

July 2019 Newsletter

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FF of Hiroshima inbound was a smashing success!!



A big THANK YOU to Lyn Hargreave and Dave Barnes for coordinating such a successful journey!

Check out our web

page, <https://www.friendshipforcewmich.org/past-inbound-journeys.html>, for pics!

What's up next?

LEOs! and more

August 6, Tuesday, at 6pm at Blue Dolphin (Greek), 502 S. Burdick St., Kalamazoo

August 13-19, Tokyo English Language Journey. Welcome potluck at McGarry's

August 13. Farewell dinner on August 18.

September 6, Friday, at 6pm at Salvatore's (Italian), 654 Stocking Ave. NW, Grand Rapids

October 1-8, FF of Southwest Florida visit. Welcome breakfast Oct 2. Farewell lunch Oct. 7.

November 6, Wednesday, at 6pm at Shwarma King (Middle Eastern). Will take out order and eat at Lynn & Dave Hargreave's, 215 Sabin, Kalamazoo

December 6, Friday, at 6pm Caution: date may change to Dec 5. Details to be determined.



International Conference

July 23-27 FFI International Conference 2019

Where: University of Colorado,
Boulder

If you decide at the last minute
to attend. . . here is the

registration page:

<https://www.thefriendshipforce.org/2019-world-conference-registration-now-open/>

Tokyo Language Journey

Thirteen Japanese FF members are coming from Tokyo to FF of Dayton and FF Western Michigan (August 13-19 to FFWM). Ages range from 11 to 73! This journey is a little different from club to club exchanges, as the focus of this journey is practicing English. Jerry Potratz and Teresa Barnes have been arranging English lessons for our guests. Fred Giddings has been working on an activities program that will reinforce the language lessons. He has also been arranging housing and planning the logistics of the journey. Hosts have volunteered, however, dinner and day hosts are still needed. These opportunities are a great way to participate in the journey if you can not host. Please try to participate with this journey in one of these roles.

Contact Fred Giddings at fgidrow@outlook.com or 269 221 0200.

Next Inbound Journey

October 1-8 Remember our journey to Florida? FF of Southwest Florida will be visiting us. Host Coordinators are Shirley Wiersma and Marcia Ellis. You will soon be receiving emails from them looking for all categories of hosts. PLEASE, get involved in this journey! You do not need to attend all the activities when hosting. That is how a day host participates. So please respond to the emails you will be seeing in the near future!



Next Outbound Journey for FFWM

April of 2020 will take us to Bursa and Izmir, Turkey! Louise Potratz and Marcia Ellis are the Journey Coordinators. They are planning to visit other areas of Turkey as well, including Istanbul and



Cappadocia. Stay tuned as they work on planning this journey!

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