



Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta

June 2016

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely... Broad, wholesome charitable views...cannot be acquired by vegetating in one's little corner of the earth."

---Mark Twain

New Exchange for Biking in Amsterdam with Home stay in Belgium

April 2017



The Netherlands and Belgium: Come and join us on an intimate bike, barge, & explore trip. Spend eight days and seven nights on a barge that will take us to several wonderful cities that we will explore by bicycle. There will be cycling every day, seeing the beauty of spring in Europe and making new memories with friends. We will follow up the barge trip with three days in Belgium experiencing the beautiful history and culture and enjoying a homestay with the local FF Brussels club. This exchange will bring us together as strangers and see us depart as family. - See more at: <http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org>

FFI Field Reps visiting Atlanta in July. Representatives from North America will be in Atlanta. 4 of those representatives are requesting a homestay for a few days. All reps are female. There is no agenda or itinerary that you, as a host, must adhere to. We are still in need of one more host. Contact John Wilhelm jwainc7@bellsouth.net or Cynthia Williams madamew@hotmail.com



FFGA BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club met on Saturday, June 11, at 2 p.m. We discussed “Travel as a Political Act by Rick Steves”. Our members had so much to share about their experiences socially and politically during home stays and with Open World, I came away grateful to be involved with FF and with our sophisticated travelers.

Our next book will be “Last Stand, Ted Turner's Quest to Save a Troubled Planet” because of his work with the UN and the environment. We decided Saturdays at 2 was acceptable to everyone. I'll send an alert regarding our next date. We anticipate our next meeting to be in August and it will be held at Cynthia Williams house in mid-Atlanta. Pick up your copy of the book and join us. We'll send out specifics on date and address in a future announcement.

Pat Holt

FFGA June Board Meeting:

Date to put on your calendar:

**December 4th, FFGA
Holiday Party**

We reviewed and approved the minutes from May 2016. The following is just a summary of some of the highlights from the June meeting.

Barbara Shields, Social Chair, discussed possible future social events including a tour of Oakland Cemetery with lunch at Six Feet Under; viewing of an IMAX film at Fernbank Museum.

Cynthia Williams, Vice President and ED for the recent Spokane Exchange reported that everything went well. Their club donated \$100 to our club for the charity of our choice.

Ron Scott, Treasurer, reported that FFI will be raising the family dues by \$10 for 2017. Motion made and carried to raise FFGA Family dues by \$10 per year, from \$40 to \$50.

John Wilhelm, President, led a discussion about hosting a domestic exchange this year or next. The Board discussed finding an outbound exchange for 2017 to replace the cancelled Brazil exchange.

JOIN US ON JULY 14TH: FFGA will celebrate Bastille Day (the French national holiday) on Thursday, July 14, at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at Violette, a lovely little French restaurant, at 2948 Clairmont Road, Atlanta 30329, which is just off I-85. Wear your blue, white and red (bleu, blanc et rouge) and join us for great food and great fellowship!!

We will order from the lunch menu. (See the link on the next page.)

JULY 14TH CONTINUED

<http://violetterestaurant.com/menus/lunch.html>

Please confirm that you will attend no later than Tuesday, July 12, by contacting Cynthia Williams (aka Madame Williams) by email at madamew@hotmail.com or by phone at [404-351-5352](tel:404-351-5352). Merci beaucoup!!!!

We have sadly learned that a former member of our FFGA family, Ella Horwitz, recently passed away. Ella had been active for a number of years in our club. She hosted and participated as an ambassador in several of our club Exchanges. Ella lived and worked in Atlanta until retirement when she moved to Peachtree City. Ella was cremated; there may be a Memorial Service at a later time. If we receive information on the service, we will share it with you.