

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF ST. LOUIS-MISSOURI
2015 YEAR IN REVIEW
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ELECTED OFFICES FOR 2015

PRESIDENT - Sue Williams; **1st VP** – David Curtis; **2nd VP** – by Committee; **TREASURER** – Jerry Johnson; **SECRETARY** – Judy Leonard,

Board of Directors.

Auditor, Nancy Hofheinz; **Budget Director**, Barbara Robinson; **Domestic Exchange Coordinator**, Milton Zoschke; **Exchange Directors for Costa Rica**, Sue Williams and Sharon Beishir; **Historian**, Lee Kraemer, **LEO Coordinator**, Social Activities Committee; **Newsletter Circulation**, Della Bibko; **Newsletter Editor**, Mary Johnson; **Open World Coordinator**, Open; **Publicity**, Ellen Kaye Augustine; **Telephone Tree**, Sharon Beishir and Lorraine Constantine; **Ways and Means**, Open; **Webmaster**, Jerry Johnson.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings were scheduled at various times and places throughout the year to conduct Club business and plan events.

FINANCES

Membership dues remains the same as 2014, \$30 for single Membership, \$45 for a year Family Membership. Balance at the end of the Year, remains within the Budget.

EXCHANGES

OUTBOUND: F.F. Members enjoyed a February exchange to Costa Rica. Ten of our Club joined 7 other F.F. Members from various clubs for a seven day home stay w/families in Turrialba, a city 40 mi. east of San Jose. (A detailed report by Carol Beere was included within the April 2015 newsletter.) Ron and Sue Williams were co-Exchange Directors.

INBOUND: In May, we welcomed five female Ambassadors from clubs in Russia. Our hosts gave these first time visitors a busy, fun filled 3 days of St. Louis and its best venues. Sue Williams, ED.

LEOS: co-ordinated by Leslie Werther

FEB: Some members enjoyed a Fox Theater backstage view and Organ concert as part of the LEO planning.
MAY: Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum on Washington U. Campus, with lunch at the “Winslow Home” on Delmar in University City.

AUGUST: A unique visit to “Extra Virgin,” an Olive Oil Ovation, in Clayton, for a tasting event, followed by Dinner at Giovanni’s Restaurant.

NOVEMBER: St. Louis University Museum of Art and lunch at Hodak's.

DECEMBER: Magic Chief Mansion with lunch at Frazer's Restaurant.

ANNUAL CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY/ INTERNATIONAL PARTY held on March 14th at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church featuring an entertaining afternoon of Latin American food, music entertainment and travel experiences.

SUMMER PICNIC held in June at the home of Diane Javaux consisted of Pot Luck Dishes and Bar-B-Q. A Hawaiian Luau theme complimented the event.

ANNUAL MEETING held on September included a buffet Dinner at Sybergs on Dorsett Rd. with a Business Meeting at 7 PM with Election of Officers for 2016. Some 38 members and guests attended.

HOLIDAY PARTY and Election/installation of Officers held on December 12 at Al Smith's Feasting Fox on Grand Ave.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A Social Activities Committee was formed to assume the duties of the 2nd VP, the members are: Nancy Brower, Pam Comello, Diane Javaux, Joyce Poweleit, Margaret Schinger, and Leslie Werther.

Diane Javaux hosted a New Membership Party for 25 friends which resulted in enlisting six new members with the prospect of others now exposed to the FF Message.

David Curtis, 1st VP, attended the Leadership Conference in Cedar Rapids IOWA hosted by the Friendship Force Midwest Region. Some 31 delegates from this region attended.

Richard and Nancy Brower invited FF Members to join in an "Open Garden" 50th Anniversary Party.

Members Charlotte Balette and Margeret Schlinger joined the Baton Rouge Club for an exchange to Charlotte, North Carolina

MEMBER LOSSES

During 2015, we mourn the loss of members, Arlene Dischinger, Ralph Heathcote, Sparkle Mortland, Lorraine Constantine, Emmett Kaelble, and Richard Ruhmann.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT

As reported in November 2015, there are 84 paid members.

Election of Officers for 2016

President, David Curtis; **1st VP**, Bill Ebert; **2nd VP, (Social Activities)** Leslie Werther; **Treasurer**, Jerry Johnson; **Secretary**, Judy Leonard.