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friendship force
MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES



2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- January 16 Minnesota History Center – Lunch and Native American Exhibit
- February 19 Lunch at Holy Land Restaurant - Minneapolis
- May 13 - 20 Incoming Journey from Los Angeles
- July FFMNTC 2020 Semi-Annual Meeting
- Sept. 14 – 17 Explore the North Shore of Lake Superior –Excursion for Incoming Ambassadors
(Regional Conference attendees)
- Sept. 18 - 20 FFI Super Regional Conference in Minneapolis
- Oct. or Nov. Journey to Cankaya, Turkey and Cottbus, Germany
- December 5 FFMNTC 2020 Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

INBOUND JOURNEY from LOS ANGELES, CA, May 13 – 20, 2020

Host Coordinator Needed

In order to prepare for our guest ambassadors, we urgently need someone to fill the **Host Coordinator** position. This can be one person or two working together. They would act as chair or co-chairs for the host committee and select committee members to fill a variety of positions. This is an excellent way for a new member(s) to get involved with the club, meet other members and learn how journeys work. My first experience volunteering for our club was serving as a home host and being on the host committee. You plan events and parties. As Journey Director, I will be working with the Host Coordinator every step of the way to guide and help them through the process. Please contact me if you are interested or have questions. We can find a job for anyone who would like to contribute to this journey for the week or even just a day. Thank you for considering this.

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2020 Cultural Explorations

January

Thursday, January 16, 11:00 AM

Minnesota History Center, 345 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul MN 55102

LUNCH: Meet in Cafeteria at 11:00 AM

EXHIBIT: **“Our Home: Native Minnesota”**

ADMISSION: \$12 Adults, \$10 Seniors over 65

PARKING: Parking lot next to building

RSVP: janesbardon@gmail.com or 651-484-7989 by January 9 if possible. *(We may be able to get a free tour with early reservations.)*

Join us for the next adventure in our local Cultural Exploration series, a visit to the **“Our Home: Native Minnesota”** Exhibit, which opened on December 7, 2019.

“Learn about Native communities in Minnesota, including stories of survival, resiliency, and adaptation.

Native Americans — Dakota, Ojibwe, as well as people from other tribal nations — have dwelled in this area for thousands of years and still live here today. This exhibit shares their stories, enduring presence, and deep connection to the land.

View historic and contemporary photographs, maps, and artifacts — and learn how Native people have retained cultural practices, teachings and values, and an essential connection to home.”

February

Wednesday, February 19, 11:00 AM.

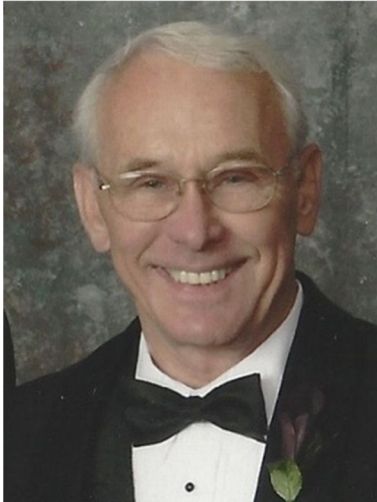
Holy Land Restaurant, 2513 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis MN

Website: <https://holylandbrand.com/>

RSVP: janesbardon@gmail.com or 651-484-7989 by February 15.



The Holy Land is a very casual place and eating there is a cultural experience in itself. They serve a variety of Mid-Eastern foods. There are many interesting ethnic restaurants on Central Avenue. You may want to look around to see if you can spot other restaurants that we could explore in the near future



Remembering Gene Selchow

Gene was on the board when I was President. He was one of the most logical and supportive persons I ever knew. Gene served as Exchange Director for about six years. He possessed a great deal of common sense and was always willing to take on any task given to him. And he did it with that wonderful smile.

I remember being in Brazil and he helped me celebrate my birthday. He was an absolute delight to travel with and having Gene as the ED, (it's what they were called back then) was an added bonus. Gene was always very well organized and again, that common sense came into play. And always with a smile.

I will miss Gene greatly and he will be missed by our club. Rest in peace my friend. Submitted by Ben Szyplinski

Editor's Note: Gene passed on December 13th. The funeral service was December 20th at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Richfield, A large number of club members were in attendance for the service. Our condolences go out to Gene's family.

Mary and Gordon Elscott Receive Don Wolter Award



Mary Elscott was overwhelmed with emotion when it was announced at our Holiday Party on December 8 that she and her husband, Gordon, would receive the Don Wolter Award. The award is given for a deserving member each year in memory of Don Wolter, who served as our newsletter editor for twenty years. Mary and Gordon have the key attributes for this award for they have been active members of our club since 1978 when the club was founded. Mary and Gordon participated in the club's first exchange to Berlin, Germany in June of 1978. Mary stepped in to serve as exchange director in 1986 when the club went to Chiapas, Mexico and then coordinated the return visit by the Chiapas, Mexico club. Additionally, Mary lead exchanges to Madison, Wisconsin in 1997, Liberty Ville, Illinois in 2002, and Northern Illinois in 2003. Mary continued contributing to the club by serving on the Board of Directors as Vice President in 1989 and Secretary from 1978-1982.

Both Gordon and Mary have promoted and supported the Friendship Force mission by hosting ambassadors from Japan, Taiwan, Germany, Mexico, New Zealand, and from Russia on two occasions. The Escott's have hosted our club's holiday party for many years and their enthusiastic and "can do" attitude have had a positive effect on the club's success.

Mary indicates that she and Gordon did not always travel together on their Friendship Force journeys due to their working schedules. Gordon estimates he has participated in at least six journeys including such destinations as Singapore and Malaysia. Mary has participated in a total of eight outbound journeys. We congratulate and thank Mary and Gordon for all of their contributions to our club.

Submitted by *Louise Anderson*

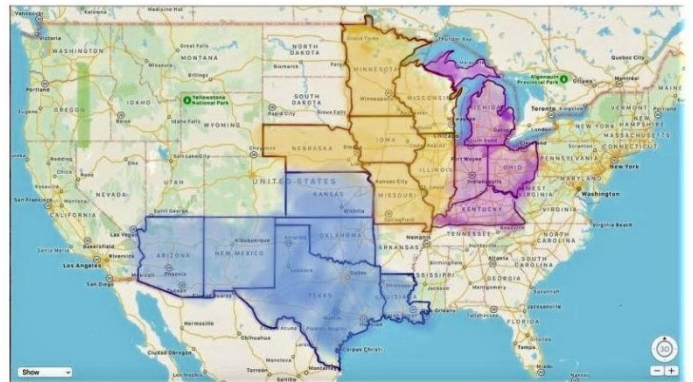


Great Lakes, Midwest, and Southwest FFI 2020 Super Regional Conference September 18-19-20

Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton Minneapolis Downtown – 12 Sixth Street So., Minneapolis MN

The year 2020 kicks off a new decade with a major event for our Friendship Force of Minnesota–Twin Cities club as we host the 2020 Super Regional Conference in downtown Minneapolis in September. All hands-on board! We will need your involvement to make this event a success!

We are expecting 100 -125 members from 28 clubs from three regions (Great Lakes, Midwest and Southwest). FFI began the Super Regional Conference idea several years ago to increase cross-fertilization of ideas from all members from a larger geographical area. It's also a way to highlight the host cities as a destination. We've already heard that our event is attracting international attendees. This is also a great way to invite non-members to get a firsthand look at Friendship Force in the 21st century so invite potential members to get involved with you!



Hats off to our Planning Team handling details. **Metro Activities and Promotions:** Shirley Cavallaro, Blaine McCutchan, Louise Anderson; **Program:** Mary Montagne, Patricia Robinette; **Hotel AV and Catering, Registration Fee Budget:** Vicki Palmer; **Pre-conference Tour of North Shore of Lake Superior:** Jane Norman; **Web and Announcements:** Jane Bardon; **On-line registration and payments:** Rose Emerick. **FF Regional Field Representatives,** Dale Moore (Midwest), Judy Hornsby (Great Lakes) and Karen Virgilio and Kay Binder (Southwest) along with Allison Lindsey (FFI Director of Program Operations) have a major role in developing and approving program topics and speakers.

We are grateful for members who signed up at the Annual Meeting and Holiday Party to work on hostess gift bags, registration and marketing. You'll get more information soon. There's still plenty of room for more volunteers. Please contact ritamnffi@yahoo.com to sign up for the fun!

Submitted by *Rita Mays*, FFMNTC Chair of the FFI 2020 Super Regional Conference
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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Jane Bardon, President

Membership Data 12-15-19

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| Renewals – 2020: | 44 |
| Memberships Due: | 45 |
| New 2020: | 2 |
| Life Members: | 17 |
| Elders (not paid): | <u>7</u> |
| TOTAL 12-27-19 | 115 |

2019 NEW = 10, DECEASED = 3

2020 MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE NOW

Membership dues for 2020 are due now. Dues are \$40 per individual member. \$20 per person goes to FFI (a \$5.00 increase since 2019) and \$20 stays with the Club.

Our annual charter payment to FFI is due by January 15, 2020. The payment is based on the number of 2019 paid members we had in 2019. However, we must pay the new 2020 fee of \$20 per member, although we collected \$15 per member in 2019. That creates a crunch, so please pay your dues ASAP and help keep our financial status strong.

2020 FFMNTC Membership Form

A 2020 Membership Form is attached for those who have not yet had an opportunity to pay their dues for 2020. Please fill out the survey at the bottom of the form. The information we requested is essential to future planning. All of the responses will be entered in our member database. We need everyone's input to facilitate the programming that members want. For those who want to further support the Club, there is now a Donation option on the Form.

CONGRATULATIONS

The FFMNTC Membership Elected Officers for 2020 at the 2019 Annual General Membership Meeting in December: **President, Jane Bardon -- Vice President, Max Harris – Secretary, Louise Anderson – Treasurer, Rose Emerick.**

A special welcome to new Board Director, Max Harris, and thank you to the Officers and Board Directors who agreed to continue to serve in 2020.

BOARD DIRECTORS

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John Christensen – Member at Large

Barb Emer – Newsletter Editor

Buck MacDonald – Member at Large

Rita Mays – Member at Large

Tom Scott – Member at Large

Non-Board Volunteers

Jan Lanyk – Historian, Facebook Editor

BOARD CONTACTS

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Click on "Board Contacts" on the red menu bar, then click on the person you want to contact.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE **February 15**

Email submissions to Barb Emer at:
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