

Friendship Force of Central Arizona
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 8th 2:00 FF Happy Birthday Friendship Force and a Happy St. Pat's Day to you all. In Mesa, check page for details. **Page 3**

March 18th 1:00. West Valley LEO, Golden Corral Restaurant at 59th Avenue and Northern in Phoenix. **Page 3.**

March 23rd - 29th Spokane inbound. Page 2.

Email newsletter articles to me by the 24th of each month for the next month.

Let us have some more BIOS. Send them to Dianne at rdmason@ieee.orgFeb19.docx

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

(Picture needed)

FF President's Newsletter Column for March
Top of the morning to you!

Hope everyone had a good February. Can't believe how fast it went!!

Here we are in March which is going to be a very busy month. On March 8 we will be celebrating FF's birthday with a theme of Ireland and its special foods, including Irish soda bread and corned beef, and music. Maybe some of you will dance an Irish Jig.

At the end of March our guests from Spokane, WA will be visiting with us. A big thank you to Richard and his committee for organizing what looks to be a fun and interesting visit. Even if you are not hosting, we hope you will be participating in some of the activities.

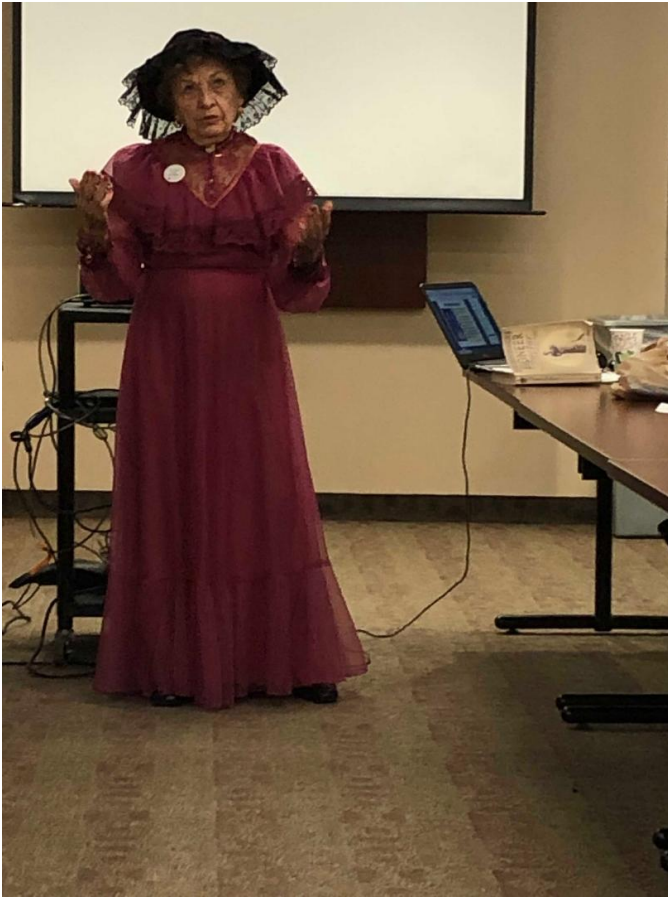
Starting in April the nominating committee will be busy seeking officers for 2021 (my how times flies when you are having fun!). If you have any interest in becoming involved, you can volunteer to run for an office without waiting to be contacted.

Hope to see everyone at the March meeting and LEO at the Golden Corral. Thank you for all you do for FF

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

14 Janice Engbrecht
14 Pete Frazier
21 Mary Ann Shonk

If I have missed your birthday, please let me know at nferth@aol.com



ONE WOMAN SHOW AT FEBRUARY MEETING (picture above)

Pat Forsythe put on a great one woman show at our February meeting. She acted out a woman from the 19th century who wanted to be a Doctor and how she, despite all the prejudice against woman doctors (and other professionals), was able to succeed in her goal of providing health care especially for women and also went on to be a woman's rights advocate. What a wonderful show. Nancy

NEW MEMBER

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NOTES ON CANADA JOURNEY JUN 4 – 17, 2020 (new)

We have a full Journey with 19 ambassadors, 10 from our club, 3 from Tucson and 6 from other clubs in CA. Our itinerary is one week home stay in Niagara and one week in

Montreal. Nine of the group will continue for an add on trip to Quebec City after that.

At each of the home stays we will have a full, rich program exploring the unique features and cultural heritage of the area. In Niagara we will visit the Falls (of course), museums, a winery, parks, historical forts and the Wellington Canal. In Montreal we will practice our French (ha, ha), visit the Biodome, botanical garden, a cathedral, museums, the Olympic Park and walking and sightseeing of old Montreal. During our week there, a Gran Prix event is being held that will offer several free evening activities.

The add on to Quebec City will have us housed in two rental apartments where we plan on self guided tours of the old city and gastronomic adventures. The old city is compact, suitable for walking tours or exploring with the hop on and off.

Bill Kram, Journey Coordinator 602 793 0478

SPOKANE INBOUND

The 11 Spokanites will be arriving on Monday, March 23. Tuesday, March 24 will be the Welcome Brunch (\$10) and the day in Sun City with tours, history, recreation and home hosted dinners. Wednesday, will include Basha's Art Gallery, the Gilbert Water Ranch, a relaxing afternoon in Mesa before the dinner and show at Barleens in Apache Junction. We have 29 signed up.

After two months of hassling to get the Amazon tour finally set up, I was feeling pretty smug. Thursday evening Amazon cancelled all their tours during the month of March because of the Coronavirus. Working on alternative plans for Thursday Mar 26. We will still be going to the Botanical Garden that day.

Friday is a free day.

Saturday is the Musical Instrument Museum followed by the Farewell Party at Pat and Al Forsythe's home in Sun City.

Sunday is departure.

Hearty thanks to all the hosts, dinner hosts, drivers, snack providers, planners and helpers.

Richard Mueller

LEO

March 18th at 1:00p.m. the senior special price starts at 1:00p.m. We will once again go to Golden Coral at Northern Avenue just East of 59th Ave. We had 7 people at the February LEO and we would love to have more people join us. Dianne Mason

FF PARTY

FRIENDSHIP FORCE CENTRAL ARIZONA: Happy Birthday Friendship Force and a Happy St. Pat's Day to you all.

Join your friends and make new ones at our Birthday celebration on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 2:00 pm., Velda Miller's home, 8500 E. Southern Avenue, Lot #415, Mesa.

Fun and food will abound. This is an Irish theme, so if you wish, bring a joke, a poem to share or favorite desert.

Velda and Gerrie are cooking up the very best corn beef and Irish Soda Bread you have ever eaten. Wear your green and let's celebrate Friendship Force's wonderful birthday.

Cost is \$15 per person. Please make your check to Friendship Force Central Arizona and mail to Jean Ohlde, 13207 W. Keystone Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375. If you cannot get your check in the mail, we will be happy to accept at the door.

This gathering of the clan will serve as the General Membership Meeting for March.

Any need to contact any one: Ruth Shaw Noble, 602-920-8680 rshaw38@cox.net
Velda Miller: 253-221 9913 veldamiller@att.net
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS, 602-920-8680.

If you have traveled far with Friendship Force to make a new friend, why not travel across the city to make one? This ceili will be the best yet! (ceili or ceilidh is a social event with Scottish or Irish folk music, singing etc.)

Correction about the above. Come to 8500 E Southern Ave., but do NOT come to my house as I can't accommodate the parking on my street, The party is being held in the ballroom at the Office of Crescent Run, where we had a previous meeting March of last year. Plenty of parking availability there for cars and for eating and entertaining, but NOT at my home. I can accommodate quite a few people at one time but not for this party. Please everyone go to the Club house at the end of the driveway that you drive into Crescent Run on, park and come into that Building. Thanks, look forward to a big

crowd, St. Patricks Day celebration with entertainment and food and fun. Velda

BIOGRAPHY



RUSS FEDORATION

Russ was Born 1942 in Alberta, Canada. He has one daughter and has been a widower since 2018. Russ has an Accounting degree and had a battery business. He enjoys golf, watching sports, travel, Biking, and walking. – He joined FF in Montana in June 2018.

Russ's Hobbies have included: 50 year Lions Club member -30 year AZ citrus picking volunteer - 35 year. Legion Member. Also playing cards (Poker , Crib) -Growing Vegetables and Fruit trees.

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JOURNEYS

2020 OUTBOUND JOURNEY

Outbound Central Arizona to Montreal and Niagara Falls, Canada in June. Bill Kram Journey Coordinator. (602)793-0478. June 5th – 17th

2020 INBOUND JOURNEYS

October, 3-4 day stopover of Brasnov, Romania ambassadors. Velda Miller has agreed to be the coordinator for this incoming stopover journey. There will be 9 people coming. Late October or early November.

Greater Hamilton-Burlington, Canada to Central Arizona. Richard Mueller is incoming coordinator. RNMUELLER@YAHOO.COM

2020 DOMESTIC INBOUND

March 23-29 Spokane , Washington will be visiting us. There will be 15 ambassadors. Richard Mueller is incoming coordinator. RNMUELLER@YAHOO.COM