

# The Friendship Force Reporter

A World of Friends is a World of Peace

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Happy New Year"!** I hope 2008 is a healthy and happy year for all of you and a successful year for FFLA.

We had a terrific installation and a great turn out thanks to the help of some hard working members. Thank you to **Shirley Cohen** for not only organizing but chairing the installation as well. **Nancy Arnheim** for making the installation of officers so much fun and Marj Lehrer for our beautiful flowers and centerpieces. **Jean Fitzpatrick** and her helpers, **Dave Grimm and Mike Gittleman**, who sold the 50/50 tickets and help raise \$135 to offset some of the installation costs.

The other half of the money was won by three happy members; **Sharon Lavenberg, Charlotte Edginton & Marilyn Langford**. **Mona Gifford's** drawing for a free year of membership went to **Shirlee & Larry Mirkes**. Congratulations to all the winners.

The next inbound exchange is due February 28<sup>th</sup> from Niagara, Canada. **Sharon Levy** is working hard as ED to make this a good exchange so give her your support. The ambassadors on this exchange will be attending our general meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Encino Community Center so make plans to attend the meeting and meet everyone; they even speak English.

Don't forget to register for the Western Regional Leadership Conference starting the evening of March 10 until March 12 hosted by the San Diego County Club. There is still some home hosting available. Look for the article in the newsletter for details.

Can you believe that a brand new member, **Imogene Chang** has offered her help to get our labels made for this newsletter. She has stepped right in when one of our members, **Gene Haberman** was hospitalized without notice. We are really grateful to Imogene and a big thank you from all of us. If you would like to get involved with FFLA and are not sure who to contact just let me know. It is a great organization and you will have a lot more fun when you are involved.

In friendship,  
Pat Gittleman

*"What a Wonderful World"*



## **NIAGARA CANADA INBOUND**

A full program of activities is being planned for the Ambassadors from the Niagara, Canada Club, who will arrive in Los Angeles on Thursday, February 28. They will be here for a one week home stay and leave on March 6.

Plans include a downtown tour led by **Nancy Arnheim** and visits to the Nethercutt Museum and the Griffith Observatory. A Farewell Dinner at the home of **Fred and Marjie Mautner** will conclude their visit.

In order to prepare for our guests we will have a Workshop Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at **Herb and Eva Hain's**, 3041 Margaret Lane, Santa Monica, CA. I look forward to seeing all of our Home Hosts, Day Hosts and Members of the Planning Committee who have been so very helpful.

For questions, comments or helpful suggestions call or email me

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## **UNOFFICIAL EXCHANGE WITH DURHAM COUNTY, ENGLAND**

The brief visit by our English ambassadors went well, and I would like to thank all who offered their homes, and assistance to make this brief visit a very successful one. The guests arrived on Friday afternoon, and were met at the airport by their hosts. Saturday, **Nancy Arnheim** led a tour of Los Angeles from the music center to Olvera Street, which was followed by a Mexican lunch. I am sure that this was the first time many of the ambassadors had eaten Mexican food because they were in awe of what to order. We then went by train to the Hollywood area, for a quick tour of the stars in the sidewalk, and the Hollywood sign. By then, most of the people were ready to call it quits, but a few die-hards stayed on and saw just a tad more. Sunday, we had a delightful pot-luck party at **Charlou Larronde's** home, watched the sun setting into the ocean (and again this was a first for a few visitors). The Brits put on a delightful skit for us, and we all laughed ourselves silly. Then it was time to say good-bye, because the next day they were leaving for home. All-in-all, I would say this was a successful exchange albeit unofficial. **Bobbie Japka, E.D.**

## **COUNTY CLEVELAND/ISLE OF WIGHT EXCHANGE**

The departure date for this exchange is August 27th. We will arrive at County Cleveland August 28th for a one week exchange. We will depart for and will arrive at the Isle of Wight September 4th for another one week exchange ending September 11th. The add-on will begin the 11th for approximately one week. The return date is not yet decided. If the add-on is exactly one week the return will be September 18th.

**Sandra Brooks Arai, ED**

**NOTE: DEADLINE FOR EACH MONTH'S REPORTER WILL BE THE 15TH OF PREVIOUS MONTH.**

# **Member News**

The reason you have not seen me at events lately is that I have moved to San Ramon in Northern California. I have joined the San Francisco Bay Area Friendship Force and everyone is very friendly and welcoming. I have sent in my changed contact info and I plan to be a member of both LA and FFSFBA for this year at least as I want to stay in contact with everyone. My new phone number is 925 820-2521. If you plan to be up this way please call and I can show you some great sites.

**Cathie Flanigan Cathie-flan@gmail.com**

New contact numbers for **Phyllis Goldstein:** Hm 310-277-5699 Cell: 310-270-6592

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## **WE HONOR**

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**The Joe Lynch Memorial Award** was presented to **Fred Mautner** for Continuous Service Above and Beyond at the January 13, 2008 Installation ceremony. The Joe Lynch Memorial Award was established back in 1997 to honor a member who has served the club above and beyond what might normally be expected of a member. The award is only given when there is extraordinary service to recognize. **Fred and Marjie** also had received Volunteer of the Year several years ago in appreciation for their joint contributions. This award attempted to say thank you to Fred for the many years he has served as Club Treasurer.

Here's a bit more about our honoree: Fred loves to play bridge. He enjoys theater and our theater events. He's a member and board member of numerous nonprofit organizations as well as professional organizations. He's probably attended more FFLA board meetings than any other FFLA member. He attended UCLA and obtained degrees in Finance and Law.

He and Marjie have been married over 50 years and have 3 children.

He comes from Austria, is fluent in German and also speaks French. He and Marjie are charter member of FFLA. He collects art. As a CPA, Fred has served as our Treasurer ever since the resignation of Joe Lynch in 1997.

### **Peter Landecker named Volunteer of the Year**

In appreciation of the countless hours (and worry) spent resurrecting the FFLA web site, **Peter Landecker** was honored as Volunteer of the Year 2007. The only reason our web site now exists is because of Peter. There is no one else in our club who was able to do what Peter did. Peter was diving in the Bahamas and was unable to attend the installation. **Sharon Lavenberg** will present the award to him at his home upon his return. The clues given to help Installation attendees guess who the honor might go to were as follows: This person: Has visited over 70 countries. Is an excellent photographer. Plays the violin. Enjoys astronomy and even gives astronomy workshops. Went to high school in the Bronx. Has a license from California Dept. of Fish and Game for pets. The pets are tortoises. Is as familiar with the underwater world as the world the rest of us know.

## **WESTSIDE LEI/GAME NIGHT**

The January Game Night at the home of **Herb and Eva Hain** attracted 18 members and guests, with Mexican Train, bridge and Mah-Jongg as the featured games, and

The next Westside LEI (Let's Eat In ) card and game night will be held in El Segundo at the home of **Sharon and Phil Tamboury**. The date is February 19, and dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by cards and games at 7:30. Be sure to call Sharon at 310-322-9192, and be sure to ask for directions. The cost will be \$7 for food and fun, with \$2 going, as always, to the club treasury.

## **OUTBOUND EXCHANGE TO TAUPO, NEW ZEALAND**

The Taupo, New Zealand outbound exchange will arrive here on June 16 and depart June 23. Rob Joyes, ED and his wife Bev have been involved with Friendship Force since 1986 and this is their 14th outbound. A conversation recently with Rob and Bev was very cordial and we plan to have many more calls before June. We will be the first of their three exchanges and I was impressed by their travel plans to visit other Friendship Force chapters with 'water' locations. Taupo is New Zealand's largest lake; Los Angeles has the Pacific Ocean; Meersburg, Germany is in southern Germany on Lake Constance; Riga, Latvia is on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea. Their plans to take a four day cruise to Baja, CA adds yet another dimension to their water experiences. Something to talk about in our next conversation! I am asking for many hands to help. The first workshop will be in March. Please contact me if you are interested. **Mona Gifford, ED**

## **LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Hello, my name is Alyce Schultz-Rozsa and I am now the Editor of the FFLA Reporter. I am happy to serve in this capacity to bring all the news that is fit to print for your edification about Friendship Force in general and FFLA in particular. With the help of all our members, I am striving to meet this goal.

Please note: You are receiving this as a hard copy of the Reporter, but beginning with the April 2008 issue, the FFLA Reporter will be available online at our website to the general membership. If you do not have access to the internet, or you would rather have a hard copy of this newsletter, please notify me by email at asrcreate1@aol.com.

**The deadline for each month's Reporter will be the 15th of the previous month.** Thank you for your cooperation.



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## **FACES, NOT PLACES**

### **WESTERN REGIONAL NEWS**

#### **WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR MARCH 10, 11, AND 12. THE CONFERENCE THEME - "BUILDING PEACE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY". WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM WITH INTERESTING SPEAKERS. WE NEED MORE SUPPORT FROM LOCAL MEMBERS. PLEASE CALL WALT BUTCHER AT (619) 465-8969 OR E-MAIL HIM AT [WALT-BUTCHER@COX.NET](mailto:WALT-BUTCHER@COX.NET) FOR A REGISTRATION FORM. EVEN IF YOU WORK OR HAVE OTHER CONFLICTS, THERE ARE EVENING EVENTS THAT YOU CAN ATTEND. REMEMBER THIS IS A SAN DIEGO FF CLUB EVENT AND WE WILL NEED EVERY MEMBER'S PARTICIPATION TO MAKE THIS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE A SUCCESS.**

**CHUCK AND JULIE BRAS, CO-CHAIRPERSONS**

