



friendship force

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Focus on Friendship ~ May 2011

Peru 2011 Inbound Exchange – Planning Continues

ED's, Paul Meis and Ray Kiszely, are busy preparing for our fall inbound exchange from Lima, Peru. The week long exchange from Thursday, Sept. 8 through Wednesday, Sep. 14 will consist of three days of joint activities. One day will be spent in Winston-Salem visiting Old Salem and other activities and two days will be spent in Greensboro where the committee is currently exploring various options. Saturday and Sunday will be scheduled as free days for hosts to plan individual activities for their guests.

Thus far, fourteen Peruvians have expressed an interest to visit FFCNC. Our Activities Committee is researching possible venues for a welcome celebration. Members are needed to home host, day host, and provide transportation between the two counties on the weekdays that activities are planned in Greensboro and Winston-Salem. For those who cannot home host, hosting a dinner party has often been a highlight for our guests, so please consider that as a means to be involved with this exchange. If you are interested in any of these options please contact Ray Kiszely at 656-0945 or RayKiszely@yahoo.com.

Ottawa Outbound Exchange – Set to Go!

Our ambassadors may not be leaving for Ottawa until September 22; nonetheless, they are ready to go! Our roster of fourteen ambassadors is full. Representing FFCNC will be longtime members Carol and Fred Andresen, Jane and Ralph Cauthen (Ralph will be serving as our exchange director), Judy Greene, Linda Heckman, and Nancy and Peter Peiffer. In addition to these ambassadors, our group will be joined by two more couples who have recently joined FFCNC: please welcome Sandy and Vic Bundgaard and Pat and Bill Doran (all of Greensboro.) Last of all, as a real complement to FFCNC, Irene and David Sattinger of Tucson, Arizona, who traveled with us to New Zealand, have joined our exchange and will serve as ambassadors of FFCNC in Ottawa.

Summer LEO



Save the date of July 23, 11 – 4, to get together at Marilyn Baird's Lake Norman home. More information will follow as we make plans for a covered dish meal and a day at the lake.

2012 Shaping Up To Be Busy Year

FFCNC recently received a request to host a second inbound exchange in September 2012 from the Friendship Force of the Causeway Coast. At the FFCNC Board meeting in May this exchange was approved. Donna Lambeth and Ray Kiszely have volunteered to serve as exchange directors. This Friendship Force chapter will travel from their home in Northern Ireland approximately sixty miles from Belfast. They draw their members primarily from six towns in the immediate area. The club derives its name from the world famous Giant's Causeway, an unusual structure of black basalt rocks along the coast that is now a World Heritage Site.

The dates have been finalized for our first inbound exchange of 2012 from Berlin, Germany. This group will arrive on May 28 and depart on June 1. Marcia Meis and Judy Greene have volunteered to serve as exchange directors for this inbound.

The dates for our outbound exchange to Cascavel, Brazil have changed from the spring to late September/early October.



Cascavel, Brazil skyline

FFCNC Member Directory

By now you should have received your FFCNC Membership Directory. Many thanks go to Membership Chair, Ray Kiszely, for his work producing this. The directory was hand delivered to members who attended our LEO at Taste of Thai in January or our World Friendship Day Celebration in March and mailed to all other members. If you have not received it, please contact Ray (656-0945 or RayKiszely@yahoo.com.)

Already we have several new members to add and a few corrections. So, get your pen ready and please make the following updates:

Leroy and Valerie Stokes have moved to:

4510 Vickery Chapel Road North
Jamestown, NC 27282 336-887-2947 – home

Add the following:

Elizabeth (Kitty) Felts
3335 Paddington Lane
Winston-Salem, NC 27106 336-765-7993 – home

Sandy and Vic Bundgaard
1702 Natchez Trace
Greensboro, NC 27455 336-286-0864 - home

Steve and Gayle Tuch
7901 Fair Oaks Ct.
Clemmons, NC 27102 336-766-2767 - home

Wm. (Bill) and Patricia (Pat) E. Doran

11 Flagship Cove
Greensboro, NC 27455

336-545-4567 – home

Please correct the following spellings:

Joe Logan's first name should be spelled "Joseph"

Helen Lowery should be spelled "Lowry"

Meet Larry Womble

Larry credits two ladies – Tog Newman and Donna Lambeth – with inspiring him to join the Friendship Force back in the 80s! He had never been abroad...but he has continued to travel extensively—mostly on his own—since then. He has made countless friends overseas by being flexible, non-judgmental and open to changes in his itinerary.



Larry is serving his ninth term as a state legislator from Winston-Salem. He is a native of Winston-Salem and served on the city council for three terms before beginning his tenure in Raleigh. His undergraduate degree from Winston-Salem State University is in Education and Sociology; he has graduate degrees in educational administration from both UNCG and Appalachian State University. Larry's son, Jamal, also lives in Winston-Salem.

After his first exchange experience in the British Isles, Larry went back and visited on his own—a pattern he has continued over the years. He networks, with both hosts and others he meets, to help plan his future travels.

Larry has re-visited Kenya every year following an exchange there in the mid-80s. On one trip he asked children in a remote school what he could do to help them. Their answer – BOOKS – prompted him to begin shipments, which have now totaled over 55,000 books! Larry has ingeniously sourced books from his personal collection, libraries, churches, etc. and ships them using US Embassy postage. The UN helps distribute the books in Kenya, Sierra Leone and Ghana.

One of his favorite stories is being in the African bush and watching a white truck marked "UN" in blue arrive with a load of his books! Unlike most local book and yard sales, Larry is happy to take your used textbooks to send to Africa. He imagines that the academic books he sends are being read by a future president or prime minister of Kenya!

Reminder - Summer Hosting Opportunity for Winston-Salem Families

Don't forget to contact Scott Freese (972-6237 or freeses@wfu.edu) if you are interested in hosting a Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellow July 16 – 25, 2011.

2011 Calendar Highlights

July 23	LEO, Home of Marilyn Baird on Lake Norman
Aug. 26 – 30	FFI World Conference; Hamburg, Germany
Sept. 8 – 14	Inbound Exchange from Lima, Peru
Sept. 17 – 22	Pre-exchange extension to NYC, Saratoga, and Montreal
Sept. 22 - 29	Outbound Exchange to Ottawa, Canada

2012 Calendar Highlights

May 28 – June 1	Inbound Exchange from Berlin, Germany
Sept.	Inbound Exchange from Causeway Coast, UK
Sept/Oct	Outbound Exchange to Cascavel, Brazil