

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA



FFGA

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President's Corner

By Robin Scott

If you are like many adults of a certain age, you may have challenges when trying to use your mobile phone apps, programs on your computers or laptops, apps on your tablets or iPads. If so, mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 8, at noon. At that time, our own club member, website chair and longtime staff person with FFI, Allison Lindsey, will be presenting a workshop on "Staying Connected."



The workshop will be held at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5801 Hugh Howell Rd., Stone Mountain, Ga., 30087, in the Adult Center. There is WIFI connection and a smart TV in the room, so be sure to bring your "devices." We will bring in sandwiches and water.

Please let me know if you plan to be attend by Friday and if you would like some lunch. My email is sronald@comcast.net. My cellphone is 678-478-5360.

In other news, our club dinner at Nicola's in August was a great success. There was lots of delicious food, fun entertainment by Nic and much friendship. We will definitely be going back there!

Thanks to Cynthia Williams for arranging the dinner and for the surprise for John and Glenda Wilhelm [see below and page 2]. John will be our great Pharaoh-Journey Coordinator for the Cairo trip; Glenda is his beautiful queen.

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Coming up

Sept. 8: Leveraging technology to stay in touch with friends and family. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5803 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain, noon.

Sept. 20: FFGA board meeting.

Oct. 6: Annual meeting and election of officers, Maggiano's restaurant, Cumberland Mall, 1 p.m.

Dec. 8: Holiday event, Petite Violette, 2948 Clairmont Road, 12:30 p.m.

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Crowning glory

Nicola H. Ayoub, owner of Nicola's Restaurant, kneeling, delivers a taste of wine to FFGA member Cynthia Williams, center, as Eunice Luke looks on with apparent amusement, left. Ayoub danced to the table, the wine balanced on his head, during the club's dinner at his restaurant on Aug. 12.

For more photos from the event, please turn to Page 2.



Dining and dancing at Nicola's

About 25 FFGA members and guests dined on Mediterranean food and danced the evening away during a club meeting Aug. 12 at Nicola's Restaurant. Harvey Young and Anne Lawing, above, share a laugh during dinner. At right, restaurant owner Nicola H. Ayoub dances a bottle of wine to Cynthia Williams. Below, Ron Scott, left, talks shop with visiting Californians Patricia Ghiglieri, center, and Marty McKnew, right, who met the Scotts on a FF trip to Canada.



Above, Glinda and John Wilhelm model new headgear presented to them for the club's upcoming trip to Egypt and the Middle East. At left, Wilma Kirchofer, left, and Linda Foley greet folks as they arrive.

Election of officers set for annual meeting on Oct. 6

The Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta will hold its annual meeting on Oct. 6 and elect officers for 2019. The meeting is scheduled for Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant at Cumberland Mall, starting at 1 p.m. The business meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m.

The FFGA nominating committee has nominated the current club officers to continue in their positions in 2019. The nominating committee is chaired by Barbara Shields. Linda Foley and Cynthia Williams hold the other posts on the committee.

The nominees have agreed to serve in the positions, if elected.

The nominees are:

President — Robin Scott

Vice President — Bonnie Evans

Secretary — Anne Earle

Treasurer: — Ron Scott



Other candidates may be nominated from the floor during the meeting, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured.

If there is only one nominee for an office, voting for that office may be by voice vote; otherwise, voting must be by ballot. In the event of a tie, another ballot shall be taken immediately.

FFGA journey to Cairo, Jordan and Israel lures travelers from across the country and around the world

By John Wilhelm

Our Atlanta-based journey has a decided international flavor. We have 10 ambassadors from our Atlanta club; four from California; three from Winnipeg, Canada; two from Boston; and one each from Cincinnati, Australia and Brazil.

We will start our journey in Cairo with a home stay with their club members. During the week we will visit pyramids, the Sphinx, the library in Alexandria, the national history museum, several souks and other venues.

Upon departing Cairo, we will fly to Aswan and cruise down the Nile while we stop at historic sites in the Valley of Kings. We end our cruise in Luxor and fly to Amman, Jordan.

After a day in Amman, we travel to Petra to see the cave dwellings and ride a horse or mule to the entrance. Next on the agenda is a five-day stay in Israel, with visits to the historic Christian sites, the Wailing Wall, old Jerusalem, and other locales.

Our last full day will be a trip to the Dead Sea and the Jewish fortress of Masada. Our flight back home the next day departs from Tel Aviv.

I hope we have some good stories to bring back with us.



A note from the newsletter editor

In recent issues of the FFGA club newsletter, we have included copies of the minutes of the monthly board meetings and the monthly financial statements. The board recently decided to publish that information on the FFGA website rather than through the newsletter. On the website, the information can be password protected. All club members have access to the minutes and financial report and soon will receive correspondence containing the password.

Also, I would like to ask members who have traveled with the club in recent years to send to me photos you'd like to see published in the newsletter.

I'd like to feature, in the next couple of newsletters, packages of photos from your favorite trips of the past several years. You can email the photos to me at joearle715@gmail.com. Please include information about who's in the pictures, where it was taken and when.

To get us started, here's one of mine, showing John and Joyce Mell visiting Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, during a trip to Spokane and Whidbey Island, Washington, in 2014.

Thanks

Joe Earle



In Memory

Harvey Brickley, a former president of the Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta and an active Friendship Force member, died Aug. 27. He was 80. You can find a full obituary on Legacy.com at www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?n=harvey-baker-brickley&pid=190080769

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An added bonus at the dinner was a reporter from the **Atlanta Senior Life** magazine, which will be featuring an article on FFI and our club.

Also I want to include a reminder that our Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, at Maggiano's restaurant in Cumberland Mall. The meeting will start at 1pm. The cost will be approximately \$30 per person, with tax, and tip included. Please contact Cynthia Williams at madamew@hotmail.com.

We will have a drawing for one Holiday Party Luncheon. Everyone at the Annual Meeting will have their name in the drawing.

The Holiday Luncheon will be at Petite Violette on Dec. 8, 2018.

Yours in friendship,

Robin

News and notes from FFI

By Allison Lindsey

Senior Regional Support Manager for US, Canada and Insurance

FFI provides new eflyer listing journeys with available spaces

Just a few short months ago, Friendship Force International (FFI) started offering a US eFlyer to advertise U.S. Outbound and globally recruited themed journeys with spaces available. The e-mail is sent out once a month and the PDF version is housed on FFI's website under Member Resources: Complete List of Journeys and Regional eFlyers.

September's flyer will be available in early September. If you are not receiving e-mails from FFI, but would like to, please sign up for our mailing list at friendshipforce.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ba1bffc1cec3dcb20c97569d1&id=5fec96946.

Travel insurance through FFI

Did you know that the FFI offers the Friendship Force Travel Protection Plan that can be used for travel on Friendship Force Journeys or for your personal travel? It is a custom group policy available to Friendship Force Members and their friends and family living in the US. It is not based on your age, destination or length of your trip.

To purchase the Friendship Force Travel Protection Plan, please go to <https://friendshipforce.org/trip-insurance>. To view the Plan Overview including the costs and benefits, go to https://www.thefriendshipforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Benefits_and_Plan_Costs.pdf. To view the Frequently Asked Questions about travel insurance, go to https://friendshipforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/FFITravellInsuranceFAQ_Nationwide.pdf.

Leveraging technology to stay connected with friends and family workshop

Technology makes it easy and fun to stay connected with your friends and family both near and far! You are invited to a workshop in which we will cover the basics of using your smart phone, tablet, desktop or laptop to share messages, pictures and even make no-cost international phone calls to stay in touch with friends from around the world. P

lease bring your device (if possible) as this will be a hands-on workshop. We will meet Saturday, Sept. 8th at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, located at 5801 Hugh Howell Rd, Stone Mountain GA 30087. Please let Robin Scott (678) 478-5360 or Allison Lindsey (404) 723-6029 know if you will join us. All levels of tech-savvy welcome!

Say hello to:

New members Shawn and Kristin Murnahan and Joanna Hanes-Lahr and Jack Lahr. Joanna participated in the first Friendship Force exchange. She and Jack moved to Atlanta from Annapolis, MD.