



FF of Austin Board Meetings

Old Quarry Library
Far West Blvd
10am to noon
1st Saturday of each Month

Happy Hour Schedule

3rd Tuesday 5pm to 7pm
Monthly unless stated

October - Opal Divine's

3601 S. Congress

November - Z Tejas Grill

9400 Arboretum

General Meeting Schedule

September 20, 2008 6:00PM

Cambridge Tower

December, 2008 6:00PM

TBA

2008 Club Officers

Randi Carter, President

Errol Olson, Vice President

Annette Stachowitz, Secretary

Mae Scheib, Treasurer

Joanne Ancira, Past President

2008 Committee Chairs

Historian: Linda Lester

Social: Lynda Streiff

Publicity:

Membership: Karen and John Franks

Hospitality: Rogerio & Christa Rabago

Telephone: Ethel Kutac;

Entertainment: Errol Olson

Sunshine: Joanne Ancira

Webmaster: Errol Olson

Newsletter: Ray and Linda Lester

Name Badges: Joanne Ancira

Message from the President



- Randi Carter

Dear Members,
What a busy summer this has been! So many Friendshipippers have been traveling, seeing the U.S., other countries and visiting friends and family! Hopefully all have either escaped or endured the drought.

Some exhilarating things have been going on with Friendship Force, the first of which is the announcement of a new logo as well as a new website. To view these changes, go to: thefriendshipforce.org and you can keep up with events and the changes that have been made. I think you will like what you see.

Some good news to share: for the domestic exchange from Louisville KY, the exchange directors are Ethel Kutac and Ginny Philipppy. Their plans thus far are exciting and will give the Kentuckians a good taste of Texas and of Austin. Thank you both so very much for taking on this task.

Another bit of good news is that for the 2009 exchange to Durham County UK, Erroll Olson has volunteered to be the director. Thank you Erroll and to all members, start thinking about putting this trip on your calendar. More news will follow as plans develop.

For our general meeting on 20 September, please mark your calendars for the 6 p.m. gathering at Cambridge Tower. This will be an informational meeting so PLEASE bring guests who might find FF compatible with their travel likes. The business portion of the meeting will include election of officers. Remember you are all invited to the Board meetings the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Old Quarry Library. Would love to see you there.

In friendship and Peace,

Congratulation to our 2009 Club Officers

Errol Olson, President

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Annette Stachowitz, Secretary

Mae Scheib, Treasurer

Randi Carter, Past President

Please welcome our new members:

Your Friendship Force of Austin



**board members August 2, 2008
board meeting**

A Border Guard

A suspicious looking man drove up to the border. He was greeted by a guard who looked in the trunk of his car and was surprised to find six sacks bulging at the seams. "What's in there?" he asked.

Dirt, the driver replied.

"Take them out, I want to check them", the guard instructed. The man took out the bags and sure enough they were filled with nothing but dirt. The guard let him through. A week later, the man came back and once again, the same thing happened, - the guard looked in the trunk, bag - more dirt. The same thing happened every day for six months and finally it became so frustrating for the guard that he quit and became a bartender.

One night, the suspicious looking fellow stopped in for a drink. The former guard went over to him, and said "say fellow, drinks are on the house tonight if you will do me a favor and just tell me what were you smuggling all the time.

The man leaned close to the bartender's ear and whispered:

CARS!

LOUISVILLE IS COMING IN OCTOBER

We are getting ready to host our friends from Louisville. They arrive on October 30 early enough so that we can take them to Esther's Follies that evening. On Friday we will tour City Hall and have a picnic during the concert on the Mall and then it is on to the Texas History Museum. That evening we will have our welcoming party at the Williams' beautiful new home. It will be a costume party since it is Halloween. The theme will be, "Wear Something From Your Travels". Saturday, November 1 is the Book Festival. Hosts will take their guests to whatever venue they are interested in seeing. The day will be open for whatever but that evening at about 8 pm we will meet at the Broken Spoke for an evening of real down home Texas two-stepping. Sunday we'll have brunch together at Threadgills on Lamar and then the rest of the day will be open to do whatever you might fancy. The group leaves on Monday to get home in time to man the ballot boxes and voting stations for the upcoming election.

It should be a great fun weekend of Texas hospitality. As usual the club will provide meat and drinks for the welcoming party and attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. And everyone is invited. We will need a head count for the Sunday brunch at Threadgills and we will get that later.

At the moment it sounds as if twelve people are coming from Louisville and we have had plenty of offers for hosting. Thanks to all who have volunteered to home host and day host. These things can't happen without everyone pitching in and joining the fun.

We will need a head count for Esther's Follies, the City Hall tour and Bob Bullock Museum as well as for the Sunday Brunch at Threadgills. So check your calendar and make sure you let Ethel Kutac at 346-7659 or Ginny Philippy at 834-3688 know if and when you will be joining us.

October 30, Esther's
Follies \$20.00 per person
October 31, Bullock
Museum \$ fee per person
November 2, Brunch
\$12.00 per person

Ginny Philippy gave the following tentative schedule for the visitors from Louisville :

Thursday 10/30/08:

The visitors arrive that day and will be taken to Esther's Follies in the evening.

Friday 10/31/08:

Picnic in front of City Hall with food supplied gratis by Schlotzke's. 2:00 pm
Bullock Museum

Evening: Halloween Welcome Party (in costume) at Gary and Jerry Williams' home

Saturday 11/1/08:

Book Festival during the day (each host will receive \$10 per guest for lunch).

In the evening there will be dancing at the Broken Spoke.

Sunday 11/2/08:

10:00 a.m. Buffet brunch at Threadgill's. The rest of the day will be free (Ethel Kutak will take some guests to West Cave).

Monday 11/3/08:

The guests return to Louisville.

FF of Austin's 2009 Outgoing Exchange

Exchange director for the outgoing exchange to County Durham, England in November of 2009 is Errol Olson. Please contact Errol to make arrangement and sign up to go on this fabulous exchange to Great Britain. Sign up early to assure your place on this wonderful exchange.

Our own FF members visit the Great Wall of China while on a singing tour.



Gerhild Rogers and Annette Stachowitz

A Mother's Fur Coat

One day this lady watched her mother try on her fur coat said to her mother "Mom do you realize that some poor dumb beast suffered so you could have that?" The mother shot an angry look at her daughter and said, "Don't talk about your father like that."

whenever I think I might find a soft touch. So if you haven't done your Christmas or birthday shopping yet. I have just what you are looking for. See Ginny the Peddler.

CLUB MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

By Ginny Philippy

Joanne Ancira graciously nominated me to handle the entire Friendship Force of Austin's club-merchandise and how could I turn down such an awesome privilege? So it appears that I will have all things FF for sale. We have coffee mugs, pins, t-shirts of all sorts, cooler bags, and books. So if you are looking for something to give to guests or to take on the next exchange just ask me, your friendly pusher. I will have articles for you to peruse at general meetings and