



# friendship force

## GREATER MILWAUKEE

*a world of friends is a world of peace*

JULY-AUGUST 2023

[www.friendshipforcemilwaukee.org](http://www.friendshipforcemilwaukee.org)

### president's message

I'm writing this just a week before a membership recruitment event that we hope will bring in many new members. If they're some of the friends and relatives you asked to be invited, please follow up with them. Encourage them to take part in events, participate in traveling and hosting, and look at [my.friendshipforce.org](http://my.friendshipforce.org) to explore other opportunities! Those are the ways FFGM will become part of their lives and they will become part of our club.



Chris Vogel

In April, Friendship Force International let us know our club is invited to visit the Manawatu/Whanganui, New Zealand and Tweed Valley, Australia clubs in October 2024. FFI hasn't yet sent contact information, but we should get it soon so we can begin planning.

I'll attend the FFI World Conference in October in Dubrovnik, Croatia and hope to

make contacts for at least one other outbound domestic journey in 2024 and possibly 2025. Feel free to let me know if there's a part of the United States you'd especially like to visit.

If the travel bug is biting you, be sure to check out opportunities at [my.friendshipforce.org](http://my.friendshipforce.org). Several very interesting domestic and international journeys are listed, and you're invited to apply for them. If you participate in a journey, you'll find out that you quickly make new friends of both hosts and fellow travelers — which is, after all, the purpose of traveling with Friendship Force.

## JULY 10: TIME FOR OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC

What is summer without an old-fashioned picnic? That's what we'll have on July 10 starting at 4:30 p.m. with food served around 5:15 p.m.

The Annual Summer Picnic will be in the South Pavilion at Mitchell Park, 3140 Mitchell Park Dr., Brookfield (the same place as last year.)

The menu will include baked chicken, BBQ pulled pork, red potato salad with dill, creamy coleslaw, meaty baked beans, buns and rolls, and watermelon and cookies for dessert.

In addition, there will be snacks before dinner and a variety of beverages.

And there may be some surprises and prizes!

Please send your check for \$18 made out to FFGM to Cris Reischl at 7163 Horizon Dr., Greendale, WI 53129 so that it arrives by **July 3**.

## JULY 16: LOTS TO SEE AND DO IN MANITOWOC

As part of our 2023 focus on learning more about local history and culture, we'll take a coastal trip on Sunday, July 16 — visiting Manitowoc on the fresh coast of Lake Michigan.

The day begins at 11 a.m. with a tour at the Rahr-West Art Museum, 610 N. 8th Street. This small

museum boasts over 150 years of art history within one gallery.

Please email Mary Hauser, [mhauser2012@att.net](mailto:mhauser2012@att.net) by **July 13** to let her know you're coming. In that email, tell Mary which "wrap" you'd like to have for

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## at a glance

**6/23** W.H.E.T. Meet at 1:30 p.m. at Le Reve, 7610 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa. R.S.V.P. to Ann Line, 262.784.3085 or [linerusy@yahoo.com](mailto:linerusy@yahoo.com).

**7/5** NO 5th at 5 (Enjoy the July 4 holiday).

**7/10** Annual Picnic, 4:30 p.m., Mitchell Park in Brookfield. Send \$18 to Cris Reischl, 7163 Horizon Dr., Greendale, WI 53129.

**7/12** Book Club, 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker.

**7/16** Manitowoc Day. Meet at 11 a.m. at Rahr-West Art Museum, 610 E. 8th St. Lunch at Wrap It Up, then visit either the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, the North Breakwater Lighthouse or the sand-sculpting festival at Red Arrow Beach. R.S.V.P. by 7/13 to Mary Hauser, [mhauser2012@att.net](mailto:mhauser2012@att.net).

**7/20** W.H.E.T. 1:30 p.m. at Stigler Nature Preserve, 17400 W. Liberty Lane, New Berlin. R.S.V.P. to Ann Line, 262.784.3085 or [linerusy@yahoo.com](mailto:linerusy@yahoo.com).

**8/5** 5th @ 5 in South Milwaukee, hosted by Pat and Al Forsythe. Watch for an email with details.

**8/6** FFGM Board meeting 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**8/9** Mukwonago Day. 11 a.m. tour of Red Brick Museum, 103 Main St. Lunch at Fork in the Road, 215 E. Rochester St. R.S.V.P. by 8/7 to Mary Cimbalknik, [mcimbalknik1@wi.rr.com](mailto:mcimbalknik1@wi.rr.com).

**8/22** W.H.E.T. 1:30 at Hartung Park, Wauwatosa. R.S.V.P. to Ann Line, 262.784.3085 or [linerusy@yahoo.com](mailto:linerusy@yahoo.com).

## 5th at 5

These events are a great opportunity for you to invite your friends who might be potential FFGM members.

**July:** No 5th at 5 due to the holiday.

**August 5:** Pat and Al Forsythe in South Milwaukee. Details to follow! R.S.V.P. to Pat, 414.803.5704 or [4alandpat@gmail.com](mailto:4alandpat@gmail.com).

**September 5:** Mary Buczynski, 2935 E. Rhode Island, Milwaukee. R.S.V.P. to 414.517.3472 or [Buczynski.mary@gmail.com](mailto:Buczynski.mary@gmail.com).

Hosts are needed for October, November (when we may move to an earlier time) and December. Please respond to Barbara Geck at [barbarafrancesgeck@gmail.com](mailto:barbarafrancesgeck@gmail.com) or 262.542.2960.

## book club

The FFGM Book Club welcomes all book lovers to participate in its bi-monthly gathering. We have been reading together since April 2017. If you have not joined us before, please decide to do so in 2023. We meet at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the odd-numbered months, usually on Zoom as we have members in West Bend, Sheboygan Falls and Door County.

Books read can be fiction or non-fiction and need to take place in another country or deal with another culture or ethnic group.

Books for 2023 include:

**July 12:** *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker (Burma). The facilitator will be Ann Line.

**Sept. 13:** *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright (Cambodia)

**Nov. 8:** *Desirable Daughters* by Bharati Mukherjee (India)

Please join us for as many books as you can. The Zoom link will be sent a few days in advance. Contact Ann Line at [linerusy@yahoo.com](mailto:linerusy@yahoo.com) if you wish to receive the Zoom link.

## 2023 journeys

Feb. 18-25 — Phoenix, AZ Outbound

April 18-21 — Mini-Inbound, Quad Cities

July 28-Aug. 4 — Asheville, NC Inbound

Sept. 28-Oct. 5 — Toulouse, France Inbound

Check [my.friendshipforce.org](http://my.friendshipforce.org) frequently for other travel opportunities.

## AUG. 9: MUKWONAGO IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Do you know where the oldest brick building in Waukesha County is located? It's the Red Brick Museum at 103 Main St. in Mukwonago! And the museum will be open especially for a Friendship Force tour at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9.



street at 215 N. Rochester St. It is within walking distance.

Other points of interest in Mukwonago include The Elegant Farmer, an old-time candy store and the Pearl Street Historic district.

In addition to faithfully preserved items from the past, the museum also houses an incredible Native American collection of more than 10,000 artifacts. The Indian room promises to be a special bonus. As will a surprise "visit" from a historical figure!

Following the tour, we will gather for lunch at the historic Fork in the Road restaurant — down the

A \$7 donation to the museum is suggested. You may contribute your money on the day of the trip. Visit the website at [www.mukwonagohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.mukwonagohistoricalsociety.org).

Confirm attendance with Mary Cimbalnik at [mcimbalnik1@wi.rr.com](mailto:mcimbalnik1@wi.rr.com) by Aug. 7. (Don't forget the "1" in the email address.)

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lunch at Wrap It Up, 830 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Look at the second page of the menu at [www.wrapitupmanitowoc.com/menu.html](http://www.wrapitupmanitowoc.com/menu.html) and decide from among the cold wraps. Tell Mary what kind of tortilla (Southwest, jalapeño, white, whole wheat, tomato basil or spinach) you would like for your wrap.

For the rest of the day along Lake Michigan, you have three options:

- A 45-minute tour at 1:30 p.m of the USS Cobia (WWII submarine) at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, 75 Maritime Dr. (\$12)
- A one-hour tour at 1:30 of the Manitowoc North Breakwater Lighthouse, 425 Maritime Dr. (\$10)
- The Wisconsin Sand-Sculpting Festival at Red Arrow beach, 1831 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. (\$5) Afternoon activities start at 1 p.m. See sand sculptures that will be judged, sculpting demos, and the quick sand sculpting championship at 4 p.m. (The festival ends at 5 p.m.)

Besides telling Mary your wrap preference, let her know if you need a ride or would like to provide a ride, which afternoon option you choose to do, and

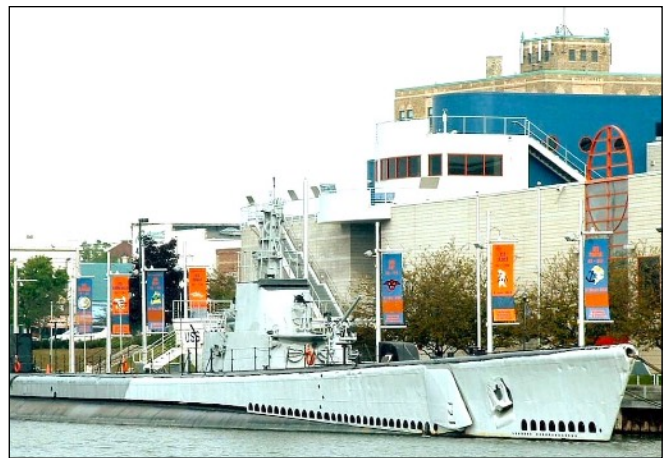


Photo from the Wisconsin Maritime Museum

The USS Cobia, a WWII submarine, at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc.

if you want to stop at Cedar Crest Ice Cream Parlor before leaving for home, (2000 10<sup>th</sup> St., three blocks from Red Arrow Beach).

All fees, including a \$5 donation to the art museum, will be individually paid on July 16. No money is due in advance.



## NEXT W.H.E.T.S IN TOSA, NEW BERLIN

For the next W.H.E.T. (that's Walking, Hiking, Eating, Talking) we'll gather at 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, in front of Le Reve Patisserie & Cafe at 7610 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa. After a walk along the Menomonee River Parkway, we have several options for treats, including Le Reve, Black Twig Bakery, Tabal Chocolate, and Niemann's Chocolate and Ice Cream.

On Thursday, July 20, we'll explore a hidden gem, meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Stigler Nature Preserve, 17400 W. Liberty Lane, New Berlin. Liberty Lane is off Calhoun Road between Lincoln and Cleveland avenues. There is a small parking lot, but you can also park on the street.



A beautiful May W.H.E.T. walk at Hidden Lake Park in Brookfield ended with frozen custard.

Although it's in the middle of an industrial park, you will feel as though you were up north, deep in the woods with a creek running through it. A nature trail that is just over a mile long is a great spot for birds, trees and woodland flowers. We can drive to Kopp's Custard on Bluemound Road for a treat.

The August W.H.E.T. will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22 at Hartung Park in Wauwatosa. Culver's Custard is a potential treat spot.

These walks are not strenuous and end with a reward!, Please let Ann Line, [linerusy@yahoo.com](mailto:linerusy@yahoo.com), know if you are coming so we know to look out for you.

## JOIN ASHEVILLE, N.C, AMBASSADORS & HOSTS

FFGM members are welcome to join many of the activities planned for nine ambassadors from Asheville, N.C., July 28-Aug. 4, says Host Coordinator Clarine Furey.

Some events are open to everyone. For others, Clarine will need to know you're coming so she has an accurate head count.

*Note: Activities — including times and days — are subject to change. Call Clarine, 262.993.8050, to confirm.*

**Friday, July 28,** 6-9 p.m., hosts and ambassadors at Waukesha Friday Night Live, featuring eight bands performing outside, food and shops. All are welcome.

**Saturday, July 29:** Noon lunch at the Milwaukee Public Market, followed by a walk on the River Walk (the Bronze Fonz and Old World 3rd Street shops), a

ride on the Hop MKE streetcar and visit to the lakefront. The Milwaukee Art Museum and Discovery World are among optional stops.

**Sunday, June 30:** Free day with an optional Mass (10 a.m.) and tour (11 a.m.) at the Basilica of Saint Josaphat, 2333 S. 6th St., Milwaukee.

**Monday, July 31:** Possibly a brewery tour and a visit to Boerner Botanical Gardens at Whitnall Park (or the Mitchell Park Domes in case of rain).

**Tuesday, Aug. 1:** Tour UWM School of Freshwater Sciences.

**Wednesday, Aug. 2:** The Grohman Museum and Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum followed by a 5:30-7 p.m. Milwaukee River and harbor boat tour, which includes a taco buffet dinner and cash bar.

**Thursday, Aug. 3:** The Wisconsin State Fair.



## QUAD CITIES MINI-JOURNEY

Ten ambassadors from the Quad-Cities of Iowa and Illinois in April enjoyed three full days of activities with FFGM members. At left, a visit to the Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee. Below, a visit to the St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care.



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL 5th @ 5

Nearly 30 FFGM members and guests came out for the June 5th @ 5 — an ice cream social at the home of Chris and Dave Vogel in Wauwatosa.







## BIG TURNOUT FOR PEWAUKEE DAY

Twenty-seven FFGM members received a personal tour on June 7 of the Clark House Museum, operated by the Pewaukee Historical Society. Most gathered for a lakeside lunch afterward at the nearby Five O'Clock Club on Pewaukee Lake.







## SPRING FLING

About 35 FFGM members turned out for the long-awaited (and pandemic-delayed) Spring Fling on a beautiful evening in May. The event was at Bass Bay Brewhouse on Muskego Lake.



## CINCO DE MAYO

A taco bar and margaritas is what a May 5th @ 5 looks like at Nancy Rubly's house. Several members brought friends interested in joining FFGM — a great introduction to our club.





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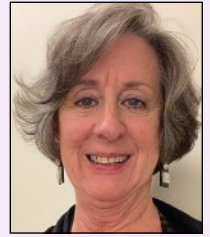
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## new member profiles

### JACKI MARGIS



I grew up in Wauwatosa, the oldest of eight children. Having started college seeking a social work degree, I began studies in Spanish. I changed my major to education with an English major and a Spanish minor and took a junior year abroad at La Universidad de las Américas (UDLA) in Mexico. Then I transferred to UDLA to complete my degree.

I taught Spanish for two years in Wauwatosa, then English as a Second Language (ESL) in Milwaukee Public Schools, was promoted to Curriculum Specialist for ESL and Foreign Languages for MPS, did teacher training here and abroad, and returned to teach ESL prior to retiring. In retirement I have spent time as a Master Gardener, an ambassador for VISIT Milwaukee, a volunteer for Travelers Aid at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport where I currently serve as Chairperson, and resumed my pastimes of weaving, and gardening.

I enjoyed traveling as a student, a young professional, with my husband, and with friends and family since his death. I am blessed to have a great stepfamily including two stepsons, a lovely daughter-in-law, three beautiful granddaughters, and an adorable 7-month-old great-grandson.

### VICKI FUERSTENAU



After 31 years as a flight attendant with Delta, I am now retired and ready for new adventures in the world of travel with like-minded people. I look forward to meeting people of different cultures throughout the world and enjoy the diversity within our own country.

Having family who live near San Francisco and New York, I am able to visit them frequently.

I look forward to spreading my wings with many of you at FFGM.