

FRIEND TO FRIEND

Vol. XXI, Issue 10, October 2009

WWW.FFKERN.ORG



Sandy Sez...

I do hope to see you this month at our regular meeting on Wednesday, October 28th!! Susan Eagle is our host for the meeting which will feature an international potluck. She invites us to dress the part in clothing representing another country. The meeting should be colorful as well as delicious!!

In addition to a video tour of Jordan and Petra, we will also visit La Serena, Chile through the eyes of our ambassadors who have just returned from there. ED Chuck Switzer says they are exploding with excitement to share their memories of a truly great exchange.

Ballots are in for the countries we would love to learn more about by visiting in 2011. Turkey was the clear favorite with Canada and Belgium close behind. The Netherlands, Indonesia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, and South Africa are among the countries which also collected several votes.

Remaining in 2009 is the OPEN WORLD program which will bring young Russian Leaders to Kern County. They will arrive December 12th. We plan to combine our Holiday Party with a FAREWELL event as that exchange draws to a close on a Friday evening one week later.

Plans are well underway for 2010. Our international exchange activities are planned to include outbounds to Cardiff, UK

Continued on page 2

Our Group in Chile!!

(note: The group is home now and will share their memories at the October meeting.)

Greetings from the Southern Hemisphere, specifically La Serena Chile.



We are having a great exchange with some very friendly club members here. La Serena is a small club, but they are doing their best to show us a good time. The weather is a mix of sun and overcast days. But it is pleasant as we walk through the streets, become familiar with the

Continued on page 2

DUES NOTICE

Pay your dues before the new year starts!. This is the last meeting before January. so October is the time to **DO IT.**

Nancy Hazle is pinch-hitting for me while I am away. She will have the pink dues box open for you to drop your check in. Make it out to Friendship Force of Kern County.

Couples- \$60 Singles- \$45

Special thanks goes out to all of those who paid last month. If you can't attend the meeting, just send your check to **Friendship Force of Kern County, P.O. Box 2552, Bakersfield, 93303.**

Membership Chairman, Nedra

LA SERENA: Continued from page 2

historic places, visit museums and visit the port and all those activities.

We have had quite wonderful meals here. They really know how to cook! Seafood is their specialty of course and they know how to make everything taste delicious. Communication is a bit of a problem sometimes as most of the club members are not conversant in English. But, as FF people learn to do, we find ways to make ourselves understood.

I have been keeping pretty busy translating in various circumstances for various members. So far everyone is staying healthy and participating in everything. There is great camaraderie among all members, and those from other clubs have joined us in fine fashion.

We have been here a week now and look forward to our final two days and the farewell dinner on Friday evening. It has been great fun and quite a learning experience as well.

Chuck Switzer, ED

SANDY SEZ: Continued from page 2

and Lamphun Thailand, and an inbound from Leichestershire, UK.

We also are planning on fitting in some domestic exchanges, including a return visit from the Houston Club in late February. Several of our members enjoyed their hospitality in March and are looking forward to seeing these new friends again.

Friendship Force International makes all this possible. I am very proud that our club was able to send \$2000 for administrative support and \$1500 for the Legacy Fund this year. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sandy

LEGACY FUND

In the next few days you will receive by email (or regular mail) a description of what has been accomplished with the Legacy Fund which was established to provide funds devoted to "growing" Friendship Force.

To keep things moving in the right direction during these tough times, the Board of FFI has sent out a special appeal for support from clubs. I am very proud that this year our club has sent \$1500 specifically for the Legacy fund plus \$2000 for administrative support which is greatly needed because of the downturn in the economy and subsequent decrease in revenues to FFI.

This is an appeal for you to consider making an individual donation. George and I have pledged what for us is a very significant amount. I hope you will consider doing the same. This is a tax deductible contribution if sent to FFI, 233 Peachtree Street, Suite 2251, Atlanta GA 30303.

CARDIFF DEADLINES

The week of home hosting in Cardiff will begin either June 7 or 8, followed by three or four days in Northern Wales on our own. This is a global exchange with 10 spots available for US ambassadors, with priority for our own members. I am still working on the costs for the extended week and ground transport.

Transportation to and from the UK will be up to the individual ambassadors.

To be considered for this exchange, please send me your application and a **deposit of \$400 by November 15**. Make checks payable to Friendship Force. Your check will be returned uncashed if you are not accepted, and is refundable up to 90 days before the start of the home hosting week.

Sandra Larson
283 Oak Court, Shafter, CA 93263



DON'T MISS OUR OCTOBER MEETING! OUR THEME IS

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Bring a favorite international dish: appetizer, entree or desert from any country you choose, but enough to serve 10 - 12.

Accept invitation to wear clothing from a different country if you have something you would enjoy sharing

Arrive at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday October 28!

DOUBLE PROGRAM PLANNED

- VIDEO TOUR OF **JORDAN AND PETRA**
- EXPERIENCES OF OUR AMBASSADORS TO **LA SERENA**

Thank you to hostess for the evening Susan Eagle and her helpers!!



SAVE THE DATE

**OPEN WORLD FAREWELL AND
HOLIDAY PARTY**

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 18**



ORDER GIFTS FROM FFI

Here are a few possibilities.



WWW.FRIENDSHIPFORCE.ORG

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF KERN COUNTY
PO BOX 2552
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93303

DUES ARE DUE

[See instructions inside](#)

WWW.FFKERN.ORG

Vol. XXI, Issue 10, October 2009 page 4

OFFICERS 2009

President, Sandra Larson 746-6056
Secretary, Dolly Hei 746-4107
Vice President, Stu Koch, 822-4795
Treasurer, Steve McCalley 587-4840
Past President, Ben Goossen 746-4789

STANDING COMMITTEES

Director of Exchanges George Larson 746-6056
Membership Nedra Gilfillan 871-5212
Exchange Treasurer Marie Krause 758-2537
Birthday Celebration Bob Himes 664-0702
Hospitality Phyllis Campbell 832-1586
Website Lyle Carter 746-2995
Publicity Caroline West 325-6223
Telephone Julia Linfesty 831-0629
Newsletter Joan Florence 808-5133
Raffle Chuck Switzer 588-4553
Interclub Judy Chase 854-3956
Supplies Inventory Hildie Elges 871-3442
At Large, Jody Miller, 831-0387

CO-PRESIDENTS 2010

Charles Switzer 588-4553
Caroline West 325-6223

EXCHANGE DIRECTORS

2008 Inbound

- Thailand, Ben Goossen, 746-4789
- Canada, Claudia Keith, 324-1239

2008 Outbound

- New Zealand, Bob Laramee, 588-1463

2009 Inbound Domestic

- Las Vegas, Claudia Keith, 324-1239
- Western North Carolina, Marie Krause, 758-2537

2009 Inbound

- Hannover, Germany, Frieda Jackson, 873-9661
- Open World (Russia), Brian and Kay Pitts,

2009 Outbound

- La Serena, Chile, Chuck Switzer, 588-4553

2009 Outbound Domestic

- Houston, Texas, Trish Goossen, 746-4789

2010 Inbound

- Thailand, Ben Goossen, 746-4789
- Cardiff UK (Global) Sandra Larson 746-6056

2010 Inbound

- England, Pauline Larwood, 871-6090

2010 Inbound Domestic

- Houston, Texas, Nancy Hazle,