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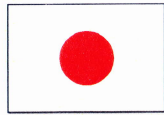
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FRIENDSHIP FORCE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

30th ANNIVERSARY

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**THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE
OF
SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY**

CELEBRATES

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NOVEMBER 7, 2009

**TAVISTOCK COUNTRY CLUB
HADDONFIELD, NJ
12 - 4 PM**

OFFICERS

President	Amelia Kressler
Vice Presidents	Roz Goldstein
	Joan Ravenna
Secretary	Suzanne Frank
Treasurer	Gwendolyn Deas
Immediate Past President	Eleanor Hill

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Membership	Marietta Loercher
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Newsletter	Eleanor Hill
Exchanges	Sue Hoke
Special Projects	Jean Sedar

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Roz Goldstein, Chairperson
Sue Hoke, Program & Retrospective
Suzanne Frank
Eleanor Hill
Amelia Kressler
Joan Ravenna
Jean Sedar

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Our club is celebrating its 30th year of making friends with individuals across the world.

We began with 254 enthusiastic individuals on a mystery trip in a chartered plane, with a mission to be ambassadors of friendship to the people of another country. Only at the last moment did we find that the destination was Piacenza, Italy. Our group included a wide variety of occupations and ages, and some 60 members of the Haddonfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorale who had prepared a concert for our host community. We formed unforgettable relationships that participants remember vividly today.

The next day, a plane loaded with Italians disembarked here to be hosted by the South Jersey community.

All this transpired because Wayne Smith first proposed establishing a worldwide citizen's exchange program to presidential candidate Jimmy Carter. Friendship Force was launched from the White House early in Carter's presidency. Rosalynn Carter served as honorary chairperson.

On that first exchange, the emphasis was on flexibility. We went to live with people and share their lives, not as 'house guests' or 'tourists'. Some were hosted in mansions with servants...some peeled potatoes for the family restaurant...some lived on farms, where visits to 'mother' in the hospital was the concern...one couple with dietary problems were hosted by a hotel manager...a lawyer took a week off to play host and tour guide to another couple...one group found an empty apartment with a note on the door of the full refrigerator; "Help yourself, we went to New Jersey" ...there were many stories.

A concert hall was expected by the orchestra and chorale. The venue was an outdoor stage in the ruins of an old manor house on the one day it rained. A Bechstein upright piano appeared from someone's home, a local harpist brought her instrument for loan (it was not taken out by mutual agreement). Some pieces were eliminated because the music was blowing away, but the concert went well, and the newspaper reviews were kind.

In 1983, our group became an officially organized club, The Friendship Force of Southern New Jersey, and was chartered by Friendship Force International of Atlanta, Georgia. Heinz Fischer was the founding President.

While we continue to make friends around the world, 4 years ago we made a change on our outbound exchanges. We decided to replace the traditional club gift with a charitable contribution to an organization selected by the host club in their community in honor of the exchange. We have contributed to the Manos Abiertas Foundation in Costa Rica, to a school in Tanzania supported by the FF of Tweed Valley Australia, and to schools in Northern Ireland and Tarapoto, Peru.

On recent inbound exchanges contributions were made to the Food Bank of South Jersey and the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center by our visitors and our club.

The Friendship Force International Atlanta, Georgia

Founding President
FFI President

Wayne Smith
Dr. George T. Brown, Jr.

Friendship Force Southern New Jersey

Piacenza 1979

NJ State Friendship Force Director
Dr. Richard Holzmann
Superintendent of Schools
Cinnaminson

Flight Director
Flight Coordinator
Music Director

Sidney Daroff
Nick Pascale
Dr. Howard Haines

Cherry Hill
Cinnaminson
Pine Hill

Members of Haddonfield Symphony and Chorale

1983

Friendship Force of Southern New Jersey

Founding President

Heinz Fischer

Past Presidents

Heinz Fischer
Richard Korth
Karl Bruninghaus
Olga Prychka
Elvera Parlapiano
Stefan Frank
Barbara Griffith
Sue Hoke
Eleanor Hill

PROGRAM

Greetings	Roz Goldstein
Welcome	Amelia Kressler
Piacenza Remembered	Jean Sedar
A Photo Retrospective	Running continuously
Luncheon	Buon appetito!

Menu

Butternut Squash Soup	
Pecan Crusted Chicken with Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables	
or	
Eggplant Parmesan with Pasta	
Rolls & Butter	
Vanilla Ice Cream with Raspberry Sauce	
Anniversary Cake	
Coffee	Tea

Guest Speaker	Karen Overly Smith FFI Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative
Introduction of Past Presidents	Suzanne Frank
Reminiscences from Our Presidents	
Musical Interlude	Jean Sedar, Violin Lori Haworth, Piano
Telling Our Story	Personal Anecdotes
Let There Be Peace on Earth	Led by Ellen Winslow

Closing

Some photos and memorabilia are posted on the bulletin board and displayed on the table in the back of the room.

The Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark on this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love, and peace can be furthered. I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

A World of Friends is a World of Peace

Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.

Woodrow Wilson

Thou hast made me known to friends whom I knew not,
Given me seats in homes not my own.
Thou has brought the distant near
And made me a brother of a stranger.

Rabindranath Tagore

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.*

Friendship Force of Southern New Jersey Outbound Exchanges

- 1979 Piacenza, Italy
- 1980 West Berlin, Germany
- 1983 Costa Rica
- 1983 Vienna, Austria
- 1984 China
- 1985 Ireland
- 1986 Colombia
- 1986 Heidelberg, Germany
- 1987 New Zealand
- 1988 Ukraine (ARMS Program)
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- 1990 Middleburg, Netherlands
- 1991 Cardiff, Wales
- 1992 Czechoslovakia
- 1996 Germany
- 1998 Holland
- 2002 Tokyo and Sendai, Japan with FF of Southern Connecticut
- 2004 Western Waikato and Napier, New Zealand with FF of Raleigh
Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico - Festival of Friendship
Canadian Capital Region - informal return exchange
- 2005 Friesland, Netherlands, and Lübeck, Germany
Moscow, Russia with FF of Charlottesville
- 2006 Alajuela, Costa Rica
- 2007 Melbourne and Tweed Valley, Australia
- 2008 Causeway Coast, Northern Ireland, UK
- 2009 Tarapoto, Peru

Friendship Force of Southern New Jersey Inbound Exchanges

- 1979 Piacenza, Italy ✓
- 1980 West Berlin, Germany ✓
- 1981 Vienna, Austria
- 1982 Hannover, Germany
- 1985 Cali, Colombia ✓
- 1986 Wolfsburg, Germany
- 1987 Cairo, Egypt ✓
- 1987 Ireland ✓
- 1988 Mexico ✓
- 1988 Ukraine ✓
- 1988 England ✓
- 1989 Netherlands
- 1989 Ukraine
- 1990 Berlin, Germany
- 1991 Shizuko, Japan ✓
- 1992 Budapest, Hungary (March) ✓
- 1992 Costa Rica (October) ✓
- 1993 Czechoslovakia
- 1994 Germany
- 1995 Brazil
- 1996 New Zealand ✓
- 1997 Wales ✓
- 1997 Italy ✓
- 1998 Cottbus, Germany ✓
- 1999 Belgium ✓
- 1999 South Africa ✓
- 2000 Moscow, Russia ✓
- 2001 Costa Rica ✓
- 2002 Oklahoma
- 2003 Canadian Capital Region ✓
- 2004 Jordan ✓
- 2005 Kiev, Ukraine ✓
- 2006 Moscow, Russia ✓
- 2007 Melbourne, Australia ✓✓
- 2007 Olsztyn, Poland ✓
- 2008 Los Angeles, California
- 2009 Ota-Gunma, Japan ✓

In Appreciation

Thanks to Jean Sedar and Lori Haworth for providing the musical entertainment.

Thanks to Barbara Griffith for her donation.

Thanks to Joan Ravenna, Suzanne Frank, Barbara Griffith, Barbara Degler, Jean Sedar, Heinz Fischer, Eleanor Hill, Sue Hoke, Margaret Snow, Osa Meekins, Juan Jose Cardenas, Kay McAlonan, and Fred Steckley for sharing their photos. Special thanks to Cecilia Lopez for her technical expertise.

Photos from past exchanges will be running continuously during the afternoon. If you would like a copy of the CD, please see Sue Hoke.

Thanks to Sue Hoke for organizing the photo retrospective and the booklets.

Thanks to Roz Goldstein and her committee for a job well done.

And thanks to all of you. You can make a difference.

Exchange Opportunities for 2010

Contact the EDs immediately if you are interested.

Domestic Exchange to LA and Albuquerque

February 20 – March 2, 2010

ED: Samantha Monheit samanthamon4218@gmail.com

609-409-4383

Outbound Exchange to FF of the Canadian Capital Region

June 26 – July 2, 2010

ED: Gwen Deas Power2Deas@comcast.net

302-456-1132

Inbound Exchange from Comitan, Mexico

Tentatively scheduled August 2010

ED: Osa Meekins osajrmeekins@aol.com

856-786-7633