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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Nancy and Bob Mitchell
Co-Presidents

The days are lengthening, snow is melting; can green grass be far behind? Maybe not, but we do have a Gathering of the Green on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. This is a virtual event, on ZOOM, at 6:30 p.m.



Irish-themed trivia will be part of the party, but there will be other games and party fun. We would like you, dear reader, to have an in-person gathering, if you

feel comfortable with that, then attend on ZOOM. Invite non-members and show them how much fun we have. Costumes are encouraged, the more outrageous the better. Wear your emeralds!

Look through the pictures of Ireland that you have taken and submit to the Mitchells. If you have brief anecdotes about a trip to Ireland or the Irish submit these by e-mail. Study the history of Ireland and the Irish-Americans in Milwaukee. There will be prizes!

Outbound Journey to Ontario June 25-July 2

The journey fee for the seven-night home stay with the Friendship Force of Lake Simcoe in Ontario, Canada, is \$400.

March 1 is the first deadline for applications when the first set of ambassadors will be selected. Additional applications will be taken after that date.

If you are interested in joining this fun journey filled with outdoor activities or need more information, contact Dave Kalan at dakalan@yahoo.com.

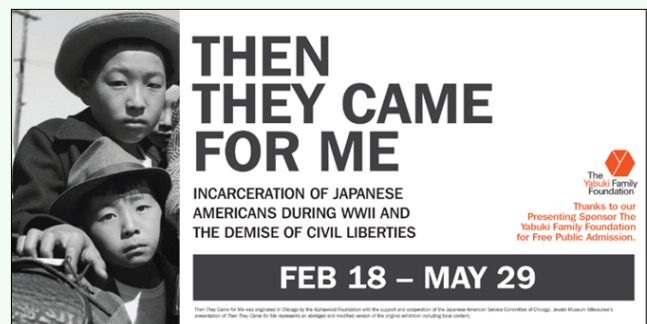
See exhibit March 22 on Japanese Incarceration

Thanks to a generous grant the Milwaukee Jewish Museum at 1360 N. Prospect Ave. will have free entry to its next exhibit, "Then They Came for Me: Incarceration of Japanese Americans During WWII and the Demise of Civil Liberties."

This multi-media exhibit tells the story of the forced incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII, traces Japanese emigration to America, and explores the post-WWII after-effect of the incarceration.

Please join your FFGM friends at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 to view this exhibit. A limited number of tickets is available for each time slot, and you must arrive on time for our 1:30 p.m. reservations. Masks are required.

R.S.V.P. to Ann Line at 262-784-3085 or linerusy@yahoo.com if you wish to attend, as a number count of available spots is necessary.



AT A GLANCE

- 3/5** 5th at 5 CANCELLED
- 3/9** Book Club, 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, Lisa See (China)
- 3/17** St. Patrick's Day Trivia and Party, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- 3/22** Milwaukee Jewish Museum Exhibit, 1:30 p.m. Free of charge. R.S.V.P.
- 3/30** National Take a Walk in a Park Day, 2 p.m., Endicott Park, 435 S. Calhoun Rd., Brookfield
- 4/4** Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- 4/5** 5th at 5, Spring Bingo 5 p.m.. via Zoom
- 4/6** National Walking Day, 2 p.m. Mary Knoll Park, 615 S. Sunnyslope Rd., Brookfield
- 4/23** Tour of Luxembourg American Cultural Society and Center's Roots and Leaves Museum in Belgium. 10:30 a.m. \$5. Lunch at New Luxembourg Cafe. R.S.V.P.

2022 JOURNEYS

- June 25-July 2** – Lake Simcoe, Canada – Outbound
- September TBD** — Western North Carolina (Asheville) - Outbound.
- Oct.14-22** – Open World, Ukraine Education/STEM Program – Inbound
- Early November** – Tucson/Phoenix – Outbound

POTENTIAL JOURNEYS – 2023

- Fall 2023 - Toulouse, France Inbound

Because of the pandemic, 2022 journeys are tentative. If you have questions, contact Bob or Nancy Mitchell.

BOOK CLUB

The following books have been selected for our Book Club in 2022. Until further notice, Book Club sessions will be held on Zoom. We hope that changes in the next year.

We continue to meet at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months.

March 9: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See (China). Facilitator: Louise Cieslak.

May 11: *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel (France). Facilitator: Rosie Haas.

July 13: *Everything Inside*, a collection of stories by Edwidge Lanticant (Caribbean/Haiti). Facilitator: Iva Richards.

Sept. 14: *The Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama (Japan). Facilitator: Mary Hauser

Nov. 9: *When the Elephants Dance*, by Tess Uriza Holthe (Philippines). Facilitator: Ann Line.

Any FFGM member may participate in any book club meeting even if you have not read or completed reading the selected book.



FFGM members gathered January 29 at the Plankington Arcade for a Skywauke Historic Milwaukee Tour.



See the Luxembourg Center

The Luxembourg American Cultural Society and Center's Roots and Leaves Museum in Belgium, Wisconsin, will welcome us for a private tour at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23.

The museum tells the story of Luxembourg past and present in this small and interesting museum housed in a barn originally built in 1872.

The cost of the tour is \$5 per person. We will arrange carpools.

After our museum visit we will have lunch at the New Luxembourg Cafe, near the museum.

Please send your reservation to Mary Hauser, 10131 W. Nash St., Wauwatosa WI 53222.

Get your walking shoes on!

Did you know that March 30 is "National Take a Walk in the Park Day"?

We're hoping the Wisconsin weather will cooperate. Meet at 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Endicott Park located at 435 S. Calhoun Rd., Brookfield. The park is on the west side of the road just south of I-94. The trail is paved and flat.

Then on April 6 —"National Walking Day" (really), — it's time for another hiking/walking opportunity

Meet at 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Mary-Knoll Park at 615 S. Sunnyslope Rd. in Brookfield (west side of the road). Drive in beyond the water tower to the parking lot near the tennis courts.

Please R.S.V.P. for one or, better, both of these walks to Ann Line at 262-784-3085 or linerusy@yahoo.com.

SPRINGO?

Let's play
Bingo April 5

Join your FFGM friends on Zoom for conversation and Spring Bingo at the April 5th at 5. You could be a winner!

Ikebana Demo great winter treat

A big thank-you to Cindy Hum for her inspiring demonstration on ikebana, the traditional art of Japanese floral design, in January.

Cindy talked about the basic styles using a low container, a tall container, centerpieces and seasonal arrangements using repurposed materials.

Her demonstration on Zoom was a beautiful, zen break on a cold winter day.





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Tucson/Phoenix Journey Postponed to November

Because of COVID fears, the Friendship Force of Tucson has postponed our Outbound Journey until the first week of November. Note that the journey may be pushed to February 2023. A four-night extension in Phoenix is still part of the journey.

Nine members of FFGM, as well as a potential member, two St. Petersburg, FL, members and a woman from the Santa Barbara, CA club, had planned to participate in the journey.

Although most of those ambassadors continue to be interested, it's likely a few spots will be available for the Arizona journey.

Kris Roepsch, who is a member of both FFGM and the Tucson Club, has planned an exciting itinerary that includes visits to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum; a tour of San Xavier, the White Dove Mission Church; a tram ride and hiking at Sabino Canyon; a vaudeville performance; the Tucson Botanical Gardens; and activities in downtown Tucson.

In Phoenix, the itinerary includes the Heard Museum, the Musical Instrument Museum, a visit to the Sedona area, a number of optional visits, and a cowboy dinner.

Cindy Hum, Pat Graham and Chris Vogel are Ambassador Coordinators. Watch for more information this summer, through emails and newsletters, about joining this journey.