

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA



FFGA

JUNE 2018

FFGA Member Needed for this Newsletter

The time has come for another FFGA club member to take over the development of the monthly club newsletter. Working on the newsletter does not require you to attend the FFGA monthly Board meeting. That is optional.

Board members and committee chairs will send you material for the newsletter. The mailing list of our members are in about 6 groups that I can simply send to you. I spend perhaps 10-15 hours each month working on the newsletter. I don't consider myself a computer whiz; someone else might really spend even less time. The program that I've been using is MS Publisher, but any program will really work. I am available to show you the in's and out's of Publisher.

Your assistance is needed due to a few medical issues that I am currently dealing with. Contact me at delray316@gmail.com, or 386-848-6220 (cell).

Thank you. Sue Mills

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SAVE THE DATES

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

FFGA JOURNEY TO BOGOTA, WITH ECUADOR AND GALAPAGOS ADD ON

JOURNEY COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR 2019 OREGON EXCHANGE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BOARD MINUTES

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Save the Date

August 12th: Middle Easter Dinner at 5 p.m. In Atlanta.

October 6th, Annual Meeting at 1 p.m.

December 8th, Holiday Event, 12:30 p.m.

Need a VOLUNTEER as

OUTBOUND JOURNEY DIRECTOR FOR MID-WILLAMETTE OREGON 2019

It is YOUR turn to be a Journey Coordinator for our CLUB's reciprocal visit to MID WILLAMETTE OREGON. We hosted the OREGON club in October 2017 who were a great group of people. We could also combine a visit to the Portland, Oregon club. The dates will be determined by the journey and host directors.

For our club to survive we need members to be active and volunteer. Too often it is the same people who volunteer as host or journey directors, officers and committee chairpersons. Previous leaders will be happy to guide you.

Please contact Bonnie Evans at kbemje@bellsouth.net or call her at 404.771.0010.



Update on Bogota Quito Galapagos Journey 4/26/2019

The April 26, 2019 Bogota, Quito, Galapagos Journey is just about filled with twenty (20) maximum ambassadors.

Bonnie Evans, the journey coordinator, has received fourteen (14) applications with initial deposits. Only three (3) out of the fourteen (14) submissions are Greater Atlanta members who are on the confirmed list. Ten (10) of the fourteen (14) applications have been approved as ambassadors. The other four (4) submissions are in the process of being reviewed. There are also three (3) other strong prospects who are in the process of sending in their ambassador applications and checks.

Recently Friendship Force International had spotlighted our journey which has generated great interest. We had 35 inquiries from the publication. All of the 35 inquiries have been sent the information booklet and additional information that they requested.

If you want to be an ambassador on this amazing journey, please submit your ambassador application to Bonnie Evans ASAP and mail your initial deposit. Her email address is kbemje@bellsouth.net or call her at 404.771.0010. Bonnie responds very quickly to questions, clarifications and applications.



OPEN WORLD

From May 11 to May 19, the Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta hosted a group of delegates from Ukraine through the Open World program. FFGA member Joe Earle created a wonderful program for them in their field of interest, which was citizen involvement in the supervision of the legal system, including police, lawyers, and the courts. Their busy schedule put them in contact with speakers in all of these fields, and they were very engaged in the presentations and ensuing dialogues. Their FFGA hosts also learned a lot!!!

Thanks to all who helped!

Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 6th at 1pm, we will all meet at Maggiano's at Cumberland Mall. Address is: 1601, suite 200, Cumberland Mall Atlanta, 30339.

Menu selection will come in a future newsletter. Plan on approximately \$30 per person. We need you there; we need your vote.

Membership

This is a correction from membership chair Linda Foley. Our current membership is 79.

FFGA HEADING TO CAIRO

The Cairo journey is full; there are 20 ambassadors travelling. There is a waiting list. Contact journey coordinator, John Wilhelm to be put on the waiting list.

Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta

May Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: John Wilhelm, Anne Earle, Robin Scott, Cynthia Williams, Ron Scott, Allison Lindsey

Minutes: The April Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Membership: Linda had submitted a report stating there are 79 memberships currently.

Exchanges:

County Durham: John Wilhelm reported the exchange went well.

Egypt: John Wilhelm reported that he has been corresponding by email with the Egyptian ED. Fourteen ambassadors will participate in the home stay. There is still room for six more ambassadors. The group will be staying at a five-star hotel the first night. John will arrange for the Egyptian visas and will investigate how to get visas for Jordan.

Open World: A group from Ukraine will visit from May 12-19. Joe and Anne Earle and Cynthia Williams are planning the visit.

Committee Reports:

Social: Cynthia Williams reported that all members will be invited to the picnic and laser show at Stone Mountain Park planned for the Ukrainian visitors.

Cynthia is looking for a picnic location for a summer social event. She is also planning an outing to a Mediterranean restaurant in September. The Holiday party will be December 8 at Petite Violette.

Allison Lindsey volunteered to conduct a technology workshop for interested members.

Website: Allison will be updating the website.

Newsletter: The board decided to run an ad in the next newsletter requesting a volunteer for the position of Newsletter Trainee.

New Business:

Nametags: The Board discussed alterations to the nametags. Ron Scott will inquire about the possibility of substituting the FFFA logo with the FFI logo.

Business Cards: Robin Scott want to print business cards for our members. Allison recommended that the cards have the FFI logo with FFGA information and email address. Robin will order 500 cards.

FFI Meetings: Allison Lindsey reported that the **Super Regional Meeting** will be held in Charleston, SC from November 7-9. All FFGA members are welcome to attend. She reported that the next **FFI World Conference** will be held next year in Boulder, Colorado.

Next Board Meeting: June 18 at 2:00 at the Scott's home.

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA

April 30, 2018

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:

\$25,423.58

INCOME STATEMENT

Income				
0100	Banking			\$1.08
	0101	Checking Account Interest	\$1.08	
0400	Open World			\$4,130.00
	0410	Open World Ukraine 2018	\$4,130.00	
0500	Club Function			\$42.00
	0503	Club Activity	\$42.00	County Durham
0600	Membership			\$70.00
	0601	Membership Dues	\$70.00	
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME				\$4,243.08

Expenses					
01000	Banking				\$0.11
	01001	Bank Service Charge	\$0.11		
02000	Club Exchange - Inbound				\$2,854.00
	02002	Welcome/Farewell Dinner	\$1,256.00	County Durham	
	02005	Activities	\$1,437.00	County Durham	
	02006	Reimbursement - Exchange Expenses	\$161.00	County Durham	
03000	Club Exchange - Outbound				\$18,000.00
	03010	Club Activity Costs	\$18,000.00	Cairo	
04000	Open World				\$4,000.00
	04001	Activities for Group	\$4,000.00	Ukraine - 2018	
08000	Dues, Registration, Website				\$8.22
	08003	Website Maintenance	\$8.22		
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENDITURES					\$24,862.33

Month Net Income/(Loss)

(\$20,619.25)

ACTUAL ENDING CHECKING BALANCE:

\$4,804.33

Outstanding Checks:

\$6,127.00

Date	Check #	Amount
02/28/18	1385	\$10.00
04/30/18	EFT	\$4,000.00
04/30/18	EFT	\$2,117.00

Amount Shown on Checking Account Bank Statement: \$10,931.33

Respectfully Submitted,

RONALD H. SCOTT, TREASURER