

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA



FFGA

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Annual meeting coming up Oct. 6



It's party time: Club members celebrate during a visit to a winery in Washington.

Food, fun and elections on tap

What more could one ask? The FFGA annual meeting on Oct. 6 offers camaraderie, Italian food and the chance to choose our leaders and where we travel next.

The Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta plans to hold its annual meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant at Cumberland Mall. Social activities start at 1 p.m. and lunch is to begin about 1:30 p.m. The business meeting begins about 2:15 p.m.

The cost for lunch is \$30 per person. If you haven't registered already, send your check to Glenda Wilhelm, 6051 Millstone Run, Stone Mountain, Ga.,

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2019 membership dues due

It's time to pony up: club membership dues for 2019 are due.

An individual memberships costs \$35. A family membership (defined as two or more persons living at the same address) costs \$50.

Send your checks made out to FFGA to Linda Foley, our membership chair, at 1010 Freedom Lane, Roswell, GA 30075.

There will be a table set up at the Annual Meeting on Oct. 6 for collection of dues payments at that time.

Coming up

Oct. 6: Annual meeting and election of officers, Maggiano's restaurant, Cumberland Mall, 1 p.m.

Dec. 8: Holiday event, Petite Violette, 2948 Clairmont Road, 12:30 p.m.



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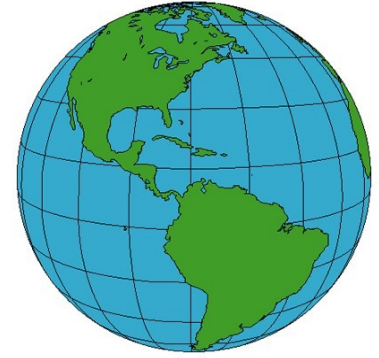
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Choices, choices: Where should we go next?

Club members attending the annual meeting on Oct. 6 will have a chance to say where they think the club should travel in 2020. Here is a list of the countries that have clubs we could visit.

Members will be asked to rank their Top Five choices. Those choices will be ranked (a first place vote equals 5 points, a second place equals 4 points and so on), with the top vote-getters being the club's choices.

Countries listed in green are ones we have visited since 2014 or plan to visit next year, so they aren't available to us in 2020.



PROPOSED FFGA EXCHANGES FOR 2020

Asia

China
India
Indonesia
Japan
Korea
Malaysia
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nepal
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
Thailand
Vietnam

Latin America

Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Guadeloupe
Mexico
Peru

North America

Canada
United States

Pacific

Australia
New Caledonia
New Zealand
United States - Hawaii

Africa and Middle East

Burundi
Egypt
Ghana
Israel
Kenya
Liberia
Morocco
Sierra Leone
South Africa
Tanzania
Turkey
Uganda

Europe

Austria
Azerbaijan
Belgium
England
France
Georgia
Germany
Hungary
Netherlands
Romania
Russia
Slovakia
Sweden
Switzerland
Tajikistan

Annual Meeting menu offers tastes of Italy

In case you're worried that there wouldn't be enough to eat before the Annual Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 6, here's a look at the menu Maggiano's Little Italy is offering.

Please mark your choices and send them, with a check for \$30 for each person, payable to FFGA to Glenda Wilhelm, 6051 Millstone Run, Stone Mountain, Ga., 30087.

Reservations must be made by Oct. 3.

First course: (pick one) : stuffed mushrooms; tomato Caprese; Caesar Salad

Second course (pick one): mom's lasagna; four-cheese ravioli, pesto Alfredo sauce; chicken Marsala

Third course (pick one): New York-style cheesecake; tiramisu



Coffee, tea and sodas are included. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase at the bar.

Elections at Annual Meeting

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30087, no later than Wednesday, Oct. 3. Menu selections are listed above

During the business meeting, members will be asked to indicate their preferences for countries to which the club should travel in the future. Members may choose up to five countries where Friendship Force has member clubs. A list of those countries appears on Page 2.

Members who want to make a brief pitch for a particular country may do so during the meeting. No more than a minute or two, please, but you can share your thoughts on why you think the club should visit a particular place.

The membership also will elect new officers for 2019. The club's nominating committee is recommending the re-election of incumbents Robin Scott to serve as president, Bonnie Evans as vice president, Anne Earle as secretary and Ron Scott as treasurer. All have agreed to serve.

Other nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting, as long as the nominees have agreed to serve.

Of there is only one nominee for each office, the election may be held by a voice vote; otherwise the voting must be by ballot. In the event of a tie, a second vote will be taken.

President's Corner

Greetings Fellow Travelers,



FFGA is having our Annual Meeting and Luncheon this coming Saturday, Oct. 6, at 1 p.m., at the Maggiano's in Cumberland Mall. Cynthia Williams has arranged a delicious menu to choose from for our meals.

This is an important time where we will select our choices for incoming and outgoing journeys for 2020. We need to decide if we would like to participate in an Open World delegation next year and find a volunteer or two to arrange this unique opportunity. There will be the election of officers and very importantly, we need volunteers for next years chairpersons or co-chairpersons for standing committees.

Our club cannot continue to function effectively without participation from the membership. I urge each of you to consider where your leadership, knowledge, talents and willingness can best utilized in the Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta. We have such an incredible opportunity to travel the world, experience different cultures, make friendships and hopefully, spread understanding and peace wherever we go. Please help us grow and enable us to extend our friendship to many others here in Georgia!

Please contact Glenda Wilhelm if you plan to come. We need to give a headcount to the restaurant. I look forward to greeting each of you and enjoying a fun afternoon.

Earlier this month. Allison Lindsey presented to a group of us a very informative program on "How to Stay Connected" through various forms of media. Most of us needed a refresher session on basic technology and, fortunately, she brought along her children, John David and Olivia, to help us. A big thank you to all three of them. We do hope that we will be able to have another session on "Technology and Communication" in the near future.

In friendship,

Robin Scott

A note from the Newsletter Editor

Your newsletter needs you! Please send some photos of yourself and your FFGA friends in action that we can publish in the newsletter. Otherwise, you're going to have to keep looking at my old pictures. Any photos of folks traveling or partying with our group will do. Just email JPEGs to me at joeearle715@gmail.com and I'll take it from there.

Thanks

Joe

PS. To get things started, here's another one of my oldies — a photo of our president Robin Scott stopping literally to smell the roses in Washington state.

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