

September 2008



# FFCNC Fast Facts

## Prep for Turkish Inbound Exchange Hosts

The host workshop for the Turkish ambassadors is still September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m...but THE LOCATION IS CHANGED from GTCC Jamestown to the Triad **Divan Cultural Center** at **216-2 Swing Road in Greensboro**. Divan Cultural Center is a non-profit organization, which promotes cultural understanding between Turkish and American friends living in North Carolina. There is also a Triangle Divan Cultural Center in Cary.

Directions to the Divan Cultural Center will be sent to all hosts and day hosts along with the schedule for the day. If you would like to day host but have not contacted us, please let us know so you can join the host workshop on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Bryan and Lynda Forrest are planning the workshop; Pam Kahl, Carol Andresen, Kit Ravenel and Sue Schoch are helping with exchange activities. Thanks to everyone, we will make this a memorable visit for the ten ambassadors from Cankaya.

All members of FFCNC and any guests are invited to participate in the exchange activities. Just contact Jim North (643-0985 or [jnorth5700@yahoo.com](mailto:jnorth5700@yahoo.com)) or Ruth Jackson (674-2745 or [jimruthj@triad.rr.com](mailto:jimruthj@triad.rr.com)) to let them know to include you and to send you updated information.

**Note: meal and admission costs will be your responsibility.** (FFCNC covers these for the Turkish guests only.)

## Schedule for Exchange from Cankaya, Turkey

- **October 8, Wednesday**- 11:59 a.m. arrival of ambassadors at airport. Met by host families and taken home. Remainder of the day to settle in with host family.
- **October 9, Thursday**- 11:00 a.m. meet at Old Salem Visitors Center. Walking Tour with Pam Kahl. 1:15 p.m. lunch at the Salem Tavern. Remainder of day and evening free.
- **October 10, Friday**- 10:00 a.m.-12:00p.m. Greensboro Historical Museum and walking tour past proposed International Civil Rights Museum with Kit Ravenel. 12:00-1:00 p.m. bag lunch at City Center Park. 1:00 p.m. Greensboro Cultural Arts Center tour. Remainder of day and evening free.
- **October 11, Saturday and October 12, Sunday**- weekend with host family.
- **October 13, Monday**- all day tour to the mountains. Blue Ridge Parkway, Mast General Store, lunch and program about Appalachian people and music, and Grandfather Mountain.

8:15 a.m. meet at Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville. Depart at 8:30 for the mountains and return approximately 7:30 p.m.

- **October 14, Tuesday**- free day with host family. 6 p.m. Farewell Celebration at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1416 Bolton Street, Winston-Salem.

- **October 15, Wednesday**- 9:00 a.m. meet at airport for 11:06 departure.

### **Costs of Turkey Exchange Activities for FFCNC Members**

Thursday:	Old Salem Tavern lunch	\$16.50
Friday:	Greensboro City Center Park bag lunch	\$5.00
Monday:	Catered lunch @ ASU	\$10.00
	Grandfather Mountain	\$14.00
Tuesday:	Catered Farewell Dinner	\$15.50

Please RSVP with check **by Wednesday, October 1**, to Jim North (5700 Tanyard Court, Oak Ridge, NC 27310). Please make checks payable to FFCNC and indicate in which activities you wish to participate.

### **Ambassadors and their FFCNC Hosts**

Erdem Ocal	male, 25	Carol and Fred Andresen
Ahu Aydinligil	female, 26	Judy Greene
Aysen Carga Ozkaynak	female, 50	Laura and Denver Lennon
Huseyin Ercan Alguner	male, 48	Barbara and Jim North
Ayla Alguner	female, 43	"
Ayber Eray Alguner	male, 14	"
Gunay Alguner	male, 13	"
Nuran Dincol	female, 50	Jane and Ralph Cauthen
Elif Aksu	female, 44	Sue Schoch
Ayse Nur Onat	female, 46	Don Sylvester and Patti Gilmour

### **Membership Retention Meeting A Success**

Almost 80 people, including 25 non-members, attended the mixer/potluck/speaker meeting at Knollwood Baptist Church on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The event was planned by the Membership Committee as an opportunity for FFCNC members to renew friendships and enjoy a stimulating program. Dr. Jerry Pubantz, UNCG professor, spoke about the role of Islam in Turkey today—a timely topic prior to our inbound Turkish exchange next month. In addition to bringing current members together, the function also showcased FFCNC and has resulted in new memberships as well.

Several of our new Turkish friends from Triad Divan Cultural Center attended the meeting. Here is a note of thanks from Mustafa Guzel:

*Dear Friends at Friendly Force:*

*I wanted to thank you for such a wonderful event last night. My wife, Sule, and I enjoyed it so much. You could not bring a better speaker than Dr. Pubantz for an objectively, well delivered speech regarding Turkey and its Islamic point of view as well as close relations with the west and the USA. For that I*

*congratulate you. Before your guests arrive from Turkey we will be very happy to help you any way we can (especially translation part or workshop at Divan).*

*I am looking forward to meeting you in the future events. The world would be in much better shape today if more organizations such as yours existed to build bridges between the cultures and civilizations.*

*Best regards..Mustafa Guzel...*

***Mustafa Guzel, Ph.D.  
Research Investigator  
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### **New Nametags**

The new FFI logo has resulted in updated and very attractive plastic nametags now being available. Instead of the traditional green with white letters, they are white with black lettering and the multi-colored logo graphic. 14 members ordered them at the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

If you would like to order a nametag together with other FFCNC members, please bring your check and sign up at the annual meeting. Cost is \$8 plus postage (if mailed to you.)

If you would like to place an individual order, you may contact Mari Atwell at Kudzu Studios – 770-486-0145.

***Someone left a beautiful pair of sunglasses at the Jackson home on Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>. They have black frames with diamond trim. If you have lost these glasses, please call Ruth Jackson at 674-2745***

### **Calendar Update**

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| September 11 | Return Peru Party – Lundee Amos' home, 6:30 p.m.  |
| September 18 | Board Meeting – 11:45, Main Street UMC, Kernersville  |
| September 20 | Cultural Workshop for Turkish Inbound Host Families<br>2:30 p.m. – Triad Divan Cultural Center, 216-2 Swing Rd, GSO |
| October 8—15 | Turkish Inbound Exchange from Cankaya (Ankara suburb)   |
| October 30   | Annual Meeting – 6:00 p.m., Main Street UMC, Kernersville   |
| November 20  | Board Meeting – 11:45, Main Street UMC, Kernersville  |

### **(2009)**

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| February 28      | Day Trip to Wytheville, VA for lunch and matinee |
| March 26—April 4 | Montana Inbound (Domestic) Exchange – 3 days tbd |

November 9—15      Outbound Exchange to Aichi, Japan

November 19—22    Friendship Force International Conference in Okinawa, Japan

### **Q&A: What is our policy about sending e-mail to FFCNC members?**

The board passed the following policy in March of 2008 to moderate both the number and sources of e-mail sent to members. For practical purposes, just remember that EVERY submission must be sent out by Martha Brown!

#### **Friendship Force of Central North Carolina E-mail policy**

- E-mail may be used to communicate with FFCNC members regarding Friendship Force business on the local, regional, national and international level. Such communication may include, but is not limited to, meeting minutes, newsletters, and invitations.
- Members will indicate at the time of their registration in FFCNC if they prefer to receive such communication via e-mail, US postal mail or both.
- E-mail addresses of FFCNC members will be maintained with membership records and will be shared only with FFCNC members who have a need for this information as part of their FFCNC duties.
- E-mails will include “Friendship Force of Central North Carolina” as part of the subject heading.
- E-mails directed to the entire membership of FFCNC will be sent from one central source, the Communications Chair or their designee, and one e-mail address.
- FFCNC will strive to minimize the number of e-mails sent to the entire membership by consolidating communications as much as is reasonably possible.
- If there is a desire to e-mail the membership regarding a topic that does not concern Friendship Force business at any level, but is believed to be of interest to FFCNC members, approval must be received from two of the following three Board members: the current President, the Past President, and the President-elect.

### **Meet Your Newsletter Editors:**

#### **Carol Andresen**

The Andresens joined CIU in Guilford County in 1994 and have held a number of leadership positions over the years. They went on exchanges to (Yamaguchi) Japan, (New Castle) England, (Huy) Belgium, (Nantes) France and (Maribor) Slovenia...and Fred designed and led a “cultural break” to Montreal and Quebec in 1998. They have hosted guests from (New Castle) England, (Loesser) Holland, (Nantes) France, (Aichi) Japan and (Volgograd) Russia. Fred is currently FFCNC’s Vice-President – Membership...and Carol is publicity chair. She was president of the chapter last year.

Carol and Fred have lived in the same house in Greensboro for 35 years. Their three married children live in Boston, Atlanta and Tampa. Eight grandchildren, ages 10 to 4, set their agenda for frequent visits.

Professionally, Fred's work with Ciba Geigy brought them to Greensboro in 1973. Carol has been executive director of both the Greensboro Heart Association and National Conference for Community and Justice. She worked for the Center for Creative Leadership for 15 years, full time as a program coordinator and then part time as art coordinator for the Greensboro campus. Fred became an agri-vet business consultant in 1993 and continues to advise Piedmont Pharma, formed by ex-Novartis employees, as an initial investor.

The Andresens met as students at Cornell University. Fred was born in Berkeley, CA and spent childhood years in Bahrain. Carol hails from White Plains, NY. They dote on their aging Beagle rescue dog.

### **Martha Brown**

The Browns became involved with CIU in the early '90's when they lived in Greensboro and hosted guests from Hungary, Sweden, and Japan. As parents of school-age children, out-bound exchanges at that time were not a practical option for the Browns, but in-bound exchanges offered a wonderful opportunity to see the world from their living room and to introduce their children to other peoples and cultures. At this time Martha worked in Information Technology at Novant Health in Winston-Salem and Dale worked as a financial analyst for Salem Investment Counselors also in Winston-Salem.

By 1999 the scales balancing work and family shifted and Martha departed the corporate scene. At this same time, the Browns moved to Winston-Salem where the children had always attended school. The Browns maintained their membership in CIU with hopes that more in-bound exchanges would be planned and eventually an empty nest might allow participation in out-bound exchanges.

The news in 2006 that CIU and FF of Winston-Salem were merging was just the event needed to provide an opportunity for more active participation in the newly formed FFCNC. Martha has served as Communications Chair since 2007 and was co-exchange director for the Open World exchange from Russia last fall.

Their nest finally emptied this fall when their son entered Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh to study computer science joining his older sister in the college ranks as she continues her studies at UNC-CH and considers a career in healthcare. As a family, the Browns have traveled to England, Scotland, Switzerland, and, most recently, Russia where they visited with several of the Open World delegates.

### **Mid Atlantic Regional Conference: April 3-5, 2009**

Every other year clubs from New Jersey to South Carolina gather for a regional conference (in alternate years there is a roundtable for club presidents in the region.) The next conference will be held at the Engleside Inn at Beach Haven on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. The theme of the conference is "Ebb & Flow: Helping Out Clubs Rise with the Tides." The Friendship Force of Southern New Jersey has arranged a pre-conference stay at Atlantic City. Post-conference home stays will be available in the Delaware Valley area.

Two years ago the regional conference was in Black Mountain. Six of our members participated and found it to be an extremely valuable experience. We should have as many people go as possible in 2009! Together with the pre- and post-conference activities, it can be a wonderful domestic exchange!