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September is the month that we will hear nominations and elect our new officers. Dan Filip was chair of the nominating committee. Here is the official announcement that was previously e-mailed to all members

Dear Fellow Members:

It is my distinct pleasure to propose to the Friendship Force of Olympia for its consideration and action at the next quarterly meeting the nomination of a full slate of officers for 2012. All have agreed to serve if elected. There are:

President	Rocky Perrott
Co-Vice Presidents.	Mikel and JoAnn Young
Secretary	Mary Warner
Treasurer	Sharon Ruhl

This year's nominating committee consisted of:

Dan Filip

Jane Lieb

Tia Pennell

Rocky Perrott.

Their timely work and actions were extremely helpful in acquiring such a great proposed board. Thank you, Dan Filip

Note: In his position as immediate Past President, Ted has agreed to serve in the capacity of "co-president." with Rocky. The Bi-laws prevent Ted from assuming the formal dual title because they, the Bi-laws, specify a two term limit.

The Presidents Page



Hello Fellow Travelers

The short term nomination committee that was formed this summer has completed their charge. Dan Filip was chair of this important committee and has posted the slate of offices elsewhere in this news letter.

Dan will present his committee report at the September quarterly meeting completing this task. I wish to thank the nomination committee for their efforts. The nomination committee consisted of Dan Filip Chairman assisted by Jane Lieb, Tia Pennell and Rocky Perrott. Thank you very much.

I want you to remember that you are invited to attend the no host 4X4 group which meets on the 4th day of the month at 4 PM at the Sizzler restaurant. We will not meet in September because of the inbound Romania exchange. But the rest of the months we meet. Come as you are and enjoy visiting with other members of our FF club stay for dinner or just a drink.

There is some disappointing news, we will be cancelling the Hertfordshire England exchange scheduled for September 2012. I am trying to make arrangements with international to visit two FF clubs in Russia during the summer of 2012. I will keep you posted. I am also looking into the possibility of having a couple of domestic exchanges, both inbound and outbound next year. Again, I will keep you posted.

Exchanges Inbound Romania

13 ambassadors will arrive on Friday September 2 , 2011. Dave Milne is the ED. Let him know if you would like to tag along on any event. He has posted the planned activities in this news letter and by e-mail. It looks like a great exchange.

Presidents news cont.....

Be sure to annotate your master schedule with the following information. The quarterly meeting will be held September 17 at the Alonda Villa” club house, 1301 Alonda Lane NE Lacey, WA 98516. (cross streets are 15th Ave NE, and Abernathy).

The food will be served at 3PM, program will follow the meal.

Paper plates, paper cups, and plastic ware will be provided.

Cost is \$3.00 but —Anybody that brings a guest will get in free, and also be treated to a free meal.

As you can see we have many opportunities to get involved, this is your club so let me know where you would like to help, or what could be added or changed. Happy Trails to You

TED SAMLAND

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO FRIENDSHIP FORCE

There are 19 new members to Olympia Friendship Force since December 2010! Some of you have been welcomed in our last newsletter by name. Our newest members are David and Janice Asher and Randi Moe. In our last newsletter, I had neglected to mention a wonderful lady who had joined us last December 2010 Sharon Bennett. Please be sure to introduce yourself to her.

FF has a mentoring program for newer members. Please let me know if you have not been contacted by a mentor to personally welcome you to our Friendship Force functions.

.....Donna Connors, Friendship Force Membership

Ed. note: Mentoring kept me coming to FF events. It is just a matter of calling the person and asking if they want to attend the next event and offer a ride or car pool. Then you can find answers to their questions together. The result for me was getting to know some wonderful people and having great travel experiences.

ROMANIAN AMBASSADORS IN OLYMPIA ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

On Friday, September 2, 13 visitors from Sibiu, Romania, will arrive at Sea-Tac airport, there to be greeted by our Olympia FF members. We will escort our visitors to Olympia on ... yes ... the familiar yellow school bus to the familiar assembly point at “The Tree” near the Lacey Sears store. Thus will begin an exchange with people from a country that is not very familiar to most of us westerners.

Our guests will only be in Olympia for four full days. Their fifth day will be spent in Seattle, where they will end up at their Sea-Tac hotel for an early-next-morning flight to San Francisco, their next destination. Those five days will be marked by exactly the right blend of sightseeing and relaxation, all aimed at showing them American life and culture and at giving us, in turn, a better acquaintance with the rich history and culture of Romanians. We have on tap “the usual suspects” – Welcome & Farewell Dinners, dinners with Olympian hosts, tour of the Capitol, etc – and some unusual adventures such as a cruise on the ship Lady Washington and a Labor Day picnic + kayak lesson at Millersylvania Park.* As the frazzled guy charged with putting all of this together, I really appreciate the inspired help I’ve been getting from volunteers!! (... who will all be acknowledged in an “Exchange Brochure” that I hope to make available on the 2nd). Meanwhile, THANKS, Y’ALL!

Most of our visitors will be people who were hosts to Oly FF members last year, when a contingent from our club visited Sibiu. Most of them have a fair-to-excellent command of English; several notable characters also have an excellent command of cheerful humor. (One of them actually enjoyed attempting to sing “Old MacDonald” in Romanian.) Their Exchange Director is Nicolae “Tony” Motronea, a bluff, cheerful retired lawyer whose face you may seldom see (because his eyes are always behind a camera). Tony’s messages have gotten increasingly cheerful and enthusiastic



September 2 draws nearer, and the whole contingent is really looking forward to their time in Olympia.*By the time you read this, you should have gotten e-mailed (or postal mailed) copies of the schedule outline, a detailed event schedule, and some other info. Didn’t get it? Let me know at (360) 427-6675 and/or <dave.laddie@gmail.com>. Cheers, see you all at the Welcome Dinner! *See next page for a quick-look schedule.*

Romanian Schedule Quick Planner

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Friends ...

In a nutshell, the Romanian Exchange schedule is below:

Friday Sept 2 Romanian guests arrive & go home with hosts.

Saturday Sept 3 see Harbor Days, tour the Capitol, Welcome Dinner.

Sunday Sept 4 Lady Washington cruise, ——Friendship dinners with FF members

Monday Sept 5 Labor Day picnic in Millersylvania Park, ——free evening

Tuesday Sept 6 free day—— Farewell Dinner

Wednesday Sept 7 tour Seattle, then drop off guests at Sea Tac Hotel.

Thursday Sept 7 at 8AM our guests depart for San Francisco.

Thanks for all the helpers and their help. The complete schedule and all you might need to know has been e-mailed to you.

From Dave and Dee Milne.

When was the last time you took a 2 minute shower? . Friendship Force member Donna Lowery reminds us that the homeless shelter occupants get 1 such shower a week. You can give them another one for .50 cents. The Family Support Center is also in need of Greeters who will be at the Shelter from 5 to 9 pm and of course, overnight hosts are always a dire need. It is not difficult or dangerous and you are there from 7 pm .to 7 am. Maybe you and a friend can do it together. Also someone to help with the laundry would be wonderful. Family Support Center, P. O. Box 784/ 108 State Ave. NW, Olympia, WA 98507 Money for the showers should be so marked on the envelope. Any questions, please call Cindy directly at 754-9297 ext 200. A wise man told me if I had money and time to travel, I had money and time to give. Do you have time to add one more volunteer position occasionally?







Building Friendships with out NZ guests.





The ice cream ending to a small group dinner at Velda's house. Yum!





SAVE THESE DATES

September 2—8 - Romania visits here Dave and Dee Milne

September 17—Quarterly meeting 3 PM at Alonda Village, Details inside

October 4—4 @ 4 JUST COME FOR A CHAT

October 15— TBD

November 4—4 @ 4 JUST COME FOR A CHAT

November 13—Dinner and Play or Play and Dinner, Emily Harvey Time TBD

December 4—4 @4 PM JUST COME FOR A CHAT

December 11—Christmas Party and Quarterly Meeting

Remember: 4@4

Want to have an easy, relaxed time to chat and catch up with your FF friends. Just remember “4@4.”

On the fourth of the month, every month we will gather at The Sizzler Steak House on Pacific Avenue at 4:00 pm. No need to RSVP, just come when you are able. Enjoy a drink or stay for dinner. See you there.

Help Wanted. Person to publish newsletter for Friendship Force of Olympia. Only 4 issues a year. It is a volunteer position but with lots of benefits. Free training using Microsoft Publisher if needed. Call Marjorie 360-250-2927 or e-mail masebesta@aol.com

If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies. *Jean Stapleton*



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Exchange Directors

Inbound: Romania = September 2011 Dave and Dee Milne

Callers for Board Meetings and Quarterly Meetings: Chair: Libby Penney

Be sure to check out the FFI website at www.thefriendshipforce.org to see the new changes.

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 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 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Lacey Fire Department meeting room. The full membership meets quarterly at designated locations.

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

Thanks for the articles and photos for this month dear friends.