

# FRIENDSHIP

## FORCE of

# KNOXVILLE

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### December Meeting

This meeting will be the **Holiday Brunch**.

Location Club LeConte

Gay Street

11.30am to 2.00 pm

Cost is \$10 / member and \$27 / guest.

The deadline for signing up is November 25.

After that date, please contact Joanne Schuetz at a [Schuetz@msn.com](mailto:Schuetz@msn.com) or at (865) 521-9937 to enquire about availability of space.

Parking is available on the lower levels of the garage at First Presbyterian Church which is near the venue of the Holiday Brunch. If you use this garage, which is courtesy of the Church, please put a paper bearing "Friendship Force Visitor" on your dashboard.

### President's Message

On behalf of your FFK club Board, we extend our warmest good wishes for the upcoming holiday season. May you and all your beloved enjoy the warmth of the season in good health and good cheer.

I hope by now, you have made your reservation to join us for the December 2nd luncheon, at

Club LeConte at 11:30am so we can all celebrate together.

In looking back, we give thanks for the many blessings we received both as individuals and as a club since the beginning of this year.

We have had enjoyable incoming and outgoing exchanges, numerous new members and friends. Your Board will work to involve all of you in the club activities and the best way you can do that is by signing up to participate in one or more of the several committees that have been established.

I am happy to announce that we have been offered and we have accepted an Open World group from Azerbaijan in early February. Phyllis Driver has graciously accepted to be the Host **Director** for this group. I am sure that all will help make this visit another success for our club. Further details will be announced as they become available.

Plans for our outgoing exchange to Pau, France are being developed by Sandy Kehne. This trip should be another great overseas adventure opportunity.

Happy Holidays, **Panos.**

## Exchanges

### Open World.

The Knoxville Club has agreed to host a delegation from **Azerbaijan** whose interest will be in higher education. The delegation will consist of 5 members and a Facilitator and will be with us from February 6 until February 14. **Phyllis Driver** will be the **Host Director**. Please help her to give this Delegation a memorable visit.

### Friendship Force Exchanges

This Exchange is offered by FFOklahoma and may interest some of FFK members.

#### Taming America's Great Plains

(Cowboy's, Native Americans and Homesteader's)

*A Themed Global Exchange*

April 22 to May 9, 2015

"Have you ever wished you could have been a cowboy driving a herd of long-horned cattle across America's Great Plains, or wanted to ride out among a buffalo herd? Wanted to learn about the life and culture of famous Native American chiefs such as Quanah Parker and Geronimo, or know what it would be like to travel westward in a covered wagon to find a new homestead? Then you will want to come along with us as we journey from Oklahoma to Kansas and on to Nebraska across America's Great Plains!"

**For additional information, please contact:-**  
Geneva Hancock, ED  
FF Oklahoma  
wagonwest2015@gmail.com  
+1 405-250-1118

### Exchange to Australia.

The Western North Carolina Friendship Force Club is organizing a trip to Australia starting either April 26 or 29 and finishing on May 21. The Ambassadors will be hosted by FF Clubs in Perth, Adelaide, and Canberra. There will be some time in Sydney also. For additional information please contact

Joan Manfre, WNCFF ED for Australian Exchange at  
[jcmanfre310@gmail.com](mailto:jcmanfre310@gmail.com)

or at home (snail mail) at

482 Gap Creek Road, Zirconia, NC 28790

### Club Website

Information on additional possible exchanges and other items of interest may be found on our Website by going to [www.friendshipforceknoxville.org/](http://www.friendshipforceknoxville.org/).

If you have items which should be made available to all members or updates to the website, please send them to the Webmaster Ray Simko at [raysimko@yahoo.com](mailto:raysimko@yahoo.com).

### 2015 Dues and Membership Application

Please take a few minutes and update your personal information on the Membership Application below. Membership dues for 2015 have not been increased and remain at \$30 for an Individual and \$45 for a Family. Dues are due and made payable to Friendship Force of Knoxville by December 31, 2014

You can bring your Membership Application and dues to our next meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> .or mail them to **Ray Simko, Treasurer – 1194 Treymour Way, Knoxville, TN 37922.**

**2015 Membership Application**

Individual \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$45 \_\_\_\_\_

Member #1 First Name

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Member #2 First Name

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Family Name

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Address,

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Area Code & Number)

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

Couple's Anniversary

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## **Birthday and Anniversary Wishes**

The Members of the Club send best wishes on their **Birthdays** to:-

**Phyllis Driver**

**Joan Frey**

**Panos Ioannides**

**Lillian Stradley**

**Jon Murray**

**Don Dougall**

**Ely Driver**

**Tom Mishu**

**Al Schuetz**

**Betty Rose**

**J. Paul Dakak**

**Tom Mishu**

**Andrew Foth**

on their birthdays

and to

**Ron & Jean Mayer**

**LeRoy & Wanda Rogers**

**Laura & Gordon Ford**

on their anniversaries.