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 NEXT MEETING
 JULY 6, 2009
 Social Time 6:30-7
 Dinner at 7

EXCHANGE CALENDAR 2009
 JUNE 23 - 30, 2009 **HERE** Auckland, New Zealand ...Skip and Barbara Walter EDs

The newsletter is on vacation in July!
 No July Newsletter



POT LUCK
 Bring entree, salad or side.
 Food hosts supply desserts

July
 Jo and Bill Fritsch (Kuppersmith)
 Kay and Jerry Cleveland
 Jeanne Howe

<p>August Cindy & Bill Jones (Beazley) Bobbie and Jim Jones Pat Jones</p>	<p>September Karen and Tom Komatz Jackie & Shelly Kuppersmith (Fritsch) Mary Lou and Dave Leverette</p>
<p>October Sharon Lowe Sandy & Mack Martin Bonne & Al Olsen</p>	<p>November Chris & Darrel Panner Candy & Mike Pufall Candy & Dave Pursell</p>

WHEN WORKING IN THE KITCHEN DURING THE MEETING IT IS MOST NECESSARY THAT THE WORKERS TRY TO BE AS QUIET AS POSSIBLE FOOD HOSTING....If you cannot do your assigned food hosting date 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 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

President's Message

Goodbye to the Australians and hello to the New Zealanders!
 It's been a very busy month and a half as we approach the second exchange.
 The word from the Australian group was that the exchange was wonderful. Some even said it was the best they had ever been on. A wonderful compliment to Susan Schafer and her group and the whole club. It truly takes all of the members working together to achieve a very successful week. I think we enjoyed the folks from Sydney as much as they enjoyed us and our beautiful location. Congratulations to everyone.
 Our members returning from the continuation to Montreal said they all had a wonderful time there. "A taste of Europe close to home" was one

comment. It really did work out well with our 3 couples joining the Sydney folks to make an exchange group large enough to travel to Canada. Wally Zust had an excellent idea last winter when he was doing his utmost to make the exchanges happen. It's an idea that we will have to keep in mind if a similar situation arises in the future.

This month, on the 22nd, 19 ambassadors from New Zealand arrive here. They are currently on the first exchange in Iowa. From there they travel to Memphis for a second exchange, followed by a weekend in Nashville before arriving here. All the planning has been completed and now we need to execute! The agenda in brief form is printed elsewhere in the newsletter. The important functions for all club members are the Welcome and the Farewell Dinners. See the agenda for dates and times. As was the case last month, the Welcome Dinner is a great opportunity for all members to meet and greet our visitors. It will be held at Sacred Heart Founder's Hall where we meet monthly. Paula Chambers is planning a typical southern meal of fried chicken! Then on the following Sunday, at the Sacred Heart camp, we will have the Farewell Party. Beginning in early afternoon we will enjoy an afternoon of fun on the lake as well as at the camp. Brenda Dixon is cooking up a Low Country Boil Charleston style for the dinner. Please come out and celebrate with all of us. Cost for members and guests is \$10 per person at each dinner. Cost includes beer and wine as well as refreshments thru the afternoon at the camp.

It was brought up at the last meeting that these events provide an excellent opportunity for guests to sample the Friendship Force experience. As always guests are welcome and encouraged during exchanges. So, if you have family or friends who would like to join us feel free to bring them along. Only request is to contact the ED in advance so enough supplies are on hand. Since I am the ED , please contact me at the number or email address listed below.

On Wednesday , June 24th , the Ambassadors will travel to Ashville to spend the day at the Biltmore Estate. There is plenty of room on the bus for many more! If you would like to go along , and again guests are welcome, tickets at the discounted group rate are \$38 per person plus a \$5 gratuity and dinner contribution for our driver. Again I need to know in advance. Lunch and dinner are at traveler's expense. Call me if you want to be included.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Welcome dinner
Monday, June 22.**

Skip Walter 864.225.0666

NEW ZEALAND Exchange Schedule

Monday, June 22 - Monday, June 29 Howick and Auckland North Shore Clubs

Monday, June 22

Morning arrival at GSP

[Group 1 at 10 a.m.](#)

[Beazley, Jones, Schafer and Allen](#)

[Group 2 at 11:36 a.m.](#)

Leverette, Reckdenwald, Andrews, Olsen, Reynolds and Walter

6 PM Welcome Dinner at Founder's Hall, Sacred Heart Church

All club members welcome. Tickets for members are \$10 Beer and wine included. Guests are welcome and encouraged!

Tuesday, June 23

Lunch is a PICNIC at BIG OAKS PAVILLION at 11:30 AM

Afternoon as a Group: 1 PM Georgia Guide Stones

2 PM Granite Museum in Elberton

Evening 6:30 PM - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Wednesday, June 24

Day trip to Biltmore Estate

Meet at Dad's bus leaves at 8 AM

Bus space available for FFOLH members for admission charge only (\$38) plus gratuity

and dinner for the driver of \$5.00

Home Hosts pick up Ambassadors at Dad's at 8 PM

Thursday, June 25

Light breakfast at the Walters at 8:15 AM

Dam tour 9:30 AM

Lunch at El Arriero at 12:30

Afternoon: 2 - 4 PM Guided tour of Anderson City Museum, featuring a quilt exhibit and harness shop demonstration.

After 4 PM on your own. Suggestions: Library, Visitors Center, Art Center

Dinner - opportunity for ambassadors to treat their hosts.

Downtown Sounds (recommended but not required) - evening of outdoor music (beach music) Anderson Court House Square. Will gather as a group. **BRING**

CHAIRS

All club members are invited to join us for the evening program @ Anderson Courthouse Square

Friday, June 26

Day hosting

Evening suggestion - Dancing at the Depot, downtown Hartwell

Saturday, June 27

Morning - free time with hosts

- suggest prefourth activities downtown Hartwell

6:30 PM BBQ at the Leverettes (ambassadors and hosts)

Evening - fireworks at the dam! Approx 9 PM. Good viewing from Long Point

Sunday, June 28

2 PM **Farewell Party** - Sacred Heart Camp - Low Country Boil, party, party, party!

Afternoon snacks, boat rides, music, entertainment

Dinner approx. 5:30 PM Beer and wine included

All club members welcome, tickets \$10 per person. This is great opportunity to bring guests!!!!

Monday, June 29

Home Hosts are responsible for arranging to get Ambassadors to GSP

NWA #2268/DL#2531 (same plane) to Memphis departing at 1 PM

SHIRTS - SHIRTS - SHIRTS

The July 6th meeting will be the *final chance* for anyone interested in purchasing a FFOLH polo shirt or wind shirt. I will have samples at the club meeting of the styles and colors that are available. We need at least eight (8) more shirt orders

to fill the minimum requirement to Hartwell Sports. Please see me at the meeting to place your order and make your payment. I will be there by 6:00 pm.

Bill Schafer

REPORT:.....Southern Sydney and Montreal Exchanges

The Southern Sydney Exchange was a huge success. The Aussies had such a good time that the Southern Sydney club extended an invitation to us to visit them and the Perth club members will be talking with their club about an invitation too.

No successful exchange just happens. It requires the backing of the club members. I want to thank all those who volunteered to lead or help on the many activities that were planned. Below are those that lent a helping hand. I apologize for anyone that I've left off the list.

Exchange Committee Members:

Assistant ED / Greenville Drive	Bill Schafer
Ambassador / Host Matching	Barbara Walter
Welcome Dinner & Biltmore House Excursion	Merilee Brister and Team
Hartwell Dam Tour	Dave Pursell
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	Gayle Reynolds
Day Hosts	Marti Reckdenwald
Farewell Dinner	Pat Christman and Team
Ambassador Bags	Candy Pursell
Entertainment Coordinator	Candy Pufall

A very special thank you to all the **Home Hosts** made the Ambassadors feel so welcome:

Bob & Gayle Reynolds	Shelly & Jackie Koppersmith
Jeanne Howe	Sharon Lowe
Skip & Barb Walter	Rich & Marti Reckdenwald
Michael & Candy Pufall	

The Day Hosts:

Pete & Paula Chambers	David & Mary Lou Leverette
Margo Carey	Darrel & Chris Panner
Jim & Bobbie Jones	Al & Bonnie Olsen

The Dinner Hosts for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner:

Mary Lou & David Leverette	Al & Barb Watson
Karen & Tom Komatz	Chris & Darrel Panner
Al & Bonnie Olsen	

The Montreal Exchange was also a wonderful time. It was a great cultural experience – museums, walking, French food, open air markets, cathedrals, wine, rivers, the Olympic park, wineries, Canada Space Agency, more food, underground Montreal, more wine, the Botanical Garden, more walking, ... Sort of like going to France without the cost or the long flight. We made some great friends and are already devising ways for them to visit us. I wish more people from our club could have gone.

The Farewell Dinner in Montreal was truly great. It had one big advantage that we didn't at ours – lots of music. I think that we will miss Bill Buziak every time we have a get together like that. I want to make a plea now for everyone in the club to actively look for a talented, fun loving person that can help us bridge any language barrier with music. The bells are good but for a truly lively encounter we need some music. Getting people singing, dancing, or just tapping their feet gives a wonderful feeling of camaraderie. Please help us find someone!

I also want take this chance to say a special thank you to the man who made these exchanges possible – Wally Zust. Without his inspiration to have our club partner with the Aussies on the trip to Montreal, neither the exchange from Southern Sydney nor the one to Montreal would have occurred. We will dearly miss both Bill and Wally.

Susan Schafer, Exchange Director

TREASURER’S REPORT for MAY 2009

BEGINNING BALANCE \$3,048.81

INCOME:

Austr xc	2,101.00
50/50	53.00
Membership	45.00
Bus, Biltmore, dinner	462.00
 Total Income	 2,661.00

EXPENSES

Australian XC	2,203.00
Total Expenses	2,203.00
GAIN/LOSS	458.00
BALANCE ON HAND	\$3,506.81
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT est.	\$1,931.28

Jerry Weber

VP NOTES

First of all, Jim and I want to thank all of you again for the support with thoughts and prayers, cards, and calls during Jim's surgery and recuperation. We are so happy to say he is now well on his way back to normal activity. The doctor gave him a good report this week and he will be starting his cardio rehab in another week or so. In the meantime, we hope he will be able to attend some of the NZ exchange activities and our July FF meeting.

Regarding future exchanges/conference:

- (1) We are still working toward having a domestic exchange - 3 or 4 nights - with a club in the US this Fall.
- (2) In 2010, on our first outbound exchange, we expect to travel to Indonesia around the end of April (dates not confirmed). There we will take part in an Indonesian Festival on the island of Bali and hosting in the city of Solo, located in central part of the island of Java. We hope, too, to see some of the Jakarta teachers who were hosted by our club last year.
- (3) In the Fall of 2010, we have been invited to visit the Napa, California club. (Napa planned to visit our club in early summer of 2010 but we have just received notice they will not be coming.)
- (4)The 2010 FF International Conference will be held in the Fall in Washington, DC.

Please keep these in mind and we'll be furnishing more information as soon as received!
See you in July,

Bobbie Jones

WAYS AND MEANS

Darrel Panner won \$34 in the 50/50 raffle and we netted \$35 for the Ways and Means treasury. Thanks to all that participated. See you next month.

Susan Schafer _____

GOLF....Dave Pursell

There will be a golf outing on Thursday, June 18 with 11:00 AM starting tee times. We will play at the Saluda Valley Golf Course near Williamston, SC (just north of the Jockey Lot in Anderson). The cost is \$22. Coolers are allowed.

Afterwards we will meet for dinner at Mattie's in downtown Anderson, SC at 121 N. Main Street.

Call Jack Dixon @ 864 222-0162 for more information and to sign up

MINUTES June 1, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Skip Walter at 7:55 PM. Skip thanked our hosts & hostesses for preparing for the dinner. Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated and the blessing was said by Jerry Cleveland. Dinner was enjoyed by all.

There were no minutes for May.

The May Treasurer's report was read by Jerry Weber and approved.

Bobby Jones reported that her husband Jim is doing well.

Exchanges:

The New Zealand exchange is this month, Monday June 22nd through June 29th. Barbara and Skip Walters are the EDs.

The following exchanges are being considered:

1. Outgoing exchange to Indonesia mid April 2010.
2. Incoming exchange from Napa Valley in June 2010.
3. Outgoing exchange to Napa Valley in the fall of 2010
4. Outgoing exchange to Sydney and Perth in the fall of 2010
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Susan Schafer, the Australian Exchange ED, told us the Australians enjoyed their visit with us so much that they would like us to come to Sydney and Perth and would be working on the dates. Susan thanked everyone for all their help in making the exchange a success. She said an exchange works well when everyone pitches in.

Susan Schafer talked about the exchange to Montreal. She said it was like being in France. They all had a wonderful time. Our Australian ambassadors were so excited about their stay in Lake Hartwell, that they convinced the Montreal Friendship Force to try for an exchange to Lake Hartwell also.

Susan reminded us how much we all enjoyed the music of Bill Buziak and how much we miss him. She also offered a special thanks to Wally Zust for making the Australian exchange a reality. His suggestion that some members of our club join the Australian group in Montreal, in order to make up the twenty members needed for the exchange, is what made it all happen. Merilee Brister offered a special thanks to Susan and Bill for their work in making the exchange such a success.

Susan Schafer is working on an Exchange Manual for us.

For the New Zealand Exchange, the following help is needed:

1. Host and Hostesses for Guess Who's coming to Dinner – contact Kay Cleveland
2. Day Hosts
3. Accommodations for one gentleman

This fall, September 23rd through October 8th, there is an opportunity to join an exchange to the Ukraine and Eastern Poland – see Bobbie Jones if you are interested.

Jack Dixon announced that the golf outing is June 18th at Saluda Valley at 11:00 - cost is \$22. Dinner after golf is at Maddy's in downtown Anderson.

REMEMBER.....NO JULY NEWS LETTER

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Exchange Directors

Incoming New Zealand June 22 - 29 Skip Walter ED

