

# The Friendship Force of Wellington Inc.

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## Upcoming Events

July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Guess who is coming to Dinner.

Kate Hector is currently organising this. If you have not put your name down yet ring Kate immediately. Phone 562-7521. This was a fun night last year where groups of 6 or 8 people met at various houses and really got to know each other over a meal and a number of wines!

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July. 4.00 pm

Talk, Mix, Mingle and Pizza

Liz and Sue are giving a talk on their volunteer work in Ethiopia and Egypt  
Graham, Jenny, Brian and Judith will hopefully give a talk on their time in Nepal  
doing volunteer work.

We will order in Pizza. Cost \$5.00 per person.

Tea and coffee provided. BYO wine or beer.

7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August.

South Taranaki have invited us for the weekend. We will be home hosted with their Club Members and shown around the area. This is a great way to meet more people and a fun way to spend the weekend. If you are interested please e-mail Sue Walker on [bobsuewalker@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bobsuewalker@xtra.co.nz) or phone Sue on 234-6242. We could car pool some vehicles if you do not want to drive.

Field Reps Day – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 10.30 am (wet or fine).

Venue – Sanson Community Hall, Philip Street, Sanson.

Cost - \$6 per person. Bring a plate of finger food to share.

Lunch of soup and rolls provided.

Join up with all the other Friendship Force Clubs in our area.

Programme will be detailed in our August Newsletter.

Dear Members,

President Graham who together with Jenny (and Brian & Judith Clarke), are currently in Nepal doing good works. We hope they have a good journey and wish them good health. Let's hope they can adapt to the life and the environment over there and the situation allows them to fulfil some of their 'mission' work they have set out to do.

In his absence here are some notes from the Vice President...

Thanks to Joy, Erica and Sue for organising an enjoyable evening at the theatre and a meal in town on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The next social event on July 4<sup>th</sup> is 'Guess who's coming to dinner' and is in the process of being organised.

Noel is still struggling to confirm dates and indeed any communication with the inbound Saitama (Japan) exchange slated for late September/Early October 2009 and

If you are interested in going on our 2010 proposed exchange to Lamphun (Thailand) / Yogyakarta (Indonesia) please let us know now!

More urgently we are also seeking an outward ED for this trip—are you interested? .....any nominations?

Ending on an upbeat note we have had two new couples join our club with a potential for 2 more people! We are STILL looking for more members though, so if you can let your friends and acquaintances know who we are and what we do!

Look after yourselves.

Bob Walker

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#### **A shortened version of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

- Bob to approach badge makers/engravers to obtain prices for new badges (100) for the club.
- Liz Pyle has agreed to prepare information packs for new members; Graham to send her existing documents
- Sue to ask Judith Clarke to send a card to Norma Withers.
- Sue reported that South Taranaki (Hawera) are only open for a visit during early to mid August, 2009, Friday evening to Sunday (two nights), with an arrival time of 6 pm and later for those working.
- Joy organised the "Blood Wedding" event, Circa Theatre, May 24, and Erica has the tickets to distribute at the event. Afterwards, dinner for c.25 has been arranged at Casa Pasta, at 6 pm. The "ringers" are to organise for Kate a list of members for the "Guess who is Coming to Dinner" event on Saturday, July 4.

**Next Meeting** at Cindy and David's house, 6 Meadowcroft Grove, Johnsonville, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009, at 7:30 pm. Any member can come to a Committee Meeting but they cannot vote.

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Just heard that Carol Vasta got married to Bob recently. Congratulations, we wish you both well.

Some Short Thoughts (from the Wanganui Club Newsletter).

When I was born, I was so surprised I couldn't talk for a year and a half.

Setting a good example for your children does nothing but increase their embarrassment.

When it comes to raising children, I believe in give and take, I give orders and they take 'em.

## **Membership:**

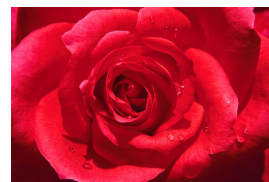
We have two lots of new members over the past couple of months (Margot & Jim Brough and Stephen & Rosa Douglas), there is also the possibility of two potential new members. Hopefully we will see them at one of the upcoming functions so please introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome.

## **Welfare**

Rob McGovern has had a spell in hospital and Norma Withers has been unwell. We hope you are both on your way to a full recovery.

Jessie, Val McDonald's Mum passed away recently. Jessie has been a part of our Club for a number of years but due to ill health over the past few years has not been active. Our thoughts and sympathy are with Val, Duncan and the family.

If you know of any members who are not well, had a bereavement, had an accident or are in hospital please let Claudie Mouzouri or Judith Clarke know and they will send a card, visit or ring them up.



## **Exchanges.**

### **Inward Exchange from Saitama, Japan.**

Noel Kilmartin (the Exchange Director) has had limited contact with the Saitama Exchange due in late September/early October 2009, which is also visiting Manawatu. He needs more information from Saitama and intends to contact Manawatu, and will prepare a draft programme for presentation at the next Committee meeting.

### **Inward Exchanges for 2010 to Wellington.**

We have an Inward Exchange from Romania due in February 2010 and an Inward Exchange from Perth due in September 2010. We look forward to a couple of exciting weeks ahead.

### **Friendship Force International's E-Flyer.**

There is an E-Flyer which is being sent via e-mail every couple of months to all Club Members, who wish to receive it, detailing exchanges that you can be involved in. Some exchanges are departing from America and some are local. If you do not receive this E-Flyer and wish to, then contact Graham Wigley and he will get you included in the list.

### **Outward Exchange to Lamphun (Thailand) / Yogyakarta (Indonesia).**

The Wellington Club has an Outward Exchange planned for April 2010. We are seeking an Outward Exchange Director. Please notify Bob Walker if you would like to fulfil this position or if you would like to be a part of this Exchange.

**The Friendship Force of Lamphun** was founded in 2001 and is in the Lamphun province of Thailand. It is 26km from Chiang Mai. Even though Lamphun is the smallest of the provinces in the Lanna region, it has a lot of interesting attractions not least of which are the ancient remains and archaeological sites which make it an excellent destination for historical tourism. Lamphun is a province with a history stretching back more than



1300 years making it the most ancient in the Northern region and earning it the name of the first city of Lanna. Lamphun is one of Thailand's oldest continuously occupied towns. It was founded in 660 by Queen Chama Devi. Lamphun has a population of 409,056.

**The Friendship Force of Yogyakarta** was founded in 1994 and has a membership ranging in ages from 30 to 60; the city has a rich heritage located in Central Java. Points of interest are:

*The Royal Palace of Sultans* where one can see old rituals and cultural activities. This Kraton (palace) was built in 1757. It contains museum pieces from the 19th and 20th Centuries.

*Kotagede*, the old town, where one can see ancient ruins and the strong influence of Javanese culture. You will have a whole day in Kotagede to see silver works, other hand crafts, Javanese dancing, a beautiful park that was the recreation area of the Sultan and his wife.

*Prambanan Temples*, the biggest and most beautiful remnant of the glorious Hindu period. It is located about 7 miles from the city. There a Ramayana ballet is performed.

*Borobudur*, a Buddhist temple, that is considered one of the seven wonders of the world. Founded in 778 and 850, it took 10,000 men and a century to build. There are over 1,500 pictorial reliefs which show the philosophy of Buddhist teachings. It is located around 42 km from the city of Yogyakarta.

*Mount Merapi* is an active volcano and can be seen from the city.

*Parangtritis Beach* on a site where one can see puppet making, ceramics, batik making and other kinds of craft activities.



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## WELLINGTON CLUB FRIENDSHIP FORCE CALENDAR

### 2009

- July 4<sup>th</sup>. Guess who is coming to Dinner.
- July 26<sup>th</sup>. Talk, Mingle and Pizza.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Visit to South Taranaki
- August 19<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Edmonton Festival, Canada
- August 30<sup>th</sup>. Field Reps Day at Sanson.
- September Inward Exchange from Saitama, Japan
- November 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. International Conference will be held in Ohinawa, Japan.

### 2010

- February 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. New Zealand Conference at El Rancho, Waikanae.
- February Inward Exchange from Romania to Wellington, Manawatu & Whangarei
- April Outward Exchange from Wgtn to Lamphun (Thailand) / Yogyakarta (Indonesia).
- September Inward Exchange from Perth to Wellington, Marlborough & New Plymouth

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