



Friendship Force Olympia, WA

September 1, 2010

Volume 28, No. 3



The map shows us that Chile is a very long narrow country. Population is 16.6 million. All roads lead to Santiago especially in April 2011. Classic Latin culture is evident among the very modern city that has the Andean Mountains as the backdrop on one side and the coastal cordillera on the other. It is considered the safest of the South American capitals. The central market features raspberries, quinces, figs, peaches, persimmons and apples. Santiago has many famous parks and museums. Foods and wines are some of the best reasons to visit Chile. Already famous for its foods, many new restaurants are opening with chefs from the major culinary centers in Europe. Dancing is less tango and more

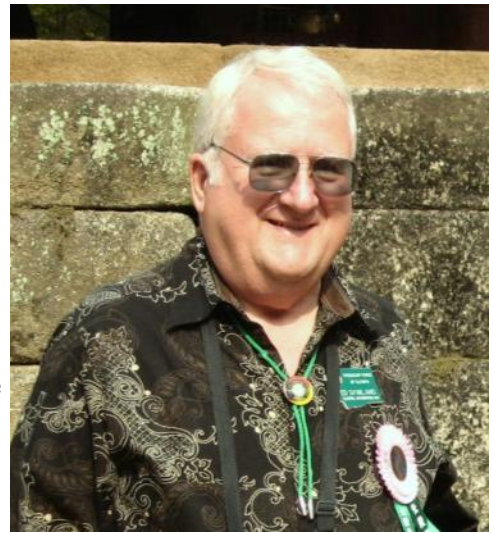
folksy fun. The people are wild about soccer and horse racing. Things we may want to purchase are hand woven alpaca shawls and sweaters, silver jewelry, wood, copper and leatherworks. Outside of the city are wonderful National Parks, sleepy villages, skilled craftsmen, amazing foods and wines and the views of the imposing Andes. People are friendly. European influences are evident everywhere and this mixture of native and sophisticated is ever interesting. Our hosts in Santiago are most excited to meet you. This exchange is one of the most popular exchanges booked through FF International. To show your interest in going with us in April 2011, send Lucy Browder \$200.00 per person now, refundable until January 15, 2011. The exchange cost is estimated to be about \$2500. or less. An additional home stay is being researched at this time and will be announced September 18. at the Quarterly Meeting and is included in this estimate.

Marjorie and Ted, EDs

From the Presidents Desk

Hello fellow travelers,

We just finished hosting a group of 10 travelers from Viet-Nam. What a wonderful experience for all that participated. We had two business type tours. One in Fife about unique container homes and the one at our State Capitol. Both were excellent and well presented and well received. Our guests were pleased with the level of their welcome and the mutual interest in trade. Tuesday evening we had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, at the Dan and Judy Filip's house. A wonderful treat for all that were able to attend. MARJORIE AND I ARE SO GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO HELPED ON THE VIETNAMESE EXCHANGE.



Aug 21st we had a fun and interesting social at Nisqually Wildlife Refuge. We were able to walk the short-level loop and observe wildlife in their natural setting. Following the wildlife tour, we had a pot-luck BBQ at my house. The exchange in July with Arizona was very successful due to the work of Tia Pennell and Donna Connors, and that everyone pitched in. It is always greatly appreciated and makes it more fun.

Here are some events that you will want to put on your calendar.

Exchange Outbound

Santiago, Chile - April 2011

Marjorie Sebesta ED, assisted by me. We are still waiting confirmation on exact date.

Inbound

New Zealand August 2011

We need ED's let me know if you would be willing to help out

On **October 9**, we will go to the Medicine Creek Winery for abundant canapes and many wines to taste. Time is 3-5 PM at address of 947 Old Pacific Highway, 98513. Phone 360-701-6284. From the south Mounds Road (exit 116) off 1-5 turn right and go 3 miles. \$15.00. Please RSVP so we can plan.

And there is still time to go to International conference in Washington DC, **October 2010**. There are over 450 people registered from all over the world. What a learning experience.

As you can see we have many opportunities to get involved. This is your club. Let me know where you would like to help, or what you like or don't like about your club.

Happy Trails to you!

Ted

Annual Meeting of Friendship Force, Olympia Chapter, September 18, 2010

September's Quarterly Meeting and Elections will be at Panorama's "The Chambers House" Restaurant in Lacey. The date and time are Saturday, Sept 18. It is easy to find. Go south on Sleater Kinney Road, cross Pacific Ave., go through the 4-way stop at 14th and start looking. The entrance to Panorama (City) and the restaurant is to the left, just after you go through a traffic light. (While it is green, preferably.) The time is from 12 to 3 PM.

If you have a GPS, the restaurant's address is

1751 Circle Lane, SE, Lacey, Phone no. of the restaurant is 360-438-6623,

Lunch will "probably be a cold buffet" and the cost is less than \$15.00 per person.

The Business Meeting will include our important annual election of officers for the new year (2011). The nominations committee has obtained the agreement of the following persons to stand for office:

President—Ted Samland

Vice President—Dave Milne

Treasurer—Sharon Ruhl

Secretary—Mary Warner.



Other willing candidates can be nominated from the floor or by informing Marjorie Sebesta, (360-250-2927) or at masebesta@aol.com. Other agenda items may be discussed for adoption and/or member information.

We will have a presentation on the country of Chile and the mysterious nearby Easter Island. This includes a film from National Geographic and remarks about the chapter's fourth-coming exchange with Santiago, Chile in April, 2011, **and news about** an exciting opportunity for the ambassadors who go on this exchange.

Dave Milne

Vice-President



This year's conference will be the largest in a decade, with more than 450 Friendship Force members representing 30 countries now registered.

Congratulations to the host committee from the Friendship Force of the National Capital Area and our staff team, headed by Debbie Powell, for an outstanding job in planning such a great event.

With the great turnout we'll have, a top priority for you should be to **get acquainted** with as many of your peers from around the world as possible. This can begin when you **register** during the day on Friday, October 16th at the Renaissance Hotel. There will be a gathering place at the hotel, along with message boards and volunteers to help in any way they can.

You may be content to share a coffee or beer with a friend, or you can certainly take advantage of Washington's many attractions. **Friday evening is open** for you to enjoy with your friends.

On **Saturday** we'll begin a conference that will enable you to better understand the future direction of the Friendship Force and to discover how you can be part of shaping that future. The morning **keynote presentation** will set the stage.

Then we'll hear from a **panel of Washington leaders** representing international organizations with missions similar to our own. National leaders from Sister Cities, the Peace Corps Association, National Council for International Visitors, and the Open World Leadership Program have been invited to participate. They will show how we are not alone—parallel organizations across the world are engaged in citizen diplomacy and ready to partner with the Friendship Force for a stronger future.

After lunch together on Saturday, be ready to go to work. Throughout the conference there will be **five workshop sessions** and more than a dozen topics, including club membership growth, exchanges with special themes and exciting new Friendship Force destinations..

International Convention Continued....

Saturday evening is free—but again, take advantage of the opportunity for sharing time with friends as you go out on the town. More free time will be available Sunday afternoon as well, but be back in time for the **gala banquet**. Come dressed in festive attire, as global as you choose to make it. And don't forget to wear your dancing shoes!

The **closing session** Washington DC inter-nouncement on Octo-mony and the invitation



For about a third of the not end with the close departing at 2:00 provided by clubs in

on Monday will feature a speaker from the national scene (check the website for an an-ber 1st). We'll also have our awards cere-to the 34th conference next year in Hamburg.

participants, their conference experience will ing ceremonies on Monday morning. They will p.m. for their **post-conference homestay** the neighboring states.

I look forward to joining you all for a very memorable 33rd conference.

George T. Brown, Jr.
President, FFI

Note: You can register online and airfares are very favorable now. So come with your President Ted Samland and other Olympian Friendship Force members to what promises to be a great ex-perience.

2010 Calendar

September 18—Quarterly meeting, Dave and Dee Milne, Chambers Restaurant at Panorama. 12—3 PM Election of officers and National Geographic film about Chile and Easter Island. (More information here)

October 9—Wine tasting Medicine Creek Winery, Lacey, WA. 3-5 PM, Ted Samland (See information inside)

October 16-18 World Conference in Washington, DC. For information go to www.thefriendshipforce.org

November—possible mini exchange with regional chapters. Any suggestions?? Any planners?

December—Quarterly meeting, Dave and Dee Milne

President	Ted Samland	360 491-6348
Vice-President	David/Dee Milne	360 427-6675
Secretary	Mary Warner	360 456-7964
Treasurer	Lloyd Berry	360 491 7266
Exchange Treasurer	Lucy Browder	360 4916291
Past Presidents	Velda Miller	360 413-7954
President Emeritus	Jerry Bailey	360 438 5628

Committee Chairs

Membership	Donna Connors	360 438 6721
Newsletter	Marjorie Sebesta	360 250 2927
Sunshine	Karen Langlois	360 438-3991
Publicity Chairman	JoAnn/Mike Young	360 491-1637
Social Activities	Marlene Buffington	253-209-5482
Quarterly Activities	David/Dee Milne	360 427-6675
Community Events	Alan Jacobs	360 866 6842
Historian	Sybil Jones	360 426 1857

Exchange Directors

Inbound: New Zealand, August 2011

Outbound: Santiago, Chile— April , Ted Samland /Marjorie Sebesta

Callers for Board Meetings and Quarterly Meetings: Chair: Libby Penney. Callers: Jerry Bailey, Karen Langlois, Renee Corcoran

FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL FFI, a nonprofit international cultural exchange organization, headquartered in Atlanta, GA, was founded with a single mission to promote peace, understanding and friendship on a one –to-one personal basis around the world. A 1992 nominee for The NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, it has 367 clubs active in 55 countries promoting friendship and goodwill through an extensive pro-program of home stay exchanges. Supported by membership and exchange fees, donations and foundation grants, FFI was founded in 1977 by its first president, Dr. Wayne Smith and was announced on March 1, 1977, by President Jimmy Carter at a White House gathering of state governors. Today's president is Dr. George T. Brown.

The Board of Directors for the Olympian chapter Meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Lacey Fire Department meeting room. The full membership meets quarterly at designated locations.

www.friendshipforceolympia.org is our web-site.

Any news articles, photos should be submitted to editor, Marjorie Sebesta, 502 DuPont, DuPont, WA 98327 masebesta@aol.com