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A Non-Profit Organization Promoting Peace through Citizen Exchanges

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#### WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL?

The Friendship Force is a non-profit organization sponsoring **people-to-people** exchanges between people in over fifty nations of the world. It brings people together through home stay exchanges – creating unforgettable experiences that build lasting bonds of friendship.

As an Ambassador you share lifestyles in a private home in other countries for a week. In return, you may home host people from that nation or other nations to share your lifestyle. The ever-widening Friendship Force global network represents a powerful and growing force that can overcome differences between people and nations.

## January Outing

Our January program was at the Asia Society's new facility in the Museum District where we met for lunch, a movie and a tour. It is a lovely facility, large and spacious, with many meeting rooms, an exhibit hall and a small "café", and several works of art by famous Asians, not the least of which was Yoshio Taniguchi who designed the building.



Asia  
Society



Elizabeth Spooner



Eternity Pool on second floor

### Photo Gallery



Joe Watt & Mary Adams



Sid F., Mary E., Don Formanek & Tom Evans



Terry Marlin, Gen Pike, Linda M & Jean Porter



Joan & Sheldon Camenson, Joy Huntington, Elizabeth Spooner



Marjo & Hans Ave Lallemand, Elizabeth Jackson, Ruby Reviere.



The Whole Gang by sculpture



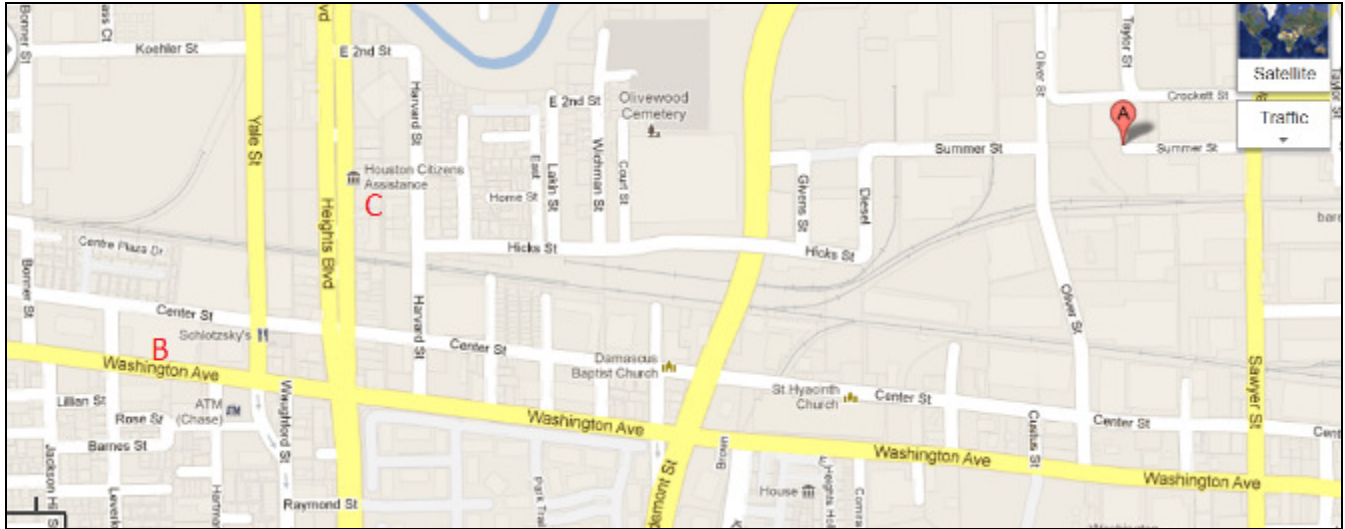
Presentation of Past President's Thank You Gift

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## April Activity

In lieu of a regular meeting, we will be visiting the Adickes Sculpturworx Studio in the Heights for our April activity. David Adickes is probably best known for the stunning statue of Sam Houston on I-45 outside Huntsville, but he has also done busts of all the Presidents, as well as other famous people. We will meet there (2500 Summer St, "A" on map) at 11:00 AM on Sat., Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> for an informal tour of his facility. Lunch will follow at approximately 12:30 PM at Five Guys Burgers & Fries (3939 Washington Ave. "B" on map). And then for those who have the time, a quick trip to the Art Car Museum might be in order, since it is so close (140 Heights Blvd, "C" on map).





## International Dining Nights

**February at the Blue Nile on Westheimer (Ethiopian)** – Even though only 4 of us made it that evening in the rain, we had an enjoyable time trying to eat without utensils.



Joy Huntington, JoAnn Peschel, Ray Missman, Mary Adams



**April at Hunan Chinese on Bellaire** – photos pending. In attendance, Tom & Mary Evans, Don Formanek, Elizabeth Spooner, Joan & Sheldon Camenson, Mary Adams, Marjo & Hans Ave Lallemand, & Art Blevins.

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## Former Member

Another of our former members, Eleanor Ricards, passed away earlier this year. We send our condolences to her family. Eleanor and her husband, Ric, were members of FFH from 1984 to the present, although they had not been able to attend for several years. In December 1988, the Ricards co-hosted West Berlin, Germany. The ten-day exchange was a challenge, gracefully handled by the Ricards. FFH received several ExxonMobil Cash Grants, provided by Rick Ricards. These grants provided exchange scholarships, a booth at the Houston International Fair, and a recording machine for the club. Eleanor loved to entertain members of FFH in their lovely home, and Ric loved to share the history of his antique Lionel train layout in his train room.



Eleanor Connor Ricards passed away on March 6, 2013. Her family and friends can take comfort in the fact that Eleanor had just returned home from a party when she suffered a stroke. Sadly, her death comes only 6 months after that of her husband of almost 69 years, Harold A. "Ric" Ricards, Jr. They both lived a rich and full life with many blessings. Eleanor was 93 years old and born in Baltimore, MD on September 11, 1919.

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## Inbound Exchange in March

We hosted 16 Ambassadors from Cedar Rapids, Iowa in March by taking them to Galveston, Kemah, NASA, the Rodeo, and a bus tour of some of the high spots of Houston. Thanks to the following for home hosting: Formaneks, Evans, Ave Lallemands, Marlins, Mary Adams, Betty Spooner, Gen Pike, and Margaret Burgess. And special thanks to Exchange Director, Gen Pike and her committees.



Galleria's Water Wall



Bus Trippers



Missmans & guests watching Mutton Bustin'



Steve Williams, Karen Mickelson, Dave Detwiler



Joy Huntington, Janis Schmitz, Karen Mickelson & Betty Spooner



Lynette Nuehring & Mary Adams at Sculpture Garden and Kemah





Hans & Marjo Ave Lallelant, Don Formanek  
at Goode Co. BBQ for Farewell Dinner



Our very own Will (Tom Evans) Rogers

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## FF Houston 2013 Calendar

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Date	Day	Activity	Location	Time
Apr 27	Sat	Visit Adickes SculpturWorx Studio followed by lunch at Five Guys Burgers & Fries	2500 Summer St 3939 Washington Ave, Unit 600	11 AM
May 6	Mon	Board Meeting	Luby's at 1414 Waugh Dr.	6 PM
May 11	Sat	International Dining Night Fadi's Mediterranean Grill	4738 Beechnut 713-666-4644	6 PM
May 18	Sat	General Meeting possible speaker from Alliance Francaise & potluck	Tracy Gee CC	11 AM
Jun 3	Mon	Board Meeting	Luby's at 1414 Waugh Dr.	6 PM
Jun 8	Sat	International Dining Night Bistro des Amis	2347 University Blvd. 713-349-8441	6 PM
Jun 29	Sat	Islamic American Society or Da' Wah Center followed by lunch TBD	201 Travis St downtown Houston	11 AM
Jul 8	Mon	Board Meeting	Luby's at 1414 Waugh Dr.	6 PM
Jul 13	Sat	International Dining Night Thai Cottage	3995 Richmond 713-623-0707	6 PM
Jul 27	Sat	General Meeting with potluck Suggestions welcome	Tracy Gee CC	11 AM
Aug 5	Mon	Board Meeting	Luby's at 1414 Waugh Dr.	6 PM
Aug 10	Sat	International Dining Night Demassi's (Lebanese)	8236 Kirby 713-526-5111	6 PM
Aug 24	Sat	Possible Outing to 10,000 Villages followed by lunch TBD	2424 Rice Blvd, Houston 77005	TBD
Sep 9	Mon	Board Meeting	Luby's at 1414 Waugh Dr.	6 PM
Sep 14	Sat	International Dining Night	TBD	6 PM
Sep 28	Sat	General Meeting & potluck Suggestions welcome	Tracy Gee CC	11 AM
Oct 7	Mon	Board Meeting	Luby's at 1414 Waugh Dr.	6 PM
Oct 12	Sat	International Dining Night	TBD	6 PM
Oct 26	Sat	Outing to Funeral Museum followed by lunch in Old Town Spring at Wunsche Bros. Saloon	415 Barren Springs Dr., Houston, TX 77090 then 103 Midway St., Spring	11 AM
Nov 4	Mon	Board Meeting	Luby's at 1414 Waugh Dr.	6 PM
Nov 9	Sat	International Dining Night	TBD	6 PM
Nov 14 - 21		Inbound Exchange from Bandung, Indonesia	Marjo Ave Lallemand, ED	
Nov 22-25		FFI International Conference in New Orleans		
Dec 2	Mon	Board Meeting	Luby's at 1414 Waugh Dr.	6 PM
Dec 14	Sat	Holiday Party	Suggestions welcome	6 PM

\* Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Blvd., one block inside Beltway 8 off Richmond