

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA



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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

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JOIN US FOR BRUNCH ON FEBRUARY 5TH

February 5th Social Event Welcoming Open World Delegates From Kazakhstan

At 12:30 PM on Sunday, February 5, 2017, FFGA will have brunch at The 57th Fighter Group Restaurant, 3829 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, GA 30341.

The Grand Sunday Champagne Brunch includes one glass of champagne or mimosa for \$35.00 per person. Please check out their extensive menu on their website

www.the57threstaurant.com

Additional beverages are \$2 for champagne and \$1 for mimosas. Please mail your check for reservations to Barbara Shields, 4681 Mercer Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, by January 30, 2017.

At this delightful brunch, we will be welcoming the Open World delegates from Kazakhstan who will be in Atlanta to learn about the role of local and state legislatures, staff, lobbying, labor unions and how citizens participate in government.

There will be a Farewell Dinner for the Open World delegation on **February 11, 2017.**
SAVE THE DATE!

All club members are invited to attend and details will be provided later in a newsflash or newsletter.



WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY —VOLUNTEER EVENT AND LUNCH

Wednesday, March 1, is World Friendship Day. Atlanta members are needed as volunteers to sort books for BOOKS FOR AFRICA at their Atlanta Warehouse. The hours for volunteering are from 9AM to 1PM.

Please contact Bonnie Evans by February 27 to volunteer. Her phone number is 404.771.0010 or email her at kbemje@bellsouth.net

Books for Africa Atlanta Warehouse is located at:
3655 Atlanta Industrial Drive, Bldg. 250
Atlanta, GA 30331
Phone: (404) 603-8680

Afterwards, we will meet for lunch at Jack's New Yorker Deli to enjoy some fabulous sandwiches and enjoy each other's friendship along with lots of laughter and good will. Also contact Bonnie Evans if you need a ride the event or wish to volunteer to drive other members. Tanzania Exchange Ambassadors are highly encouraged to be at this important volunteer event since it will tie in with our exchange to Tanzania.

Jack's New Yorker Deli is located at:
4691 S Atlanta Rd SE, Suite 150
Vinings Court Shopping Center
Atlanta GA 30339
Phone: (404) 799-8500

LEADER WANTED TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:

The board of FFGA has authorized a significant stipend to a member in good standing, to be our representative at the FFI conference in Manchester, England this August 24-28, 2017.

In return, we are asking this volunteer to agree to serve on the 2018 board in some capacity to be determined.

The usual manner of filling this role is to send either the current president or vice-president as our representative. Currently these positions are filled by members who have attended multiple international conferences.

Our board wants to give a new voice a chance to be heard and lead us into the future. Interested parties should contact Cynthia Williams @ 404 351-5352 or John Wilhelm @ 770 921-4333.



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FFGA BOOK CLUB DATES AND SELECTIONS

The January meeting of the book club was held January 14th at the home of Pat Holt. We discussed “The Tree Where Man Was Born” by Peter Matthiessen. The group also had a special treat when Pat’s daughter, Gerryll Hall, who is an infectious disease expert, participated by providing information about diseases mentioned in the book, the African environment, the citizens and their future. Her talk was very enlightening. Thank you, Gerryll!

The members decided on the next four books to be read and the dates and time of future meetings. **Our meetings will be the 4th Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM**; therefore, **our next meeting will be on February 25, 2017** at the home of Cynthia Williams, 1923 Claremont Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318. Please call Cynthia at 404-351-5352 if you are planning to attend. The club will be discussing “A Long Way Home” by Saroo Brierley. This book was first a media sensation, then a #1 international bestseller and now it’s *LION*, a major motion picture, based on a true story.

March: “Eat Drink Delta: A Hungry Traveler’s Journey through the Soul of the South” by Susan Puckett. This book is part travel guide, part cookbook, and part photo essay by a veteran food journalist.

April: “The Queen of Katwe: One Girl’s Triumphant Path to Becoming a Chess Champion” by Tim Crothers. This is the true story of Phiona Mutesi and is also a major motion picture described as “astonishing” and “inspirational” by The New York Times Book Review.

May: “No Shame for the Sun: Lives of Professional Pakistani Women” by Shahla Haeri. The book covers conversations with six Muslim working women and goes into great detail about their lives.

All members are welcome to attend and encouraged to join us, suggest books and make new friends!



OREGON

EXCHANGE DIRECTOR NEEDED

Our club accepted the request from an Oregon FF Club to visit us October 19th-25th, 2017. This group will spend one week with us, and then travel to Big Canoe, GA for their second week before returning home.

We already have a number of home hosts identified for these ambassadors, but need an Exchange Director to step up. Help will be provided if new to this process. Contact Cynthia Williams ASAP madamew@hotmail.com

FFGA MEMBERSHIP DUES 2017

Dues for the upcoming year are payable by the end of each December.

Checks are to be made payable to FFGA and sent to Linda Foley at 1010 Freedom Lane, Roswell, GA 30075.