



friendship force
KAPITI COAST



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 th December 2023	Coffee Morning Venue: Truffles Café opposite Z Petrol Station on Kapiti Road 10a.m.	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 021 0721016 Home: 904 4168
January/February 2024	LEO – date to be advised	
February 2024	Trip to Soames Island with Wellington FF date tba	
14 th February 2024	Coffee Morning Venue Tba	
12-17 th March 2024	Visit from Koriyama and Mie Friendship Force Clubs in Japan. They will be with us for 4 days, 5 nights.	Jeanette Page Co-ordinator. Ph. 027 3009435
13 th March 2024	Coffee morning tba	
4 th to 6 th April 2024	2024 National Gathering – Silverstream Retreat Upper Hutt. More info in the NZ Friendship Force Flyer April issue 2023	r.s.v.p. Debbie 021 689348
Date to be confirmed	A game of Petanque at the Kapiti Petanque Club with Wellington Friendship Force	
11 th or 12 th May	Stage production of The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. St. James Theatre 2pm.(Sat.) or 1p.m. (Sun.) Anyone interested?	r.s.v.p. Fran 905 5491 or 027 2402349



You will see details, dates and times in our 'dates for your diaries' listings. Please add them to your diary or change dates, when you receive this newsletter so you do not forget. We will send out reminders.

President's Chatter



Greetings friends.

It was great to have a good turnout at our recent AGM and to know the club is in good heart. Keep those subscriptions rolling in, there are still a few to come.

As you may have heard, Wilson and I are 'downsizing our lives' and moving to Waikanae (387A Te Moana Road) early next year, and our lifestyle block is on the market. We've been here nearly 40 years, so it's time to let someone else love it. It's a huge job shifting, as many of you know when you have downsized but now feels like the right time. Our new property is quite a modern house and has a lovely garden and entertainment area out the back, so we will continue to entertain Friendship Force groups when we can.

I will be relinquishing my role as NZ Regional Support Manager by the end of the year, which frees me up to take on the role of Club President again. Fran has done a sterling job in keeping the club going over the past few years, and it's time she took a step back. Having said that Fran is now the Club Secretary and will continue to produce the newsletter for the time being. Thank you Fran!
Wilson will continue as Club Treasurer, and the Board members will be Beth Lough, Lois Horsfall and Dorothy Woods. Thank you to Beth and Lois for continuing on the Board, and welcome Dorothy to the management group.

Our first few months of 2024 will be busy, with the first hosting being in February with ambassadors from the *Great Cycle Trails of New Zealand* here from 19-23 February. Most of the hosts are from the cycle group Wilson and I belong to, and some of them have expressed an interest in joining our FF club. We may need day hosts for one day, but I'll let you know in January if that's the case.

In March we will be welcoming 10 ambassadors from Mie & Koriyama, Japan, for 5 nights (12-17 March). Jeanette Page is the AC and she still needs hosts for two more female ambassadors, so please do help if you can. See the article about this elsewhere in this newsletter. And of course we have our NZ National Gathering coming up in April, so make sure that's in your diary.

One issue raised at the AGM was how we handle social membership (Friends of KCFF) going forward, and I have emailed members for their thoughts on this. Please take the time to let us know what you think so the Board can make a decision on this matter.

Meantime Merry Christmas everyone, have a safe and happy New Year, and get ready for a busy 2024.



It's a date

We had a great afternoon with **Wellington FF** who were hosting members from the rienship Force Charlotte USA.

There were 30 of us being coached and entertained by the Pentaque Club.

Believe it or not, the Ambassadors told us that they had never heard of the game of Pentanque and loved learning how to play.



Checking to see who has won the game.

The visit was so successful, we have decided to join up with Wellington to host them up here at our Pentanque Club. No date has been set yet, however, as soon as we have one, we will let you all know.

Below are a couple of photos of us learning to play.



Merry Christmas

Japan Friendship Force journey

12th to 17th March.

Koriyama and Mie Friendship Force Clubs.



These photos were taken in 2018 – a great group from Japan - we had so much fun.

r.s.v.p. Jeanette Page phone -27 3009435
jlpage@xtra.co.nz

Jeanette is the Journey Co-ordinator for this trip and is asking for some help with hosting. There are 10 members coming Please put your hand up for this journey – it should be fun. 5 nights 4 days on the ground. A lovely programme is being organised for everyone.



Jeanette is 2 hosts short for this journey. Please please put your hand up to offer a bed. If you are having trouble hosting them during the day, we have had offers from some of our members to look after them during the day. Please give this plea a bit of thought over the Christmas and New Year period and let Jeanette know – her email is jlpage@xtra.co.nz Phone: 027 3009435

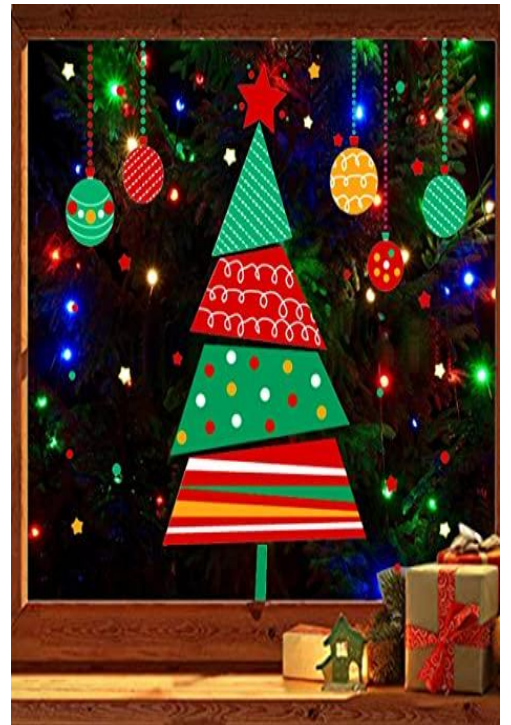
Coffee with Rhondda

Wednesday, 13th December 2023

Venue: Truffles Café
Opposite Z Petrol Station
On Kapiti Road.

10a.m.

Contact Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016



Chatter from the Editor

We had a very successful AGM recently and it safe to say we now have a new President and Secretary. Welcome to Dorothy Woods who is joining the Team Management Team for this coming year. We are planning all sorts of activities for everyone to enjoy in 2024.

Also I am stepping away from being the Editor of our Newsletter – My last newsletter will be in February 2024 after 4 years.

We welcome **Barbara Spencer** who has recently joined our Club. We hope you have an enjoyable time with us and look forward to meeting up with you again at one of our coffee mornings or LEO's.

2024 NATIONAL Gathering - 4th - to 6th April

The Wellington FF Club is organising another fabulous weekend for our clubs at the 2024 National Gathering. The venue will be Silverstream Retreat in Upper Hutt, and the dates are 4-6 April 2024. There will be two nights staying at Silverstream Retreat and then maybe weekend home hosting by some clubs. Put the dates in your diary and watch for more information to come.

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Gathering
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THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE PLEDGE

As a member of the Friendship Force I recognise that I can make a difference.

I recognise that I have a mission.

That mission is to be a friend to the people of the World.

As I embark on this adventure I know that others will be watching me.

I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and people of other countries, the cause of peace and friendship can be furthered.

I can make a difference.

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