

# FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA



FFGA

October 2016

Special Points of Interest:

- Lions Club Volunteering + Lunch
- Outbound Exchange to Tanzania
- Book Club
- Membership Dues for 2017

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

**ESTIMATED COST \$35 PER**

**MORE DETAILS LATER**

## Lions Club Activity November 3rd

FFGA will be volunteering at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation on Thursday, November 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We will help sort used eyeglasses and parts to be sent to various distribution points in the United States and overseas, where other volunteers will give them to people whose lives will be transformed by the gift of better eyesight.

The Lighthouse Foundation is located at 5582 Peachtree Road, Chamblee, GA 30341, not far from the Peachtree DeKalb Airport. After our volunteer service, we will have lunch at the Vintage Pizzeria at 5434 Peachtree Road, very close to our volunteer site. The menu looks great and very reasonably priced!!

Some of you may have already signed up to help us with this activity, but unfortunately the sign-up sheet disappeared at the Annual

Meeting at Mimi's.

*If you plan to join us, please contact Cynthia Williams at [madamew@hotmail.com](mailto:madamew@hotmail.com) or (404) 351-5352, even if you already signed up.*

We need 7-8 more volunteers, so please try to attend, if at all possible.

Thanks to everyone who donated eyeglasses at the Annual Meeting! We will be taking them to the Lighthouse Foundation on November 3.

## 2017 Outbound Exchange to Tanzania Update:

Great news from the Iringa Friendship Force is that they have accepted our homestay dates!

The itinerary is now set. We need more members to join the most magnificent exchange ever with amazing safaris that will take your breath away.

Ambassadors meet in Kilimanjaro on August 31 and

return back home on September 18. The full detailed itinerary is on our updated fully functional website at [www.friendshipforceatlanta.com](http://www.friendshipforceatlanta.com)

Earnest money of only \$200 gives you a spot. It is due by November 15 made out to FFGA. Please mail it to the Exchange Director who is Bonnie Evans  
1954 Musket Court  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087

An adventure of your lifetime is at your fingertips!

Contact Bonnie with any questions or if you would like the itinerary emailed to you. There has been a detailed booklet created which can also be sent; email to [kbemje@bellsouth.net](mailto:kbemje@bellsouth.net)

## BOOK CLUB Meets November 12th

The FFGA book club met on Saturday, October 22, at the home of Cynthia Williams.

We discussed Peter Stark's Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire, which we all agreed was a fascinating look at a period of history about which we had known very little.

A well-written, eye-opening book, it made us appreciate the bravery and determination of those who set out through unknown, uncharted territory under extremely harsh conditions to reach the opposite side of the

continent to fulfill the dreams of men who sat comfortably in their East Coast homes. It makes most of our Friendship Force exchanges seem rather tame!

Our next book club meeting will be Saturday, November 12, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Shields, 4681 Mercer Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30083.

We will discuss Chicken Soup for the Traveler's Soul, a compilation of "Stories of Adventure, Inspiration and Insight to Celebrate the Spirit of Travel". We will no doubt share many of our own stories of adventures with the Friendship Force. This is a

book which every traveler should read. If you don't already have it, it would make a great holiday gift to yourself or a fellow travel addict.

If you would like to join our lively conversation, please contact Barbara at [barbarazee@mindspring.com](mailto:barbarazee@mindspring.com).

Cynthia Williams

FFGA HOLIDAY PARTY is on Saturday, December 3, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Violette Restaurant, 2948 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, GA 30329.

More info in the next few weeks, including the menu selections. This is our chance to pull our fanciest holiday outfits from the back of the closet and enjoy an afternoon of fun fellowship with our club members and their guests!

### Inbound Exchange:

We have accepted a domestic inbound exchange from the FF Club in Central Willamette, Oregon. They will visit us at the end of October 2017.

We will have an opportunity for an exchange to Oregon in 2019.

FYI, that's the Oregon Valley wine country!

## Membership Dues for 2017

Membership dues for 2017 are due by the end of December 2016.

FFI fees have increased, so our local club dues reflect that change for next year.

Individual membership is \$35; and a couple is \$50.

Send checks, made out to FFGA; mail to Anne Earle, current membership chair.

Anne Earle

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