

October 2019 Newsletter

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We sadly mourn the loss of our dear friend, Frank Stanitzek. He was a long

time member of FFWM and a wonderful and warm-hearted person. He will be missed.

Membership Event



On October 16 FFWM hosted **A Taste of Friendship Force** at Walden Woods clubhouse. 46 guests attended and the food was fabulous thanks to the 21 FFWM members who made it!

See more <https://www.friendshipforcewmich.org/past-events.html>

Journeys

Inbound: Friendship Force of Southwest Florida

October 1-8, 2019

Our club hosted ten guests from the Southwest Florida club. Shirley Wiersma and Marcia Ellis were the journey coordinators. Thank you to so many people who participated in this exchange! There were 7 host homes (Pam & Stan Sackett, Nancy Draayer, Marcia Ellis, Barb & Dan Grinwis, Deb Williamson, Sheila Nichols, and Inge Luciano). The six day hosts were Carolyn Kammenga (1/2 day); Lisa Fisher (4 days); Sue Bohlander & Loren Meengs (2 days); Jerry & Louise Potratz. And we had five dinner hosts (Peg & Frank Stanitzek, Barb Wright, Susan & Dan Andress, Fred & Mary Giddings, LaluraJane and Bud Colber). Everyone worked together to provide our guests with a fabulous experience.

Kevin Janiak, one of our Florida guests, had donated a plane he made to the Air Zoo and it has been on display. While we were there he was presented with a certificate from the Air Zoo, making this visit very special for us!

For pictures of this journey check out our web

page: <https://www.friendshipforcewmich.org/past-inbound-journeys.html>

and our Facebook

page: https://www.facebook.com/pg/friendshipforcewesternmichigan/posts/?ref=page_internal



Kevin Janiak, Friendship Force of Southwest Florida

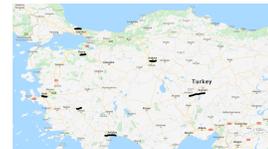
For a **pre-journey**, Marcia Ellis took four of our guests on a 3 day adventure to Charlevoix and Petosky, Mackinac Island, and Traverse City. We rode bikes around the island, ate lunch at the Grand Hotel, took a horse carriage ride, and shopped for fudge and other goodies around town. We also hunted for Petoskey stones at Petoskey State Park. While eating lunch at Leggs in Cross, Michigan we ran into two other Florida guests, touring upper Michigan on their own!



**Next Inbound. . . FF of Turrialba,
Costa Rica
Dates to be announced.**

Looking for a couple of people willing to be journey coordinators. Please email Jerry Potratz if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

Next Outbound . . . FF of Bursa and FF of Izmir, Turkey



Journey coordinators are Louise Potratz and Marcia Ellis. They have been working on putting together a comprehensive tour of popular spots in Turkey. Tentative dates are March 29 to April 23. The itinerary will include 3 days in Istanbul, a week with the Bursa club, then visit Ankara, Cappadocia, Antalya and Pammukale, and spend the last week with the Greater Izmir club. Watch for more information coming out shortly!

Club Business

Looking for volunteers to serve on the board

There is a one year term and a two year term opening for 2020. Please consider serving your club. It is a great way to get involved and be in the know! The board meets monthly at a home (or you can Skype in). If you care about the welfare of our club, get involved! *New members bring in new ideas!* Email Jerry Potratz at jerrypotratz@hotmail.com.

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