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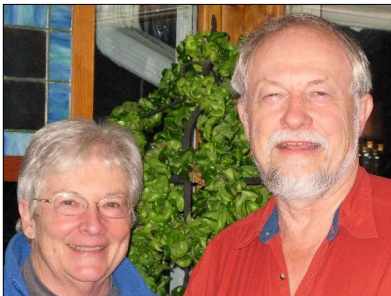
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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

We miss you! Well, all of you, but particularly those who haven't participated in any of our Zoom games or in-person activities. Our Activities Committee is concerned at the lack of attendance despite their best efforts.

Of course, everyone has their reasons, and we would like to know the reasons for your not participating so that we can serve you better. Would you send us (at



rjmitch1336@yahoo.com) your reasons why you are not participating as much as in the past? Now, speak only for yourself; don't speculate on why others aren't attending. We want to hear from you. Your responses will be shared with the Board, without your name attached. In other

words, when you hear or read of a future activity, what's the first thing that comes into your mind? Also, say whether you like or prefer Zoom meetings or in-person activities.

Now for some news. One of your Co-Presidents, (Bob) has taken on the position of Midwest Field Representative for FFI. He will be meeting monthly via Zoom with representatives from Midwest Region clubs to discuss issues, listen to problems, and share good practices. He is replacing Dale Moore, who has served faithfully for 4 1/2 years. There is no conflict with FFGM's President's duties; in fact, there will be a direct connection to hear about policy and procedural changes and to learn what is going on.

There are many changes within the administration of Friendship Force, most of which need not be covered now. In early May you will see a redesigned website that is supposed to be more user-friendly. FFI is encouraging club-to-club contact to set up domestic journeys, some as short as two or three days. (This does not apply to international journeys, which must be vetted by FFI.) There is provision for individuals to join FF without being attached to a club. There is talk, down the road, of

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Asheville, N.C. Journey

Sept. 29-Oct. 5

COVID cancelled our April 2020 journey to Asheville, N.C., but we are trying again!

Friendship Force Western North Carolina has invited us to visit September 29-October 5, 2022. Ten spots are available.

If you wish more information or have questions, please contact one of the Journey Coordinators: Clarine Furey at 262.993.8050 or clarineaf@yahoo.com or Ann Line at 262.784.3085 or linerusy@yahoo.com.

A journey informational meeting will be scheduled when we receive more detailed information from Asheville.

Introducing W.H.E.T.

What's W.H.E.T.? Has your curiosity been whetted? Read on!

In each FFGM newsletter (in nicer weather months) we will try to offer a "Walk, Hike, Eat, Talk" activity (the E might be Eat or simply Enjoy or Exercise or Engage).

The first W.H.E.T. is at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. Meet at Simma's at 817 N. 68th St. in Wauwatosa. Within a block you have three shops to tempt you: Simma's, La Tarte, and Ultimate Confections. Pick up a treat if you wish and then we will proceed to nearby Jacobus Park to enjoy our treats and walk/hike the nature trail to work off all those sweet calories.

R.S.V.P. to Ann Line at 262.784.3085 or linerusy@yahoo.com.

AT A GLANCE

- 4/22** Mahjong, 1 p.m., home of Rosie Haas, 4535 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa
- 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. by 4/20.
- 5/5** 5th at 5 hosted by Dave Kalan, 10353 W. Rosemont Lane, Oak Creek, 414.766-6056
- 5/6:** Mahjong, 1 p.m. Location TBD
- 5/11** Book Club, 1:30 p.m., Zoom, *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel
- 5/17** Black Holocaust Museum, 401 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, 1:30 p.m., \$7. R.S.V.P. by May 14.
- 5/20:** Mahjong, 1 p.m. Location TBD
- 5/25** W.H.E.T. (Walk, Hike, Talk, Eat) 2 p.m., Simma's, 817 N. 68th St., Wauwatosa
- 6/3:** Mahjong, 1 p.m. Location TBD
- 6/4 or 5** Plant Exchange, time and location TBD
- 6/5:** 5th at 5, hosted by Chris Vogel, 2039 Pleasant St., Wauwatosa, 414.412.7721
- 6/6:** Board Meeting

2022 JOURNEYS

- June 25-July 2** — Lake Simcoe, Canada — Outbound
- Sep 29-Oct. 5**, — Western North Carolina (Asheville) — Outbound
- Oct.14-22** — Open World, Ukraine Education/STEM Program — Inbound

POTENTIAL JOURNEYS — 2023

- Fall 2023 — Toulouse, France Inbound
- Because of the pandemic, 2022 journeys are tentative.

5TH AT 5

These events are a great opportunity for you to invite your friends who might be potential members. Please remember to bring a lawn chair

May 5: le Kalan, 10353 W. Rosemont Lane, Oak Creek. R.S.V.P. to Dave at 414.766-6056 or dakalan@yahoo.com and tell him if you have any dietary restrictions so he can try to accommodate them. Although Dave is providing the food, he asks that guests bring beverages. Dave may limit the number depending on the virus and the weather.

June 5: Chris Vogel, 2039 Pleasant St., Wauwatosa, 414.412.7721 or cvogel@wi.rr.com.

July: No Fifth at Five due to holiday!

August: Nancy Bowen, 736 N. 114th St., Wauwatosa, 414.614.3440 or dancingnancy26@aol.com.

We need hosts for September, October, November and December. Please respond to Barbara Geck at barbarafrancesgeck@gmail.com or 262.542.2960.

BOOK CLUB

Please join us for the next FFGM Book Club meeting at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, via Zoom. We will be discussing *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. It received a 4.4 out of 5 rating on Goodreads. Rosie Haas is the facilitator.

During the warmer months we will try to meet outdoors at a participant's home; otherwise, we will meet on Zoom. We continue to meet at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months.

These books have been selected for the Book Club in 2022:

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.

2022 FFGM Membership Directory

The directories were mailed in mid-April. If you didn't receive yours, contact Rosie Haas, 414.259.1747 or rmhaas1@gmail.com.

Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada

June 25-July 2, 2022

It feels great that this journey, which had to be postponed because of the pandemic, is in the final stages to happen. A group of 12 people will travel to this new club including ambassadors we hosted last August from Connecticut and Florida plus Canadian friends of some of the ambassadors.

The ambassadors will enjoy the outdoor and lake culture of the members of the Lake Simcoe club. Five women will take part in the optional “back country” camping, which will include canoeing to a second campsite accessible only by water.

Since most of the ambassadors will be traveling through Toronto, the Toronto club has been gracious to plan a one-day program for us. We are fortunate that travel requirements have been easing to make it less complicated to enter and travel in Ontario, Canada.

R.S.V.P. for Luxembourg Center

The reservation deadline is April 20 for the Saturday, April 23, visit to the Luxembourg American Cultural Society and Museum in Belgium, WI. We will meet at the center at 10:30 a.m. for a private tour. After the tour we will have lunch at the nearby Luxembourg Café.

The museum is off I43 at the Hwy D exit about 6 miles past Port Washington. Go west at the end of the exit and make a right turn onto Peter Thein Ave. Go about three blocks to the museum, on the left side of the street.

Send your reservation and \$5 entrance fee by April 20 to Mary Hauser, 10131 W. Nash St. Wauwatosa, WI 53222.

For car-pool information or other questions, call Mary at 414.466.5688 or 262.719.8585.

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individual members (apart from their club) being able to visit other FF members (perhaps in the model of Servas).

Other clubs offer service opportunities, on a more than one-time basis, for their members. Besides doing good work, this gets the name of the FF Club out there, which in turn leads to recruitment. More on this later.

See you at the next activity!

Visit Black Holocaust Museum

With FFGM May 17

The new Black Holocaust Museum that opened on February 25 has received a lot of press. Be among some of the first to visit in person in its opening months. See for yourself more than 500 years of Black history interwoven in linear and thematic exhibits. This is a one-of-a-kind historical and memorial museum about the Black holocaust in America.

After the museum (for those who wish) we will also explore the Bronzeville district and visit some of the newer shops that have opened as well as some of the mainstays.

Meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17 at the museum, 401 W. North Avenue. Admission is \$7 and must be sent to Ann Line at 165 N. Elmridge Avenue, Brookfield, WI 53005 by May 14.



Mahjong, anyone?

All FFGM members are invited to play

Mahjong—the Chinese version rather than American Mahjong—from 1 to 4 p.m. every other Friday at different homes.

The next game is April 22 at the home of Rosie Haas, 4535 N. 92d St., Apt. U204, Wauwatosa. R.S.V.P to Rosie (414.259.1747 or rmhaas1@gmail.com) if you'll attend.

Beginners are welcome. (Note that players must be fully vaccinated and boosted to participate.) Call Cindy Hum (414.573.6783) or Kathy Luglio (262.391.9637) for more information.

Save June 4-5 for First FFGM Plant Exchange

Will all the green thumbs in FFGM raise them high! We need you to make our FIRST ANNUAL PLANT EXCHANGE a success!

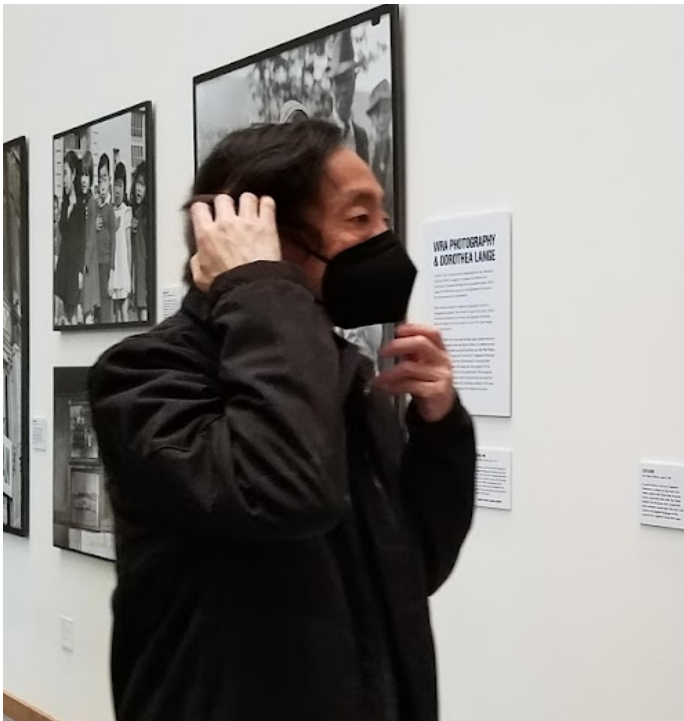
When you are working in your gardens, dividing those hostas and daisies and lilies of the valley and the obedient plants that are no longer obediently growing in their designated spots, save them for the plant exchange. It will be the **first weekend in June**.

Even if you have only a couple of plants to contribute, bring them to the exchange and find a new

species to take home for your own garden. If you are thinking about gardening in pots, use the exchange to find some plants to experiment with. Vegetable seedlings will also be welcome.

Watch for an email with details about when and where to bring your exchangeable plants.

Questions? Contact Mary Hauser, mhauser2012@att.net or 262.719.8585 or 414.466.5688.



Above, Russ Hum views photos at the Milwaukee Jewish Museum's exhibit, "Then They Came for Me: Incarceration of Japanese Americans During WWII and the Demise of Civil Liberties." FFGM toured the exhibit March 22.

Left, Clarine Furey, Ann Line and Linda VanDyne were among hikers at the April 6 "National Hiking Day" at Endicott Park in Brookfield.



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Toulouse, France International Inbound: Ann Line, HC

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Lecture Series Focuses on Russia

When the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Washington County decided to focus on Russia for a lecture series planned for 2020, it didn't anticipate a pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

That lecture series was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 but took place this past February and March. All the original presenters from 2020 were available when it was decided this January to go ahead with the lectures. The four 45-minute lectures, followed by questions and answers, were videotaped and are available at <https://uwm.edu/washington/community/lecture-series/>

The first lecture in each annual series—usually held in the fall—since 2010 has honored the memory of Matt Zillig, the late husband of FFGM member Marisue Zillig of West Bend. When he died in 2008, his friends created a memorial fund to promote his commitment to the idea of global citizenship. Most years, the Friends of Matt Zillig also sponsor a social immediately following the first lecture that features food samples from the featured country. This year's topics from Focus on Russia are:

- **Binge Watching the Past: Russian History and Russia Today**, with speaker Dr. Christine Evans, UWM History Department
- **Public Opinion in Putin's Russia**, with speaker Dr. Ora John E. Reuter, UWM Political Science Department
- **Music and Power**, with speaker Dr. Karen Evans-Romaine, Professor of Russian, UW-Madison
- **The Art and Artifice of Early Soviet Propaganda**, with speaker Graeme Reid, Director of Collections, MOWA.