



The Friendship Force of Lake Hartwell

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CHRISTMAS PARTY~~~~DEC. 8TH. ~~~~~ 6 PM
BOTTLE AUCTION! BRING A WRAPPED BOTTLE OF SOMETHING

Please~~~ bottles should be of some value...no useless, stupid bottles

Nursing Home Angel Gifts: DON'T FORGET to bring your wrapped and name tagged gift to the Christmas Party! If you are unable to attend the party, please send your gift with another member, or call Sandy Martin at 706-377-3115 to make arrangements for me to get the gift from you. The actual nursing home party for the residents will be Monday, December 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 at Hart Care Center. We will be taking the gifts over the Friday before that date (Dec 19).



The Christmas Party Dec 8. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM. Everyone should arrive at 6:00 PM. I need a head count by November 20 as I am going out of town and need to let the caterer now how many will be attending. Thank you.
Gayle Reynolds 864 260-9034

PLEASE Pay your 2009 Ffolh Dues
Family \$45 Single \$28



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

FEBRUARY FOOD HOSTS
Armina and Chuck Thorne
Barb and Al Watson
Millie and Jerry Weber

MARCH FOOD HOSTS
Not listed at this time

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who attended the November Membership Drive meeting. We had approximately 15 guests who came to learn more about Friendship Force International. Special thanks to members who brought guests, the hospitality committee for the meeting, and particularly to the Bristers who brought the idea forward, organized the meeting, and guided the speakers and presenters. We have had several new members join that evening! I will let the the Bristers announce the number and identify those who will be our newest members. Please, at the next couple meeting, make the effort to greet them and get to know them.

The December meeting is the Christmas Party! The date has changed due to the Thanksgiving holiday! Be sure to mark your calendars for **December 8th!** The party will be in the Fellowship Hall where we usually meet. Gail Reynolds has stepped forward and is chairing the event. Price is \$14.00 per person for the catered meal and checks should be sent to Gail's home address and made out to Ffolh as usual. Gail requires the checks by November 21 so she can notify the caterer of the count! Please call or email, and send checks to her ASAP! If you would like to assist her I believe she is still looking for assistance the day of the party to setup and decorate, contact Gail for details. **Susan Schafer will hold a bottle auction at the party and friends and family are welcome as usual!**

Wally Züst has come up with a very novel solution to a potential problem with the Sydney, Australia exchange next spring. The Montreal club, the second stop on their exchange, has stipulated that they will stick to the minimum number of 20 ambassadors before they will accept the exchange! At this time Sydney has approximately 12 - 14 enrollees! Understandably, they will not travel to North America for just one exchange week, the expense cannot be justified .

Wally's idea was to seek members of our club interested in joining the Aussies and traveling to Montreal after their exchange here at Ffolh! So, opportunity! Any one interested in joining the exchange should contact Wally for the details. The schedule works in our favor since Australia will be here first! So, if you plan to home host for that

exchange think in terms of packing your bags in advance , leaving the sheets to be washed when you return, and join in the exchange! Obviously, home hosting **IS NOT** a requirement to join! Thanks Wally! This is a very creative approach to insuring not only our inbound exchange occurring, but also providing our members an outbound opportunity. Well done!

Before signing off, Barbara and I wish y'all a wonderful Thanksgiving! Travel safe, enjoy your families and friends, and just the spirit of the holiday! See you at the Christmas party!

Skip Walter e_walter@hotmail.com 864.225.0666

VP NOTES

What fun we had at the November New Member Night, thanks to Merilee, Richard and crew! It was such a pleasure to meet our guests and we hope they all will become a part of FFOLH.

We continue to search for an Outbound Domestic Exchange for our club during the latter part of 2009. Some groups are still settling on dates for their assigned exchanges so we're hoping to have something confirmed by the first of the year.

A reminder...in 2009 the FF will hold its International Conference in Okinawa, Japan in November, with home hosting after the Conference with clubs around Japan. It's never too early to plan! This promises to be an unique experience so please think about joining in the Conference and meeting FF members from around the world.

See you at the Christmas party,

Bobbie Jones

TREASURERS REPORT

No report

Bob Reynolds

MEMBERSHIP

We had a wonderful turnout for our fall membership meeting! Our monthly hosts were Jackie & Shelly KupperSmith, Marti and Rich Reckdenwald, Gayle and Bob Reynolds.

They decorated

the fellowship hall with warm fall decorations. Thanks, Christine Panner for loaning the fall colored tablecloths. Jo Fritsch and Candy Pursell loaned some of their fall decorations. The finger

foods brought by our members were varied and delicious.

Seventeen guests including the Mayor Matt Beasley, April and daughter Morgan attended. Barbara Walter presented gifts from the England exchange to the Mayor as he is always so generous to provide official documents for E.D.s when we are traveling as ambassadors or when we are hosting here on Lake Hartwell.

Thank you from the whole club to those members bringing guests to the Nov. meeting. New members are: Kathryn L. Allen, Tim Czarniak, Terry & Kathy Garner, Al & Bonne Olsen from Hartwell. Sharon Lowe from Iva, S.C., Jim & Arline Ray from Salem S.C., I gave information sheets to the prospective new members - please return them to: Merilee Brister, 1610 Lightwood Rd, Hartwell, Ga. 30643. I plan to have your nametags at the January meeting If you did not pay for your nametag then the cost is \$7.00 each or \$14. per couple. Richard & I will be out of town for the Christmas party.

Many of the members prospective guests were unavailable the evening of our meeting. Please invite them to the January or February meeting. Also, if your guests did not join that evening please invite them to another meeting.

I have been informed that Ken and Gretchen Fuller and Tom & Joan Neville will not be joining for 2009. In addition, we have 18 members who have not paid their dues for the coming year.

President Skip Walter, VP Bobbie Jones and Past President David Pursell gave an overview of the club and specifically the Open World Program Pilgrimage project. Past Exchange Directors and other club members set up display tables for Indonesia, Russia, England, Brazil, New Zealand, Canada, Ireland & USA, Montana/Wyoming.

Club Historian Marti Reckdenwald brought scrapbooks and photo albums from these exchanges.

Kay Cleveland our first President and only remaining charter member brought extensive scrapbooks from her travels.

Chuck Thorne provided visual aides for our website ffolh.com. Chuck has done extensive revamping of our website with links to THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL website and literally anything and everything pertaining to and of interest to The Friendship Force. After the speakers, members and guests were invited to visit the tables to ask questions and view the documentation from the exchanges of Ffolh over the past 13 years since its inception.

Sandy Martin and Jackie Koppersmith were able to distribute our last three ANGELS for our community service project at Christmas to the residents of Hartcare Nursing Home that do not have any visitors or family.

If you do not remember if you have paid your dues, here's a list of the members that have not paid: Cynthia Blair, Tom & Pat Christman, Joe & Carol Ford, Jo & Bill Fritsch, Jeanne Howe, Bill & Cindy Jones, Fr. Terry Kane, Michael & Candy Pufall, Judy Sanfilippo, Joe & Connie Sergio, Stephanie & Ron Sparling
Please send dues to: Merilee Brister, 1610 Lightwood Rd. Hartwell, Ga. 30643

In closing, Richard and I would like to thank each of you for your friendship. We thank you for your willingness to share in the responsibility to grow our membership so the

burden does not fall on a few. FFOLH needs each of you to promote the mission " **to be a friend to the people of the world.**"

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

WAYS AND MEANS

We had another two time winner for the 50/50 raffle. Richard Brister won \$50 at the November meeting.

There will be a Bottle Auction at the December Christmas Party. The auction works this way. Wrap a bottle of something that has a reasonable value and bring it to the meeting. We will auction them off in their wrapping. So, yes you are buying something that is a mystery. That is part of the fun. Many of our members are quite generous with their bottles. Sometimes you get contents that are quite unexpected. Please be kind in what you bring!

Thanks to everyone in advance for a great year of participation in the raffles and the auctions. Ways & Means could not have had such a successful year without YOU!

Susan Schafer

HISTORIAN

I don't really have any new news, but I do have a recipe that I really like.

Fabulous Mushroom Casserole

3 lbs fresh whole mushrooms
1 stick butter
4 beef bullion cubes
1 cup hot water
4 tbsp flour
1 cup cream
1/4 tsp salt/several grinds fresh pepper
3/4 cup bread crumbs
3/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350. Wash mushrooms, remove stems.. use only caps (reserve stems for future use)

Sauté mushrooms in butter, in large skillet, reserve liquid. (sauté in batches, single layer of mushrooms only)

Dissolve beef cubes in hot water. Blend flour into butter liquid, add cream, salt, pepper and beef broth.

Combine mushrooms with liquid mixture and place in a buttered 2 qt casserole. Top with cheese and bread crumb mixture.

Bake for 40 minutes.

Marti Reckdenwald

SUNSHINE

Please contact me with information for any SUNSHINE need. I can't respond if I don't know the need. Phone: 706 376-4631 email: jkleveland@hartcom.net
Snail mail: 1243 Cleveland Mill Road Hartwell, GA 30643

Kay Cleveland

WEB SITE

Check it out!!!! www.fffolh.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

FFOLH GOLF OUTING NOVEMBER 20, 2008

Anderson Country Club 1607 West Market St. Anderson, SC 864-225-8291

\$20.00 per person (senior rate) Hosted by Ken and Gretchen Fuller

T-Times will start at 12:06pm Arrive by 1130am for team assignments and check -in

Dinner to follow at Longhorn Steak House at 6pm

Please email your RSVP to trvlbyg@aol.com or 864-972-1798

I am attaching the Ffolh Golf rules and the 2009 Schedule.

We will host the November golf, but after that we will not be renewing our membership.

When posting this for November, Please add a request for a golf czar for 2009 and beyond..

Ken and I are not going to renew our membership for awhile. It was a difficult decision, but I am still working.

We would love to join golf on occasion.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving...and a very Merry Christmas.

Gretchen and Ken Fuller

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LAKE HARTWELL GOLF

Basic Rules:

The group will play golf on the 3rd Thursday or 3rd Wednesday of each month.

There will be no in July, August, December and January.

Friendship Force members are social golfers that play for fun!

Lauderdale Golf/ Captain's choice is the game of the day .

Friendship Force of Lake Hartwell members can invite guests to play golf.

Golf fees are not to exceed \$35.00 per person.

Host Duties:

Hosts select the golf course and make tee times based on the number of players that have signed up.

Golf courses and restaurants should be within 40 miles of Hartwell.

Tee times are made around 11am.

Following golf there will be a short social gathering at the club house, then onto an early dinner.

Hosts select the restaurant and make reservations for dinner.

Hosts must have itinerary available to golfers at least 3 weeks in advance.

The golf hosting is assigned alphabetically.

It is the responsibility of the assigned host to complete the assignments or find a replacement.

2009 Golf Hosting Schedule

February – Beazleys
March – Boylan
April – Bristers
May – Chambers
June – Christmans
September – Zust Open
October – Fords
November – Leverettes

MINUTES FROM FFOH Nov. 3, 2008

NO MINUTES

Respectively submitted,

Jeanne Andrews, Secretary

2009 BOARD MEMBERS

President.....Skip Walter
Vice Pres.....Bobbie Jones
Secretary.....Ron Sparling
Treasurer.....Jerry Weber
Historian.....Marti Reckdenwald
Parliamentarian...Dave Pursell
Hospitality.....*
Membership....*
Newsletter.....Mary Lou Leverette
Publicity.....*
Sunshine.....*
Ways & Means.....*
Web Coordinator.....*

Exchange Directors

OUTGOING

Brazil

Outgoing...Pete & Paula Chambers

INCOMING

Sydney Australia

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

New Zealand

Incoming... Skip Walter

*Position not confirmed by the President at publishing time of newsletter

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 _____, 2009 **HERE** Sydney, Australia...Wally & Barb Zust EDs Bob & Carol Beasley asst.
EDs

JUNE 23 - 30, 2009 **HERE** Auckland, New ZealandSkip Walter ED