



# FFCNC Fast Facts

## FFI Launches New Website, Logo

Please visit [www.thefriendshipforce.org](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org) at your first opportunity! As of mid-June, the website has an entirely new look—like the logo above—reflecting the re-branding initiative that is part of FFI's strategic plan. The following are features of note:

- Homepage is fun, attractive and interesting to both members and general public.
- Attracts exchange participants – using **Featured Exchanges**, a sample of upcoming exchanges that are open to applicants from outside the originating club...plus **All Exchanges** with full listing of all exchanges.
- Website video capability for those with fast Internet connections—including a video about the new logo and strategic plan.
- FFI store – utilizing an Internet supply house called **Café Press**. A standard logo lapel pin will be available as well as guidelines for club use of the new logo.

Our FFCNC brochure will be updated in the new style over the summer.

## Adios, Lima Ambassadors!

Thirteen excited FFCNC ambassadors flew to Lima, Peru on July 8<sup>th</sup> to be hosted by the Lima Friendship Force Club for six days. Visit the website of the Lima club ([www.friendshipforcelima.org](http://www.friendshipforcelima.org)) then click on “Programa Actividades” to see pictures of their Peruvian hosts and their planned itinerary in Lima. (Some knowledge of Spanish will be helpful here...but you can get the gist.)

After the home stay portion of their trip, the FFCNC group will fly to Cusco, take a bus to Ollantaytambo, and ride the vista dome train to Machu Picha. Three ambassadors will return on July 21 while the remainder of the group continues on to Lake Titicaca in Bolivia, returning home on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our FFCNC ambassadors look forward to meeting their host families and learning more about Peruvian culture. Traveling with Exchange Director, Lundee Amos, are the Cauthens and the Peiffers, Barbara Guess, Danny Crump, Patti Gilmour, Don Sylvester, and new members Ophelia Jones, Hazel Landers—and Melanie and Larry Rawlins, friends of Lundee's from Illinois. We look forward to their return and hearing about their adventures.

## **Update on Turkish Inbound Exchange...& Important Info for Host Families**

We have a great group of FFCNC members who will host visiting Cankaya, Turkey ambassadors in October. Many thanks to the Andresens, Bamfords, Cauthens, Lennons, Norths, Scherls, Sylvesters, Judy Greene, and Sue Schoch for opening their homes to our guests. If anyone is interested in day hosting, along with the Honeycutts and Joan Decker, please contact Ruth Jackson.

Carol Bryan and Linda Forrest have graciously volunteered to help plan the workshop for our hosts. It will take place on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.** on the Jamestown campus of GTCC (601 High Point Rd.) Host families should park in parking Lot D and proceed to Room 125 in the Percy H. Sears Technology Center. ***NB: host families are also asked to RSVP to Ruth (674-2745 or [jimruthj@triad.rr.com](mailto:jimruthj@triad.rr.com)) to confirm your plans to attend the workshop.***

If other members are interested in assisting EDs Jim North and Ruth Jackson, they would welcome your help. Please let Ruth know of your interest. Look for more information in the August newsletter. A complete schedule of the exchange events (Oct. 8 – 15) will be announced in September.

### **Meet Nancy and Frank Sherrill**

Frank and Nancy Sherrill trace their involvement with Friendship Force to the origins of the Winston-Salem club in 1981. Nancy participated as an ambassador in the first exchange to Piene, Germany, while Frank and their children participated in the activities in Winston-Salem for the German ambassadors. Working as a middle-school teacher, Nancy continued her involvement with Friendship Force by participating in a statewide group visit to Nairobi, Kenya in 1987. This visit continues to hold special memories for Nancy.

Frank is the Vice President of Sales for T. W. Garner Food Company and has had many opportunities to travel with his work. Nancy retired in July 2007 as principal of Brunson Elementary School in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system. Together, Frank and Nancy have hosted visitors from Germany and Brazil. Nancy has also helped to coordinate the activities of international visitors including a small group of performers from China and a group of German educators.

Frank and Nancy have three children: Kelley lives in Winston-Salem and is married to Steven Kirkman; they have one child, Grayson, age 7. Wood, the oldest son, lives in Kalispell, Montana; he and wife, Katie, are expecting their first child in September. Brad, the youngest child, lives in Charlotte with his wife, Ali.

The Sherrill's are very happy to renew their connection with Friendship Force and look forward to re-connecting with members from Winston-Salem and meeting new friends from other parts of the Triad.

## Calendar Update

- August ??            Return Peru Party – time and place tba
- September 4        Potluck & Speaker – Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem  
6:00 Fellowship  
6:30 Dinner – followed by speaker (Dr. Jerry Pubantz – “Islam”)
- September 18      Board Meeting – 11:45, Main Street UMC, Kernersville
- September 20      Cultural Workshop for Turkish Inbound Host Families  
2:30 p.m. – GTCC – Jamestown, #125 Sears Technology Center
- October 8—15      Turkish Inbound Exchange from Cankaya (Ankara suburb)
- October 30          Annual Meeting – 6:00 p.m., Main Street UMC, Kernersville
- April 17—20, 2009   Montana Inbound (Domestic) Exchange

## New Feature: Q&A

Along with sharing information about our membership in each issue, Fast Facts would like to offer the opportunity to ask Friendship Force questions—and allow you to read our best researched answers. We’d like to know what YOU want to know...those burning questions or just little niggly things you’d like to resolve. Please ask at [brownfamily@triad.rr.com](mailto:brownfamily@triad.rr.com).