



friendship force
SARASOTA

Sept 2, 6:00 pm
Unitarian Campus
Terri Holsinger, Host

Friendship Force Ambassador Pledge

As a member of the Friendship Force,

I recognize that I can make a difference.

I have a mission to be a friend to the people of the world.

As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching.

I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace can be advanced.

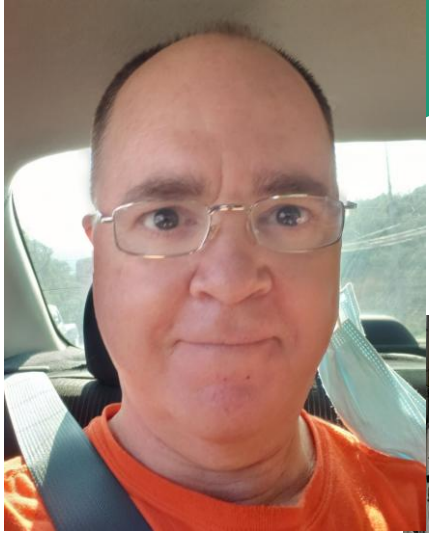
I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Meeting

- Thanks, Abe, for your Amazing Journey to Mongolia. Wow!
- Welcome to our visitors. Is your name on the visitor sheet? Raise your hand.
- How many will join us at Super Buffet and Mongolian Grill, 5471 Fruitville Rd?
- Introduce new members
- Ideas for fall 2026 and 2027.
- Updates on Journeys
- We will be voting for our 2027 Board of Directors at our October general membership meeting.



Welcome to our
newest
members



Marian	Adams
Ruth	Danielle
Deborah	James
Jeff	Maggard
Gudrun	Newman
Cheryl	Walker
Tom	Walker



Friendship Force Sarasota Leaders



Diana Friedman, Vice President,
Programs, Host Coordinator

JoEllen Lane, Treasurer



Terri Holsinger, President
and Communications

Marie Beck, Secretary, wine group 3



Abe Lederman, Membership Chair

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Judi Stratton, Club Journeys Coordinator



Reeta Dean, Intl Book Club



Kay Consigny-Social,
Past President

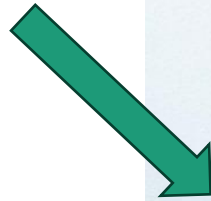


Margaret Lewis, Database & Film Talk



Debbie Kuhns,
Wine Group 1
Ambassador Coordinator
Ft Worth outbound, Home
Host Coordinator

Surprise, our
own Peggy
Hayden on the
cover of OLLI
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Ideas

- Increase frequency and size of socials
- List all club tasks and recruit members to complete
- We are a club and chapter and a **COMMUNITY**. You will see more of this term.
- Assign a **mentor** to all new club members-see sign up sheet.
- All members will **choose** a committee or task; all will participate
- **New activities** for inbounds-visit public schools, workplaces, culinary activities; menu of options sent to inbound ambassador coordinator.
- Ambassadors will be **selected based on their volunteer activities** with our club/community

2026

Ft Worth outbound, Oct 4-10, 2026. Debbie Kuhns is Ambassador Coord. She is hosting a Zoom meeting with our 13 ambassadors going on this journey.

2027

The 50th anniversary of FFI is in 2027. We will know the date and hotel in Porto Portugal by end of Sept.

2027
Inbound:

Feb 10-16, 26167 FF Greater Denver, Diana & Terri, co-coordinators, see sign up sheet

October, FF Alajuela, Costa Rica

Possible Open World from Ukraine

20267
Outbound

April 18-25, 27339 FF Western Colorado, JoEllen Lane, ambassador coordinator. See sign up sheet.

Aug-Sept 27265 Solothurn, Switzerland. Dependent on World Conference date.

#27265
Solothurn
Switzerland,
Ambassador
coordinator
needed

Physical requirements for this outbound

1. Per host club, best months are Sept to early October, which hopefully fits into the World Conference dates when announced.
2. FF Solothurn has a Health and Mobility Checklist; you must be able to:
 - a. Walk up to 10,000 steps a day/2 hrs of walking per day.
 - b. Walk on unpaved paths, cobblestones, uneven pavement
 - c. Use public transportation
 - d. All ambassadors are expected to **lift and carry their own luggage** throughout the airport, in and out of cars or buses, and inside the host home.
3. FF SRQ will use a points system to determine who will be accepted as ambassadors.
4. Sample itinerary: Arrive in Zurich, Berne UNESCO sites, Lucerne and Mt Rigi Kulm, cog railway, market and guided tour in Solothurn, visit of Schloss Waldegg (castle), Gorge of Verena and Hermitage

Social & Marketing Committee

The social and marketing teams have a calendar of events. All members and friends are welcome.

1. Please see/contact Kay Consigny to help plan a club event. kay.ff@hotmail.com
See sign up sheet at table.
2. **Thurs, Oct 1**, 5:30 social, meeting 6. Unitarian Campus, **FBI speaking on Elder Fraud**, 3975 Fruitville Rd, Jonathan Puebla and Megan Hammerling, Special Agents, FBI Tampa
3. **Sat, Oct 17**, Sarasota Farmer's Market, 7:30 am. Join Abe & Terri.
4. **Wed, Nov 4**, 5:30 social, meeting 6. Unitarian Campus, Journey to Costa Rica
5. **November** Der Dutchman catered **Friendsgiving**, ? Nov 12-18 or 20th, Susan Birkenmeier, Lead. Need volunteers.
6. **December**, Holiday Party, TBD, need a **volunteer** to locate a venue.
7. Kay & Terri are working on a **brunch** orientation for new members. More info to come.
8. Film Talk-last Friday of the month, reminder in email
9. Intl Book Club-3rd Mon of the month, see Reeta Dean

New FF SRQ Shirts available

- If you would like a shirt for club events and journeys, call Direct Embroidery and mention Friendship Force, they'll take your name, size (M/F) and credit card and it should be ready within a week.
- They are ~\$28. They are made of a very comfortable wicking fabric.



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Monthly Social Events

All event info at
[//ffsarasotafl.org/calendar](http://ffsarasotafl.org/calendar)

Film Talk (Margaret Lewis)

Burns Court (around 1pm) Last Friday of the month
Email sent with movie and start time; PF Chang's-
afterwards with discussion and social time

International Book Club (Reeta Dean)

Meets 3rd Mon at New College on the Bay
Book info in newsletter

Wine group 2 start up – if we have at least 6 members interested

If you want to be on **alternate list**, give us your name
and substitute in Groups 1 and 3.

Membership Participation Update

- 1. Greeters: We need you for Oct and Nov.** The sign-up sheet is on the table
- 2. Meeting Hosts:** We need hosts for Oct and Nov. You'll get an email with a reminder. PowerPoint will be prepared and reviewed with host prior to the meeting.
- 3. We need a volunteer to operate the laptop for Oct and Nov.**

Sept-October Birthdays



9/9	Diana	Friedman
9/24	Mary	Munkholm
9/27	Gary	Kuhns
10/1	Phil	McIlvennan
10/4	Dori	Goldfarb
10/10	Virginia	Stephens
10/11	Susan	Birkenmaier

After Our Meeting

- See you at Super Buffet
- Look for summer events in email
- Next meeting is Thurs, Oct 1
- Both the Mongolia and Meeting PowerPoints are posted on our website and emailed to you following the meeting.
<https://ffsarasotafl.org/ff-sarasota-newsletters/>