



friendship force  
OREGON'S  
MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY

# Friendship Connections

The Friendship Force of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley  
Club of the Year — 2000

## Annual Meeting August 28, 2pm

We have a very special venue for our annual picnic: a private property called Crystal Springs Ranch which was the location of a stage coach stop in the 1800's near Buena Vista ferry. You can vote for our next outbound international exchange destination and our 2012 officers as you step back in time and see old stage coaches, the old stage stop, and a bar from one of our western saloons.

Bring your favorite hot dish and a salad or dessert to share as well as your table setting. Beverages will be provided. If you are brave, wear a western outfit.

Note the change in date and time from our normal gathering:

**Sunday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m.**



### 2012 Nominations

The nominating committee has completed the slate of officers for the following year. Election will be at the annual meeting on August 28, 2011. Additional nominations may be made during the meeting only with prior consent of the individuals nominated. Nominees are:

President - John Wyse  
Vice President - Caye Poe  
Secretary - Kay Macpherson  
Treasurer - Cheeri Nichols

We appreciate their willingness to serve and look forward to another great year.

Submitted by Nominating Committee: Ted Powell (Chairman), Pat Byers and Jan Doerfler



Photos by Juanita Weigel

### Directions:

From I-5 take Exit #243 (Ankeny Hill).

Turn west onto Ankeny Hill Rd for 2.6 miles.

Turn right onto Liberty Rd (stop sign).

Go about 100 yds, and turn west into the Crystal Springs Ranch located at 10355 Liberty Rd S.

If coming from Salem, from the Cordon/Liberty Rd corner, head south 6 miles on Liberty Rd. Turn right into Crystal Springs Ranch.

If you get to Ankeny Hill Rd you have gone too far.

Article by Ruth Wyse

# Potluck at 2pm

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## President's Greetings



I am looking forward to the annual picnic at a very interesting location on Sunday, August 28. We will be selecting our choices for our outbound international exchange in 2013 as well as electing officers for 2012. Please review the article in July's Friendship Connections concerning points to consider as we vote on the countries we will submit to FFI. If you no longer have your newsletter, you can access it on the club website: [www.fforegon.org](http://www.fforegon.org).

I am proposing that we follow this process in voting. Through a show of hands members will vote on two countries. We will then have a single vote of the top five countries from the initial voting to select the top three followed by a vote to select the top two with a final vote for our first choice to submit to FFI. This will not be as complicated as it sounds, and I feel this method will get the best consensus of the group. As always, we ask that only members who anticipate they might be going on the exchange actually vote. Please be an informed voter, and do your research before the meeting.

I am looking forward to a wonderful picnic gathering. As always, bring friends who might be potential club members.

*John*

### Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace can be furthered. I can make a difference.

### Newsletter Notes

Please submit articles by email with a subject of: **FF Newsletter Content before the due date. September content will be due by August 20. Annual meeting story and photos will be due August 30.** The copy schedule is due to our August meeting being late and our September meeting being early.

### Club Communications

If you have news to share with our members via email, the newsletter editor keeps the current roster and email distribution list. Please write your e-news exactly you wish it to read and then send your article to:

[peterson.marilyn@comcast.net](mailto:peterson.marilyn@comcast.net)

If you know of events in the lives of our members that should be acknowledged, please send the information to the editor (with the subject's permission, of course) for distribution to the club members.

*Marilyn*

### Board of Directors 2011

#### Officers:

President - John Wyse	503-394-3677	<a href="mailto:rwyse@smt-net.com">rwyse@smt-net.com</a>
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Secretary - Kay Macpherson	541-929-4678	<a href="mailto:QGram@aol.com">QGram@aol.com</a>
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Exchange Treasurer - Bun Doerfler	541-928-7282	<a href="mailto:villagerb-j@comcast.net">villagerb-j@comcast.net</a>

#### Exchange Directors Outbound:

October/November 2011 Kaohsiung, Taiwan Ted Powell	503-831-3755	<a href="mailto:deerpathted@gmail.com">deerpathted@gmail.com</a>
October 2012, Noumea, New Caledonia and Sunshine Coast, Australia - ED needed		
June, 2012 Twin Cities, MN		

#### Exchange Directors Inbound:

June 7-14, 2011 Whangarei, New Zealand	Kay Macpherson and Juanita Weigel
Sept.30 - Oct. 6, 2011 Discover the Wine Regions of Oregon	Kathy Butler and Marilyn Peterson
July 2012 Merseburg, Germany - ED needed	

## *World Beat Festival: a Success by Ruth Wyse*

What wonderful support from club members for the booth to promote Friendship Force at the World Beat Festival in Salem in late June. Juanita Weigel found a large, colorful fabric world map which Rita Powell sewed to provide a finished look. At the festival different colored pins showed our club's inbound and outbound international exchanges. These are being replaced by colored buttons, and a third color will show international exchanges of club members who traveled with another FF group. Display boards featured photos from exchanges as well as the FF pledge and a list of our international exchanges. In addition, there was literature available.

Thanks go to the many members who manned the booth: Warren Harmon, Vonda Zirbes, Kathy Butler, Sue Stein, Van and Cheeri Nichols, John Francis, Caye Poe, Juanita Weigel, Rita Powell, Evedene Bennett, Beth Stefan, Barb Callner, Kay Macpherson, Ed and Joyce Dart, and John and Ruth Wyse. Warren worked with Wyses to set up the booth before the festival, and Ann Sickles helped Darts with the tear down.

Names and contact information were taken of people who showed interest in the organization, and the club member who talked with these people is following up with a phone call, inviting them to our August or September gathering. Hopefully some will decide to join!

If you have traveled with another FF group, please contact Rita Powell to let her know to which country so she can add the buttons for that category.

## *How You May Contribute to the Travel Map by Rita Powell*

Our club now has a fabric map displaying our Friendship Force travels. On it Rita Powell will be sewing buttons showing three kinds of locations:

- 1) Places where our club has been hosted on exchanges (both internationally and domestically),
- 2) Places from which ambassadors have come whom we have hosted, and
- 3) Places to which members of our club have traveled with Friendship Force in other ways. (This doesn't include private travel to visit FF friends.)

Here is where you come in. If you have attended an international or regional conference, a festival, or traveled with another club of FF Exchange Director to another club or event, please contact Rita Powell with the information of where and when you travelled. Examples are:

The FFI conference in Dublin, Ireland

The regional FF conference in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

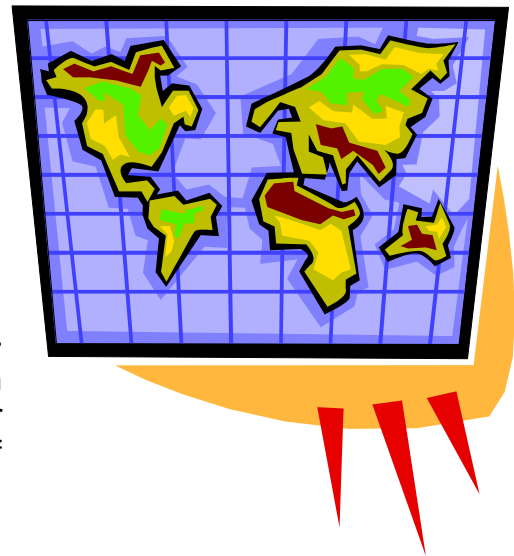
The Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, NM

Exchange to India with another club

"All USA" exchange to Vietnam with Rita

Any global or themed exchange, for example our Discover the Wine Regions of Oregon

The recent Panama Canal - Semester at Sea cruise



## *Exchange News*

### **Outbound to Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Oct. - Nov. 2011**

**ED, Ted Powell 503.831.3755 deepathted@gmail.com**

This is the last call for applications for the Taiwan-Thailand-Saitama Exchange and Asia Pacific Festival October 26th until November 18th. There are now at least 12 ambassadors and soon maybe 16! We have 4 more openings but decisions need to be made quickly. Contact Ted Powell, the ED, if you are interested.

### **Inbound Discover the Wine Regions of Oregon,**

**Sept. 30 – Oct. 6, 2011,**

**EDs, Kathy Butler (541.926.9897),**

**Marilyn Peterson (541.926.7431)**

Committees have been hard at work on our Wine Lovers' Exchange (Sept. 30 – Oct. 6). Thanks to those who signed up to host and to our great matching committee, our ambassadors already have homes for a week. The activities committee has made a test run of most of the activities, and even though the weather has been less than ideal, we all celebrated the beauty of our valley and the interesting places we can share with our guests.

This exchange, which FFI asked us to host, will have many activities which should be fun for our club as well as for our ambassadors. Much like the Asia Pacific Festival, which we hosted two years ago, there will be an emphasis on wine tasting, but we will have a variety of other activities, just as we do for all of our exchanges.

Some of our members have expressed a few reservations about the emphasis on wine tasting, but be assured you do not have to be a wine connoisseur or even a wine drinker to take part in the exchange and enjoy it as much as any other exchange. These guests are Friendship Force members and have the same goals of making new friends as we all do. Have you been to an olive oil tasting? Visited a buffalo ranch? Eaten lunch at the famous Joel Palmer House? If not, now might be your chance to do these things as well as many others. We're looking forward to an enjoyable, successful exchange.

Haven't volunteered to help yet? Kathy and Marilyn would love to hear from you. The next planning committee meeting will be August 11 at 1pm at Kathy Butler's home—1703 Belmont LP SW, Albany

**EDs are still needed for:**

**Outbound to Noumea and Sunshine Coast**

**Outbound to Twin Cities, Minnesota**

**Inbound from Merseburg, Germany**

## **Taiwan Republic of China**

*by Rita Powell*

### **Transportation and Communication:**

Before the 1990s, people mainly traveled by motorcycle, bicycle, buses and trains. When many people began purchasing cars, traffic became a problem. A rapid transit system finished in 1995 has alleviated congestion in Taipei. Taxis are readily available and reasonably priced.

Nearly all households have telephones and Taiwan's system is Asia's best outside of Japan. Numerous private radio, television and newspaper concerns form Taiwan's free press.

### **Education:**

Education is very important in Taiwan, where the free schooling is compulsory for 9 years. Students take national examinations to get into high school. Though current law mandates only 9 years, 95% of students go on to high school, trade school or college. President Ma announced in January, 2011, that the government would begin the phased implementation of a 12-year compulsory education program by 2014.

Students work very hard to prepare for the entrance exams given in July to obtain entrance to universities. Many students also travel abroad for higher education. The adult literacy rate is over 96%.\*

### **Health:**

Taiwan has a modern health-care system. Private insurance programs cover the needs of most citizens and the government provides care for the rest. The infant mortality rate is 7 per 1,000. Life expectancy ranges from 73-79 years.

A word to the wise: Do not take photos inside Buddhist temples without permission.

Additional Sources: [www.theodora.com](http://www.theodora.com)  
Countries of the World, Wikipedia

## Why Do People Decide to Engage in "Citizen Diplomacy"?

Many people opt to serve as citizen ambassadors to counter a negative image of the United States abroad. Aware that many foreigners form their perceptions of who we are and what we value through television and film, these citizen diplomats want to shine up Uncle Sam's tarnished image.

People also become involved in exchange programs to improve the education of their children and grandchildren. Not only do they become acquainted with other cultures, they learn more about geography.

Some citizen diplomats are motivated to educate others about economic opportunities in the United States, in general, and in their communities, in particular.

Volunteers choose to take part in public diplomacy because they want to make a difference in our troubled world. These citizen diplomats are conscious of their responsibility to effect positive change.

In a film on the life of Elvis Presley, he is pictured in his army uniform just after arriving in Germany. He remarked, "What we do here will reflect on America and our way of life." Ordinarily the label "citizen diplomat" doesn't bring an image of Elvis to mind. However, he seemed to have grasped the concept that, potentially, each "American" who interacts with foreigners has an obligation to consider how his/her actions might reflect on our country.

It is the integral involvement of private citizens that gives credibility to the winning of hearts and minds. Let us each embrace our responsibility as an ambassador to help the world know "America" at its best.

Why did you join The Friendship Force?

Please send your reasons to:

Rita Powell at [deerpathrita@gmail.com](mailto:deerpathrita@gmail.com), 503 831-3755, or 2550 Stiles RD, Dallas, OR 97338.

(From "Professional Exchanges, Citizen Diplomacy and Credibility" by Sherry Lee Mueller, former FFI Board member and president of National Council for International Visitors; see [www.NCIV.org](http://www.NCIV.org))



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**New Members  
John and Jody  
Gaylord**

## The Friendship Force Legacy Fund

What does the Legacy Fund do?

- It aids FFI in expanding FFI around the world. This creates more opportunities for Friendship Force members.
- It expands communication within Friendship Force. This enables members to easily seek out information.
- It provides leadership development. This allows members to return to their clubs and regions and serve them in more efficient and effective ways.
- It funds new program initiatives. This provides opportunities for exchanges to be based upon additional facets beyond the original Friendship Force purposes.

What makes the Legacy Fund unique is that these monies are not included in FFI's regular operating income. Instead, they are kept in a restricted fund and only used for the designated purposes approved by the Board of Directors.

What have been the results so far?

- 33 new clubs or programs in such places as Albania, Brazil, China, Indonesia, Mexico, Romania, Switzerland and Tanzania.
- New technological support for clubs
- Expansion of global volunteer leadership program to include field representatives around the world
- Scholarships, language learning exchanges and "adventure" exchanges

What's coming?

- Club revitalization
- Web-based leadership training
- Themed exchanges
- Marketing

The Legacy Fund depends on the support of FF clubs, members and friends. Working together, we can continue building a great legacy:

***Promoting global understanding across the barriers that separate people.***

*Article by Rita Powell*

## Black Bean Brownies by Barb Callner

1 can no salt black beans  
1/2 c. sugar ( or sugar substitute)  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/8 tsp. salt  
3 eggs  
1/4 c. dark chocolate unsweetened cocoa powder  
1/3 c. melted butter  
1/2 c nuts ( if desired)  
Blend everything.

Bake in 8"by 8" pan at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

## Three Cheers for Our New Zealand EDs by Cheeri Nichols

Kay Macpherson, pictured at the Thyme Garden, and Juanita Weigel, pictured at the headwaters of the Metolius River, did a great job of putting together an enjoyable exchange. You have to be an ED to understand how much effort it takes to make a successful exchange. The tailgate party at the Eugene airport started the ball rolling. From there on the mood was set for all

to have a good time. Just when everyone felt that the farewell dinner was the end of the exchange, the week was capped off with small dinner parties the next day.



### Friendship Force Gifts

Merchandise items are available in very limited quantities from Rita Powell 503.831.3755 or deerpathrita@gmail.com. The club will continue to sell our note cards and lanyards. Other items will be discontinued. For more products with the new FFI logos, visit the FFI website and the online store.

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### Membership Application or Renewal

Annual dues cover the cost of the monthly newsletter and expenses for exchanges and activities of the Friendship Force of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley, as well as membership in Friendship Force International, which provides discounted prices on exchange travel and other benefits.

Memberships expire on December 31

Annual dues: Individual: \$27.00 Couple: \$50

This is a NEW \_\_\_\_\_ or a RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ Application

(please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Dues enclosed: (\$27.00 individual or \$50.00 per couple) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: Friendship Force, PO Box 1703, Albany, OR 97321

### Club Calendar

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|-------------------|--|
| August 5          | Board meeting 1 pm   |
| August 28, 2pm    | Gathering, annual meeting                                    |
| Sept. 11, 3pm     | Gathering, Inbound Workshop                                  |
| Sept. 30 - Oct. 6 | Inbound Discover Wine Regions of Oregon                      |
| Oct-November      | Taiwan Outbound  |
| April 20-21, 2012 | PNW/NR Regional Conference<br>Hosted by Lower Columbia       |
| July, 2012        | Outbound Noumea, New Caledonia and Sunshine Coast, Australia |
| Oct. 2012         | Inbound Merseburg, Germany                                   |
| June, 2012        | Outbound, Twin Cities, MN                                    |
| 2012              | FFI World Conference Hiroshima                               |
| 2013              | FFI World Conference New Orleans                             |

**This Issue of Connections, and more information about our club, may be found on our website: <http://www.fforegon.org>**

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