

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer has arrived and in addition to the usual heat warnings, we've had our share of flood warnings. I hope you will cool off and stop building the ark long enough to read our newsletter. We had a successful week hosting Aussies who were here to attend the Rotary Convention. We enjoyed a picnic dinner and laser show at Stone Mountain Park that was open to all members without charge. There was precious little food left, so things went well. Here are some priorities as we approach the second half of the year:

- Our annual meeting will be held in the second weekend of October, on 10/15 at 3 PM at Mimi's Cafe and Allison Lindsey will be our guest. Allison will explain the new direction FFI is heading and field questions from our members.
- We have an inbound domestic journey arriving on Oct. 19 from Central Willamette Valley Oregon. Bonnie Evans is the Coordinator and needs hosts, both day, dinner, and home.
- We will have a social outing to the Booth Museum in Cartersville on Oct.28 to attend a cowboy roundup with a variety of activities. We will try to arrange rides for those members who don't drive that distance.
- An incoming group from Moscow will arrive here on Nov.27 for a week. We are still looking for a Coordinator for this journey and will need hosts for the visitors.
- Our Annual holiday party will be held on Saturday, December 2 at Petite Violette.
- Our 2018 outbound journey will take place in October/November to Cairo, Egypt with a possible side trip to Israel and /or Jordan.

We have seen a spurt in interest from potential new members recently. Thanks to Bonnie Evans and Wanda Bokoski for their recruiting efforts. We have also received leads from FFI most likely from an article about FFI that was published in the Atlanta Business Chronicle. These are encouraging signs of interest in our mission. Please participate in our activities when you can. We are still in need of hosts, day hosts, and dinner hosts for both Oregon and Russia this fall.

We can only be as successful as the effort our members put forth.

John Wilhelm

Nominations for the FFGA 2018 Board:

The Nominating Committee for FFGA Board members for 2018 are Linda Foley (Chair) *lfoley2002@yahoo.com*, Sue Mills *delray316@gmail.com*, Barbara Shields *barbara-zee@mindspring.com*.

We need your involvement in the club. You may self-nominate. Identify yourself, or a member who has agreed to be nominated, by August 15th.

Contact any one of the persons on the Nominating Committee.

Welcome

New Members!

Hello to Debbie Ellis who lives in the Moore's Mill area. Debbie's email is *d_ellis1@bellsouth.net*; and phone # 404-355-0308.

Hello as well to Greg Meyjes (*greg.meyjes@yahoo.com*).

Geraldine Andre from Alpharetta is a new member, too. Her email is *mangofly55@gmail.com*.

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

Donations for Tanzania

Bonnie Evans is still collecting items for the Tanzanian children. Donations are being accepted as well to buy food for the Msamaria Street Children School.

Thanks to the FFGA members who already sent a check (make out to FFGA) which will be used towards food and help fund a deep water well.

School supplies continue to be a need there also. Contact Bonnie Evans for any additional details. 404-771-0010; kbemje@bellsouth.net

You're Needed!

Incoming Ambassadors from Central Willamette Valley, Oregon arrive in Atlanta on October 19th.

We need 2 more home hosts for the week and 2 more dinner hosts for the evening of Monday, October 22nd.

Contact Bonnie Evans, the Journey Coordinator for this incoming club. 404-771-0010; kbemje@bellsouth.net

