Would like those of our club interested to fill out an application by the 1st week in Feb.

In-coming: We have no group for 2013. It was suggested to contact other clubs to see if we might contact their in-coming clubs to see if they would like another week, with us.

2014 exchanges: Atlanta contacted Pres. John to inform him that they could not fill our out-going request, so he sent other choices that our group had requested: Netherlands, Brazil, England and Australia.

The FFI World Conference will be held in New Orleans this year. Pam LaFontaine volunteered to do the leg-work for the group. She would like a good number of our club to go.

Other: JoAnn & Wayne Robbins spent a day in Miami with some of the members of the Korelev, Russia club, who visited us.

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Jody Garmon, secretary