



January – February, 2018

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## President's Message

As we look back on the year of 2017, FFGM can be very proud of the new relationships formed during this time. Our successful outbound journey to Clearwater, Florida in March and memorable outbound journey to places in Brazil, (Florianopolis, Iguacu Falls, Rio de Janeiro, and Salvador de Bahia) offered many unforgettable shared experiences.

Our inbound journeys with Dayton, the Global themed journey and Open World delegation from the Ukraine were well supported from many members here in Milwaukee through journey committee work and hosting. Above all, thanks to our energetic leaders who were coordinators for these marvelous journeys.

As we try to maintain and renew our energy, we are thankful to welcome 21 new members in 2018. They are already rapidly involving themselves with many of our events and future journeys.

Be sure to review the Calendar of Events and read about the details of upcoming programs. Print out the newsletter immediately for future reference or electronically store it in an easily accessible file. So many of us forget to do this!

We look ahead to 2018 with journeys in January to Mexico, with stops in Mexico City and Tuxtla Gutierrez and Santa Barbara in November. FF Clearwater comes to enjoy the sights and flavor of Milwaukee in July and FF Alajuela, Costa Rica combines homestays here and in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada in September.

We need help on our planning committees for inbound journeys this year. Please contact me about Clearwater inbound. We still need two Host Coordinators. Contact Rosie Haas about the Costa Rica inbound also.

Our Activities Committee has planned some exciting events during the winter and spring and the 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 every month is always something to anticipate. We need to come in from the cold and share with friends during these winter months! Whether we are here at home or abroad, remember, we are building peace through friendship and are changing the world, one friend at a time.



Sara Harmelink  
President

## Calendar of Events

**The 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 event will always be on the 5h of each month as long as hosts volunteer.**

- 01/04 ..... Book Club, Carol White's home
  - 01/05 ..... 5th at 5, El Tenampa Restaurant
  - 01/16 ..... Lunch at Arepanita's
  - 01/18-02/01 ..... FF-Mexico City and Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, Outbound
  - 02/05 ..... Board meeting, note time: 2:30 pm
  - 02/05 ..... 5th at 5, Café Bavaria
  - 02/07 ..... Hmong Cultural Center
  - 03/01 ..... Book Club
  - 03/08 ..... Ethnic Casseroles Cooking Class
  - 04/16-20 ..... Dayton, OH, Outbound
  - 4/20-21 ..... Super Regional Conference, OH
  - 04/29 ..... FFGM Spring Brunch
  - 07/18-24 ..... Clearwater, FL, Inbound
  - 09/TBD ..... Alajuela, Costa Rica, Inbound
- 2019**
- 07/17-23 ..... English Language (w/ Japan), Inbound
  - 11/TBD ..... Santa Barbara, Inbound

**Congratulations:**  
**New Executive Board Members**  
**TREASURER: DALE HARMELINK**  
**SECRETARY: LOUISE CIESLAK**

## 2018 Dues Deadline

Don't miss all the future happenings. If you have not renewed and received an invoice, please send in your dues today. Fill out the form on the last newsletter page and send it with the remittance to Dale Harmelink at 2911 West Bradley Rd., River Hills, WI 53217-2052.

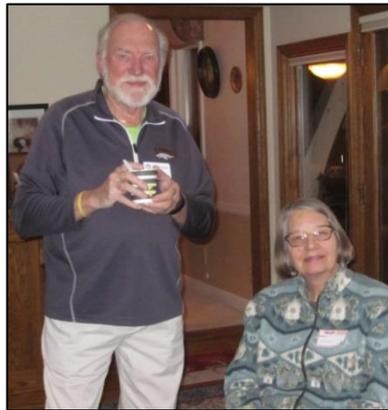


# Fifth at Five Events

- Jan. 5 Host: Doris Mueller El Tenampa Restaurant, 8660 N 107th St., (south of Brown Deer Rd). Join us at this new Mexican Restaurant to kick off the January Outbound Journey to Mexico.
- Feb. 5 Host: Doris Mueller Café Bavaria, 7700 Harwood Ave, Wauwatosa, WI 53213  
Located in the heart of Wauwatosa
- Mar. 5 Host: Volunteer needed
- Apr. 5 Host: Volunteer needed
- May 5 Host: Nancy Rubly
- Jun. 5 Host: Joyce and Carl Stelzer

**Why volunteer?** It is an easy activity to arrange so volunteer to plan an evening event. Pair up with another member to plan. Choose either your home or a local place to bring members together for a fun evening. If interested, contact Dale Harmelink at 414-355-4676 or [dalelink627@gmail.com](mailto:dalelink627@gmail.com).

## December Fifth at Five Soup-a-thon





All the soups were delicious. Carol White, Dorothy Kelley, Gary Drescher, Jerry Randall, Nancy Rubly, Mary Goeks, and Doris Mueller brought soups for sampling. Dorothy Kelley won the contest! For a special treat, Dale, liqueur-meister, generously offered his home-made aged liqueurs to the guests for sampling. It was a special 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 evening, indeed!



## FFGM Book Club

Looking for a New Year's resolution? How about reading more?

Book Club will meet January 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Carol White, located at 901 W. Glen River Rd., Glendale. R.S.V.P. to Carol at 414-975-5154 or carolflutewhite@gmail.com.

The January book is *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. It is a multi-generational epic that begins in northern Italy and brings the immigrant experience to America.

Does Enza really sew Enrico Caruso's costumes? Will Enza and Ciro finally find each other again? Read the book and find out!

A notice will be sent what the book selection will be for Thursday, March 1, 2018. Mark your calendar. Meetings are every other month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.

## Dayton

Before the Regional Conference April 20-22 in Cincinnati, FF Dayton is holding a 4-day pre-conference journey April 16-20 and is opening this journey first to FFGM. There will be two days of activities. Whether or not you plan to attend the Regional Conference in Cincinnati, this will be a great short get-away. If you are interested or have questions, contact AC Rosie Haas, 414-259-1747, rmhaas1@gmail.com.

## Regional Conference

APRIL 20-21, 2018

**RADISSON HOTEL CINCINNATI RIVERFRONT**  
**668 W. 5th Street, Covington, KY 41011**

The Friendship Force of Greater Cincinnati is hosting the 2018 Super Regional Conference with the theme of "Unlocking the Future of Friendship Force". Dave Kalan will start the conference on Friday afternoon with a discussion of "Embracing Change" followed by a social gathering. The keynote speaker from Sister Cities will begin the Saturday program and then attendees will be able to choose between workshops: Leadership, Re-Energizing Clubs or Understanding FFI. The conference will end with a banquet on Saturday night with entertainment from a bluegrass band.

Dayton and Louisville will offer home hosting before the conference and Cincinnati will offer home hosting after the conference.

Registration information will be sent out at a later time.

## Mexico Journey

**Jan. 18 – 25: Tuxtla-Gutierrez**  
**Jan.25 – Feb.1: Mexico City**

Seventeen Ambassadors are looking forward to this outbound Journey to Mexico! Watch for a future journey report. Donna Haut is the AC.



# Annual Meeting Minutes, Nov. 5, 2017

**Welcome.** President Sara Harmelink called the meeting to order and welcomed members, including nine new members, and seven guests. A total of 61 were in attendance.

**Wayne Smith Award.** Sara and Donna Haut presented Doris Mueller with the Wayne Smith Award, acknowledging her many years of service to FFGM and FFI. A \$500 donation to the FFI Legacy Fund will be made to honor the occasion.

**Journey Stories.** Three members were invited to share their journey stories. Gary Drescher described several experiences during his 2017 trip to Brazil. Dave Kalan described his first FFI journey to Japan, 28 years ago. Mary Hauser discussed Open World 2017 and what the ambassadors found interesting about our culture.

**Treasurer's Report.** Dale Harmelink presented the report. \$14,151 is set aside for special projects and contingency. Checking account balance is \$10,270. Journey account balance is \$6,459. Financially we are doing very well. He reminded us that dues renewals were due in October. **Motion** was made by Anne Lee and duly seconded: To accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously

**Election of Officers.** Iva Richards reported that the names of Louise Cieslak as Secretary and Dale Harmelink as Treasurer were placed in nomination. There were no nominations from the floor. **Motion** was made by Charlotte Button and duly seconded: To accept the slate as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Bylaw Revisions.** Sara reported that the Board was presenting proposed revisions as noted in the copies on each table. She highlighted the changes. After discussion, Motion was made by Mary Hauser and duly seconded: To ratify the bylaw revisions as presented. Motion carried unanimously

## 2018 Journeys

Mexico, Jan 13-27 - outbound. Donna Haut and Ann Line are co-Ambassador Coordinators (ACs). Donna reported that 17 ambassadors will travel to Mexico. Six of them are from our club.

Dayton, OH, April 16-20 – outbound

Cincinnati International Conference, April 20-22

Clearwater, FL, July 18-24 – inbound. Host Coordinator (HC) is needed.

Alajuela, Costa Rica, Sept. – inbound. Rosie Haas is HC. Co-HC needed.

Santa Barbara, CA, late Oct- early Nov - outbound.

**Presidents Report.** Sara Harmelink noted that 2017 was again a busy year with a Florida outbound, Brazil outbound, Dayton inbound, Kneeland Walker House membership event, FFI International Conference in Manchester UK, a Global inbound, Open World, the book club formation, monthly Fifth at Five events and several other activities.

The 2018 journeys were already noted and for 2019 an inbound English language journey from Japan and an outbound request for Montreal is already in the works.

The Fifth at Five monthly gatherings continue to be very successful. We need volunteers going forward. Contact Dale Harmelink if you'd like to volunteer to host.

She thanked all the members who stepped up as ACs and HCs during the year as well as those who worked on committees and hosted. She thanked the Board members, activity committee, Doris for the newsletter and emails, hosts for Fifth at Five and many other volunteers and committee chairs and members who help the club run smoothly. She also thanked the members for their active participation in club activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Birschel, Secretary

## Membership

Please welcome our newest members and update your directory

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Please send Rosie Haas details of any persons who might be interested in our organization. If you need brochures, Rosie will provide them for you to distribute. Contact her at rmhaas1@gmail.com or 414-259-1747.

The Friendship Force Newsletter  
A bi-monthly publication of FFGM  
Editor & E-newsletter: Doris Mueller  
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## Arepanita's Café

136 E. St. Paul Avenue, Waukesha, WI  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at noon.

FFGM has planned another ethnic outing for you. Start out 2018 by coming to Arepanita's, a new Venezuelan restaurant in Waukesha. Chef and owner Francisco, a native of Venezuela, will prepare a sampler plate of many Venezuelan typical foods: AREPAS (white corn bread sandwich, gluten-free) – the popular Reina Pepeada with avocado and chicken; PABELLON CRIOLLO, the Venezuelan national dish of shredded beef, rice, and black beans; CACHAPAS - pancakes made with fresh corn and white cheese inside; TEQUENOS - cheese sticks wrapped in dough; TAJADAS - plantains; YUCA FRITA - fried yucca. The price for the above six item sampler plate is \$15.75 including tax and tip. Beverages and dessert will be ordered when there and paid for separately. A special green papaya caramelized dessert will be available for \$4. Coffee or tea is \$1 and natural fruit juices are mainly \$2.50. All food is home-made and natural with no canned foods used.



You will be having a whole cultural experience. In addition to the ethnic food, Francisco will talk to us about Venezuelan culture and the food preparation. Come with questions for Francisco as he has agreed to discuss whatever you want to know about his native country. BONUS: You will have the option to visit the PLOWSHARE, a nearby free trade store after finishing at Arepanita's.

Send your checks made out to FFGM for \$15.75 to reserve your place to Ann Line at 165 N. Elmridge Avenue, Brookfield, WI 53005. Please do so ASAP as this outing is limited to the first thirty people to sign up. Beverages and dessert if desired will be available for purchase at the restaurant.

## Feb. 7 Hmong Event

3824. W. Vliet St., Milwaukee,  
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018.

Plan on visiting the Hmong Friendship Association where we will have a presentation by an elder of the Hmong community and be able to look at the small museum. Lunch location will be announced later.

# Japan Musings



Friendship Force has taken me on many adventures, most recently to Japan for three and one half weeks this October and November with FF Western Michigan. Tokyo greeted us with a typhoon. Program adjustments were made to replace outside activities. The Shinkansen, (bullet train), was forced to stop enroute to Nagoya because of this weather. Our reward was that the train stopped near Mt. Fuji and we were able to see the elusive summit as we waited for clearance to continue.

Nagoya was where we spent the first week's homestay. It was wonderful because of my hosts. Yoko was a great cook and every day I tried a new Japanese treat – tempura, nabe hot pot, persimmons, okonomiyaki Japanese pizza. She was a great organizer, too. One evening she asked if we wanted to go to the onsen (hot springs). I said "Sure!" as I had packed my swimming suit.

Her reply was laughter. I learned that people are naked in the onsen. Another night we went out for eel, the specialty of Nagoya, and saw the chef cut up live eel from the tanks. Afterwards we went to karate class, Os! On our free day Yoko arranged for us to go to a friend's house. She is a calligraphy master and we did Japanese calligraphy which she framed. Her friend also did an authentic tea ceremony for us as well as dressing us in a kimono and obi. She had drawers and drawers of kimonos and accessories from which to choose. It was a total cultural immersion day! Shue, Yoko's husband, tried to teach me origami. When he brought out his 100 cranes made from a single sheet of paper I knew I would give him no competition.

Yes, we visited the Toyota headquarters in Nagoya and the Noritake porcelain and Mizkan vinegar factories. We went to Takayama in the mountains to see the autumn colors, festival floats, and old warehouses and to Shirakawa-go (UNESCO) with its thatched roofs steeply pitched almost like hands in prayer. Yet, it all paled in comparison with the experiences my hosts provided, experiences that don't come with a standard tourist visit. That's the Friendship Force difference.

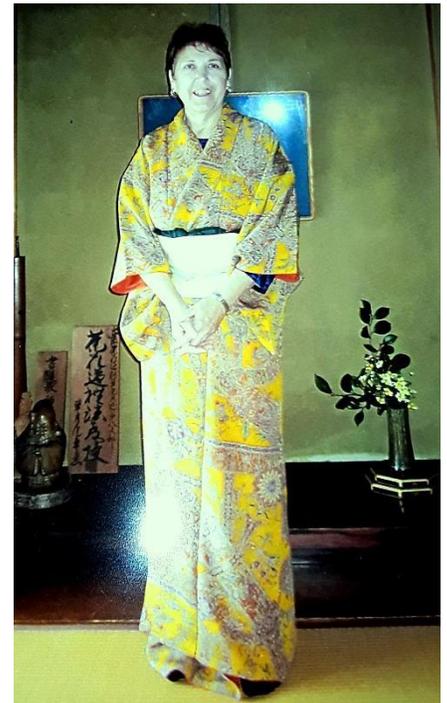
Between the two homestays I marveled at the medieval Himeji Castle, rising like a huge white heron, but decided Kurashiki was my favorite place with its old wooden latticed warehouses lining the swan-filled canals. Then it was to Fuku-yama near Hiroshima for the second homestay. It was a heavy day visiting the Peace Memorial Museum in Hiroshima and the A-Bomb Dome, but the following day brought Miyajima, an island with free-roaming deer, a huge torii (gate) in the ocean, and an enormous bright orange Shinto shrine.

We finished in Kyoto and while we didn't see all its 1600 Buddhist temples and 400 Shinto shrines we did visit many, especially the Fushimi Inari shrine with its 10,000 vermilion torii gates. Walking the Path of Philosophy along the numbered cherry tree-lined canals and doing Gion at night provided a wonderful "sayonara" to my Japanese experience.

Only a few memories were sleeping on futons, buying a kimono, eating soba and udon noodles, experiencing a typhoon, torii, persimmons, moss gardens after a rain, Shinto shrines, Zen meditation, karaoke and koto concerts, school uniforms, origami, chopsticks, heated toilet seats, tatami mats, bowing, lines of vending machines, and dry raked gravel gardens.

All this is Japan but the things I will treasure the most are the people experiences: a man who put his handkerchief on my head to help shield me from the rain, the lady in the park in Hiroshima folding paper cranes to give to passers-by, the school children in uniforms who showed us around their town, and the welcoming serenade by the FF Hiroshima members in their orange satin jackets. I will miss all the little daily acts of kindness of new friends in Japan, but what I will not miss is having to take off my shoes before entering the house or a temple. I'm still not adept with chopsticks but tofu is growing on me!

~ Ann E. Line



## In Our Thoughts

Doris Small is in rehab after recent spinal surgery. She is at Summit Aurora Medical Center, 36500 Aurora Dr, Oconomowoc, WI 53066. She would like visitors or love to hear from you'

The hospital is located at the SE corner of I-94 and Hwy 67.

## Ethnic Casseroles Cooking Class

Get a group of your FFGM friends together and sign up for a demonstration cooking class on ethnic casseroles (German, Polish, Italian, and English). It will be held at the Bay View Community Center at 1320 E. Oklahoma Avenue on March 8 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The price is \$18 and the class will be taught by Stacy Joers. Call the center to enroll at 414-482-1000.

## FFGM Spring Event

Mark your calendar for noon on Sunday, April 29, 2018. A fabulous FFGM Spring Brunch will be in the Burren Banquet Room in the Clarke Hotel, 318 Main St. in Waukesha, at the 5 Points Intersection. More details will be in the next newsletter.

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Clearwater, FL, Domestic Inbound, 2018	HC TBD		
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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 \_\_\_\_ Host or Ambassador Coordinator \_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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