

We look forward to seeing you at our **monthly meeting, Wed, June 5, 6:00 pm at Fruitville Library.**

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a world of friends is a world of peace



Happy 35th Anniversary to Friendship Force Sarasota

In May 1989 our club charter was signed. The first inbound was 5 New Zealand ambassadors in April 1989.

Kudos! Our social, membership and program committees have been busy creating fun events and programs. Check out our calendar below. Many thanks to those who volunteered. See photos at the end of the newsletter of this past week's fun events.



We need you! We have opportunities for you to be active in our club-see **sign-up sheets**.

1. We need **greeters** for Oct 2024, Jan, Feb April and May 2025. Thanks Donna Schaeffer and Barb Delgato for being June 5 greeters.
2. We need **Meeting Hosts** to **preside** at meetings Sept 2024 and Jan 2025. We have PowerPoint with an agenda ready. The meeting host will talk through the meeting PowerPoint slides. These are created by Terri and we will review prior to the meeting. Being a meeting host gives our members a chance to get to know you better and for you to know our club business and activities. We need hosts for spring months 2025. Thanks to Diana Friedman, Joan Emrich, Mary Ann Shea/Bonnie Barton, Diane Schulman, JoEllen Lane and Debbie Grovum for volunteering.
3. Reply to email if you can be a meeting host, chair setup or greeter.

Mark your calendars (you're going to need a big one) All events are on our club website at:

<https://ffsarasotafl.org/calendar/> Please check dates.

Wed, June 5, 6:00 pm (room opens at 5:30)—General meeting at the Fruitville Library. Speaker & Topic-- **FF Journey to Japan** – Jo Ellen Lane will share her outbound FF Journey + commercial tour in March 2023 with The Villages FF club. **No meetings in July & August.**

Tues, June 18, 3:00 pm, Miniature Golf, Barbara Benjamin and Steve Blumenthal are hosting golf at Evie's, 4725 Bee Ridge Rd. With a group of 8 or more the cost is \$9/person, bring cash or check made out to Barbara Benjamin. After golf, we will have dinner behind Evie's under the covered patio-this is order & pay for your own. A table will be reserved for us. See sign-up sheets to RSVP OR email Barbara.



Sun, July 14, 5:30 pm. Get ready to make and munch on some mouth-watering pizza at Bob and Diana Friedman's home! We're throwing a **MAKE-YOUR-OWN-PIZZA PARTY**. It's that time again to get together in friendship while eating everyone's favorite food. Please bring **\$3 to the party**. Friedman's will have all the popular toppings. **Bring your favorite beverage**. This event is open to all members of FF SRQ. RSVP to cell 941-374-9512 with your name and Diana will send you the address.



Sat, July 27, 6:00 pm, Claudia Deschu has organized a very fun **game night**. We will be playing some old familiar games and some new lively ones! Bring an appetizer and drink of choice. 6814 Canada Blvd, Bradenton, FL 34207, north of the airport. RSVP on the signup sheet.



Wed, Aug 7, 6:00 pm. 🎵 Music lovers 🎵 Start practicing your favorite tunes & dance moves from the 60's & 70's. Join us for an evening of fun at The Meadows Pub, 5013 Ringwood Meadow, Sarasota. **Dinner at 6pm and karaoke at 7 pm.** See signup sheet at meeting to RSVP to Barb Delgato

Wed, Aug 21, 12:00 Noon, Buffet City, noon luncheon, 4458 Bee Ridge, organizer Susan Birkenmaier, see signup sheet.

Aug 21-Sept 1, FFI Festival at Sea cruise, immersive 9-day land and sea program. See more details below.

Aug 24-Sept 5, Outbound Journey to FF Campinas and FF Belem, Brazil – Come to the Wed meeting and get all the details. Dot Flynn is the ambassador coordinator. Marie Beck will discuss the journey at the meeting. See sign-up sheets. **Almost filled!!**

Wed, Sept 4th, 6:00 pm (room open at 5:00 for socializing)—General meeting at the Fruitville Library

Wed, Oct 2 6:00 pm (room open at 5:00 for socializing)—General meeting at the Fruitville Library

Oct 7-9, 2024, US and Canada FFI Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 6 of our members are attending.

Oct 14-22, 2024, #24260 Outbound to Ft Worth, TX and Dallas pre-trip, Debbie Kuhns, Amb Coordinator, see sign-up sheets. 2 spots available.

Tues, Nov 6, 5:30 Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner, Unitarian Campus, 3975 Fruitville Rd. There will be email and signup sheets later.

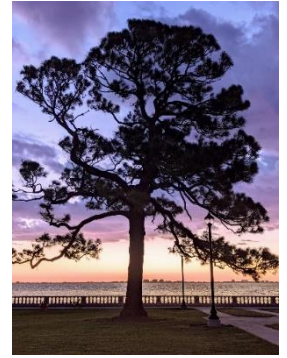
Wed, Dec 4, meeting, Abe Lederman and Diane Schulman will speak on their journey to Cuba.

Journey Coordinator Report-Judi Stratton

1. We received 2 **outbound** international matches for **2025, our #1 choices!** We are working on dates and our own Membership Chair, **Abe Lederman**, has agreed to be Ambassador Coordinator (AC) The clubs are **FF Mount Barker, South Australia** (The Adelaide Hills are home to some of South Australia's best food, wine and scenery, and it's all easy to access along the Epicurean Way Road trip). **And FF Manawatu/Whanganui, New Zealand** (just north of Wellington). This city along the southwest coast of NZ, boasts a vibrant arts and heritage scene, with many galleries, museums and historical buildings. Current possibilities are **April or early May**, since they will be starting their winter, we don't want to go later in the year. **See sign-up sheets.**
2. Our **2025 inbounds** are **FF Lincoln, Nebraska** and **FF Birmingham, AL**. Carol Hagglund has volunteered to be Lincoln host coord. Lincoln is an active club and one of the largest clubs in the US. Lincoln possibly **Oct/Nov 2025**. The Birmingham inbound is possibly in **Feb/March, 2025**, we need a coordinator.
3. **2024 Matches** are on the calendar above including outbound FF Dallas/Ft Worth, FF Campinas and FF Belem, Brazil.

International Book Club

FF SRQ International Book Club meets each month on **the 3rd Monday at New College bayfront at 10:00 am**. We generally read books set in countries other than the US. **Bring your lawn chair and join us**. Enter the campus from Tamiami Trail and follow the road back to a parking lot where you will see two buildings (admin) connected by a breezeway. Walk through the breezeway and meet up with your friends in a lovely, shaded area on the waterfront.



Book selections:

- June 17 – Beyond the Cobblestones (Italy), Luisa Ramondo –Ramona McGee
- July 15 – Persepolis: The Story of Childhood (Iran), Marjane Satropi–JoEllen Lane
- Aug 19 – Is Paris Burning (FR), Larry Collins-Dominique Lapierre –Peggy Hayden
- Sept 16 – Native Speaker (Korea) by Chang-Rae Lee-Margaret Lewis
- Oct 21 – Death of An Old Goat (Australia), Robert Barnard
- Nov 18 – Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (US), Mark Twain – Dot Flynn
- Dec 16– Choose books for 2025.

Happy reading, Reeta Dean

Film Talk



From Dorothy Flynn. Join us on the **last Friday of each month** at Burns Court Cinema. Details come in email. All members and friends are welcome. We have a rousing discussion afterwards at PF Chang's. We watched *Ezra* last Friday.

Birthdays-send a note or card or call/text/email 😊



	Steve	Blumenthal
	Barbara	Peterson
	Bonnie	Barton
	John	Nollen
	Leaf	Wanless
	Joan	Emrich
	Dot	Flynn

	Rebecca	DeWaele
	Mary Ann	Shea
	Kay	Consigny
	Sue	Elwyn
	Ramona	McGee
	Dan	DeRoner
	Stan	Holsinger
	Bob	Friedman
	Reeta	Dean
	Gina	Thomas
	JoEllen	Lane

Logo Gift Items available



Are you going on a journey and need a small hostess gift? We have a few pens for \$2 and pins available at \$4 each. We also have 4" cork coasters with our club logo, 2 for \$5. See Terri.



Welcome New Members

We are very excited to introduce you to 2 new members. Welcome!



Mary Anne Bowie

Carol Kunik

Say hello at the next meeting.



FFI News

Festival At Sea: The Classical World *Last chance!*

Journey #24257--August 23 - September 1, 2024

[Learn More >](#)

FF North American Regional Conference October 7-10, 2024, Registration is open to all members in Canada, Mexico and the USA. This is your chance to join us for an inspiring event celebrating cultural exchange and friendship while discussing the issues that matter in your region.

Location: Drury Plaza Hotel Downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

Visit the [conference website](#) for more information about the conference and how to book your hotel room with our conference discount code. **[Register now](#)** to secure your place! Let Terri or Kay know if you plan to attend.



Let the Fun Begin

Kayaking at Turtle Beach-Bonnie, Nancy, Dorothy, Dan, Bill



2024 Friendship Force Sarasota Officers

President-pro-tem – Terri Holsinger
Meeting Hosts volunteer each month

Volunteer and be part of these great teams

Program Committee

Chair: Diana Friedman

Reeta Dean, Peggy Hayden, Sara Jones, JoEllen Lane, Anne Taylor, Gina Thomas

Secretary-Marie Beck

Treasurer- JoEllen Lane

Past Presidents-Terri Holsinger, Kay Consigny

STANDING COMMITTEES

Database-Margaret Lewis

Club Journeys Coordinator-Judi Stratton

Membership-Abe Lederman, Diane Schulman, Debbie Grovum

Communications/Media-Terri Holsinger

Includes FB, Newsletter, Website, Email

Meetup – Abe Lederman and team

Wine Tasting Groups

Debbie & Gary Kuhns Group 1, Marie Beck Group 3

Book Club-Reeta Dean

Film Talk-Dorothy Flynn

Social Committee: Kay Consigny

<https://www.facebook.com/FFSRQ>

<https://ffsarasotafl.org/>

FFI MEMBER PORTAL:

Every member must have their own account on the FFI portal to participate in a journey.

- Learn more about journeys that are taking place worldwide, especially those looking for additional ambassadors. **ALL FF members can join any journey with any club if there are available spaces.**
- Go to this link and Sign Up for your new account (or login to your account):
https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign_in If you need help, call Terri 317-753-2172.