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Columbia Cascade
Portland, OR/Vancouver, WA



President's Corner

Lori Reynolds

Welcome to 2016!

I hope that you have all had a great holiday season and spent some good quality time with family and friends, sharing our message of friendship and peace. As your new president, I have some work to do to meet every member and to understand your desires for the club. Look for a small survey early in the year, the answers to which will help our board ensure that we are meeting your needs.

From my perspective, building membership and ensuring participation in activities should be our primary focus. In order to meet this ambitious agenda, we need your participation. We hope to have a full calendar of activities posted to our website and in our newsletter soon. Those events will include our usual meetings, our exchanges, World Friendship Day, and potential activities to travel as a group and to socialize locally. I also hope to further develop the club's website so that it works for us to both engage you and new prospective members.

Thank you to our new and returning board members for their kindness in volunteering to keep the club running smoothly. We have

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lots of work to do this year, and I am trusting that each and every one of you is as anxious as I am to get started spreading our message of peace and friendship. Please help our club by participating and volunteering to help with activities. May our travels be many and help build a better world, one peaceful mission after another. Cheers to 2016! See you soon.

Thank you to Bob Porter for all his efforts to support the club as president the last two years. I know that I am very thankful for his constant support and positive attitude to see that the club moves forward with its tasks. A job well done!



**Time to pay your 2016 FFCC club dues.
See Page 6 for details**

Past Event Reports



Merlin Miller, Lori Reynolds, Gwen White and Jerry Bacon

**Friendship Force Columbia Cascade
Annual Meeting
November 15, 2015**

By Lori Reynolds, Jerry Bacon and Bob Porter
Photos by Rick Smith

Our Annual Meeting returned to the Clark County PUD (our favorite meeting place that is also provided at no cost) and had a delightful potluck lunch.

We elected officers for 2016. Lori Reynolds is our new President; Gwen White is our new Vice President; Jerry Bacon continues as Secretary; Merlin Miller is continuing as Treasurer, Margo Foeller is our new Member-at-Large. Planning is underway for the upcoming year, with travel to Dallas, Texas, and Solo-Surakarta, Indonesia, as well as hosting ambassadors from Murray Bridge, Australia.



Margo Foeller
Member-at Large

Emily Smith received the Grace White Award for all her extraordinary talents-- keeping the ambassadors entertained on outings and making an endless supply of gifts and welcoming packages for each and every exchange.

Marge Terdal told us about the upcoming exchange with Solo-Surakarta, Indonesia. She talked about possible before and after exchange tours that she is researching and she showed us photos of what we might see.

Betty Miller presented her tour of eastern Turkey and Iran by train from her recent solo trip. The pictures were engaging and it was especially interesting to learn that women in Iran are affirming their rights, as evidenced by photos showing women with loose scarves and some hair flowing outside the scarves.

Bob Porter also presented pictures from our club's recent exchange to Kayseri, Turkey, including some fascinating photos from hot air balloons.

Our club will donate \$1,000 to FFI for the "I'm In! Campaign" to upgrade the FFI website and information management systems to improve the communications between themselves and all the clubs. Our club will also match any donations by our members to this campaign up to \$500. The total donation to FFI came to \$1,800.

At the end of the meeting, center pieces were given away, and the clean-up volunteers did a great job.

Grace White Award Winner--Emily Smith

By Sharon Dawson, Membership Coordinator



Emily Smith

For 2015 Emily Smith is the winner of the Grace White Award for continuous outstanding service to FFCC. Emily has demonstrated an on-going and dedicated commitment on multiple levels to our club. She has served as Secretary, worked on formulating the club by-laws, hosts the craft afternoons, has been an ED for both incoming and outgoing exchanges, volunteers her house often for welcome and good-bye parties, AND cooks lots of the food for these events, is the current Parliamentarian, and is always the life of the party on bus trips and group gatherings. She has a gift for hospitality and fun that welcomes all. Emily has an attitude of service which represents the Friendship Force mission of promoting global understanding across the barriers that separate people and sets the example for all to follow. Congratulations, Emily!

Upcoming Events



World Friendship Day 2016

By Wayne Potter, WFD Coordinator

World Friendship Day will be celebrated on Saturday, March 12, 2016, 11 AM to 5 PM, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Vancouver, Washington, 426 E . Fourth Plain Blvd. (From I-5, travel west on East Fourth Plain Blvd, and turn right onto F Street). Your friends, family and neighbors are invited. We want to promote FF Columbia Cascade programs and you can help us. We are especially pleased to have other outstanding organizations committed to promoting world peace and understanding with us at this event. Together, we can help make the world a better place.

Our goal this year is to double the attendance from last year—that is, 140 people. In order to achieve this, we are asking you to purchase lunch tickets, and you can sell (or give) extra tickets to your family, friends and neighbors. This year we will enjoy another "World Food Sampler," catered by C & L Catering. Their food was excellent last year. WFD volunteers will be contacting you to purchase the tickets; **to pre-pay tickets, send checks made out to FFCC to our Treasurer, Merlin Miller, Friendship Force, 4326 SE Woodstock #481, Portland, OR 97206.** In addition, we are promoting our event to fellow FF clubs in Oregon and Washington as well as with St. Luke's Episcopal Church members and our participating organizations.

There will be a larger number of exhibitors this year. We are inviting organizations that will sell art from around the world, hand-crafted products and books by international women writers. We are also making a special effort to involve high school students engaged in writing about their communities and speaking about international issues.

FFCC is increasing its cooperation with Oregon's Partners of the Americas, and with Servas. Partners of the Americas has arranged for this year's entertainment, "Northwest Harmony Chorus," who will sing while we eat lunch. This chorus has received awards for their performances, including being named 4th Place Overall Chorus at the North by Northwest Region convention in 2014. They recently placed 3rd in a local Vancouver, WA contest.

Our MC is Rev. Casey Moffett-Chaney. Casey has taught instrumental and choral music in the public schools for ten years. She plays several instruments, including guitar and French horn, has authored two self-improvement books and ran the Portland Center for Spiritual Growth for 22 years.

Michelle Buscard, Executive Director of Health in Harmony, will be one of our speakers. Health in Harmony "...fosters a healthy world by investing in the link between human and environmental health at the community level." Their program focuses on West Kalimantan, Indonesia. Michelle spends time in Indonesia coordinating with ASRI, an Indonesian partner organization. She has managed a variety of environmental organizations. She will tell us about Health in Harmony's current program and its future plans.

Marge Terdal will be leading a group session on how exchanges are planned. Our Texas and Australia Exchange Directors, Lori and Pat Reynolds and Bobbie-Klabin-Smith, will also be available to talk about the 2016 exchanges.

I am in the process of setting up an early morning meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Friday, January 15th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. so that we can run over the schedule, set up the process and sale of the tickets to our members, the church, the other organizations that are coming, etc. I want you to see how the space is set up and get some ideas about how the event schedule will work out. Let me know if you can volunteer to help make this a spectacular event.

Upcoming Events Continued**Incoming Exchange from Murray Bridge, Australia**

By Bobbie Klabin-Smith, ED

The Murray Bridge, Australia FF club, is coming in June around the time of the Rose Festival Parade (June 11th). Either before or after our exchange they will be visiting with a club in Western Canada. Your committee is looking forward to planning for their visit to Columbia Cascade.

We are always looking for new, fun and interesting activities. If you have any ideas please let me know. In order for this exchange to be successful, we need your participation. Are you interested in hosting, day hosting or hosting a small dinner? Please contact me as soon as possible. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. I know that June seems so far away, but it will be here before we know it. Let's show the Australians what Pacific Northwest hospitality is really like. For more information or to help contact Bobbie.

**Outgoing Exchange to Solo-Surakarta, Indonesia**

By Marge Terdal, ED

Plans are underway for our exchange to Solo, in Java, Indonesia, August 20-26, 2016. I have had numerous conversations by email with the ED for their club, with EDs of other US and Canadian clubs who have enjoyed recent exchanges in Indonesia, and with the person in Indonesia who helps with all Friendship Force activities in their country.

During the exchange we will have homestays and planned activities, including a city tour, practice making your own batik souvenir, a visit to Southeast Asia's largest textile factory, and opportunities to interact with students in the Hospitality School run by the Exchange Director of the Solo FF club. One highlight will be an all-day visit to Borobudur (Buddhist) Temple, which is a World Heritage site.

We will also do pre-and post-exchange tours, perhaps to Singapore, probably to East Java, and definitely to Bali. All of this information will be shared with interested ambassadors at an information meeting to be held Wednesday morning, January 20, starting at 10 AM. We will meet in Room 110, First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St, in Portland. This is next to the Goose Hollow MAX stop, close to Hwy 405, and has a large parking lot.

Outgoing Exchange to Dallas, Texas

By Pat Reynolds, ED



The Dallas exchange is formally set for October 22-29, 2016. There is plenty of room still for anyone interested in participating in this exchange. Planning is underway to possibly extend the travel beyond the formal exchange to include New Orleans, Cuba, or someplace you might suggest.

For more information or to help with planning contact Pat Reynolds.

Columbia Cascade Calendar

2016

- January 15 World Friendship Coordination Meeting
See article on Page 3
- January 20 Planning Meeting Outgoing Exchange to Solo-Surakarta, Indonesia. See article on Page 4
- January 27 Taste Travel for lunch starting at 11:30 AM at Tommy O's Pacific Rim Bistro
801 Washington St
Vancouver, WA
(Watch for details by email)
- February 29 Taste Travel to Scandinavia for Brunch at 9:30 AM at Broder Söder
8800 SW Oleson RD
Portland, OR (Watch for details by email)
- March 12 Columbia Cascade Celebrates World Friendship Day. See article on Page 3
- June Incoming Exchange from Murray Bridge, Australia
- August 20-26 Outgoing Exchange to Solo-Surakarta, Indonesia
- October 22-29 Outgoing Exchange to Dallas, Texas

For information or to signup to participate in these events email
ffcc.events@gmail.com



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SEE THE WORLD**

2016 Officers

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President

Gwen White
Vice President

Jerry Bacon
Secretary

Merlin Miller
Treasurer

Margo Foeller
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Marge Terdal
Editor

Bob Porter
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Membership Application

Annual dues cover the cost of the newsletter and expenses for exchanges and activities of the Friendship Force of Columbia Cascade, as well as membership in Friendship Force International.

Single Membership \$30

Family Membership \$50

Dual Membership (single)\$15
(more than one chapter)(family)\$25

New Member? YES NO

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

Date_____

Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Telephone_____

Cell Phone_____

Email Address_____

Questions:

Call Sharon Dawson
503-234-4530

Please circle Interest:

Hosting incoming ambassadors

Day Hosting

Activities, Planning Committee

Attending local activities

Speakers' bureau

Travel on Outgoing exchanges

Send with payment to

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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.