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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I just returned with thirteen members of our club from the Friendship Force International Conference in Woodland Hills, CA. The conference was well done and I'm sure that the other members of our group came back as enthusiastic as I am about the future. George Brown, our new FFI President, informed us that at this time we are financially in a better place than we have been in the recent past. We were told of his and the trustees plans for the future and they seem to be taking us in a solid direction. George outlined a bold plan for expanding the number of clubs and challenged the existing clubs to come on board and help. Come to the Holiday Luncheon where you will hear more from our new club president, Joy Hewett.

With regret, the board decided to cancel our club's outbound exchange to Nairobi, Kenya for next year, due to the U.S. State Department's warning that Americans not go there. We are currently working with FFI to find a replacement exchange.

At this time I want to add my own challenge to our club. As you can tell when you look at our roster, our club has been shrinking. I would like to challenge you all to do your part to recruit good Friendship Force members. If everyone or every family could bring in one member it would substantially benefit our club. I'd like you to refer anyone that you would consider a good ambassador for our club to Joy Hewett so we can issue an invitation to them to join us. Keep those referrals coming.

Because this is my last message as president, I would like to thank you all for your support during the past two years. I have enjoyed working in this capacity.

—Louise Heiduk, President@ffsfb.org

OUTGOING EXCHANGE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA APRIL 15-20, 2005

We are invited to visit Atlanta in the spring. We recently hosted the club from Atlanta, so it will be a chance to for them to return the favor. The cost will be about \$100 for club fees, plus airfare. There will be no organized extensions, but members can arrange to visit other East Coast sites individually. Please sign up at the Dec. 5 luncheon or contact me directly.

—Katharine Kleinke

DEVON INBOUND EXCHANGE 2004

In July, the Devon club confirmed an arrival date to San Francisco of September 12th. A Welcome Party held at the

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Jo Medleycott, ---, Ann Harding

Photo by Loretta Wales

Newark Presbyterian Church gave a chance to greet all sixteen ambassadors from Devon.

Approximately fifty guests and club members enjoyed an Afternoon Tea, visiting, and a well-organized photo session. The variety of food specialties and sweets were provided by club members, which guests enjoyed after their journey down from the Napa/Sonoma exchange. All plans for events of the week were confirmed with dates, times, and places.

Our first day out was a trip to San Francisco for a city tour provided by Tower Tours, guided by Bill Dolon. Bill had a captive audience, who enjoyed his informative and entertaining information on the history of San Francisco and how the Bay Area developed over the past 100 years. He gave the secret mystery of the Fog of the Bay—now you know the English had to enjoy that weather report!

In the late afternoon, we took a trip to Alcatraz for a hike up the hill to the infamous Federal Prison of California. For many, this was the first introduction to the confines of a prison. The self guided audio brought solemn thoughts to many and sadness from the sounds of the prisoners over the audio. This was an historical landmark that many would have rather seen from the shore.



Devon group at tree planting, Prusch Park

Photo by Dean and Bernice Batchelder

On Thursday, a great turnout of hosts and ambassadors attended the traditional tree planting at Prusch Park. Norm Crane, Don Dillon, and Howard Craven made all the arrangements with Prusch Park rangers for the plaque, setting and planting of the tree to be completed upon our arrival. The Devon club enjoyed the park and picking fresh fruit from neighboring trees. After weeks of searching by Don Dillon for the English Oak tree, it was found in the town of Colma. It seems this tree is a rare find in the Bay Area.

After the tree planting, all were off to Chef Chu's in Los Altos where we were joined by more club members. During the dinner, the Devon club provided great entertainment by staging a short script. We all discovered there is talent in Devon, England.

On Friday, an optional tour of San Francisco's Hidden Treasures was attended by thirteen hosts and ambassadors. The hidden treasures were gardens atop various office buildings and shopping plazas. Our guide had us travel the streets of the Financial District, going in many offices and banks to see the beautiful art deco and architectural structures. When the two-hour tour was completed, it was a short walk to Chinatown for lunch.

Now did someone say they do not know what to do when company comes to the Bay Area? Well, here are just a few things that were visited on the Free Days and "Time on your hands" days: In the South Bay, adventures were found in Carmel, Rocky Point Restaurant in Big Sur, Winchester Mystery House, Filoli Gardens, Villa Montalvo in Saratoga, Santa Cruz and Capitola for shopping and dinner at the beach, Stanford University, and Mission Santa Clara.

Club members arranged trips to San Francisco taking in the sights of the newly remodeled Ferry Building, Justin Herman Plaza, Mission Dolores, Golden Gate Park, walks on San Francisco's Ocean Beach, Grace Cathedral, the Museum of Modern Art, Yerba Buena Center, Mosconi Center, Delancy Street for lunch, Coit Tower, Lombard Street, and Fisherman's Wharf for dinner at Louie's for live entertainment: Blues Music.

A beautiful sunset behind the Golden Gate Bridge was enjoyed by everyone. The night lights of The City and the view across the bay were not blocked by any fog. We all experienced the most favorable weather for the entire exchange.

In the North, in Marin, there were adventures up on Mt. Tamalpais, and then out to Point Reyes National Seashore to walk the infamous Earthquake Trail (the same day). There was a guided tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Marin Civic Center. While touring one of the courtrooms, the group was pleasantly surprised by an invitation from the Judge to join him in his Chambers. (This was a special delight for the magistrate from Devon!) Then a ride out to Muir Beach to enjoy a walk on the beach, and lunch in the English Pub "The Pelican Inn," and a special tour one morning of San Quentin State Prison.

The East Bay was not forgotten and a few ventured to the Mormon Temple and Jack London Square.

Somehow visits to the local malls, Big Lots, and Macy's were included in the day's outing for those who love to "Shop 'til

You Drop". Oh, I almost forgot: the Museum of Modern Innovation and Gamble Gardens were explored by a few members and guests.

Bountiful Regional Potlucks and Barbeques were arranged for evenings during the exchange, which gave more club members an opportunity to participate and get acquainted with Devon members.

On Sunday, September 19th, we gathered at San Francisco's Ocean Beach to meet the bus that would take our new friends from Devon off to their next exchange to Albany, Oregon. There were many good-byes, hugs, and a few teardrops as boarding took place. After the bus was out of sight, eight hosts went out to brunch at the Beach Chalet to exchange their experiences of the past week. This gave an opportune time to make suggestions and share ideas for future exchanges.

To all participants of this exchange, we extend our personal thanks for all your help in making this a successful exchange.

Happiness, from a Mother and Daughter Team:

—Gail A. Boyd, Exchange Director

—Joy A. Hillman, Co-Chair Director

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—Joy Hewett

2005 PROGRAM DATES

Jan. 16	Board Meeting
Feb. 13	General Meeting
Mar. 1	World Friendship Day
Mar. 20	Board Meeting
May 15	General Meeting (F.F.birthday)
June 5	Board Meeting
July 10	Picnic
Aug. 7	Board Meeting
Sept. 11	General Meeting
Oct. 16	Board Meeting
Dec. 4	Holiday Party

—Joy Hewett

