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## MESSAGE from STEVE ...

### Greetings All!!

It's a New Year and time to hit the ground running!

I trust you all had a wonderful holiday and had an opportunity to relax, as Merry and I did. For all who missed the wonderful Holiday brunch at the Petroleum Club you just missed a great day. Many thanks to Ana Chiles and Geovana Karr for a great job!!

We have a bit of a slower year planned, but none the less exciting. We have an Inbound group from Mundo Maya Mexico coming near the end of February. Hilde and Chuck are Co ED's and I'm sure we stand ready, as always, to welcome our friends with open arms.

Shortly after, Judi Daunell and Susan Eagle will be leading a group, in March 2012, to Guarania and Curitiba, Brazil with a stop off at Iguazu Falls. This will be a spectacular trip. Two weeks in Brazil, what an opportunity to see the rest of America.

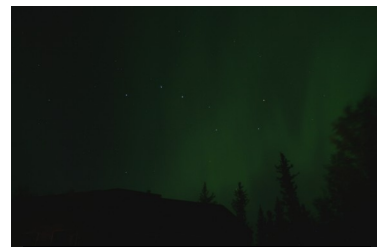
This is of a more relaxed pace, but well deserved rest for everyone.

Unfortunately I will miss the January meeting as Merry & I will be headed to Mexico. Ana has a great program planned to start the year off right.

Again thanks to you for making us the Club that other Club's want to visit.

Best Regards,

Steve



Shot of Aurora Borealis from  
Hay River exchange



## DUES TIME

For all those who have not paid their dues.

Dues are payable now  
\$45 for singles and \$60 for couples

FF's fiscal year is October to September so we must have all dues by February 1, 2012 or your name will be taken off our membership list.



## CALENDAR 2012



General Meeting

January 25, 2012

Mundo Maya, Mexico

February 22, 2012

Inbound

Brazil Outbound

March 13-29, 2012



Yellowknife Houses from Hay River exchange

## JANUARY MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: MT. VERNON VETERANS HALL



Ms. Camille Gavin, an author and columnist for the Bakersfield Californian, will give us the pleasure of her presence when she will discuss her book, "Dear Cora", letters from her grandfather to her grandmother. Camille likes to write about the history of Bakersfield and our area; she, as well as her parents and grandparents, were born in Bakersfield.

We ask that our members bring either a finger dessert or an hors d'oeuvres to share for a social hour before the event. We will meet at 6:30 and Camille will present her work at 7 PM. Coffee and tea will be served. I look forward to seeing all members for a good start of this year and season.

Your VP, Ana Lucia

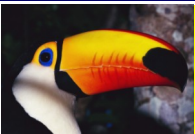
## Mundo Maya – The Mayan World



*Yes, they're coming...here!*

*The other club from Tuxtla-Gutierrez, Mundo Maya, will be arriving for an inbound exchange in February. In September of 2005 we hosted their sister club in Kern County. And now THEY are coming. And guess what...they're flying into Bakersfield! That is almost a first! Hildie Elges and Chuck Switzer are getting it all together to welcome Mundo Maya on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the meeting evening for our club.*

*Unfortunately, they will not arrive early enough for them to celebrate at the meeting. But we will welcome the 20 ambassadors late that evening. Where is Tuxtla? Well, it is in southern Mexico, on the Pacific side, in the state of Chiapas. It is close to the ocean and in the heart of some fantastic Mayan archeological sites. We should go there! So, get ready to welcome our brothers and sisters from Mundo Maya very soon now.*



## Outbound Brazil - March 13 through March 29

This trip is shaping up! We have 14 committed ambassadors at this point, so there's room if anyone is still interested or knows anyone who might be interested in joining us.

We will be leaving from Los Angeles (LAX) on March 13 and returning on March 29. We will fly into Sao Paulo and spend the first week with the Guaruja Club. Then we return to Sao Paulo to fly to Iguazu Falls on March 20. We spend the night there, the next day sightseeing at the Falls and fly that evening to Curitiba. We spend the second week with the Curitiba Club before flying back to Los Angeles.

In Guaruja, we will have city tours, a visit to Pele's home stadium, visits to Sao Joao Fort, Fortaleza Fort, and Andradas Fort, a couple different beaches and a craft fair. There are dinners scheduled as well.

In between Guaruja and Curitiba, we will be visiting Iguazu Falls. These Falls are located at the intersection of Brazil and Argentina. We will arrive on Tuesday afternoon and we'll spend the whole next day exploring the Iguazu Falls National Park. That evening, we fly to Curitiba where we'll be greeted by our hosts.

One of the highlights in Curitiba is the tour to the historic city of Morretes. We will take a train ride through a centenary railway, a bold engineering work which is a pride for Brazil, disembarking in Morretes. At this small, old and nice city, we take a short sightseeing walk and have lunch, with the opportunity to taste the local typical food called "barreado". After lunch we return to Curitiba by Graciosa Road, a centenary road with a lot of curves edged by flowers and the Atlantic Forest.

Judi Daunell and Susan Eagle, Co-ED's



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### **WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP FORCE?**

The Friendship Force is a non-profit organization sponsoring people to people exchanges of individuals and families to over fifty nations of the world. It brings people of the world together through home hospitality experiences that can build lasting bonds of friendship

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