

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

This is the third in a series featuring our newest members so that you can get acquainted with them. This edition's subject are Jeanne and Brian Marsh.. The New Zealand/Australia trip was their first exchange.

Jeanne grew up in Atlanta; Brian's childhood was spent in a number of communities. They met at Auburn, from which Jeanne graduated with a degree in English and Brian in Engineering. At it was during the Viet Nam era, Brian completed OTS and went into the Air Force.

They lived in CA (twice), Boston, Seattle, Norfolk, Wichita, Albuquerque, and came to Colorado Springs in 1986. Brian was assigned to Peterson Field and what is now the Space Command. After retirement he continued managing military contracts for about 16 years. During their years of frequent moves, Jeanne taught English at the college level. When they settled here, she got an MLS and became a librarian/media specialist in District 20 and then District 8, retiring in 2003.

Their three children live in the Denver area. Alan is an electrician; Philip is a structural engineer, overseeing the building of bridges; Mindy has left teaching at the elementary level and is pursuing an engineering degree.

An interesting travel experience they had was three weeks in Germany, including the *spreewald* section southeast of Berlin. There were no roads there until after WW I; prior to that travel was by means of canals. The area is famous for its horseradish and gherkins. They were attracted there because of Jacqueline, an exchange student they hosted. A very determined student, she won the Academy High School's American History Prize! Jacqueline's mother arranged for Jeanne and Brian to stay in picturesque

Jeanne and Brian have traveled in North America and in England, Scotland and Wales. Jeanne returns to Atlanta once a month to visit her 94-year-old mother. We hope they'll be able to go on more exchanges with FFPPR.



Both Jeanne and Brian are active in singing groups and rehearse three nights a week for their various choirs:

Vocal Fusion and church for both and a barbershop group for Brian. Their rehearsal schedule makes it difficult for them to attend our general meetings. Their musical skills were put to use during the "down under" exchange; we even prevailed upon Brian to play his harmonica!

Jeanne's favorite pastime was riding her horse. In fact, it was so that she could keep a horse that they moved from Rockrimmon to Woodmen Valley in 1993. When a knee problem put an end to Jeanne's riding recently, it was a sad parting. She is active in the Colorado Springs Branch of the American Association of University Women. She holds aboard position and belongs to several AAUW study groups: Wine & Dine, two book groups, Southwest Studies, and Local History. She also takes Spanish lessons at the East Library.

Brian has been involved recently in extensive home improvements and is a regular member of a Friday hiking group.

Please welcome the marshes to our club!

Upcoming Exchanges

International:

Inbound from Tokyo (14 ambassadors)

September 18 - 25, 2010

ED Hilda Paglow

Assistant ED Judie Werschky

Inbound from Tamworth, Australia
(Country Music Capital of Australia)

May 2011

ED needed

Outbound to Greater Izmir, Turkey

October 2011

EDs George & Karlyn Greenway

Domestic:

Inbound:

Los Angeles, July 27 – August 2, 2010

(19 ambassadors)

ED Susan Tindell

Assistant ED Vicky Collier

Inbound:

Big Canoe, GA , August 17 – 23, 2010

(8 ambassadors)

ED Vicky Collier

Assistant ED Susan Tindell

Outbound:

Spring 2011, Morganton, NC &

Big Canoe, GA

ED needed

You can get acquainted with some of the Big Canoe members during their time here.

Possible exchanges:

Minneapolis, inbound and outbound

Wichita, inbound and outbound

"You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there." Yogi Berra

HELP WANTED!!!!

Members, we need you (and your family, friends and neighbors) to participate in the three up-coming exchanges in July, August and September. We have volunteer Exchange Directors to do the planning, but they need your assistance. We need home hosts, day hosts, and dinner hosts. If you're a single, think of pairing with another single for hosting. If you know of someone who has contemplated joining FFPPR, this is an excellent time to get them to participate. Several of us became involved in that way. We all like to feel needed!

The greatest need is for home hosts for the LA club as 13 are singles.

Please look at your calendars and call the EDs. Hilda's phone number is 590-9584. The other EDs' numbers are on page one of this newsletter.

Even if you can't assist with hosting, we want you to attend the welcome and farewell parties. Meeting you adds much to the ambassadors enjoyment of their exchange.

FFPPR NEWS & BUSINESS

Dan and Peg Hannaway plan to attend the FF World Conference in Washington, D.C., October 16—18. Susan and Steve Tindell may also attend.

In June The Woodmen Edition ran a full-page story on our exchange to New Zealand and Australia. We hope it will result in new members or at least greater name recognition. Our thanks to reporter Gail Harrison.

MOUNTAIN STATES NEWS & BUSINESS

The Cheyenne, Wyoming club will host the Mountain States Regional conference in the spring of 2012.

In July Dan Hannaway will relinquish his position as Mountain States Field Representative after four years of service. It has been advantageous to our club to have our member in that position.

FFI NEWS & BUSINESS

FFI headquarters is moving to a smaller office in Atlanta. However, the phone, FAX and e-mail remain the same. The FFI website is being revised: www.friendshipforce.org

New fees that will be effective in 2011:

- Membership fees will rise from \$6 to \$10 for individuals and from \$10 to \$17 for families.
- For international exchanges the FFI administrative fee will increase from \$115 to \$125 across the network and from \$140 to \$150 for clubs in the USA.

"Don't tell me how educated you are, tell me how much you have traveled."
Mohammed