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Next Membership Meeting

Save the DATE/TIME

Tuesday June 11, 2016

at 5:00 PM

General Membership Meeting

LOCATION:

**Bruni's Clubhouse
2090 Paseo Del Oro
Colorado Springs, CO**

**Questions? Call Joanie Huggins
Phone: 630-1955**

See page 2 for details

Message from Dan Hannaway, Leadership Council Coordinator



Dear Friends of the Force,

I recently returned from the Mountain States Region Friendship Force Conference held in Grand Junction May 13-15. It was a great opportunity to get together with old friends, make new friends and compare notes with members from the other five clubs in our region.

It's a shame there were not more representatives from our club attending, since there were many

new ideas presented in keeping with the conference title "New Directions". The format was somewhat different from those of past conferences in that the two representatives from FFI were the principal presenters and discussion leaders. Matthew Nidek, Director of Operations at FFI, gave a thorough rundown of the many changes at FFI in Atlanta, including staff changes, realignments, and planning. He also presented a look at the initiatives that will be formalized in the next few months.

One of these initiatives that will directly affect all members of the FFI family is an improved, easy to navigate, web site that should be ready in July/August. Of particular interest to our future Exchange Directors is the development of on-line training for EDs using WebEx. Stay tuned for more information about it in the near future. Another item that was discussed was "Stories of Friendship". This is something that all FFI members are encouraged to participate in. If you have a personal, special story of a Friendship Force experience you would like to share, please write it down. I should have more information about this initiative in the next newsletter.

The other representative from FFI was Dave Kalan. Dave is a long time member of Friendship Force and is currently on the FFI Board of Directors. As a leader in the Friendship Force Club of Greater Milwaukee, he has developed a number of innovative programs.

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Message from Dan (cont.)

He chairs the FFI Strategy and Innovation Steering Committee and leads the Next Gen and Global Membership Initiatives. Dave talked about the many special exchanges that FFI hopes to expand, viz. Themed, Discover, Global, Next Gen, Leadership, Pioneer, and Cooperative Exchanges.

Finally, it was announced that the next Mountain States Region Friendship Force Conference will be hosted by the Denver Club in 2018.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Cheers!

Dan

P.S. Special thanks to Bruni Berkowitz and Joanie Huggins for their respective donations of an original work of art and an embroidered jeans jacket that were part of the silent auction at the conference. The proceeds will be used to support FFI's "I'm In" campaign to fund its website overhaul and data base upgrade.

Hosting Database

The Council wants to create a data base of members' hosting capabilities. This will help us with future in-bound exchanges. You will soon get an email request to complete a brief survey for that purpose.

Next General Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held at **5:00 on June 11th**. Note that this is a change from our previously published schedule. The meeting will be held at Bruni Berkowitz's Community Clubhouse located at 2090 Paseo Del Oro Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

This meeting will be the Farewell Dinner for our Brandon, Manitoba ambassadors. The dinner will be catered by Rudy's BBQ. There will be a \$15/person charge. Drinks will be provided. Because of the limited space, we are asking this to be a members-only event, so please refrain from inviting guests. Directions to Bruni's clubhouse are as follows:

From I-25
Take Exit 143 for West Uinta St.
Turn Right onto Mesa Rd. (2 mi.)
Turn Left onto Paseo Del Oro Drive

There is parking in front of the clubhouse and behind the tennis courts. See you there!!

Questions? Please call Joanie Huggins at 630-1955

Sao Paulo, Brazil

The Sao Paulo Friendship Force Club is coming to enjoy our hospitality and beautiful Colorado Springs in May 2017. A team of four FFPPC members will share the role of Exchange Director. This is an excellent opportunity to gently "get your feet wet" in club exchange participation. Ask Judie for details (judiewer@aol.com, 632-9989).

A Cleveland Travel Journal

By Jerry Sabolik

Marge Zimmerman managed to find our house bright and early at 6:30 A.M. on a Sunday morning. After loading our car, Marge and I began the initial leg of our journey to Cleveland. Our first stop, however, was Omaha, Nebraska and a pleasant, but brief, visit with good friends Betty and Warren Hill. The following day, we were on the road again. A total of 15 FFPPR members were enroute to Cleveland, Ohio. Besides Marge and me, our FFPPR Cleveland bound contingent included Jerry and Marilyn Werschky, Mike and Kaye Brabec, Werner and Joanne Karlson, Larry and Etta McClanahan, Mort Monroe, Steve and Susan Tindell and Bob and Judie Werschky. Most of us travelled by car. Susan and Steve Tindell took the long way in their motor home and travelled half way around the US of A. I should have told them that most people don't travel from here to Ohio through Florida, but they made out just fine.

Marilyn and Jerry Werschky were our EDs for this exchange and graciously offered their home in Flushing, Michigan as a second stop on our way to Cleveland. A number of other guests had arrived at the Werschky's Michigan house a few days earlier. The Tindells, Bob and Judie Werschky, and the McClanahans enjoyed some pre-exchange touring in southeast Michigan. These included a visit to the Henry Ford Museum and Ford's River Rouge assembly plant where the group witnessed start-to-finish assembly of Ford F-150 pickup trucks. The group travelled a little north to the German village of Frankenmuth and visited a museum which depicted a history of the local German community. It seems that the intent of those original German immigrants was not to assimilate but to transplant their German hometown and customs to Michigan. A German store, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, was founded by the Bronner family in 1945. It is an enormous complex and one of the highlights of a Frankenmuth visit. The Bronner family actually recreated an authentic German chapel in their Wonderland. This visit was capped with a chicken dinner at one of Frankenmuth's family style restaurants. Later, Jerry Werschky drove the group through his (Bob's) old Flint, Michigan neighborhood. Bob described the experience as bittersweet. There were numerous vacant lots and boarded up houses. The automotive assembly plants are long closed and now open spaces. Maybe you really can't go home again. Bob's boyhood home, however, was still standing, and downtown Flint was sprouting new restaurants and shops due to the presence of three college campuses. Flint's economic redefinition, nevertheless, will still take some time, but I digress.

After a wonderful breakfast at Jerry and Marilyn's Michigan home, we all drove to Rocky River, Ohio and met Duane and Rose Horning, the EDs from the Northeast Ohio club. From the Hornings' we proceeded to Kamm's Café for the welcome dinner and the initial meeting of the two clubs. It was at Kamm's Café where I was introduced to my first Great Lakes Brewing Company beer. I was later to learn that the Cleveland area is home to numerous craft beer companies. Our two clubs seemed to readily mix, and we enjoyed a nice buffet dinner. Needless to say, the welcome party was a big success. We all left Kamm's to go to our respective host homes which were widely dispersed throughout the greater Cleveland area. My hosts, Carole and Chuck Mooney, live in the town of Willoughby. Willoughby is located about 20 miles east of Cleveland and about 15 miles from my original home town (more on that later).



On Wednesday, we all met at the "Flats." The city of Cleveland is divided into an East side and a West side. In between lies the now revitalized Cuyahoga river. The low area along the river is known as the Flats with the East and West sides being at higher elevations. The Flats was originally an industrial/warehouse area where ore boats would deliver iron ore from Minnesota to the steel mills of Cleveland. The large steel mills are gone, but the Flats and its river front are becoming more of an entertainment district while still retaining a commercial shipping appearance. It was here at Merwin's Wharf that we met Lolly the Trolley to take us on an extensive tour of Cleveland.

This was a very good introduction to the city, and it enabled us to get a good overview of what was to come. We zigged through the West side passing through the gentrifying Ohio City area with its brew pubs, locally owned shops, and West Side Market (where else can you find bacon in 15 flavors including Cinnamon Chipotle). We zagged through the East side and Public Square, Playhouse Square, the vast Cleveland Clinic buildings, University Circle, the stadiums, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Cleveland seems to be upbeat about its future, and it shows in many extensive renovation projects.



The trolley tour ended back at Merwin's Wharf restaurant where we had an early buffet dinner in view of the Cuyahoga River. Rowing (Crew) teams from local high schools and colleges now practice and compete on the Cuyahoga, something unheard of years ago. We were able to see one high school team in action. Following dinner, we split into various groups for some unscheduled time. Chuck Mooney drove me to the Hofbräuhaus, Cleveland's edition of the Munich beer hall, to meet up with a small group from both clubs.

Thursday was a busy day. It began with a tour of Severance Hall, located in the University Circle area of Cleveland and home to the world famous Cleveland Orchestra. John Severance dedicated this building to his wife, Elizabeth, who unfortunately died during the design phase. Constructed at a cost of a little over a \$1 million, Severance Hall opened in 1931 during the great depression. It was renovated at a cost of \$36 million in 2000 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Our tour included two ornately appointed concert halls as well as a backstage tour to see the massive Skinner organ pipes.

Also in the University Circle area is the Cleveland Art Museum which was founded in 1913 and officially opened in 1916. This is a world class art museum, and it is free to the public. We were



treated to a docent tour of the museum which featured its history and selected art work. Following the tour, many of us remained to take in the special Egyptian Pharaoh exhibit on loan from the British Museum.



Just down the road from the University Circle is the Cleveland Cultural Gardens with a series of 31 gardens, most including statuary, celebrating the cultural diversity of Cleveland. Virtually every ethnic group found in Cleveland is represented. This 276 acre park land used to be the backyard of former Clevelanders and oil baron, John D. Rockefeller.

And just a little bit further on is Little Italy where we convened for dinner at the Trattoria on the Hill. The restaurant name must refer to some hill in Italy, because there wasn't one that I could see in this part of town.

On Friday, we returned to the Flats to board the Nautica Queen for a trip down the Cuyahoga and into Lake Erie. Unfortunately, Friday was also cooler and very overcast and cloudy. We



could clearly see the shoreline, the Browns' stadium, and other nearby sights, but the Cleveland skyline was shrouded in low lying clouds. On the positive side, the food on the Nautica Queen more than made up for the weather.



On our way back, Susan and Steve made a stop at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame gift shop to score a tee shirt, while I took a few photos.

The remainder of Friday was free time, so Carole, Chuck, and I revisited the Cleveland Art Museum for a detailed look at the permanent collection. Since my wife, Jeanette, enjoys European art and was not able to attend this exchange, I wanted to get some pictures of the paintings for her. Spanish, Italian, French, Dutch, and other masters were well represented here.

Since the Crawford Museum was close by, we decided to check it out. I was glad we did. This museum was founded by Frederick Crawford of TRW and is now part of the Western Reserve Historical Society. This museum contains an extensive collection of rare vintage and late model, well restored cars. The oldest car in North America is here – a Parisian made 1895 Panhard et Levassor -- and one of my personal favorites, the 1956 Mercedes Gull Wing.

The Crawford also contains a number of old motorcycles and planes such as the P-51 K Mustang that won the 1946 Thompson Trophy Race. The museum houses the original carousel from the long gone Euclid Beach amusement park. This carousel was carefully dismantled, reconditioned, rebuilt, and it is now in perfect operating condition. We took a ride! As an added bonus, an old Cleveland mansion is attached as a separate wing to the museum. It features rooms of period furnishings and clothing from Cleveland's distant past. All very interesting!



Saturday and Sunday were open days. During our free time, Chuck Mooney took me on a tour of Chardon, Ohio – the Mooney's previous hometown. Chuck and I stopped in a Chardon brewpub for a draft of the local brew. On another day, I able to drive through my Ohio childhood hometowns of Painesville and Fairport Harbor. One of the nice things on this trip was our ability to get to do somethings off schedule and with smaller groups. It was a good way to get acquainted on a closer, more personal basis. Besides my trip down memory lane, other club members had unique experiences as well. I can't speak for everyone, but I

do know that some of us managed to take in local performances. There was a Cleveland Orchestra concert at Severance Hall and a performance of the Alvin Ailey dance company. There was the Folk Festival in Oberlin, while others visited the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. A number of our group toured Ohio's Amish country. I think just about everyone made it to the West Side market at one time or another, or to Heinen's grocery, or an Italian deli, and then there was Edwins (Education Wins) where fine food is prepared and served by a staff of parolees given a second chance in life by learning culinary skills.



Of course, we all enjoyed an evening with our dinner hosts. I can't leave that out. In my case, I joined my host family, the Mooneys, along with Bob & Judie Werschky and Frank and Mary Jane Miller, for a delightful evening and dinner with Margaret Cowin. Aside from this outstanding wine and dine evening, Margaret showed us old photos of Colorado Springs and the Cliff House in Manitou. Then she read us an amazing letter that her great aunt wrote relating experiences she had had on a trip to Colorado in the mid 1800s. Margaret's great aunt actually stayed at the Cliff House while evading an eager suitor back in Ohio.

All good things have to come to an end. Our Cleveland exchange ended with a farewell luncheon at the West Shore Unitarian Church in Rocky River, and, of course, the now legendary pass-the-potato game and a group singalong. By this time, the two clubs seemed to be one. I know I speak for all of us in thanking the Northeast Ohio Friendship Force club and especially our respective EDs, Duane and Rose Horning and Jerry and Marilyn Werschky for a wonderful experience. This was my first time participating in an outbound exchange. It was truly a rewarding and fun time. Although my wife, Jeanette, was not able to accompany me on this trip due to work commitments, I know that both she and I will be eager to do another. If there are other potential first timers reading this, you should get my drift by now. Consider participating



in an in-bound and/or outbound exchange in some capacity. It's what we're about, and you will meet some really nice people along the way, maybe even some like these shady characters.

Jerry Sabolik



“Traveling—it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller.” Grand Circle Tours

FFPPR Upcoming Exchanges

June 5 – 11 Brandon, Manitoba

We have 12 ambassadors coming from Brandon, Manitoba. They will arrive on June 5th. All host and ambassador assignments have been made. Susan Tindell is our ED for this exchange and has developed a comprehensive schedule of events for our visitors. Note that our June General Membership meeting has been changed to June 11 so that we can include our Manitoba guests. For inquiries concerning this exchange, call Susan at 719- 339-7491.

July 13 – 20 Central North Carolina *Additional day host volunteers appreciated*

The Central North Carolina Friendship Force Club is sending 18 ambassadors to us July 13 -20. Our members have been terrific about volunteering to be Home Hosts and Dinner Hosts. We would like for even more members to participate as that's the purpose of our exchanges. You can be day hosts or attend the farewell party on July 19. There are some new activities that you might wish to attend (Shamrock Ranch, National WW II Museum, Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo) with the ambassadors. The ED for this exchange is Judie Werschky, judiewer@aol.com, 632-9989.

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September 18 -21 -- In-bound Global Exchange

ED Susan Tindell, assisted by Etta McClanahan and Judie Werschky

This is an exciting new venture for us. FFI is encouraging global exchanges, which are open to individual members from anywhere in the world. This one is a combined effort of the Front Range clubs (Cheyenne, Northern Colorado, Denver, and Pikes Peak Region) and Western Colorado (Grand Junction) and Salt Lake. It's a complicated itinerary, but our part is simple. We will have the ambassadors for 3 nights and 2.5 days of group activities. By the time they arrive, they should be a cohesive group even though they arrived as strangers. We are anxious to show them the very best of Colorado so will need our members to be enthusiastic home, day, and dinner hosts.

2017 Exchange Plans Details on these exchange will emerge as we obtain more information. You may want to talk to the assigned EDs to indicate interest.

May 2017

In-bound from Sao Paulo, Brazil **ED training opportunity (see page 2).**

This should give us an opportunity to visit them later!

Applications for ED for this exchange are accepted by the leadership council. If interested, please contact Dan Hannaway (596-7633) or Judie Werschky (632-9989).

August 2-8, 2017

Inbound from Xalapa, Mexico

Dan Hannaway 596-7633

September – October, 2017

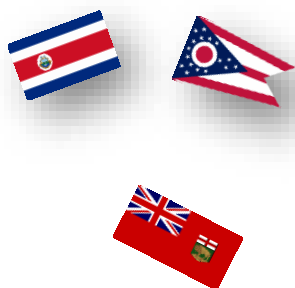
Out-bound to Montreal. No firm dates at this time. We are seeking an additional week in Canada.

Jeanne and Brian Marsh (590-7237)

Future Possibilities:

Judie Werschky has sent out correspondence to a number of Northwestern FF clubs and has received favorable responses from 2 clubs:

- Southern Oregon, near Medford, is a real possibility for a summer 2017 time frame. This area features the Ashland Shakespeare Festival, Crater Lake, and other interesting attractions.
- Columbia Cascade, about 45 miles from Portland, has indicated an interest in coming to Colorado in 2018 or 2019.



The Bear Facts

Mama Bear and her Kids

By Irmgard von der Gathen

We look forward every year for the weather to turn warm because then the bears come out of hibernation. Contrary to some people who go into hysterics when a bear appears in their back yard, I actually feel that it is perfectly normal for them to pay us a visit, because after all, we decided to build houses in their territory. Since we have taken up residence in bear country we've had a few of such encounters. Besides seeing evidence of a visit by such signs as paw prints on the window facing the patio and demolished bird feeders, we've also had them venture into our kitchen and garage.

One morning coming down the hall from bedroom to kitchen I wanted to see what that peculiar noise was all about. To my amazement I was looking directly at the huge behind of a mama bear munching the dog food which was in a bowl in the kitchen. Taken completely by surprise by this intruder, I blinked my eyes, and it took a few seconds for me to figure out that this was indeed a huge bear. After the realization my heart quickened, but I was not scared but merely quite amused to see how she was enjoying her find of apparently delicious food. I clapped my hands loudly and made shushing noises. The bear turned her head towards me in acknowledgement and then turned back to continue her feasting. "Oh my," I thought, "what if it decides to wander around in the house, maybe even knocking over things? And, oh no, maybe take a poop in the house?"

Mama bear turned her head as if reading my mind and saying "Yeah, yeah, I am leaving already no need to get excited." Then calm as can be she trotted towards the open door, lumbered across the patio, ever so leisurely, even briefly stopping to sniff at my flowers. Well, I have to admit that my heart was pounding quite a bit and that I was glad that Mama Bear was so obliging.

The next day mama bear came back and introduced us to her cubs. This time she ambled into the garage and dragged out the large bin of dog food across the driveway into the wooded area. There she upended the bin and then sat back on her behind as she proudly watched her offspring devouring the treat she had provided.

The family of bears stayed in the area all summer but we decided to be more vigilant about keeping patio and garage doors closed. Apparently the locked doors provoked one of the cubs to squeeze through the doggy door. I happened to be right there and watched in amazement as it headed right for the fridge. It opened the bottom freezer door with both front paws and then it grabbed a package of frozen bacon. When it suddenly became aware of me it took off like a bullet, apparently scared of me. In the cub's hurry, squeezing itself through the doggy door, it ripped off both flaps but never let go of the packet of bacon in his mouth. After it had determined that it had put a safe distance from the human, it sat in the yard and munched until it finished the whole package, including the plastic wrapping. Then it happily skipped off among the trees and as I watched it disappear I thought, "I hope it doesn't get sick."



FFPPR Council Meeting Minutes April 7, 2016

Attendees: Dan Hannaway, Mike Brabec, Dick Battersby, Judie Werschky, Joanie Huggins, Margaret Baptist, Jerry Sabolik, Nora Durham

Introductory Remarks and Discussion (Dan Hannaway) •

- Website needs update. Nora Durham tried to update old system; but attempts failed. Nora purchased a Dell PC and installed Webmaster 10. Nora requested reimbursement for the purchases and installation with the understanding that the PC and Webmaster 10 program would become the property of the club, and be passed on to the next club Webmaster. Motion made, seconded and carried to reimburse Nora. Request made to send pictures of members to Dan and Jerry to include in Newsletter and Club Handbook.
- Material from Aileen Maley concerning previous history of the club was donated, including slides, movies and other material for the Archives. Will be reviewed by Dan.
- Regional Conference in Grand Junction, May 13-16. Although registration date has passed, request will be made to accept late registration.
- Silent Auction Contributions. Bruni Berkowitz has donated one of her original paintings and Joanie Huggins has donated an antique vest for the silent auction. • I'm in Campaign – Thank you from Jeremi Snook of FFI for the club donation to update FFI's computer systems.
- Items for discussion – Club purchase of FFPPR pins for incoming ambassadors. We presently have a sufficient supply for this year. Dick Battersby purchased the supply of unused wine from the Hills for subsequent meetings. Dick will sell the bottles to the club as needed for general meetings.
- Hosting database will be constructed by Judie Werschky to aid in matching assignments for future visits.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (Mike Brabec).

- Minutes were circulated by email and letter prior to meeting. Requested by several members to circulate both Word and DOC files to facilitate opening. Moved, seconded and passed to accept minutes as submitted.

Treasurer's Report (Dick Battersby) -- Copy attached in Archives

- A Thank you note was received from Lana Coffman for the contribution made by the Club in Memory of Bill Moore to the Parkinson Foundation.
- Copies of the March Financial statement were circulated (copy to be archived with minutes). A checking balance of \$3,965.69 was noted, with other credits bringing the final total to \$5,785.55. Dick noted that we have 100% payment of dues (including a check in the mail). Also noted that some reimbursement of surplus payments from the Alajuela trip collected by Warren Hill may be made, unless the amount is too piddling to write individual checks, and the amount will revert to the checking account. Moved, seconded and passed to remit \$165 to the individual who cancelled participation in the trip.

Exchanges (Judie Werschky):

Inbound International Exchanges:

- May 2017, Sao Paulo, Brazil. We need to identify an ED for our club, hopefully by May, 2016. ED for Sao Paulo has been identified.
- August 8, 2017, Xalapa Mexico. ED Dan Hannaway

Outbound International Exchange:

- Montreal, Canada and surroundings. Jeannie and Brian Marsh were EDs for the Montreal visit. Suggest that they be considered and approved for the Outbound trip. Suggested time of visit: late September-early October.

Domestic Exchanges:

- 2016 Outbound: Cleveland, Ohio – April 26 – May 3 -- EDs Jerry and Marilyn Werschky
- 2016 Inbound: Brandon, Manitoba, Canada – June 5-11 – ED Susan Tindell. Meeting scheduled for May 18 to begin final arrangements.
- 2016 Inbound: Central North Carolina.- July 13-20 – ED Judie Werschky. The Council discussed ways to economize visits without detracting from the experience for our Ambassadors.
- 2016 Inbound: Global Exchange – September 18-21 – EDs Susan Tindell & Judie Werschky

Queries about where the club would like to go in 2017. Pacific Northwest was mentioned.

Meeting and Event Plans (Joanie Huggins):

- Dick will collect \$5 per attendee for the next general membership meeting at the Gill Center, and issue check to the Gill Center for rental fee. Phil McDonald will give a presentation.
- Joanie requested volunteers for a committee to help her organize, setup and take down after dinners. Names were suggested. Werner Karlson will collect the club dinner supplies and convey them to the Gill Center. Werner has volunteered to take responsibility for the storage of the supplies between events.

Membership, Recruitment, Publicity, Fund Raising (Margaret Baptist):

- Margaret will distribute the Club Handbook to all new members.
- Club pins will be provided to new members.
- Names, addresses and contact information of new members will be obtained and forwarded to Jerry.

Newsletter (Jerry Sabolik):

- Rough draft of March newsletter will be circulated to Council members shortly. Jerry has incorporated a calendar of upcoming events for the year into the Newsletter.

For the Good of the Order:

The next meeting will be May 12 at Library 21C Room B6 at 3 PM. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm. Respectfully submitted, Mike Brabec, Secretary

**FFPPR Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2016**

Attendees: Dan Hannaway, Dick Battersby, Judie Werschky, Joanie Huggins, Margaret Baptist, Jerry Sabolik, Nora Durham, Susan Tindell, Steve Tindell

Introductory Remarks and Discussion (Dan Hannaway)

- Nora Durham presented her ideas for updating our website. A new home page will include a set of labeled buttons against a white background. Suggestions were made to include links to other Mountain States Region clubs' websites and a schematic showing distances between FFPPR and other regional clubs; and brief Power Point presentation featuring slides of our region, e.g., GoG, AFA on the home page. Reception of these ideas met a favorable consensus. Nora asked that other suggestions be e-mailed to her.
- Dan will be our sole representative at the Regional Conference in Grand Junction.
- A discussion ensued over the Hosting Database and the light responses received to date. Jerry will include an article about the hosting questionnaire in the next newsletter.
- FFI is now enrolled in Delta Airlines Sky Bonus program. Delta frequent fliers will be able to benefit FFI by referencing the Sky Bonus account # US0038351 and will still get their individual miles credits.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (Mike Brabec)

- Minutes were circulated by email and letter prior to meeting. A motion was moved, seconded and passed to accept minutes as submitted.

Treasurer's Report (Dick Battersby) -- Copy attached in Archives

- Copies of the May 12th Financial statement were circulated (copy to be archived with minutes). A checking balance of \$4,621.91 was noted, with other credits bringing the final total to \$6,886.99. We now have 69 members, and all have paid dues for this year. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.
- A total of 34 people attended the April general membership meeting, where we picked up some new members who have paid their dues. Dick noted that he has recently sent out an updated membership list that includes the new members.
- Dick also noted that he has about 3 cases of wine obtained from Warren Hill that could be used for future events.

Exchanges (Judie Werschky)**Inbound International Exchanges:**

- May 2017, Sao Paulo, Brazil. We still need to identify an ED for our club, hopefully by May, 2016. ED for Sao Paulo has been identified. A problem of getting new ED volunteers for our club was identified and the need for ED training was discussed. Co-EDs might be one way to accomplish this. A formal ED class and use of FFI resources were also discussed.
- August 8, 2017, Xalapa Mexico. ED Dan Hannaway

Outbound International Exchange

- Montreal, Canada and surroundings. Jeannie and Brian Marsh were EDs for the Montreal visit. Suggest that they be considered and approved for the Outbound trip. Suggested time of visit: late September-early October.

Domestic Exchanges:

- 2016 Inbound: Brandon, Manitoba, Canada – June 5-11 – ED Susan Tindell. Meeting scheduled for 11:00 May 18 at 21C to begin final arrangements. Host assignments have been made. Susan provided a schedule of events.
- 2016 Inbound: Central North Carolina -- July 13-20 – ED Judie Werschky.
- 2016 Inbound: Global Exchange – September 18-21 – Co-EDs Susan Tindell and Judie Werschky

Judie has sent out correspondence to a number of Northwestern FF clubs and has received favorable responses from 2 clubs:

- Southern Oregon, near Medford, is a real possibility for 2017 no sooner than June. This area features the Ashland Shakespeare Festival, Crater Lake, and other interesting attractions.
- Columbia Cascade, about 45 miles from Portland, has indicated an interest in coming to Colorado in 2018 or 2019.

Meeting and Event Plans (Joanie Huggins)

- Methods of communicating event times and locations were discussed. Jerry will test the feasibility of using E-Vite to broadcast event notices. Assuming success, Jerry will send an e-mail notice alerting members to the use of E-Vite. A list of members not responding to event E-Vites will be sent to Karlyn Greenway so that they may be telephoned. It was noted that 3 individuals, Diane Wood, Vicky Collier, and Joanie Huggins, do not have e-mail and should also be phoned.
- Our next General Membership meeting will be held June 11th to coincide with the Brandon, Manitoba exchange farewell dinner. It will be held at Bruni's community clubhouse.

Membership, Recruitment, Publicity, Fund Raising (Margaret Baptist)

- Jerry offered a suggestion from Marge Zimmerman to have FFPPR cards for members to offer to people expressing interest in the club. Susan Tindell suggested a club banner similar to the one seen at the Cleveland club. Margaret will look into the cost of printing generic FFPPR cards and a vertical club banner with stand from a local printer. Another option would simply be do-it-yourself card printing.
- Steve Tindell and Dan expressed some caution about the cards as they could be used for personal business promotion.
- Margaret expressed concern over use of the membership list. All member information is to be confidential and for official member use only.

Newsletter (Jerry Sabolik)

- A rough draft of the June newsletter will be circulated to Council members prior to the Manitoba inbound. He expressed a need for early content submissions to be made in time to meet this timeframe.
- A mailing of the newsletter to the 3 members not having e-mail was requested by Joanie and others.

For the Good of the Order: The next meeting will be June 2 at Library 21C Room B6 at 3 PM. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. Respectfully submitted, Jerry Sabolik for Mike Brabec, Secretary

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime.

- Mark Twain, from Innocents Abroad

Friendship Force Information

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Newsletter Coordinator

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The FFPPR Newsletter will be published and distributed on a bi-monthly schedule and usually will correspond to our general membership meeting months. As your new newsletter editor, I welcome any suggestions, criticisms, and, of course, your articles. We have all had interesting travel experiences and share an interest in learning from the experiences of others. Thanks for your support, and please send your comments and articles to me at j2sabolik@comcast.net.

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Delta's SkyBonus Program

Friendship Force has enrolled in Delta Airline's SkyBonus program. Now you can support FFI when booking flights directly through Delta, while still earning your own SkyMiles rewards!

To use this option, simply enter FFI's account number **US0038351** in the SkyBonus ID field in the Passenger Information section on the Review and Purchase page. SkyBonus points cannot be earned on tickets booked through discount travel websites to include, but not limited to: Expedia, Orbitz, Travelocity, or any tour wholesaler / consolidator, such as Delta Vacations.

FFI will earn SkyBonus points when members fly on Delta, Air France, KLM Royal Dutch, Alitalia, or any of their codeshare partner airlines. In the meantime, you will still continue to earn miles in the SkyMiles program.

Have questions? Read more on the SkyBonus FAQ link → <https://skybonus.delta.com/bizCoFAQ.sb>

An updated FFPPR 2016 Calendar is shown on the following page.

2016 FFPPR Calendar

2016	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2016
Sat										1			Sat
Sun					1 Outbound					2			Sun
Mon		1			2 Cleveland			1		3			Mon
Tue		2	1		3 Cleveland			2		4	1		Tue
Wed		3	2		4	1		3		5	2		Wed
Thu		4	3 Lead Council		5 Lead Council	2 Lead Council		4 Lead Council	1 Lead Council	6 Lead Council	3 Lead Council	1 Lead Council	Thu
Fri	1 New Year's	5	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7	4	2	Fri
Sat	2	6	5	2	7	4	2	6	3	8	5	3	Sat
Sun	3	7	6	3	8 Mother's Day	5 Inbound	3	7	4	9	6	4	Sun
Mon	4	8	7	4	9	6 Manitoba	4 Independ Day	8	5 Labor Day	10	7	5	Mon
Tue	5	9	8	5	10	7 Manitoba	5	9	6	11	8 Election	6	Tue
Wed	6	10 Outbound	9	6	11	8 Manitoba	6	10	7	12	9	7	Wed
Thu	7	11 Costa Rica	10	7 Lead Council	12	9 Manitoba	7 Lead Council	11	8	13	10	8	Thu
Fri	8	12 Costa Rica	11	8	13 Regional	10 Manitoba	8	12	9	14	11 Veterans' D.	9	Fri
Sat	9	13 Costa Rica	12	9	14 Conference	11 FF Meeting	9	13	10	15	12	10	Sat
Sun	10	14 Costa Rica	13	10	15	12	10	14	11	16	13	11	Sun
Mon	11	15 Costa Rica	14 FF Meeting	11	16	13	11	15	12	17	14	12	Mon
Tue	12	16 Costa Rica	15	12	17	14	12	16 FF Meeting	13	18 FF Meeting	15	13 FF Meeting	Tue
Wed	13	17 Costa Rica	16	13	18	15	13 Inbound	17	14	19	16	14	Wed
Thu	14	18 Costa Rica	17	14	19	16	14 North Carolina	18	15	20	17	15	Thu
Fri	15	19 Costa Rica	18	15	20	17	15 North Carolina	19	16	21	18	16	Fri
Sat	16	20 Costa Rica	19	16	21	18	16 North Carolina	20	17	22	19	17	Sat
Sun	17	21 Costa Rica	20	17	22	19 Father's Day	17 North Carolina	21	18 Inbound	23	20	18	Sun
Mon	18 MLK Day	22 Costa Rica	21	18	23	20	18 North Carolina	22	19 Global	24	21	19	Mon
Tue	19	23 Costa Rica	22	19 FF Meeting	24	21	19 North Carolina	23	20 Global	25	22	20	Tue
Wed	20	24 Costa Rica	23	20	25	22	20 North Carolina	24	21 Global	26	23	21	Wed
Thu	21	25	24	21	26	23	21	25	22	27	24 Thanksgiving	22	Thu
Fri	22	26	25	22	27	24	22	26	23	28	25	23	Fri
Sat	23	27	26	23	28	25	23	27	24	29	26	24	Sat
Sun	24	28	27 Easter	24	29	26	24	28	25	30	27	25 Christmas	Sun
Mon	25	29	28	25	30 Memorial Day	27	25	29	26	31 Halloween	28	26	Mon
Tue	26		29	26 Outbound	31	28	26	30	27		29	27	Tue
Wed	27		30	27 Cleveland		29	27	31	28		30	28	Wed
Thu	28		31	28 Cleveland		30	28		29			29	Thu
Fri	29			29 Cleveland			29		30			30	Fri
Sat	30			30 Cleveland			30					31 New Year's Ev	Sat
Sun	31						31						Sun