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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am still caught on WOW! You certainly came through with the Matching Challenge. FFGM sent \$5510 to FFI in May and that doesn't even count any donations sent to FFI by individuals before the Matching Challenge was issued. Please see inside for additional information on the Matching Challenge. Thank you for your generosity.

You should all have received your new 2020 FFGM Directory by now. Many thanks go to Rosie Haas who spent countless hours putting this together.

I have received many positive comments about my weekly "Keep in Touch" emails to the membership. Six of them so far and I'll be back with more! It's important to stay connected and keep in touch and this is my simple way to do so. Send your email contributions my way, please.

FFGM is hard at work planning events to keep us together in this pandemic world when so much is cancelled. The June 5th at 5 was a big success. 23 different people zoomed in and out, many telling about the hats they were wearing. In July there is no 5th at 5 because of the July 4 holiday. In August we are trying a new twist on 5th at 5 with three locations so we can social distance responsibly with each location limited to ten participants.

June, July, and August have more than 5th at 5. On June 27 we are trying to organize a group to do the Interactive Theater: "Double Cross". Trivia Evening will be held on June 30. Study up and zoom in on the 30th! Sue Pack will do an Indian Cooking Demonstration on July 16. On August 11 the FFGM picnic will take place in Wirth Park. New faces are always welcome for the FFGM Book Club. Come when you can. Please see inside for all the details. (President's Message is continued on the next page)



Ann Line, President

Calendar of Events

2020

- 06/27 Interactive Theater, "Double Cross"
- 06/30 Trivia Evening
- 07/08 FFGM Book Club
- 0716 Indian Cooking Demo, Sue Pack
- 08/05. 5th at 5 at three locations, see article
- 08/11 FFGM Picnic Wirth Park
- 09/05 5th at 5 at Nancy Rubly's home
- 09/09 FFGM Book Club
- 10/05 5th at 5 at Doris Small's home
- 11/05. 5th at 5 at Humitz's
- 10/07-14 Open World. STEM Theme, Ukraine, on hold

- 11/11 FFGM Book Club
- 12/05. 5th at 5 at Helen Valentinelli's home

2021

- All journeys are tentative and subject to the Covid-19 situation.
- 03/TBD Tucson, AZ, Outbound Domestic
 - 05/TBD Karsiyaka Bay (Izmir), Turkey. Outbound International
 - 07/TBD Santa Barbara, CA, Inbound Domestic
 - Summer Connecticut, Inbound Domestic
 - 09/25 FFGM 30th Anniversary Gala

(President's Message continued)

FFGM is trying hard to come up with events for all of you. Please show your support by showing up for many (or all!) of them. I have not forgotten my other favorite word: INVOLVEMENT! Make it yours too!

2020 journeys are cancelled, but look inside for the 2021 journeys. Hopefully, the world situation will permit them to happen.

Friendship Force is here for you. Friendship Force cares. Thank you for your friendship. Reach out to others. Keep safe.

Ann



FFGM INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TRIVIA EVENING

Tuesday, June 30: 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

If you're in Friendship Force, you have probably traveled a lot and poured over many a map. Let's see what you really know! Join your FFGM friends for a fun Trivia Evening on June 30. No need to social distance as we will be using Zoom.

We will play individually. Couples will need separate computers. Each person will need a paper tablet or large sheets of paper to display your answers along with a marker to write legibly.

Start reviewing your geography, capital cities, landmarks, international food! Join us for a fun night! Put this on your calendar!

A Zoom link will be sent closer to the June 30 date for you to connect. You will need to download the Zoom app in advance if you haven't already done so.

FOOD AS MEDICINE, THURSDAY, JULY 16TH, 6 PM.



Susan Pack, a member of FFGM, has been cooking Indian food for 30 years. She has offered to do a virtual Indian cooking demo for us. Come, join us, and learn all about the healing powers of Indian spices, the correct way to use turmeric, and anything else you would want to learn about Indian food. The menu is vegetarian but can be made dairy-free.

Menu: Bombay Potatoes aka Dave Kalan's Potatoes (It's all you need to feed him if you invite him over for dinner), an Indian salad (no lettuce, but the usual ingredients mixed with Indian spices), and a Calming Date Milkshake to help you sleep at night. Learn all about why milk is actually good for you depending on the method of preparation. You will be amazed!

Cooking will last about an hour with time for questions and answers at the end.

Cost: Free to FFGM members.

To sign up, send Susan an email at spack@wi.rr.com. She will send you a confirmation.

A few days before the cooking demo Susan will send you a Zoom link along with a packet of the recipes.

The Following Events Have Been Canceled.or postponed

- FF Super Regional Conference, Sept. 18-20
- Wellington, New Zealand, Inbound
- Santa Barbara CA, Inbound
- Lake Simcoe, Canada, Outbound
- Malta, Pioneer Journey, Outbound
- Leadership Training, Inbound

Are You on Facebook or Instagram?

Did you realize that the FFGM newsletter is a great public relations tool? Consider spreading the word about FFGM by just copying and pasting newsletter articles and sharing FFGM on any of the following FFGM accounts:

- **FFI**
- **Facebook**
- **Instagram**



Be imaginative, add your own spin and feature important club information that will be e-mailed and printed for club members and anyone who might be interested in our trail-blazing Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee chapter. If you are interested, contact Doris Mueller at calldmm@gmail.com.



INTERACTIVE THEATER: "DOUBLE CROSS"

Saturday, June 27: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Are you interested in interactive theater and getting outside?

FFGM is trying to organize a group of ten people to do "Double Cross" (Morning Star Productions).

Groups of ten start the course in ten minute increments. The one mile course set in the woods near the Colgate/Holy Hill area is an easy walk in the woods. Along the way participants interact verbally (masks and social distancing) with the actors via the choices they make.

"Double Cross" takes participants back to "1943 during WWII where they take on the role of a French resistance fighter encountering historical characters fulfilling a mission to rescue a Jewish girl held captive by the Nazis." Last October more than 1500 people completed the course.

If you are looking for something different to do, be outside, and still maintain social distance. Please contact Ann Line at 262-784-3085 or linerusy@yahoo.com to sign up. Prices are \$15 for individuals or \$12 for a group of ten or more. We can have fun and support a theatrical group at the same time because theater groups have been hit hard in these difficult times.

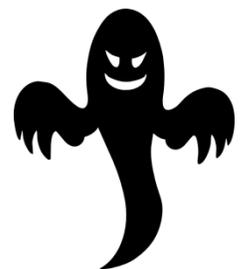
FFGM ANNUAL PICNIC, AUGUST 11, 2020, 5:00 P.M.
Wirth Park, 2585 Pilgrim Road, Brookfield
Shelter 6, (at rear of park where we have met before)
“HALLOWEEN IN AUGUST!”



Why not? There’s Christmas in July! It’s 2020 and everything is topsy-turvy. Wear orange and black or wear a Halloween costume... or whatever! Bring a Halloween mask as well as a cloth one to protect yourself! You can even bring your left-over Trick n’ Treat candy! There will be pumpkins and goblins galore. It will be frighteningly fun!

We are trying to be safe, so you will need to bring your own picnic supper. FFGM will supply beverages and a treat bag for each person. The cost to you is \$5.00 which will guarantee your spot and help cover beverage, treats, and rental fee. Please send your check made out to FFGM to Mary Hauser at 10131 W. Nash Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53222 so that it arrives by August 7.

We will social distance. There are many picnic tables there, but bring a lawn chair if you wish. Bring a mask and your picnic supper. DON’T BE SCARED TO COME!



Open World Leadership Center



This event is on hold right now. The theme was to be STEM, (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in education). If you are interested in volunteering call or email Mary Hauser at 262-719-8585 or mhauser2012@att.net.

For further information about postponed programs, please contact open-world@openworld.gov.

FFGM 30th Plus Anniversary Gala - Postponed

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, Silver Spring Country Club

Watch for updates. Mark your calendar.

Fifth at Five Events

Check with the designated host about arrangements due to social distancing

Any questions, contact Barbara Geck at barbarafrancesgeck@gmail.com or 262-542-2960. Guests should always RSVP to reserve a spot.

AUGUST 5TH AT 5

How about something a little different for the August 5th at 5? In August we will try something different. We will meet regionally for the 5th at 5: Northside, Southside, and Westside. You are free to go to whichever site you wish, but it is recommended that you choose the site nearest to you. That way you won't need to travel as far. Each site will be limited to 10 people so that we are able to social distance. You will need to reserve your spot by contacting the person hosting. Please bring a lawn chair, a mask, and your own snack.

We will actually see one another in person, instead of doing ZOOM!

August 5th – 3 locations

Southside

Dave Kalan.
10353 Rosemont Ln.
Oak Creek, WI 53154
414-766-6056
dakalan@yahoo.com

Northside

Sara & Dale Harmelink
2911 Bradley Rd.
River Hills, WI 53217
414-355-4676
dalelink627@gmail.com

Westside

Joe & Barbara Geck
1258 Seitz Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53186
262-542-2960
geckj@icloud.com

Sept. 5th

Nancy Rubly
16055 Cumberland Trail Dr.
Brookfield, WI 53005
262-860-0777
njrubly@gmail.com

October 5th

Doris Small
1932 Cliff Alex Ct., North
Waukesha, WI 53189
dorissmall3269@sbcglobal.net
262-542-1629

Nov. 5th

Michelle and Norm Humitz
3811 Turnwood Dr.
Richfield, WI 53076
hello.its.me.michelle@gmail.com
414-416-1107

Dec. 5th

Helen Valentinelli
W222 N2609 Glenwood Lane
Springdale Estates off Springdale Road
Waukesha, WI 53186
nhvalentinelli@wi.rr.com
262-544 6840

FFGM Matching Challenge. Thank You!

WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW!

You can't have too many WOW's when talking about FFGM's response to FFI's plea for donations. FFGM donated \$1000 to FFI and issued a Matching Challenge up to another \$1000 to its members. Individual members donated \$3510 which far exceeded the Matching Challenge. FFGM sent \$5510 to FFI in May.

This does not include any monies donated by individuals who sent contributions directly to FFI. Wow! FFGM has many wonderful and generous members. Thank you to all who contributed.

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2021

Tucson, AZ, Outbound, Domestic..... Open

Karsigaka, Turkey, Outbound, International Open

FF-Connecticut, Outbound, Domestic..... Open

WEBSITES & CONTACT INFORMATION

Midwest Regional FFI Rep. Dale Moore

Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee Website:

(Also under Wisconsin clubs on FFI website)

FFGM on Facebook..... <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129406703803635/>

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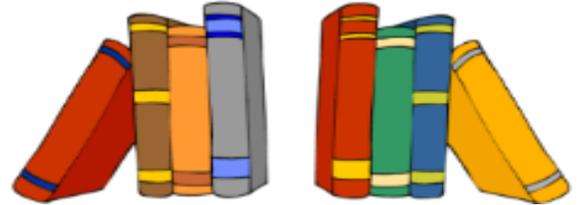
FFI website

FFI mailing address

FFGM Book Club

On July 8 we will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Anne Szczygiel outside in her back yard.

Please note the change of location. Anne's address is 4798 Sterling Drive in Greendale. R.S.V.P. to Anne at



414-421-9053 or als@wi.rr.com The book is "The Information Officer" (Malta) by Mark Mills.

Please bring a lawn chair, a mask, and your own beverage.

On September 9 we will meet at Nancy Rubly's. The book is "Next Year in Havana" (Cuba) by Chanel Cleeton.

Here are pictures of the last Book Club meeting at Iva Richard's home practicing social distancing. .

Getting to Know You

New Member Profile- Helen Valentinelli.



I know about the term "made in America" first hand. Versatility has always been a part of my life. I am first generation born. My father came from Hungary, my mother from Croatia and my late husband from the Tirol region of Italy. I was born in Wauwatosa, grew up in West Allis, started my married life in Milwaukee and resided in Pewaukee ever since we built our house in 1979. I have a daughter, who is a writer and lives in Madison. I also have a son, who is an IT Consultant, and lives in Montana.

I love to create things; writing, sewing, cooking and gardening. I also enjoy a large collection of movies from the golden age. I've worn many "hats" from taking x-rays - to marketing custom mousepads - to training healthcare to upgrade cardiology equipment; no one can say that I'm myopic. It's not surprising that I've been to Italy numerous times. I've also enjoyed visiting other

countries including: Canada, Finland, Switzerland (my husband lived there for many years), France, Austria, Prague, Germany, Spain, Russia, Hungary, Croatia, etc. The furthest country I've been to is Jordan and the Holy Land. Would you believe it, my portfolio isn't full yet!

I'd love to explore England and Belgium, other countries, and return to some of the others as well. Here in the states I've also traveled from New York, many times, to California. Oh, there's so much to see! Just like Timex, my clock is still ticking! I hope FF will help me move on and fulfill my travel dreams. Nevertheless, my relationship with God, comes first, and has seen me through the dark days of nursing my wonderful husband through his bout with cancer and by love for singing in my church choirs, and helping people through grief ministry. I've come to realize just how precious life is.

Warning! I'm a very goal orientated gal, which drives some of my friends crazy. There are many loose ends in my life that need finishing. One of those is to finish at least one of the children's stories I wrote, and to be published. I joined FF to fill a lonely gap in my life, meet new friends, and continue to travel. I hope I'm never labeled "It's just that old lady from Pewaukee!"

My ultimate goal is to get to know everyone in FF, and to continue to broaden my horizons. Friendship, for me, is the key element in fulfilling life! Just like most of my friends, I'm on the last road and the words "Forgive, forget, love and move on", inspire me to achieve those goals.

~Helen

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Do you need to order a new FFGM name badge?

Have you lost or misplaced your existing name badge or do you want to order a different style? FFGM has found a local supplier who will use our design but you need not be contacting them directly. Contact Sara Harmelink, hlinkds@gmail.com or 414-405-4676. She will send you a form to fill out which will outline the styles (magnet, pin or bulldog) and the cost.



Return the form and a check made out to FFGM and send it to her. FFGM will then order it and it will be mailed directly to you. It's as easy as 1-2-3!
Sara Harmelink, FFGM Membership Chair.