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Fast Facts ~ October 2008

FFCNC Annual Meeting October 30th

Our 2008 Annual Meeting will be a potluck supper and program at Main Street United Methodist Church on Thursday, October 30th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The theme is “Good Times...& Good Memories.” Various members will share anecdotes from their Friendship Force experiences. Those present will elect FFCNC officers for 2009.

This date should already be on your calendar in ink! You will be receiving official notice and invitation by mail in a week—along with your dues notice for 2009. Please respond promptly to the RSVP—to Carol Andresen at 336-294-0842 or candresen@triad.rr.com –and keep your membership current by sending next year’s dues to Marvin Scherl.

Slate of Officers for 2009

An important part of the Annual Meeting will be election of our officers for next year. The following slate will be nominated:

President	Peter Peiffer
Vice President – Membership	Fred Andresen
Secretary	Barbara North
Treasurer	Arnold Sporleder
President Elect	Marcia Meis

Montana Inbound Exchange Cancelled

Our friends from last summer’s Big Sky Festival will not be able to visit FFCNC the first week of April after all. The uncertainty of US economics and airlines is a factor in their decision...but Montana’s ED, Robin Baker, has also been tapped by FFI to lead a humanitarian exchange to Africa that must occur during the spring. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule this inbound—everyone is disappointed!

Q&A: How are members of the FFCNC board selected?

The bylaws stipulate they “...shall consist of the elected officers of the club, the present Exchange Directors, Standing Committee Chairpersons, and any additional members appointed by a majority vote of the existing Board. The immediate past President and immediate past

Exchange Directors may sit on the Board for one year. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a term of one year.”

So, in addition to the slate of officers who are elected, the President “...shall appoint the Chairpersons of all Standing Committees, subject to confirmation by the Board.” That means Peter, upon election, will select chairs for three of the four standing committees: Communications, Activities, and Exchanges. The Membership Committee is chaired by the Vice President.

Meet Nancy & Peter Peiffer

The Peiffers have been involved with CIU since 2003 when they went to New Zealand with Howard Hicks leading the group. Since then they have traveled to Germany (Peter was Exchange Director), Montana and Peru. They have hosted guests from New Zealand, Florida and Russia. Peter is incoming FFCNC President – ably assisted by Nancy.

They have lived in Greensboro for the last 22 years. Peter & Nancy grew up in Rochester, NY and even went to the same high school. Peter went to North Carolina State, studied Textile Engineering and went to work for Eastman Chemical (Tennessee Eastman) in Kingsport, Tennessee. After he and Nancy married, they spent four years in New Jersey where he worked in the garment district in NYC. They then moved with their two young daughters, Robin & Kathryn, to Chicago—where they spent the next 13 wonderful years—and then on to Dallas for a couple of years. Moving to Greensboro in 1988, Peter continued with Eastman until 1995 when the textile business was no longer viable and he retired after 31 years service. Nancy retired from Bank of America after 15 years service in 2003.

In retirement they both are involved in community service and activities. When not involved with their three grandchildren living in Cary, Peter plays some golf and stays busy with kids in several diverse communities: Big Brothers, NCCJ (National Conference for Community and Justice), Faith Action, and North Carolina State Park Scholars. Nancy is treasurer of a couple of organizations, and she is well known for all of her long walking around Northwest Greensboro. They also love to travel and have been to some 35-40 countries in various parts of the globe. Peter comments, “There is a lot to see out there, and Friendship Force of Central North Carolina offers an excellent way to experience different cultures around the world up close and personal.”

Meet Marcia & Paul Meis

Marcia and Paul Meis, both originally from Iowa, have lived in Winston-Salem for the past 31 years. They became involved with Friendship Force of Winston-Salem in 1982 when they participated on their first out-bound exchange to an initially unknown destination – Wales. Two of their more memorable exchanges have been to Thailand and Italy where the local government was led by the Italian Communist Party and they attended a communist rally. Over the years they have both contributed to Friendship Force in various leadership roles among them Paul as past president and Exchange Director for the 2007 Aichi, Japan in-bound exchange and Marcia as Membership Chair and Secretary.

Marcia is a retired audiologist and Paul, an obstetrician, retired in 2006. They have two sons who live in Winston-Salem and Connecticut and two grandsons. Twenty years ago Paul decided to pursue his dream of being a racecar driver. He and one of his sons both race Indy Sports Cars. Marcia follows a more conservative lifestyle with her interests in reading, walking,

and volunteering. She looks forward to her new position as President-Elect of FFCNC and encourages all members to consider the many possible opportunities to support FFCNC either by serving as a committee chair or assisting on one of the committees.

Calendar Update

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)

February 28 Day Trip to Wytheville, VA for lunch and matinee

November 9—15 Outbound Exchange to Aichi, Japan

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