

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF MISSOURI ST. - LOUIS

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2016

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Auditor, Nancy Hofheinz; **Budget Director**, Barbara Robinson; **Domestic Exchange Coordinator**, Dee Ebert; **Exchange Director** (Bristol Inbound), Dee Ebert; **Historian**, Lee Kraemer; **LEO Coordinators**, Leslie Werther and Tom Arri; **Newsletter Circulation**, Della Bibko; **Newsletter Editor**, Mary Johnson; **Publicity**, Ellen Kaye Augustine; **Phone Tree**, Sharon Beishir; **Webmaster**, Jerry Johnson. (Open World coordinator, and Ways and Means positions were unfilled.)

BOARD MEETINGS

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

FINANCES

Membership dues remained the same - \$30 for an Individual Membership, \$45 for per year for a Family Membership. The Club's end of year Balance was within budget.

EXCHANGES

OUTBOUND: Due to uncertain world developments, some prospective outbound planned exchanges were canceled, or rescheduled. However, several of our members were able to join other clubs' exchanges. Rich and Nancy Brower joined the Hanover Club to travel to Germany and Spain. Sharon Beishir joined the Whidbey Island Club for a homestay. Don and Betty Johnston joined the Minnesota Friendship Club to go to Germany.

INBOUND: From May 12 thru 19 our Club hosted the Ambassadors from Bristol England, having visited their Club previously. Dee Ebert was our Exchange Director for this Inbound Exchange and showed our guests St. Louis' best. Cooperation from many members made this home-stay a delightful experience for our guests.

LET'S EAT OUT (LEO)

LEOs this year were coordinated by Leslie Werther and Tom Arri. Our Club held several of these informal gatherings at various interesting locations, including a January trip to Clarksville MO for eagle watching and a luncheon treat in February at "Sweetology" on Clayton Road.

ANNUAL CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

Many members attended the **World Friendship Day / International Party**, held on March 9 at MOMO'S Greek Mediterranean Restaurant in University City. Attendees enjoyed good food and entertainment by a talented belly dancer.

The **Summer Picnic** was held at Irv Zeid Citizens Park in Olivette on June 11.

On October 5, the **Annual Meeting**, was held again at Sybergs on Dorsett Road with a "Meet and Greet" from 6 to 7 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m. followed by the election of officers for 2017.

The **Holiday Party and Installation of Officers** was held December 6, at Al Smith's Feasting Fox Restaurant on Grand Ave.

OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST

Both **President David Curtis**, and **Mary Lou Hudson**, attended the **World Friendship Force Conference** in Marrakesh, Morocco September 15-19. Their reports and comments to the Board and membership were received with extreme interest.

Bill and Dee Ebert attended the Friendship Force Mid-West Regional Conference April 28-May 1 in Davenport, Iowa.

The 2016 **Social Activities Committee members** were: Nancy Brower, Pam Comello, Diane Javaux, Joyce Poweleit, Margaret Schlinger, and Leslie Werther.

New Members joining in 2016: Art Menell, Joanne Beck, Christine White. In addition, former member Wanda Grueneberg re-joined. Welcome to ALL.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017

David Curtis, President; **Carol Kuntzman**, 1st Vice President; **Mary Lou Hudson**, 2nd Vice President; **Judy Leonard**, Secretary; **Jerry Johnson**, Treasurer.

MEMBERS WHO DIED IN 2016

We mourn the loss of members: Ralph Borgstede, Della Bibko, Jerry Venverloh, and Roy Ferro.

Review prepared by Lee Kraemer.