



# friendship force

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### **General Membership Meeting and Program**

The General Meeting of the members of Friendship Force Knoxville will be held on Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 6.30pm. The Church is located at 2931 Kingston Pike. The Church is on the right side of Kingston Pike if you are going west – away from downtown. It is between Second Presbyterian Church and The Teen Center. There will be plenty of parking.

**Social time 6.30-7.00 pm.**

**General Meeting & Program at 7.00 pm.**

Members with surnames between A and K are asked to bring snacks or finger foods.

The February program will be a presentation by Ruthie McIntyre about the FFI Global Exchange she and Lonnie went on in October, 2016, to French Guadeloupe. This island is located in the Caribbean Sea and is one of the little known gems of island travel.

The exchange was for one week with Ambassadors from the United States and

Germany being home hosted with an emphasis on SPENDING MORE TIME and MORE EXPERIENCES with their host families. They had perfect weather with temperatures from 65 to 75 degrees the entire trip.

Come to hear and see Ruthie's presentation on "The Things We Learned to Appreciate in Guadeloupe."

### **Board meeting**

The Board will be meeting on 15 February, 2017 at The Egg and I on Kingston Pike at 11:30. It's an open meeting, so anyone is welcome.

### **Note from the President**

The Friendship Force of Knoxville is planning several activities for 2017. Friendship Force International is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, and we will celebrate with a pot-luck supper and Chinese auction. Mark your calendar for March 21 and be looking for those items you no longer want but others might. FFI is also offering a 40th Anniversary cruise to Rome. I'm taking

advantage of this and my love of cruising and have signed up to go. I expect I'll learn much from the lectures and meeting other FF members from around the world.

Don't miss our February meeting on the 21st. Ray Simko will be distributing the 2017 Membership Directory to everyone who attends. Ruthie McIntyre will present the program on one of her recent trips. The Board will meet at the Egg and I on February 15 at 11:30. Feel free to join us.

More information coming on our two incoming exchanges: a group of ambassadors from Calgary Canada, and a group from Kosovo on an Open World exchange, concentrating on Multilingualism and Access to Public Information. I will continue to forward notices of other clubs looking to fill positions on their outbound exchanges. I hope everyone will take advantage of those. Please let me know if you are participating in any exchanges. We would like to advertise our involvement.

As always, if you have any suggestions or ideas for the club, please feel free to share those with me. My email is [dlopez@utk.edu](mailto:dlopez@utk.edu), tel. # 865 223 4036.

***Diana Lopez***

## **Southeast Regional Conference**

Will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 at **Magnolia Trace Retirement Community**, Huntsville, AL.

Accommodation will be available at Hampton Inn, Huntsville, AL.

For further information, contact

**Joyce Bagwell**

[joyce.bagwell@comcast.net](mailto:joyce.bagwell@comcast.net)),

**Tom Laggy** ([tltide@bellsouth.net](mailto:tltide@bellsouth.net))

or members of our board.

# **EXCHANGES**

## **INCOMING EXCHANGES**

### **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PREVIEW**

The FFK Exchange Committee has been contacted by the Calgary, Canada Friendship Force Exchange Director and President with regard to a possible visit to our area in 2017. This exchange with Calgary has been approved by Friendship Force International and both clubs

The dates are October 17 – 23, 2017. Details of this Exchange will be sent to all members as they become available.

## **OUTBOUND EXCHANGES**

### **2017 FFI World Conference Manchester, United Kingdom.**

**August 25 to 27, 2017**

For additional information, please contact [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org)

### **New Zealand Adventure**

**February 21 to March 10, 2017**

Price US \$2700

Contact the Exchange Director Debbie Lattey

FF Kapiti Coast

64-4-293-3252

[debbie@otaihanga.co.nz](mailto:debbie@otaihanga.co.nz) –

### **Kapiti Coast and South Taranaki, New Zealand**

**March 5 to 18, 2017**

Price US 720

Friendship Force of Florida Suncoast would like to invite you all to join them for two weeks of fun with friends in NZ. The time will be spent in the two locations named above.

For more information, contact

**Mair Murphy**

FF Florida Suncoast  
[mairmurphy@yahoo.com](mailto:mairmurphy@yahoo.com)

### **English Teachers in Myanmar**

**March 18 to April 2, 2017**

The cost of this exchange is \$2600 USD per person. For further information, contact: -

**Jenny Pettit**

FF Northern Colorado  
[jenny.pettit@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.pettit@gmail.com)

### **Discover Morocco**

**April 21 to May 8, 2017**

Cost US \$ 2060

Contact **Diana McIntyre, ED**

FF Edmonton and Area,

[dianamci@shaw.ca](mailto:dianamci@shaw.ca)

+1 780 469 4140

### **In Depth Kauai, Hawaii**

**May 16-26, 2017**

For a description of the planned activities contact **Lyn Hargreave** at [lynhargreave@gmail.com](mailto:lynhargreave@gmail.com). Fees \$1200, with a \$200 deposit in advance.

### **New Plymouth, New Zealand, Adelaide and Perth, Australia**

**March 27 to April 20, 2017**

Looks very attractive but provides few details. For further information, contact

**Shirley Siebler**

FF Greater Omaha  
[shirleykjs@cox.net](mailto:shirleykjs@cox.net)

### **Passion for Painters and Painting with FF Leuven, Belgium**

**April 30 to May 8, 2017**

Do you dream of immersing yourself into a week of incredible painters and paintings, together with others who share your passion for art?

Spend a week with Friendship Force of Leuven, in the historic and buzzing

university city. Come and learn from each other, together with local artists in their studio.

Price of the Exchange is US \$900 /person

More details are available from **Dany Vandebroek**, Exchange Director  
[dany.vandebroek@gmail.com](mailto:dany.vandebroek@gmail.com)

### **Trujillo and Machu Picchu, Peru**

**May 2 to 16, 2017**

This is an exchange setup by the North Carolina Friendship Force Club and has 6 places available. It has a week of home hosting in Trujillo and 6 days at places around Machu Picchu.

Cost is approx. \$3800

For more information, contact **Jan Partin**  
[janpartin@hotmail.com](mailto:janpartin@hotmail.com)  
(828) 606-9191

### **Indonesia Exchange**

**September 8th to the 28th**

Join FF of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley for an exchange to Indonesia. A 3-day stopover with the Taiwan Hsinchu club heads up the exchange. The Malang Indonesia club hosts us from 9/16 to 9/21 followed by Denpasar 9/21 to 9/26. The return home includes a short stopover and tour of Hong Kong.

Estimated airfare PDX \$2000

Additional Expenses Approx. \$1600

Contacts

**Ted Powell** ([deerpathted@gmail.com](mailto:deerpathted@gmail.com)  
<<mailto:deerpathted@gmail.com>>) and

**Van Nichols** ([vpncheer@comcast.net](mailto:vpncheer@comcast.net)  
<<mailto:vpncheer@comcast.net>>) are ED's.

Download applications from FFI. Email to Van or mail to Van Nichols 296 Eider Ave. SE Salem, OR 97306. Be sure to provide two references on the application.

**Friendship Force International**  
 Catalogue for October lists the following exchanges: -

[Kitui, Kenya](#)

February 15 to 28, 2017

[São Luis, Brazil](#)

June 10 to 17, 2017

The Catalogues for **December and January** list 12 additional exchanges.

## SURVEY RESULTS

In January, the Communications Team sent out a questionnaire to the Club members about their internet technology use and many people expressed an interest in the results which are below. Several people use many/most/all of the browsers and search engines so the total responses will add up to more than the number of respondents (16 people). We hope to use the information as we try to improve FFK's communication with the members. THANK YOU to everyone who participated!

### Computer Systems:

PC .....	8
Apple .....	8
Browser:	
Google Chrome .....	10
Internet Explorer .....	3
Safari .....	6
Mozilla Firefox .....	2

### Search Engine (ordered by number):

Google .....	10
Bing .....	2
Safari .....	1
Outlook .....	1
Yahoo .....	1
Social Media:	
Facebook .....	12
Twitter .....	1
LinkedIn .....	1
Google .....	1

### Usage (ordered by number):

Research .....	13
Shopping .....	11

Travel .....	8
Communication/E-mail .....	6
Entertainment .....	4
Banking .....	3
Weather .....	3
Bible Study .....	1
Fishing/Hunting .....	1
Games .....	1
Golf .....	1
Google Documents .....	1
Making DVDs .....	1
News.....	2
Sports .....	2
Programs .....	1
Repairs .....	1
Square Dancing Calls .....	1
Stock Trading .....	1

### Comfort Level:

5=Comfortable.....	3
4=Pretty comfortable.....	6
3=Average.....	2
2=Kind of uncomfortable .....	2
1=Uncomfortable .....	3

## Responses about programs

As part of the membership renewal form, a question was asked about programs that members would like to see. The survey results were that eleven desired programs on member travels, one desired a program on Knoxville history, and eight forms gave no suggestions.

## Birthday & Anniversary Wishes

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

**Ruthie McIntyre**

**Janet Murray**

**R. Bruce Robinson**

and on their **Anniversaries** to

**Noel Kuck & Kaye Bultemeier**

**Al & Joanne Schuetz**