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President's Corner

Lori Reynolds

Spring is here! Our members have been busy planning activities for the coming months. Pam Brown and Wayne Potter attended the Western Regional Conference held in Olympia and have worked behind the scenes networking with ambassadors and clubs to present a full slate of exchanges for 2016, 2017 and are working on 2018. The Olympia Friendship Force has developed some excellent planning tools to build a stronger community of local clubs and to work together better on future exchanges.

Marge Terdal has a nearly full complement of ambassadors for our August exchange to Solo Surakarta, Indonesia. Gwen White and her committee continue exchange planning for the Mundo Maya club from Chiapas, Mexico, including visits to the Rose Garden and watching the Rose Parade in June.

Pat and I have just returned from multiple exchanges in the "land down under." We explored the Outback, Adelaide and Cairns with ambassadors from clubs in Seattle-Tacoma, Fort Worth, Denver, Reno-Tahoe, Melbourne, New Castle, and Hamburg, Germany. We also extended our stay to include visiting our 2013 hosts in Sydney and our 2015 post-World Conference guests from Hobart, Tasmania. We enjoyed making new friends, rekindling old friendships and absorbing much cultural understanding as Australia has a similar tragic history with its indigenous communities and settlers. Australians are working to bridge

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better understanding and build respect for the various cultural traditions and beliefs of its peoples.

These are the goals and mission of Friendship Force. You have many opportunities to participate, get involved and contribute. Read the articles featured in this issue about our recent activities, join a committee to help plan future exchanges, put some calendar event reminders on your calendar, and join a cultural exchange. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Past Event Reports

New Members Gather to Learn About FFCC

By Mary Dickson

On a beautiful spring Sunday afternoon, six new members and two prospective members, plus six longer-time members, met to learn about each other and this wonderful organization. The new members, Aggie Blackmer, Mary Lu Wilson, Pati Sluys, Stephen and Yvonne Coble, and Richard Chapel, were joined by Loris Van Pelt and Dennis Alexander. The new members introduced themselves and received their name badges.

Aggie told us a bit about her organic farm and is primarily interested in traveling on domestic exchanges. She has offered to host the summer picnic at her home and intends to host incoming ambassadors.

Mary Lu is a friend of Aggie's, but also reacquainted herself at World Friendship Day with FFCC members Gwen White and Jim Arnoux, realizing that their kids went to school together many years ago. She speaks Spanish fluently and has traveled to several Spanish-speaking countries, including Mexico, Ecuador, and Colombia. Richard, a friend of Mary Dickson, wants to "see the world."

Pati, who learned about FFCC from our Marge Terdal, expressed an interest in learning about different cultures.

Stephen still works, but travels some and looks forward to more. Yvonne has traveled extensively and speaks some Spanish and some French, having lived in a number of different locations throughout her life.

The two potential members, Loris Van Pelt and Dennis Alexander, seemed impressed as they learned more about FFCC. Loris has wanted to see the world since she was a little girl. She likes history and various cultural influences. Dennis spent an extended period of time in Europe and Africa after graduating from college. They are going to Europe in a few weeks, and we hope they will decide to join us when they get back.

The focus of the meeting was to ensure that our new members understand the basic structure and activities of Friendship Force. Gwen White explained some of the terminology with which many people may be unfamiliar—"exchange," "Ambassador," "ED," etc., as well as some of the responsibilities of hosting and some of the upcoming events. Marge Terdal talked about the upcoming trip to Indonesia.

We hope that our new members feel welcome and will become active and involved with our club. We hope our members will welcome them at a future event. Seek them out and get to know what great people they are!

Past Event Reports (Continued)

Harney County Migratory Bird Festival

By Emily Smith



Left to right: David Moore, Doris Moore, Marguerite Morin, Gwen White, and Jim Arnoux

A small group of FFCC members grabbed their binoculars, spotting scope and multiple bird field guide books, and headed to Malheur Wildlife Refuge and the Harney County Migratory Bird Festival Thursday, April 7, returning Sunday, April 10. It was a loosely sponsored FFCC trip, in that all were invited, but everyone was responsible for getting themselves there and getting their own accommodations. The six who went stayed at a Burns motel and had breakfast and dinner together.

Each morning we met for a continental breakfast at the motel before departing

by 6:30 AM to search for birds. It was not long before the search was successful. We saw fields of sandhill cranes and flocks of snow geese covering the ground and in the air. There were a variety of raptors, numerous meadowlark, red-wing and yellow-headed black birds, and shore birds spotted throughout the day.

We also attended two lectures learning about the sandhill cranes

and the sage grouse.



Flock of Snow Geese with friends

Saturday night we attended a dinner put on by the community. We enjoyed the work of local artists and student artwork. David Moore is now the proud owner of a bluejay drawn by a local kindergartener. Some also participated in the downtown business scavenger hunt and won a prize for their effort—Congratulations, Jim Arnoux and Gwen White!

Not all of us are avid birders but all had the spirit of adventure and seemed to enjoy the bird sightings and the community spirit of Burns.



Western Meadowlark

Past Event Reports (Continued)**Taste Travelers Update**

By Mary Dickson



On April 1, 15 Taste Travelers gathered at HK Café, a dim sum restaurant in SE Portland. A large room, brightly decorated with red lanterns, was frequented by many people more familiar with dim sum than we were. With enough pointing and luck, we enjoyed a variety of dishes, even if we weren't sure what they were! Isn't that the way it is when you travel to another culture? Some of our new members came, and were made to feel welcome.

Upcoming Events**Taste Travelers to Fleur de Lis Bakery and Cafe**

By Mary Dickson

May's Taste Traveler event will be on Tuesday, May 17, at 9:30 AM at Fleur de Lis Bakery and Café, 3930 NE Hancock, in Portland. It is the site of the former Hollywood District Library.

Sharon Dawson is coordinating this event, since I will be searching for my ancestors in England. Watch for an email, and please RSVP to Sharon. It is a small place, and we will need to know for sure who is planning to attend.

Taste Travelers Change for September

By Mary Dickson, Activities Chair

Traditionally, FFCC learns about new cultures by traveling or inviting Ambassadors from other cultures to visit us. We have a unique opportunity to experience a large number of cultures without getting out our passport.

On Saturday, September 17, the Division Midway Alliance is sponsoring its 2016 Festival of Nations, celebrating the great diversity of outer East Portland. Over 70 languages are spoken by residents of this area, representing many cultures. The event features music, dance, and (of course) food and runs from 11 AM to 5 PM. FFCC will meet as a group at noon at the corner of SE 122nd Avenue and Division Street.

Let's chat with people from the various cultures represented, just as if we were in their country. It's a great opportunity to learn about people and places which may be unfamiliar to us.

We will attend this event in place of the Taste Traveler visit to Marrakesh restaurant, scheduled for September 29. Please make the change on your calendar.

Upcoming Events (continued)**Incoming Exchange from Chiapas, Mexico****June 7-14, 2016**

By Gwen White, Exchange Director



We are excited to host the Mundo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez club from Chiapas, June 7-14. This club is from the southernmost part of Mexico. They will stay one week with our club and then a week with the Friendship Force club in Victoria, BC. There are 14 ambassadors coming.

Some of the events we have planned include a welcome dinner, a walking tour of downtown Portland, a bus trip to the coast, a garden day visiting the Japanese and Rose Gardens and Pittock Mansion, Rose Festival events including the Grand Floral Parade, small hosted dinners, and a farewell picnic in the Columbia Gorge. We hope you will be able to participate in some of these events during the exchange and meet the ambassadors from their club.

As always, it takes a lot of people to put on these exchanges. Many have already volunteered, but we could use additional help. Please get in touch with Gwen White 503-294-0152 or gwenmwhite@msn.com. Marguerite Morin is working on matching hosts with ambassadors. If you have volunteered to host and have not heard from her, contact her at 503-692-5098. Marty Muncie has volunteered to organize the small hosted dinners. Please contact her if you are interested in hosting a dinner on Saturday, June 11.

We will be sending out more details about events with dates, times, and costs as plans are finalized. We anticipate it will be a very fun exchange.

Mark Your Calendar Now for the Annual FFCC Picnic!

By Mary Dickson

One of our enthusiastic new members, Aggie Blackmer, has offered her beautiful home on 5 acres for our annual picnic on Sunday, July 10. We plan to gather at her home, north of Camas, Washington, from 1 PM to about 5 PM. Aggie's home is adjacent to Grove Field, a private air strip, and we may get to see pilots enjoying a summer flight. Don't let the distance scare you—it's a lovely drive out in the country. If the unthinkable happens, and it should rain, Aggie has a hanger that could easily accommodate our group. There is LOTS of parking, grass and Aggie's organic orchard. We just have to be sure to not touch any of the planes in the hanger. Pilot owners are very protective of their planes!

We have just begun the planning process, and would really love the help of some FFCC members, especially those who have coordinated past picnics. Please step up and help with the organization of this fun event. As with all of our activities, a few knowledgeable, willing, and FUN people can make everything run smoothly. Would someone like to run the program? Any ideas for some fun activities?

More details will pop into your email box when we have plans further developed. YOU can help make it another fun FFCC event. Please contact Mary Dickson, Activities Chair.

Upcoming Events (Continued)**Outgoing Exchange to Solo Surakarta, Indonesia****August 20-26, 2016**

By Marge Terdal, Exchange Director



Twelve Friendship Force ambassadors will be flying to Indonesia in mid-August for a one-week exchange with the Solo club, and then continuing on for an 11-day tour of East Java and Bali. We have room for three more people, but only if you sign up NOW!

We will do home-stays with members of the Solo club, which has recently hosted other clubs from the West Coast of the U.S. Indonesia is home to many religions. Our hosts, like most people in Java, are Muslim, but our exchange will include visits to Borobudur, the largest Buddhist temple in the world, and Prambanan, a Hindu temple. We will also travel to a mountain area with waterfalls, practice making Batik in a Batik factory, as well as enjoy meals with our hosts and other Solo FF members. The exchange week costs \$465.

The post tour will begin on August 26, with a train ride to Surabaya, a large city in East Java. Activities in this part of Indonesia include a sunrise tour by jeep at Bromo, a famous volcano; bird and wild animal-watching; and visits to national parks and beaches in East Java. Then we will travel to Bali, which is primarily Hindu, for a full-day cruise, water sports activities on the famous beaches, and perhaps tea with a princess. The cost for this tour, including hotels, most meals, admission fees, tour guide and bus, is about \$1250 for those sharing a room and \$1500 for a single room, but will be less if we get three more participants. Participants are also responsible for the cost of their own airfare, travel insurance and visas. We return on September 7.

Contact Marge Terdal for more information or to send in your application. In July, I will schedule a meeting to ask and answer questions and discuss details.

Outgoing Exchange to Dallas, Texas, and Tour to Havana, Cuba**October 9-22, 2016**

By Pat Reynolds, Exchange Director



The first planning meeting for the Havana, Cuba, pre-exchange tour, and Dallas, Texas exchange will be held May 7, 10 AM, at the Midlands Library, 805 SE 122nd Ave. Portland OR. At this meeting we will discuss plans and provide updated information. Application forms will be handed out and need to be returned by May 25, so that we can confirm plans with our hosts in Dallas.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Pat Reynolds

In Remembrance of Gordon Solie



Gordon was born near Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and grew up there and in Compton, California. His love of music led him to play the bassoon. Academia drew him also, and his first teaching position, at Portland State College (now University), became his platform until his retirement as emeritus professor of music. During his long career at PSU, he played in several orchestral and chamber music groups, founded and led a wind ensemble, and, with colleagues John Trudeau and Sam McKinney, founded the still-prospering Peter Britt Music Festival, held each summer in Jacksonville, Oregon.

Gordon was fascinated by Latin American music, leading to his doctoral studies at the University of Texas and in Mexico City. He traveled extensively in Central and South America and in Europe, eventually establishing his own music company, Editions Viento, which specialized in publishing the work of contemporary composers, particularly from Brazil and the Czech Republic. He was fluent in Spanish, struggled with Portuguese, and like so many musicians, could conduct some kind of conversation in French or Italian as well. He was an enthusiastic supporter of Friendship Force, traveled with them, and was a frequent host in Portland.

Above information provided by:
Richard H. Engeman, Oregon Rediviva LLC

Gordon served FFCC in many ways including as Exchange Director on tours to Brazil and New Zealand. He also was our club President in 2009.

Email from Connie Whelan

Date: April 21, 2016 at 1:08:38 PM PDT

Dear Friends of Gordon Solie,

Gordon passed away peacefully last night. His condition declined very rapidly this past week, but he was very comfortable.

May we all contemplate those wonderful times with Gordon.

Connie Whelan.

Memorial

The memorial event for Gordon will be **Sunday, May 15th** at 3:00 PM at the recital hall (Rm 75) Lincoln Hall, Portland State University. Parking is free on Sundays at the PSU lot between Mill and Montgomery on the East side of Broadway.

The reception will be catered, so if possible RSVP if you are able to attend

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: (by check) PSU Foundation - Gordon Solie Bassoon Scholarship, (mailed to) Katharine Reed, Director of Development, College of the Arts, Office of the Dean, PO Box 751, Portland OR 97201. Or call Katharine Reed 503 725 3396.

Columbia Cascade Calendar

2016

May 6	Planning meeting for Mexico Exchange
May 7	Planning meeting for Dallas, Texas and Cuba
May 17	Taste Travelers, Fleur De Lis Bakery Café
June 7-14	Incoming Exchange from Mundo Maya, Mexico
June 29	Taste Travelers, Boriken Restaurant
July 10	Summer Club Picnic
July 20	Taste Travelers McMenamins on the Columbia
August 9	Taste Travelers Cartlandia Food Cart Pod
August 20- September 6	Outgoing Exchange to Solo-Surakarta, Indonesia, post-exchange tour to East Java and Bali
September 16-19	International FFI conference Marrakesh, Morocco
September 17	Taste Travelers, Festival of Nations
October 11	Taste Travelers Otto and Anita's German Restaurant
October 9-22	Outgoing exchange to Dallas, TX, with pre- exchange tour to Havana, Cuba
November 6	Annual Meeting

For information or to sign up to participate in these events email

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(more than one chapter)(family)\$25

New Member? YES NO

If new member, we need name(s) for name tag:

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Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of The Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace will be furthered.