



The Friendship Force of Lake Hartwell

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EXCHANGE CALENDAR 2009

MARCH 6, 2009 **TO Brazil** Belo Horizonte Mar. 7-14
Curitiba Mar. 14-21 Tour Mar. 21- ? ...Pete & Paula Chambers EDs
MAY 13 - 20, 2009 **HERE** Sydney, Australia...Skip Walter temporary ED
JUNE 23 - 30, 2009 **HERE** Auckland, New Zealand ...Skip Walter ED

Sydney, Australia Exchange ...Skip and Barbara Walter (temporary EDs)

We will be hosting approximately 14 people from Australia on May 13 to 20, 2009 and we need Home Hosts.

I don't yet know how many of the Ambassadors are singles and how many are couples.

If you would like to Host please email me or tell me at the January meeting.

Thanks, barbara_walter@hotmail.com

May 13 - 20, 2009

The Ed from Sydney has confirmed 9 ambassadors coming here in May, 1 additional meeting them in Montreal. Their arrival in Atlanta is confirm

Sydney, Australia Exchange

ed for Tuesday, May 12. They will visit the Atlanta FFI offices on the 13th and then proceed here to Hartwell. We have 6 members who have committed to joining them to proceed to Montreal, for a total of 16. The club there has indicated they will now accept less than the previous minimum of 20 but would like both clubs to continue to recruit additional travelers. That means that there are still slots available for anyone here to still join. If anyone is interested please let me know. Their departure is scheduled for the morning of the 20th from GSP airport. Barbara Walter had previously indicated to Wally that she would be the home hosting chairperson. I expect she will be looking for volunteers soon, if you would like to volunteer now please contact her at barbara_walter@hotmail.com, (there is an underscore mark between first and last name). If there are any questions please contact me as I will be acting ED until a replacement for Wally is identified.

SkipWalter

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JANUARY FOOD HOSTS

Judy Sanfilippo (Leverette will sub)
Susan and Bill Schafer
Stephanie and Ron Sparling

FEBRUARY FOOD HOSTS

Arminda and Chuck Thorne
Barb and Al Watson
Millie and Jerry Weber

MARCH FOOD HOSTS

[Phyllis & Jack Zygmunt](#)
[Kathryn Allen](#)
[Jeanne & Dennis Andrews](#)

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FOOD HOSTING....If you cannot do your food hosting it is up to you to find a substitute. The substitute's name will not be printed in the newsletter. [If you inform the newsletter who your sub is the subs name can be entered beside yours.] It is up to you to check and make sure the substitute will be there for you. If there are extreme problems contact Judy Sanfilippo 706 376-7788

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Barbara Zust and her family with the loss of their beloved Wally.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE December, 2008

News has just arrived of Wally's death! I had previously written my article so please excuse any disjointed thoughts since I am hurrying to revise some of it. We all will miss Wally. We send Barbara our thoughts, prayers and the message that we are all here for her in her time of need. Now is our time to keep both of them in our prayers.

Merry Christmas!

Hope every one had a good time at the Christmas party! Sure was fun, lots to eat and a great bottle auction followed by dancing to Dave Pursell's Christmas and dancing tunes! Thanks Dave. Best part was sharing a holiday meal with everyone, the fellowship was wonderful. Thanks go to Gayle Reynolds and her group for organizing the party, setting and cleaning up. Many thanks Gayle!

Since we didn't have a business meeting this month I will use this time to bring up a couple issues.

First is the incoming exchange with Sydney scheduled for May. I had previously asked Barbara Zust to send me all the details they had developed so far. I will temporarily deal with the pressing issue of working with Kay Graves, the ED from Sydney, filling the minimum ambassador number set by Montreal. Looks like that should work out OK with at least 6 members of FFOLH joining and traveling to the second stop in Montreal. I am awaiting word from Kay as to their current commitment level and what Montreal has set for a max number. It may well be that there are still additional slots available going north that we can fill. If you are interested in continuing on with the Aussies to Montreal please contact me as soon as possible. I will be asking our members going for a deposit in the next couple weeks. Longer term, I would appreciate hearing from anyone willing to complete the job of ED for that exchange. I know from talking to Wally that he had some ideas in place and some of the committee chairs are already identified. So it will not be like starting from scratch, but additional planning of agenda etc. will be required. Contact me if you are interested.

Second. In speaking with Atlanta regarding our 2010 exchange requests, I have found out that the Bali Festival, and any Indonesian Exchanges as well, has been rescheduled to the April timeframe instead of October. Conflict with the scheduled International Conference in Washington, DC necessitated this change. So, if you were penciling in the Festival and hopefully our exchange to Indonesia, rewrite that for April, 2010. I will keep everyone notified about this.

Third. Annual dues have been due for a couple weeks now. If you haven't renewed your membership please do so soon. Couples dues are \$45 per year and singles \$28. Payment can be sent to either Merilee, our membership chair, or to Bob Reynolds or Jerry Weber, our outgoing and incoming treasurer. Mailing addresses are available in the club directory and checks should be made out to Ffolh. I must send the dues to Atlanta quite soon and it makes it easier if we can send one check instead of several.

Lastly. Two new officers take over as of January 1! As their predecessors step down I would like to thank Jeanne Andrews and Bob Reynolds for their commitment and contributions over the last two years. Thank you both very much. Also, Kay Cleveland has asked to be replaced as Sunshine chair. She will be replaced by Sandy Martin. Thanks also to you Kay.

Skip Walter e_walter@hotmail.com 864.225.0666

VP NOTES

A very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and may there be many exciting FF Exchanges and new friendships in your future!

Bobbie Jones

MEMBERSHIP

We had a great membership social. Thanks to all the members that spoke, members that shared and many thanks to those members who brought us some new friends. I will list below the contact information for the new members. If you brought a guest and they did not join, please invite them again. If you invited someone that was not available that evening (you guessed it) INVITE THEM AGAIN. If I don't list a telephone or email address for new members then that means I don't have one for you. Please email this information to me for the Ffolh Directory. Merilee Brister ml7777@yahoo.com

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Karen & Tom Komatz
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(Karen & Tom joined in Sept. they
came as guests of Jackie & Shelly
Kuppersmith]

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I regret to announce that we have 3 couples not renewing their membership:
Carol & Joe Ford, Gretchen & Ken Fuller, Joan & Tom Neville.

Three couples that have not paid their dues: Jo & Bill Fritsch, Cindy & Bill
Jones & Connie & Joe Sergio.

Please send a check to Merilee Brister, 1610 Lightwood Rd. Hartwell, Ga. 30643.
Thank you!

Including the above members we will have 78 members! We have 14 new
members!

Please greet our new members at our meetings and share your experiences with
them. Encourage them and mentor them so they can feel comfortable and
involved!

We plan to have a membership table at meetings, so we can register anyone that
visits and will have their contact information.

Merilee & Richard Brister ml7777@yahoo.com or merilee@ffolh

SUNSHINE

Bill Buziak, one of our founding members, has been diagnosed with fibrosis in the lungs.
There is no cure and life expectancy depends on how aggressive or remissive the fibrosis
is. Bill is an enthusiastic, loyal and involved member of our club. He is a wonderful
ambassador. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Kay Cleveland

WEB SITE

Check it out!!!! www.fofh.com Look it over. Fill in name and email and hit subscribe to register so you can get into member information (it doesn't cost anything to subscribe).

Chuck Thorne

GOLF.....LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO CHAIR THE GOLFING!!!!!!

Thanks to Gretchen and Ken Fuller for all their hard work and service to FFOH. They were good members who participated in leadership and incoming exchanges. We will miss them! Hopefully they will decide to rejoin us in the future.

MINUTES NO MINUTES

2009 BOARD MEMBERS

President.....Skip Walter
Vice Pres.....Bobbie Jones
Secretary.....Ron Sparling
Treasurer.....Jerry Weber
Historian.....Marti Reckdenwald
Parliamentarian...Dave Pursell
Hospitality..... Judy Sanfilippo
Membership....Merilee & Richard Brister
Newsletter.....Mary Lou Leverette
Publicity.....Jeanne Howe
Sunshine.....Sandy Martin
Ways & Means.....Susan Schafer
Web Coordinator..... Chuck Thorne

Exchange Directors

OUTGOING

Brazil

Outgoing...Pete & Paula Chambers

INCOMING

Sydney Australia

Incoming...Wally & Barb Zust
Bob and Carol Beazley

New Zealand

Incoming... Skip Walter

THIS MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY GAYLE REYNOLDS FROM HER FRIEND IN MONTANA

Helloooooo!!!!!!

I wanted to ask you if you would please announce an exchange I will be leading to South Africa to your group....it will be in March 09 and is a humanitarian trip with 2 projects; first , we will assist the Mispah group when they serve at their local soup kitchen on Tuesday and Thursday; and second, we are going to assist the fledgling music program with instruments and music instruction....people do not have to be trained musicians to join us, just have the love of music....all of the details are on the FFI site www.thefriendshipforce.org but wanted to let you all know to get the word out to your groups....come along with us!!!!

talk to you again soon.....Robin