

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA

MARCH 2018

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Greetings FFGA CLUB Members! Below is the schedule for our incoming Ambassadors from England. We could use some Day Hosts. **The Farewell Dinner is a social event for the club (4/9), is open to all members and we encourage you to join us. A bottle of wine is your only admission cost! Dinner is included. Contact John Wilhelm to get in on the dinner at johnwilelm1961@gmail.com Bonnie Evans, VP**

COUNTY DURHAM SCHEDULE APRIL 3 To APRIL 10

4/3 TUESDAY	2:40 PM	ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADORS AT ATL AIRPORT, DELTA #1073, 2-40 PM		4/7 SATURDAY	12:00 PM	TOUR ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDENS
	6:00 PM	WELCOME DINNER AT JOHN AND GLENDA WILHELM			3:00 PM	MARGARET MITCHELL HOUSE TOUR
					6:00 PM	DINNER WITH VARIOUS FFGA MEMBERS' HOME
4/4 WEDNESDAY	10:30 AM	GOVERNOR'S HOME TOUR				
	12:00 PM	ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER (INSIDE EXHIBITS)		4/8 SUNDAY	FREE DAY WITH HOST	FREE DAY WITH HOST
	1:15 PM	COACH HOUSE LUNCHEON (\$26.00 FFGA members pay for their own)				
	3:00 PM	TOUR SWAN HOUSE AND TULLIE SMITH FARM		4/9 MONDAY	10:00 AM	MLK CENTER
	4:30 PM	DINNER AND EVENING WITH HOME HOST			12:00 PM	LUNCH AT SWEET AUBURN MARKET (DUTCH TREAT)
					2:00 PM	TOUR JIMMY CARTER CENTER
4/5 THURSDAY	10:30 AM	TOUR ANHEUSER-BUSCH BREWERY CARTERSVILLE, GA			5:30 PM	FAREWELL PARTY AT THE ARTISAN IN DECATUR, GA
	12:00	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN CHOOSING (DUTCH TREAT)				
	2:00 PM	VICKY JONES HOME AND GARDEN TOUR		4/10 TUESDAY	12:36 PM	AIRPORT DEPARTURE TO BIRMINGHAM, GA DELTA#1360, LEAVES 12:36 PM
	3:00 PM	ROSE HOUSE LAWN MUSEUM TOUR				
	4:15 PM	BOOTH WESTERN ART MUSEUM (depart at will)				
	5:30	DINNER AND EVENING WITH HOME HOST				
4/6 FRIDAY	10:00 AM	CNN STUDIO TOUR				
	11:45 AM	LUNCH AT CNN FOOD COURT (DUTCH TREAT)				
	1:00 PM	STROLL THROUGH OLYMPIC PARK				
	1:45 PM	WORLD OF COKE TOUR				
	3:30 PM	TOP OF PEACHTREE WESTIN HOTEL FOR COCKTAILS AND VIEW				
	5:00	DINNER (GUEST TO TREAT HOST TO DINNER)				

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FFGA 2019 CLUB JOURNEY TO SOUTH AMERICA!

FFGA was matched with Friendship Force of Bogota, Colombia for 2019 and our Board has accepted the match!

Bonnie Evans has agreed to be the Journey Director and is planning a bucket list adventure which will not only include a vibrant, colorful, fun loving week in Bogota but also three to four nights in Quito, Ecuador followed by a six day island based adventure to the famous Galápagos Islands. The planning is on-going at this time. The start date of April 26th to May 3rd for the home stay in Bogota is firm. The waters of the Galapagos are warmer and calmer making it an ideal time to snorkel with all kinds of exotic wildlife.

Who will join? The journey needs a minimum of 18 and a maximum of 20. FFGA members are priority. Put yourself on the prospect list by emailing Bonnie at kbemje@bellsouth.net?

OPEN WORLD

Hosts Needed! Home hosts still needed. FFGA will be hosting Ukrainian delegates for the Open World program from May 11 through May 19. The theme of this program is "Citizen Engagement in Legal Reform Rationale". This group is studying the role of activists, journalists and lawyers who monitor the actions and decision of law endorsement bodies and the courts in order to potentially apply these methods during the current period of reform in their home country.

The FFGA volunteers to lead this program are Anne and Joe Earle and Cynthia Williams. We are looking for volunteers to host these delegates, including day hosts and dinner hosts. If you have suggestions for agencies, groups or individuals that we could contact to help us with the program activities, please let us know.

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Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely... Broad, wholesome charitable views...cannot be acquired by vegetating in one's little corner of the earth."

---Mark Twain

Welcome New Club Members:

- **Gus and Clara Mae Van Brink.** Though they live in Harlem, GA near Augusta, they have a business in Canton and decided to join FFGA because they have friends in Atlanta they can stay with when they want to participate in FFGA activities and there are no clubs in the Augusta area.
- **Terri Zuckerman** is retired and lives in Woodstock. Welcome, Terri!
- **Tim and Carol Connell** from Peachtree Corners.
- Welcome back to **Linda Moore**, from Atlanta.

Where or where has this banner gone? Bonnie Evans, VP, is searching for our large banner that has gone missing. Please check your basements, garages, car trunks, storage areas for the banner. Bonnie is also the central point of FFGA inventory. She is collecting items to make a master accessible list. Please contact her at kbemje@bellsouth.net or call her at [404.771.0010](tel:404.771.0010).



Please remember to wear your name tags to all FFGA events. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES:

OCTOBER 6TH for the Annual Meeting

DECEMBER 8TH: La Petite Violette is reserved for Saturday, December 8, at 12:30 p.m. for our holiday party.

Remembering Gordon Davis

Gordon Davis was a long time member of our club. He was quite an accomplished and well educated man who contributed so much to our club. He and his wife, Billie were an important part of our club in the past. Our condolences to his wife, Billie, and their friends and family.

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OFFICERS 2018

PRESIDENT	ROBIN SCOTT	770-446-1733
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Those present: Robin Scott, Ron Scott, Cynthia Williams, John Wilhelm, Sue Mills, Allison Lindsey. Sue Mills took minutes in the absence of the Secretary.

Minutes from January meeting from Anne Earle were reviewed. Motion to accept minutes made by Cynthia W.; seconded by John Wilhelm. Discussion to include minutes in newsletter. Minutes and financial statement of the club will be password protected on the website being updated by Allison Lindsey. Motion on protected minutes and financials made by Cynthia and seconded by Ron. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Discussion of 501.C7 status of FFGA. Motion to accept financial report made by John; seconded by Allison. Report accepted.

Membership report received from Linda Foley, though she was not in attendance. Request made to Linda and Sue that directory be sent digitally to board members. Discussion about FFGA bookmarks, business cards. FFI has a new brochure coming out. Request to Linda to please put membership info into newsletter. Robin will contact Barbara Shields to be a Telephone Tree Chair. March meeting will include more items on membership.

Host assignments for County Durham, England ambassadors have been sent to hosts, both home and dinner hosts, by Bonnie Evans. There are 11 ambassadors coming. There will be a farewell dinner for the ambassadors on April 10th.

Passes to local venues: We need to hear from our members who have memberships to local places of interest, such as the Botanical Gardens, the Atlanta History Museum, and the World of Coke. It would help us keep down costs if we were able to use these with our incoming ambassadors from England. Info needs to go to John Wilhelm.

Open World: Cynthia is doing the extensive paperwork required to host. Dates for Open World are May 11-19th for this group from the Ukraine. The theme is "ways of supervising court watch/ citizen review". Home hosts are needed. A home host who is not able to attend the daytime program is OK.

Journey to Egypt: the count at the present time is 14 ambassadors on board. There is room for 6 more. The Egypt home stay is October 17th - 24th, 2018.

Social activities: Cynthia said there was a program on Bahai being discussed, as well as world friendship day which is officially March 1st. UNICEF also needs some volunteers with their program at the High Museum/ Alliance theatre in the fall. Those on the Social Committee are: Cynthia, Mark Hagan, Robin Scott, Sue James, Eunice Luke, and Glenda Wilhelm. Suggestion made that there be a guest speaker at club dinners. The club goal is an activity every month. Board meetings will be held the second Saturday of the month, beginning at 10 a.m.

Future agenda item: Name tags. Another agenda item: budget allocation to membership and social committees, and possible membership drive. Also future agenda item: compensation or incentive for Journey Coordinator and possibly hosts.

New Business: Sherry Weilman from the FF Big Canoe, GA made an overture for our club to join them in the fall of 2018 on their journey to Tbilisi and Armenia. This conflicts with our journey to Egypt.

Board meetings are currently being held at the club president's home. Let's ask members for any known meeting rooms, church fellowships or halls available for our club meetings or dinners.

Allison Lindsey gave a demonstration of her updated FFGA website.

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA

February 2018

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE: **\$2,009.57**

INCOME STATEMENT

Income

0100 Banking		\$0.10
0101 Checking Account Interest	\$0.10	
0300 Club Exchange - Outbound		\$3,060.00
0312 Ambassador Fees - Cairo	\$3,060.00	
0600 Membership		\$400.00
0601 Membership Dues	\$400.00	

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$3,460.10**

Expenses

03000 Club Exchange - Outbound		\$92.51
03011 Costs Associated with Cairo	\$92.51	
06000 Membership		\$37.03
06002 Membership Listing	\$28.00	
06006 Misc.	\$9.03	
08000 Dues, Registration, Website		\$8.22
08001 Dues to FFI	\$8.22	

TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENDITURES **\$137.76**

Month Net Income/(Loss) **\$3,322.34**

ACTUAL ENDING CHECKING BALANCE: **\$5,331.91**

Outstanding Checks: **\$10.00**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02/28/18	1385	\$10.00

Amount Shown on Checking Account Bank Statement: **\$5,341.91**

Respectfully Submitted,
RONALD H. SCOTT, TREASURER