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Upcoming Events

Kapiti Picnic



Date: Sunday 20 February 2011
Time: 11am onwards
Venue: Robin Clarke's home at 8 Rata Street, Waikanae
Bring: A picnic lunch and cold drinks (tea/coffee provided)

WHERE IT IS!!!

Turn left at the first set of lights in Waikanae on State Highway going north and turn into Te Moana Rd, then turn right into Kowhai Grove, then right into Rata Street - not a lot of parking in the cul-de-sac so recommend some car-sharing.

Everyone to bring their own picnic food and drink, but we aim to provide a sausage sizzle also. Petanque games to play and background music from CDs, but you may like to bring your guitar and songs to help entertain everyone too.

Please let Sue Walker know if you are going to attend 234 6242 or bobsuewalker@xtra.co.nz

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Hi Wellington members!

My first presidential address for the first newsletter of 2011- Wow!

I hope we can all carry on the good work Graham did in 2010 moving the club forward for this coming year! We are still interested in getting new members, so whenever an opportunity arises try and invite a friend(s) along to one of our social events or even introduce them to exchange visitors when they are around.

There are some interesting social events coming up this year starting with the Kapiti /Wellington combined picnic in Waikanae in Feb. A group of us head off to US/Canada on exchanges to 3 clubs, then Minsk (Belarus) are marked to visit us in the middle of November. Meanwhile, as is often the case, some of the club members are taking advantage of other clubs outgoing exchanges and go with them.(Japan I believe is one destination).

Remember we now have Alan Milne (Kapiti FF) appointed to be Chairman of the FF International board. Sure to be a good thing as he can articulate to other FF worldwide clubs OUR perspective and experiences in NZ. (The country with the greatest number of clubs per head in the world, by far!).

I will report on the FF Conference up in Howick when I get back from there in early February.

Look after yourselves!

Bob.

EXCHANGE TO CANADA AND USA SEPTEMBER 2011

Sixteen people from our club, Kapiti club and Napier club have expressed interest in this exchange so we have room for a few more. Do come along for what promises to be a great exchange, led by Graham.

We will be spending a week each with clubs in Lethbridge, Alberta; Spokane, Washington and Portland, Oregon from 31st August to 21st September. It is proposed that we start by travelling from Vancouver to Calgary by train on an excursion that will enable us to get good views of the Rockies. This trip is optional as it will cost extra. Estimated costs are \$5991 including the train excursion or \$4275 without it. This includes all flights, FFI fees etc. Contact Graham for more details.

2012 EXCHANGES



We have been allocated one inbound exchange and a 3 week outbound exchange for next year.

Inbound: San Francisco Bay Area, USA to New Plymouth and Wellington– February

Outbound: West Alajuela, Costa Rica, Xalapa, Mexico and Florida Suncoast, USA – March

We are thrilled to get what we asked for so let's make it a big success!

This is a joint exchange with Nelson and they already have about 15 people who have expressed interest so you will need to get in quick! The Exchange Director will be Bob Walker

A SHORTENED VERSION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2010.

Correspondence, Inwards and Outwards:

David to send in January FFI Atlanta the 2011 Club Charter Renewal Form once subscriptions paid.

Bob and Sue will attend the 2011 National Conference in Howick, 4-6/02/2011.

The 2011 committee will need to plan for the 2011 "Nuts & Bolts Day", including selecting a date, reserving a venue and advising participants to bring a plate.

For exchange decisions see the following.

Inwards Exchanges:

Perth (30/9-7/10/10) – Ian discussed the exchange, as in the report tabled, with a small profit and a financial statement to be finalised when the last invoice is received. Ian to send a letter to Diane Laing thanking the Wairarapa for their excellent event, and to advise that they will be notified of future exchange visits which their members might like to meet.

Ian to send a letter to the Munro's thanking them for their support to the Robert's and to their ambassadors the Smith's.

Capetown (13/11/2010) – propose to use shuttles to transport the ambassadors to the airport on Sunday morning.

Brasov, Romania (17- 23/11/2010) – programme and arrangements for 14 ambassadors to be finalised at a meeting on 2/11/2010.

Chemnitz (14-20/04/2011) – Lis Pyle volunteered to be the ED for the small group of seven. Graham to send Lis the relevant emails, and Ian to contact FFI Atlanta to ask if another small group (10-15) from another club would like to come on an exchange at the same time.

Minsk, Belarus – now in November, 2011, with the Walker's to be ED's.

Outwards Exchanges:

USA/Canada (4-24/09/2011) – Graham to contact travel agents about itineraries and costs.

Xalapa/ Costa Rica (2012) – Bob to send the Exchange Form to FFI Atlanta, and to enquire about the possibility of a third exchange to San Antonio, Texas.

Treasurers Report:

As tables, approved David/Ian.

A temporary overdraft at a cost of \$9.

Membership:

A new member, Doreen Couchman, Adelaide Road, Wellington, has been advised by Graham of future functions. Claudie possibly could pick her up and bring her to events.

Ian to send two ladies at Nairn House information on our FF Club.

106.1 FM is keen to get information on our activities.

Health and Welfare:

Brian Clarke well, but no recent contacts with Lynn Pollock or Rob McGovern.

Erica to ask Judith Clarke to send a sympathy card to the Bouzaid's for the death of Tony's father.

Social Events:

Jeanette and Erica are to visit Gear House on 2/11/2010 to confirm arrangements for the Christmas lunch, 12- 4 pm, on 7/11/2010, \$35 pp, BYO. Sue to send a reminder email, noting a suitable photograph required (done). No music necessary as provided..

AGM on 5/12/2010 at the Parrot & Jigger, Lower Hutt, from 4pm (not 3 pm). Sue to send a flier noting the time change. Erica to contact the P & J to advise the number likely to stay for dinner, possibly 20.

Jeanette and Joy T unable to attend the AGM (apologies).

General Business:

Membership of the 2011 committee discussed, with Sue to put a notice in a flier and nominations to be sent to President Graham. Bob to contact Beryl McGovern to ask if she would be the secretary.

The new committee should send an email to clubs in the region about the 2011 "Nuts and Bolts Day", proposing a date.

The 2011 National Conference to be promoted in a flier and the interest of members in attending to be sought.

David to send Ian a draft email about an audit trail on the payment of club fees to Atlanta, regarding fees sent to Doug.

Decided not to increase subscriptions for 2011.

SHORTENED VERSION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON SUN 5TH DECEMBER

Welcome: Graham welcomed everyone and commented on his Annual Report for 2010, noting the importance of attracting new members, participation in hosting and social events, and promotion of the

club in the media. The ‘Nuts & Bolts Day’ which the club is to host will be a major event for the club in 2011. Report accepted, Graham/Sue Walker.

Judith Clarke asked about the media broadcast on 106.1 FM, and Graham reported that most of the Brasov ambassadors listened and that a young ambassador contributed.

Minutes of the AGM of November 22, 2009: Approved, Graham/Ian, with no matters arising.

Correspondence: The Secretary reported that the correspondence was recorded in the minutes of each Committee meeting, and noted the availability to members of the FF NZ and FFI notices in emails and newsletters, and the resignations of Margaret Stewart, Judith Hunter and Ian MacDougal.

Treasurers Report: As tabled. David explained that some Perth outcomes would be included in the 2011 Financial Report, as the exchange was held in early October, 2010. He is to contact Doug Deans about the increase in FFI Atlanta fees from \$5 to \$10 and \$10 to \$17. Alan Gilbert asked about the non-payment of subscriptions; the President considered it important to be tolerant in order to retain members. David said that the subscription accounts for 2011 would be mailed to members. Approved David/David Hector Annual Subscription for 2011: David noted that the club badges were a major cost in 2010, but as now purchased this cost would not be a “burden” in 2010/2011. He recommended there be no increase in subscriptions for the financial year. Approved David/Alan Gilbert.

Graham recommended that the new committee look at the timing of subscriptions and the AGM

Election of Officers and Committee: As follows

President – Bob Walker, Jenny Wigley/Judith Clarke

Vice President – Graham proposed that a woman be elected, but as no nominations the committee is to consider an appointment.

Secretary – Joy Turner, Graham/Bob Walker

Treasurer – David Mazey, Sue Walker/Bruce Macdonald

Committee – Graham Wigley, Sue Walker/ Ian Speden

- Jeanette Page, David Mazey/Erica Speden

- Lis Pyle, Graham & Jenny Wigley

- Sue Walker, Graham/Brian Clarke

- committee to consider the co-option of members

Auditor – Tony Bouzaid, Sue Walker/Judith Clarke

Exchanges:

Perth(30/9-7/10/2010) – Ian reported that it was a successful inwards exchange with the ambassadors enjoying the farm visit hosted by members of the Wairarapa Club, who have been thanked formally, and the visit to the Orongomai Marae, Upper Hutt. Members commented that it would be good to repeat the farm visit, and Alan Gilbert noted that it had been done in the past. A Perth ambassadors health problem had been very well managed by club members and hosts, as warmly acknowledged by the ambassadors, his friends and the exchange ED

Capetown (13-14/11/2010) – Brian Clarke reported on the informal one day visit, which facilitated their return flight home, and thanked members.

Brasov, Romania (18-24/11/2010) – Judith Burch noted that they were a very intelligent group who enjoyed the inwards exchange, and thanked members for their support. She reported that one ambassador wandered off during the stop at the Skyline observation point.

Chemnitz (14-20/04/2011) – Lis Pyle has been in contact with their ED. Possibly only four ambassadors, and may be cancelled..

Lamphun and Yogyakarta (8-24/04/2010) – Bob Walker reported on the very enjoyable outwards exchanges, with lovely people. Lamphun was very hot, and the New Year/Water festival was a unique experience. Very historic world heritage sites near Yogyakarta and, fortunately, the Merapi Volcano was stable.

USA and Canada (2011) – Graham reported on the travel itinerary and costs, estimated at \$2,697 plus \$(US)675 FFI fees. He is investigating other tours and is hoping to arrange a visit to Edmonton, with the return flight to NZ from Calgary via Vancouver. Thirteen members and two from Napier are interested, with a \$100 deposit to be requested by Christmas. Those proposing to travel are to meet with Graham after the AGM.

Zalapa, Costa Rica and USA (2012) – Zalapa and Costa Rica have asked FFI Atlanta that their exchanges be accepted. Sue Walker advised that the Nelson and Auckland clubs are also interested in exchanges to these clubs, and that Nelson also hosted Costa Rica. Committee is to communicate with Nelson.

Graham reported that the 25th anniversary of the Kapiti Club was a great success.

General Business:

Erica Speden reported on social events, noting that she will be standing down but willing to continue to assist Jeanette and the committee which is keen to receive ideas and options.

Graham and Jenny attended the 25th Anniversary of the Horowhenua Club. At that function members were asked to speak on their FF experiences. This was very interesting and amusing, and is something our club could bring into our social programme.

Lis proposed that an internal exchange be arranged during a year when there was no outward exchange. Graham suggested having a guest speaker at a social evening function, and pot luck dinners also proposed. The Social Committee was thanked, with loud clapping.

Graham said it would be good if more members attended the annual national conferences. The Walker's and Pyle's are to attend the 2011 conference in Howick, Auckland, February 4–6.

Graham noted that the "Nuts & Bolts Day" is to be held at a location in the central part of the region, and that good support will be required. He hopes a date in July will be acceptable so as to fit our clubs exchange programme.

The committee is to send a letter of congratulations to Alan Milne on his appointment as Chairman of the FFI Board.

Ian S reported that the lists of Inwards and Outwards Exchanges required some minor searches before being finalised. David Hector commented that in 1984 Jean Sanders of the Wellington City Council Publicity Office placed advertisements about a two week exchange by the Albuquerque Club, USA. Kate and Jane decided to participate, and the Hector's hosted a different couple each week during the school holidays. Subsequently, in 1985 the Usmar's, Hector's and others met in the Michael Fowler Centre to establish a FF Club. The Hector's revisited Albuquerque in 1991.

Maureen Maloney sent a letter of thanks for the sympathy card sent to her.

SHORTENED VERSION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUE 25TH JAN 2011.

Matters Arising: from AGM 5th December 2010

- Discussion re rise in International FF fees. May have implications for our subs in next financial year.
- The timing of our sub payments to coincide more conveniently with the payments to Atlanta will be looked into by David Mazey (Treasurer)
- Appointment of Vice President. Bob proposed and Graham seconded that Lis Pyle be appointed to this position. Lis agreed to this but questioned the inevitability of being president at the end of term. She would prefer to have a choice in this. Bob/David and Graham to peruse rules re this and report to next meeting.
- Number on committee discussed. Decided Bob will ask Lynnda Bouzaid to join Jeanette and Erica on the social committee.
- Bob will write to Alan Milne with congratulations on his appointment as Chairman of FFI Board.

Correspondence:

As listed in the agenda with addition of inward - further contact listings/alterations from Norma Hampton and 2012 exchanges from FFI . Discussed. Inwards accepted and outwards ratified.

Inwards Exchanges:

- There has been no replacement exchange suggested by FFI to replace the cancelled Chemnitz exchange leaving a long gap between inward exchanges.
- Discussed offering those coming to Theme event in Marlborough a couple of nights in Wgtn – decided as March 4th-19th time was too short and participants' bookings would already be finalised.
- Discussed an open invitation to groups at conference to see who would like to be hosted for a weekend in July. Sue/Bob will issue invite at conference.
- Minsk, Belarus – Sue is ED, planning with Minsk is underway and the committee will meet soon to plan activities.
- 2012 San Francisco Bay Area, USA to New Plymouth and Wellington. Mid Feb best timing. Lis agreed to be ED. Acceptance to go to FFI. (Bob)

Outwards Exchanges:

- Lethbridge – Spokane – Concorde/Portland Exchange. Graham reported travel almost confirmed, leave 26th August 2011 for Vancouver and onwards. 14 Wgton FF members plus some others interested, to be advertised at conference.
- 2012 Florida Sun Coast, USA/ Xalapa, Mexico/ West Alajuela, Costa Rica. Nelson and Wellington. Bob volunteered to be ED for us. She will contact Nelson. Acceptance to go to FFI. (Bob).
- Graham suggested following up an open invitation from Taupo to host other clubs. Email to go to Taupo to investigate suggestion, with April/May suggested time. For our group to visit (Bob)

Health and Welfare:

Graham suggested a working bee if needed when McGovern's sell and move house. Jenny's sister is improving slowly.

Social Events:

The Kapiti Picnic (20th March, Waikanae, 11am onwards) has replaced the picnic the social committee had planned. Graham will ring new members to personally invite them. Committee discussed need for Wgton activity mid March. No Social committee members present. Joy to ring Erica re next activity. Lis will send updated members list to committee.

General Business:

Nuts and Bolts Day. : Lis determined to have an innovative speaker for day and will follow up. Graham thinks venue is Feilding Town Hall. Agenda will include Regional Rep and Future Exchanges slots.

UPCOMING NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGES

Confirmed Outward Exchanges from NZ in 2011.

April	Horowhenua.	Ribeirao Preto & Campinas, Brazil
May	Howick	Mount Barker & Sunshine Coast, Aust.
May	Auckland-North Shore	County Durham & Leicestershire, UK
June	Whangarei & Wanganui	Edmonton, Canada & Mid-Willamette Valley & Olympia, USA
June	Kapiti Coast	Sapporo & Saitama, Japan
June	New Plymouth	Haliburton Highlands & Quebec, Canada
July	Taupo	Bundaberg & Kempsey, Aust.
August	Marlborough	Mount Gambier & Cairns & Southern Sydney, Aust.
September	Wellington	Lethbridge, Canada & E. Washington-N.Idaho & Columbia Cascade, USA
September	South Taranaki	Hobart & Central Coast, Australia
September	Christchurch	North Bay, Canada & Kansas, USA & Mundo Maya, Mexico
October	Western Waikato	Piracicaba & Belo Horizonte, Brazil & Houston, USA
November	Western Bay of Plenty	Sydney & Murray Bridge, Aust
November	Manawatu & Thames-Coromandel	Adelaide & Perth, Aust & Cape Town, South Africa

Campinas & Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.

Date: April/May 2011

Cost: Approx \$5,300 (includes FFI & Club Host fees but not the add ons)

Contact: Joyce Hislop (Horowhenua) gjhislop@xtra.co.nz 06-368 4895.

Kempsey & Bundaberg, Australia,

Date: July 2011

Cost: Approx \$1,300 (includes FFI & Club Host Fees and covers all costs from start in Sydney to finish).

Contact: Chris Baddeley (Taupo) baddeleycm@clear.net.nz 07-372 8424.

Mount Barker and Sunshine Coast, Australia.

Date: May 2011.

Cost: \$1700 (includes FFI & Club Host Fees)
Contact: Judy Burton (Howick) hinakura@xtra.co.nz 09-534 8080.

Haliburton Highlands and Quebec, Canada.

Date: Depart approx. June 20th 2011

Cost: Approx. \$3500 (includes all air fares ex Auckland, FFI and Club Host Fees, but not optional add on possibilities such as Calgary Stampede, Rockies Tour, and Alaska Cruise). Note that this is a joint exchange with Hamilton.

Contact: Dorothy Anderson (Club Sec. New Plymouth). d.and@clear.net.nz Tel 06-758 8754

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WELLINGTON CLUB FRIENDSHIP FORCE CALENDAR 2011

September Outward Exchange to Lethbridge, Canada; and Eastern Washington, USA; and Columbia-Cascade, Oregon USA

November Inward Exchange from Minsk, Belarus to Nelson, Wellington & South Taranaki

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WELFARE

If you know of any members who are not well, had 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.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2011 are due. You should have received an invoice. Please pay as soon as possible.

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Fridge Magnets available.

We have a new supply of Wellington FF fridge magnets available at \$3 each. Please phone Erica on 567 4568 if interested.

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Rob and Beryl McGovern have sold their house and will be moving out in mid-March and would appreciate some help. In particular, they would like some people to help take things up their many steps to a skip which they will be getting delivered nearer the time. We will let you know dates when we have them. Let's all pull together as a club and help out our members who need it.

Your Current 2011 Committee

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Committee	Sue Walker	23 Sailmaker Close	Whitby	phone 234 6242
	Jeanette Page	7/22 Ghuznee Street	Wellington	phone 801 9679
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The Wellington Club website is <http://www.newday.co.nz/site-ff/about.html>