April Program - Hungary

Tuesday, April 2

Erin Presbyterian Church, 200 Lockett Rd.

6:30 p.m. – Refreshments

7:00 p.m. – Short meeting, followed by the program (see below)

Members M-Z please bring refreshments.

Driving east on Kingston Pike, turn right just after Papermill. The church is on your left.

Program: Ron and Jean Mayer will talk about a trip they made to the hometown of Jean's family in Hungary.

Future Exchanges

Incoming from Saskatoon, Canada Apr. 30 – May 6, 2013 Welcome & International Dinner on Tue., Apr. 30

Our Canadian friends from Saskatchewan, Canada, will arrive in Knoxville April 30th, following a week-long visit to the Morganton, N.C., FF club. This is their first outbound exchange, and we look forward to making it memorable for the club members. Ten ambassadors will be in Knoxville. Hosts are still needed. Please contact Joanne at 521-9937 and offer to host.

Here's some background on the club: The FF of Saskatoon and Area was founded in November of 2011. They have a small club of around 25 members and can host up to 11 ambassadors. Saskatoon residents are fiercely proud of their beautiful city. The South Saskatchewan River,

which begins in the Rocky Mts. of Alberta, flows through the city en route to Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba. Seven bridges span this river; therefore, the city is often called "The City of Bridges." The city is named after the Saskatoon berry, named by the Cree Indians, which makes a delicious pie. The pie, along with the Manitou Springs Spa (nearby) would make a visit to Saskatoon memorable for any of us. Our club may wish to have a reciprocal visit, following our exchange.

Activities for the week include

- a Welcome Dinner / International Dinner on April 30 (open to all club members and to guests). We are so glad the Saskatoon ambassadors will be here for that. What a wonderful time to invite visitors. Pull out that outfit you purchased in another country and put it on to bring festivity to the occasion. And, look up that recipe you have from another country. Bring a dish to share; you may want to label your dish to let people know what country it represents. Also, please bring some souvenir of your FF travels as a table centerpiece. We will have entertainment, and we always have a great time. All club members and guests are invited! (Directions and a map are on page 4.)
- · a day in Oak Ridge,
- · a day in the Smokies,
- a day downtown which would include a Mayor's reception,
- a lunch on Thursday, May 2, 11:30 a.m., prepared by Culinary School students at the University Club. There is a \$12 cost, payable to Friendship Force Knoxville. Reservations must be paid by the next

club meeting on April 2nd. Contact Joanne Schuetz for more information.

• a walking tour downtown for First Friday art show openings on May 3rd and a visit to WDVX for a taste of bluegrass music ... and whatever hosts wish to include in the program.

• A champagne brunch at Club LeConte on Sun., May 5th, at 12:45 p.m. Cost \$25 (checks made out to Friendship Force Knoxville. Reservations will be taken until April 4 by Joanne Schuetz.

Please join us for a wonderful time with our new friends!

Outgoing Domestic to Raleigh, N.C. June 3 - 6, 2013

We are scheduled to leave Knoxville very early Monday, June 3, and return Thursday after lunch. Ambassador forms and hosting fee information will be sent to participants in a few days. Participants are asked to remain a few minutes after next Tuesday's FFK meeting to discuss the details.

Our visit will include visiting art, civil war and history museums. The host ED often makes plans for guests to visit the neighboring city of Durham; the start of tobacco manufacturing after the civil war and Duke University are options there.

Our host club has 50 members. Among their activities ethnic dinners are high on the list of favorites.

To still apply to go on this exchange, contact Sonja Dubois, Exchange Director, at (865) 691-8530 or by email at ronson@knology.net.)

Bring a Friend to Our Meetings

Our FF board offers a gift certificate for a nice serving of "Red Mango" frozen yogurt to each visitor and potential member that comes to one of our meetings. We hope that more of our members will encourage their neighbors and friends to join us. In addition, we plan to offer a second certificate to the member whose guest decides to join.

Please make an effort to take advantage of this offer. We will have a total of 12 certificates to offer and may extend this program if it is successful.

Would You Speak on Behalf of FFK?

Are you a member of a group that might enjoy hearing about Friendship Force? Can you give a presentation on an exchange or on your participation with this wonderful organization? We may be still unknown in this area, and we wish to spread the word. Let Panos Ioannides, our vice-president and membership chair know about your willingness to speak or your group. pioannides@msn.com, or phone (865) 691-7878.

New Member

Welcome to our newest member:

Judy Rizzo, 7729 Edith Keeler Lane, Knoxville TN 37938. Phone (865) 922-5639. Email: <u>judy.rizzo@yahoo.com</u>.

Club Concerns

We are glad our members are recovering well: Sandy Kehne - rotator cuff surgery Shirley Welker - cataract surgery Bill Boys - minor outpatient surgery