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## President's Message

As I begin my term as FFGM President, I would like to thank Rosie Haas for her energy and dedication as president of FFGM for the last two years. Since joining FFGM in 2006 I have seen some excellent presidents serving in this capacity; Bob Blazich, Doris Mueller, Doris Small, Donna Haut, and Dave Kalan. Thanks to them all for being good models who are always willing to help new leaders as they emerge.

I look forward to this new responsibility and opportunity because I believe in Friendship Force. Since joining this organization, my husband, Dale, and I have made many new friends in Milwaukee and around the world through shared cultural experiences.

Expanded membership is important so we can continue to offer Inbound and Outbound Exchanges to our members and it takes many members working together for a successful experience.

Please share the excitement you feel about your membership in FFGM with your friends and colleagues. Invite them to join you at your house or any FFGM event where they can meet other club members. Stimulating conversation about our personal experiences as members of FFGM can help us to bring new members aboard.

It is a new year. There are many ways we as individuals can expand our personal growth.

**DARE** to volunteer for something you have never done and know little about.

**GIVE IT A TRY** if you have never hosted someone in your home.

**KNOW** that you have contributed in a personal way by hosting a dinner party for an ambassador and his or her host. Dust off the table and chairs and a favorite cookbook. If you have never done this, **GO FOR IT!**

**OFFER** to help on an Inbound Exchange committee if you do not understand how inbound exchanges work. By doing so, you will understand how these exchanges are put together, and will discover with others the hidden treasures of possible activities and places in our Milwaukee community.

**ATTEND** a workshop for an outbound exchange. You need not commit to the travel to learn more about how FFGM puts together such an exchange. Learn now, and when time and budget allow, you may find you are ready to try it out.

**ASK** any FFGM member about his or her experiences so you can understand how you can be involved.

**LET THE FUN BEGIN FOR 2017**



Sara Harmelink,  
President

## Calendar of Events

- 01/05 ..... 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 – home of Laurene Harschutz, RSVP
- 01/18 ..... Tour and Pho Vietnamese Restaurant
- 02/05 ..... 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 – home of Jerry Randall, RSVP
- 04/20-05/09... Florianopolis, Brazil, Outbound
- 06/07-12 ..... FF-Dayton, Inbound, Domestic exchange
- 08/25-28 ..... World Conference in Manchester
- 09/TBD ..... Vietnam/Global themed exchange, Inbound
- Hosts are needed for 2017 monthly 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 events.**
- 2018 ..... Outbound, Mexico City, Outbound

**Congratulations to our new president, Sara Harmelink and vice-president, Ann Line.**

**Please renew dues today, if you have not already done so.**

# Spice It Up With The Next FFGM Ethnic Adventure!



## Reserve Wednesday, January 18, 2017

There will be a tour of Pacific Produce Asian Market, followed by lunch at **Pho Viet Vietnamese Restaurant** and capped off by a visit to nearby Holyland Middle Eastern grocery, deli, and cafe. All three are in close

proximity between 27th and Grange and 27th and Ramsey.

We will meet at noon at **Pacific Produce at 5455 S. 27th St.)** for a tour of this large Asian market. It is on the west side of the street just north of Grange. Look for the big Pet Warehouse sign. The Pho Viet Restaurant is next door.

Please choose from the following items which you will need to pre-order. You will pay the item cost plus tip and tax at the restaurant.

- 1) Pho Dac Biet, House special soup of flat rice noodles with flank steak, brisket, tendon, tripe, and meatball. ....\$10.50
- 2) Pho Ga Soup: With flat rice noodles with chicken.....\$9.75
- 3) Bun Cha Gio Thit Nuong: Charbroiled pork with rice noodles, vegetables, and egg rolls .....\$9.50
- 4) MI Xao Do Bien: Pan-fried noodles with seafood (shrimp, crabmeat, squid) and vegetables\$..... 12.50
- 5) Banh Xeo: A Vietnamese crepe with shrimp, pork, and bean sprouts.....\$9.50
- 6) Com Suon Nuong Dac Biet: House special, rice, shrimp, sausage, meat, egg, and vegetables .....\$12.50

Please sign up NOW before you forget with all the Christmas / New Year activities.

Email Ann Line at [linerusy@yahoo.com](mailto:linerusy@yahoo.com) with your menu selection ASAP or by January 6, 2017 at the very latest.

Brave the cold and join your FFGM friends to discover the warmth of other cultures!



## Fifth at Five



The 5th at 5:00 has become so much fun and so well attended that I am thinking about making it a secret event. However, I guess all of the FFGM members and FRIENDS should be included.

Do you ever wonder what the rest of the world is doing when you sit down for a boring night of television? Well on the 5th they are all celebrating with your fellow FFGM members and lapping in all the cultural atmosphere our members can share. So join us on the 5th. In the coming year we will try to bring more friends to each event and try to find increased cultural themes to focus on.

**January 5th – Host Laurene Harschutz - Location is 21185 Ann Rita Dr, Brookfield, WI 53045**

This is always one of the best 5th's with the best food and great space for eat and talk.

**February 5th- Host Jerry Randall - Location is 2266 N. 103<sup>rd</sup> St. Wauwatosa, WI 53226.** Mary

Hauser once said "this is the easiest party I ever gave" and Jerry must have believed her. We are working on a theme, Unity Day in Burnundi, or National Weather Persons Day?

**March 5th - WE NEED A HOST AND PLAN**

**April 5th-** I might have a host and plan but I can't divulge it yet.

**May 5th-** Host Cris Reischl and Gen Brunhoefer - Location may be the Milwaukee Art Museum

**June 5th and on are open** - come up with an idea and go for it. If going to someone's home, a reminder is that we all normally bring an appetizer related to the theme. **Because hosts often open their homes to you, please RSVP if you plan to attend.**

## Brazil Exchange

**ARE YOU READY FOR BRAZIL?** The details are coming together. We have two confirmed home stays. One is a seven night home stay in the beautiful beach resort town of Florianopolis starting on April 24th through May 1st. On May 1st through May 5th we will travel to Salvador, Bahia for a four night home stay in a town that is celebrated for Brazilian rhythm, dance and music. In addition to the two home stays we are also looking at two extensions.

We start our trip with a pre- extension on Friday, April 20th, with a three night stay at the spectacular Iguacu Falls to explore the falls from both the Brazilian side and the Argentinean side. On the Brazilian side we expect to walk in front of the falls and then take a Macuco Safari boat ride under the falls. On the Argentinean side we expect to tour the Iguazu National Park, a World Heritage Site as well as the Itaipu Dam.



Our trip will conclude with a four night post extension stay from May 5th through May 9th in the City of Rio de Janeiro. There will be a visit to Sugar Loaf Mountain to see the sun set, and perhaps attend a dinner and a Samba Show. A guided visit to Corcovado Mountain and the Christ Redeemer Statue will provide us with an amazing view of the city. Also included is a guided visit to Petropolis, the colonial city outside of Rio that was the summer home to the King of Portugal. We will visit the palace and other highlights of the city, and of course there will be time to walk on the famous Copacabana Beach.

Altogether, the trip will include 18 nights starting April 20 and returning May 9, 2017. Sixteen ambassadors will have one of the most amazing experiences of their lives. Why don't you join us? Contact Dale Harmelink at [hlinkds@gmail.com](mailto:hlinkds@gmail.com).

## FF-Dayton Exchange

FFGM needs volunteers for planning this exchange from Dayton, Ohio, June 7-12, 2017. Would you be able to home host, day host, or dinner host?

How about helping plan the activities for a local program of only 4 days. They have indicated some interests of their members including an art museum, a basilica, and a brewery tour. Of course, they are flexible in accepting other suggestions from FFGM, too. They will continue on to FF Quad Cities after their stay in Milwaukee.



If you can help, contact Rosie Haas at 414-259-1747 or [rmhaas1@gmail.com](mailto:rmhaas1@gmail.com) or Ann Line at 262-784-3085 or [linerusy@yahoo.com](mailto:linerusy@yahoo.com)

## Calling Membership Volunteers

Now is the time to join the Membership Committee to help plan a 2017 WELCOME EVENT or to mentor new FFGM members.

**Contact Rosie Haas,  
at 414-259-1747 or  
rmhaas1@gmail.com to take  
part in helping our club thrive.**



*Thinking  
of  
You*

Veteran FFGM member, Jan Blazich is slowly recovering from recent spinal surgery. Your good wishes can be sent to her home at 317 West Street, Thiensville, WI 53092-1812. Cards would be welcome.

**The Friendship Force Newsletter  
A bi-monthly publication of FFGM  
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**See FFGM on Facebook: The new link for FFGM on Facebook is  
[www.fb.me/joinFFGM](http://www.fb.me/joinFFGM).  
Check it out and add your own FFGM updated news.**

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## **Ethnic News of Milwaukee's Diversity** **LATINO GROWTH IN MILWAUKEE**

Census figures released at the end of August reveal that after decades of decline, the City of Milwaukee's population once again tops 600,000. According to Mayor Barrett, "The Hispanic population is responsible." This growing ethnic group also played a role in Mexico opening its 50th United States Consulate office in Milwaukee.

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, Mexico officially opened a consulate at 1443 N. Prospect Avenue at the Sunday school building of the former First Church of Christ, Scientist. Approximately 150 people attended the event, including Claudia Ruiz Massieu Salinas, the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs--the Mexican equivalent of the U. S. Secretary of State--and His Excellency Carlos Manuel Sada Solana, the Ambassador of Mexico to the United States.

## **KWANZA PRINCIPLES HONORED DURING ENRICHING WEEK**

Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration from December 26 to January 1 held in the United States and in other American areas of the Western African diaspora. The celebration honors African heritage in African American culture, and culminates in a feast and gift-giving.

*From Milwaukee Ethnic News by Urban-Anthropology, Inc.*

# Minutes of the Annual Meeting

**Welcome.** President Rosie Haas called the meeting to order and welcomed delegates from Serbia and other guests.

**Treasurers Report.** Dale Harmelink presented the report. \$14,149.87 is set aside for special projects and contingency. Checking account balance is \$7,226.66. Financially we are doing very well and anticipate breaking even in 2016. The Exchanges have mostly broken even this year. Dues renewals were due in October.

**Election of Officers.** Doris Small reported that the names of Sara Harmelink as President and Ann Line as Vice President were placed in nomination. **Motion** was made by Mary Hauser and duly seconded: To accept the slate as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presidents Report.** Rosie Haas noted that 2016 was again a busy year with a Leadership inbound exchange, an outbound exchange to Athens, an inbound exchange with Montreal and the Open World program.

She thanked the Serbian Open World delegate journalists for their very interesting presentation on the geography, history, government, economy and culture of Serbia.

She thanked all the members who stepped up as ED's during the year as well as those who worked on committees and hosted.

The 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 monthly gatherings continue to be very successful. We need volunteers for January and going forward. Contact Dale Harmelink if you'd like to volunteer.

We've had several service projects this year including packing food baskets with Palermo's Pizza at Hunger Task Force and making Vet's Kits at United Way and distributing them at the VA. We also included a service/community project in the Leadership and Montreal exchanges.

The Board held two sessions to set Strategic Goals for FFGM for 2016-2018 and will be reviewing the status at the December meeting.

Our membership is down this year and we are planning a large outreach event in spring 2017 with a known local author or personality as the presenter. Please volunteer to help by contacting Sara Harmelink or Rosie.

For 2018 we have requested outbound exchanges to Mexico, Canada (Quebec, Alberta or Ontario regions), and France.

**2016 Exchanges.** The ED's gave highlights.

Leadership inbound – Dave Kalan and Donna Baldwin-Haut

Athens, Greece outbound- Mary Hauser and Joe Geck

Montreal inbound – Cris Reischl and Donna Baldwin-Haut

Open World Inbound–Bob Blazich and committee

**2017 Exchanges.** ED's presented information.

Florianopolis, Brazil outbound – April 23-30, 2017– Joe Geck and Dale Harmelink

Dayton, OH inbound – June 7-12, 2017 – Rosie Haas.

Vietnam and Global Themed inbound – September 2017 – Facilitator Dave Kalan, but looking for co-Eds.

**New Business.** Rosie reviewed the By-Law Amendment being proposed regarding the regional conference reimbursement for the President. After discussion,

**Motion** was made by David Santori and duly seconded: To approve the amendment as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business.** Donna Baldwin-Haut thanked Rosie for her two years as president. Sara Harmelink made closing comments and stated she is looking forward to leading FFGM for the next two years.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Birschel, Secretary

# Open World, 2016, Serbian Journalists in Milwaukee

A very successful week for these delegates as they learned about our US electoral process.



# Message from Jeremi Snook, President and CEO of FFI



Sometimes the power of the pledge that Friendship Force members have been reciting for decades gets lost to familiarity. Yet make no mistake - friendship has the power to heal our pasts, bring greater understanding to our present, and positively influence the future of our world.

You are part of a movement to write a counter-narrative to the fear, prejudice, violence and injustice that the news industry causes us to believe is now commonplace. Your stories of friendship and your everyday work of overcoming the barriers that separate us are testaments to that. Thank you for continuing to stand for the power of friendship.

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**2017 FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Is any of your information new? Yes E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle any of the following that you use: FFGM website Facebook LinkedIn Twitter Texting Skype WebX

Age range: (Spouses can average their ages) Under 36 \_\_\_\_ Age 36-50 \_\_\_\_ Age 51-65 \_\_\_\_ Age 65 + \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in: Home Hosting \_\_\_\_ Day Hosting \_\_\_\_ Dinner Hosting (# of guests) \_\_\_\_ FFGM Facebook \_\_\_\_\_

Fund Raising \_\_\_\_ Exchange Director \_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_ Activities \_\_\_\_ Driving \_\_\_\_ (Have a Van) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Events \_\_\_\_ Outreach/speaker \_\_\_\_ Public Relations \_\_\_\_ Desktop Publishing \_\_\_\_ Musical instrument/singing \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Very Little \_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_ Fluent \_\_\_\_

Referral source: friend/neighbor \_\_\_\_ website \_\_\_\_ media \_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Current or former vocation \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: Single (\$35) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$65) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcopy Newsletter (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: New Member \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make dues check payable to: **Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee (or FFGM)**

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