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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.

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## Comments from Linda

Our meeting on Saturday, June 25th worked out very well. Since so many were missing – the Formaneks and Art Blevins were in Peru, Joy was camping with her niece, the Missmans and Evans had family obligations - I feared it would just be a Board Meeting. But Mary Adams had a fine program on her observations of Japan. She was connected with a very elite school system there and explained some of their philosophy – mostly that the students needed to please the teachers, not the other way around, which is the current trend in the U.S. Mary had great slides and, as an obvious teacher herself, she was so smooth and comfortable in front of us, and so interesting too. Thank you, Mary. We are so fortunate that you have joined our organization. The Camensons and Doolittles and Luella Strong and Jo Ann Peschell and the Paynes (thank you, Katie), and Erma Fennema and Gen Pike all showed up, so it was a very enjoyable meeting. Hope to see even more of you at the July 28th meeting when Sid and Don and Art will debrief us on their Peru excursions. All of us who could not go will be brought up to speed.

Saturday, July 14, we're eating at the Steamboat House near the race track at the usual six pm. It's expensive, I hear; eleven bucks for a hamburger and over forty should you feel like the lamb chops. But it's supposed to be unique in a very upscale Texas way. And we wanted to see if it would be a worthy venue for one of our upcoming exchanges – so all opinions are valued. See next page.

Ruby Reviere has agreed to head the nominating committee, or even just be the nominating committee, for officers for next year. If called to serve, please say yes as being on the Board is interesting and gives you more of an opportunity to interact with our really great members. This year the Board has tried to meet after the general meetings so that an extra trip doesn't have to be made, although sometimes it is still necessary to have a special independent Board meeting to work out finances or exchanges. The club must have officers to survive, so do give a year of service if you're called. Or better yet, make our day, shock us, volunteer. All positions are open.

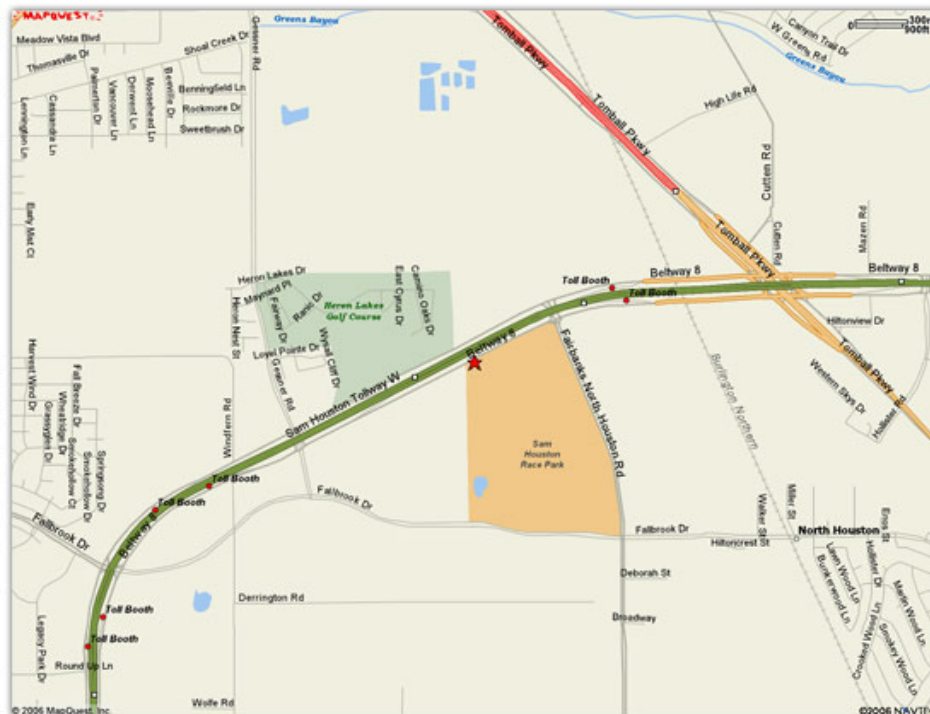
Yours in friendship,

Linda Marlin

# “Non-International” Dining Night



We're hoping you can join us for a special Texas-themed dining night on Sat., July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at The Steamboat House on Beltway 8 near the Race Park. See map below.



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## FF Houston 2012 Calendar

Date	Day	Activity	Location	Time
Jul 14	Sat	International Dining Night at The Steamboat House Restaurant	8045 N Sam Houston Pkwy West at the Race Park	6 PM
Jul 28	Sat	Presentation of Peru Outbound Exchange with potluck luncheon followed by Board Mtg	Tracy Gee Comm. Ctr. *	11 AM
Aug 11	Sat	International Dining Night at Café Pita (Bosnian cuisine)	10852 Westheimer 713-953-7237	6 PM
Aug 25	Sat	Presentation by Rice Univ.'s VP for Int'l Education & her students with potluck luncheon followed by Board Mtg	Tracy Gee Comm. Ctr. *	11 AM
Sep 15	Sat	International Dining Night at Kublai Khan	10001 Westheimer, #2520 713-532-2927	6 PM
Sep 29	Sat	Presentation of slate of officers then presentation by the Ave Lallemands about their tour of "The Silk Road" with potluck luncheon followed by Board Mtg –	Tracy Gee Comm. Ctr. *	11 AM
Oct 13	Sat	International Dining Night at Erawan Restaurant (Thai cuisine)	San Felipe and Sage	6 PM
Oct 25 – Nov 1		Inbound Exchange from North Bay, Canada	Linda Marlin, ED	
Oct 25	Thu	Welcome Dinner for Canadian exchange (potluck)	Tracy Gee Comm. Ctr. *	11 AM
Oct. 30	Tue	Farewell Dinner	Doolittle's Club House	6 PM
Nov 10	Sat	Potluck dinner & Election of Officers	Doolittle's Club House	6 PM
Dec 8	Sat	Holiday Party at Sam Houston Park (Heritage Society)	Behind 1100 Bagby St. in downtown	

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