

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA



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President's Corner

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I am ready for fall.

The hot, humid, rainy days hopefully will pass very soon and we all can get out and enjoy the beautiful weather that fall brings, say goodbye to summer and kick off interest in the upcoming FFGA Trip to Cairo, Jordan and Egypt journey.

Cynthia Williams has arranged a Mediterranean-style dinner at Nicola's this coming Sunday, August 12, starting at 5 p.m., and we hope you can join us in this family-style meal. I will be bringing two District Representatives from California that we met several years ago on a wonderful journey to Calgary, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. This would be a good time to visit with them and discuss any ideas or concerns you might have for FFI.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, at noon, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5801 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain, Allison Lindsey, club member and Friendship Force International regional representative, has graciously agreed to give members of our club a presentation on computer technology.

Some of the topics she'll cover may include computer skills and the use of Google Apps. She will try help us to use our SmartPhones while traveling. We are planning to bring in lunch and need to know if you think that you would be interested in attending. Please contact me if you are coming. (770-446-1733).

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Save the Date

August 12: Middle eastern dinner.

Sept. 8: Technology presentation

October 6: Annual meeting.

Dec. 8: Holiday event.

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Our annual meeting will start at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Maggiano's restaurant at Cumberland Mall. We would like to have as many of you there as possible. The cost will be \$30 per person, tax and tip included. Please mark your calendars and let Cynthia Williams or Barbara Shields know if you will be attending.

We will be electing next year's officers, voting on countries of interest for 2020, and addressing any issues that need discussion.

One final note: the nominating process to elect new officers for next year is underway. If you are interested in being on the board, please let Barbara Shields know as soon as possible. We will present the slate on Sunday at dinner and send out notices on Monday to those who are able to attend.

Our club needs to grow and have many more active members if we are to continue to exist. Atlanta covers a very large area and there use to be several active clubs. The distances and continued traffic growth and expansion of our area makes it hard for many of us to travel to activities. With FFI based in Atlanta, we need to grow again and have a broader base of members. If we have an active group of people in one area of town, the club might be able to help to form another club in that location. In order to do this, we need your involvement and assistance.

Those of us who are Baby Boomers are retiring and are now more able to travel and experience other cultures. We need to build our club and have a strong foundation where we can gain more involvement of the generations that will follow. Please step forward and get involved!

The Holiday Party will be held at Petite Violette again this year. It's scheduled for Dec. 8, starting at 12:30 pm. You don't want to miss the food — it's wonderful — and the fellowship of our members. It will be a great way to start the holiday season. If you are interest in helping with the planning, please contact Cynthia Williams.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon and am always glad to chat with you.

In friendship,

Robin

CLIP AND SAVE

CLUB DINNER ON AUGUST 12

Whether you're going on the great expedition to Egypt or not, come join the Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta on Sunday, August 12, at Nicola's Restaurant to sample Middle-Eastern (Lebanese) food.

We will have a family-style meal, with a great variety of dishes, all for \$20, including tax and gratuity. We last went to Nicola's in 2010, and a good time was had by all. Desserts are available at \$1 each for those who still have enough room for them at the end of the meal! Bar service is also available for purchase.

Please feel free to bring additional guests who may be interested in joining the FFGA. This type of social event provides an excellent way for new members to be introduced and to meet folks they may be traveling or hosting with on future exchanges

Place: Nicola's Restaurant, [1602 LaVista Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329](#).

Date: Sunday, August 12, starting at 5 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00 per person. Send your checks to Cynthia Williams, [1923 Claremont Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30318](#) Please be sure your check, made out to FFGA, is received no later than Friday, August 10. If you have any questions, call Cynthia at 404-351-5352.

Annual meeting set for Oct. 6

We plan to meet at Maggiano's at Cumberland Mall. Saturday, Oct. 6, starting at 1 p.m., The address is 1601 Cumberland Mall, Suite 200, Atlanta, 30339. [\(770\) 799-1580](tel:7707991580)



Waiting list for Cairo Trip

The Cairo journey is full; there are 20 ambassadors travelling. There is a waiting list. Contact journey coordinator, John Wilhelm at jgwilhelm1961@gmail.com to be put on the waiting list.

FYI, National Geographic and the Smithsonian channels as well as PBS are showing documentaries on Egypt, Israel, and Petra.



A few spots remain for 2019 trip to Bogota, Quito and the Galapagos

Bogota-Quito-Galapagos journey Director Bonnie Evans, is pleased to announce that we have 20 vetted and approved ambassadors for the Bogota-Quito-Galapagos journey that starts on April 26, 2019.

Bonnie has opened the journey for a total of eight more ambassadors. She is hoping that more members of the Greater Atlanta club will join the amazing journey.

Please email Bonnie for the detailed booklet at kbemje@bellsouth.net