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Journey Overviews

2022

Inbound Des Moines, IA	Apr. 2022
Outbound Lower Columbia Club	July 2022
Open World Uzbekistan	TBD
Inbound St. Louis, MO.....	Sept. 2022
Outbound Australia:	
North Moreton.....	Oct. 21-28
Gold Coast.....	Oct. 28-Nov. 4

2023

Journey options from FFI coming in Feb. 2022; watch for a poll from the Board to indicate your preferences.

Note from the President



Friendship Force Knoxville ended 2021 with a festive 40th Anniversary and Holiday Party. I was very happy to see many of you at the in-person event. A big thank you to long-time FFK member Joanne Schuetz for her excellent presentation on Friendship Force International and FFK. Many people worked hard to make this event a success. Thank you, Betsy Tonkin, Sandy Kehne, Janis Robinson, Courtney Shea and Ray Simko.

I'd like to thank the outgoing Board members Kaye Bultemeier, Barbara Elder, and Helen Bachrach for their service. Welcome to new Board members Mike

McDonough and Marsha Mitchell.

There is much to look forward to in 2022. We will have monthly travel presentations by FFK members and others. Our club will host the Greater Des Moines, Iowa, club in April. Some of the folks we met in August 2019 when Greater Des Moines hosted FFK will visit us this spring. We look forward to reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. In October, we plan to finally travel abroad! Australia is our destination. For more information about all our upcoming inbound and outbound domestic and international journeys, contact Leslie Badaines (badainesL@aol.com).

With your involvement, FFK will continue to be a strong and active club. As of January 12, we have 42 members. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2022, it's not too late. Send a \$45 check per person payable to Friendship Force Knoxville to our club treasurer. Bruce Robinson PO Box 53104 Knoxville TN 37950.

Here's to living Friendship Force's mission: *A World of Friends is a World of Peace*

Jayne Raparelli, President

San Antonio: We went, we saw, we had a great time!

In October 2021, three FFK members and a member of the Western NC FF club took a Journey to visit the San Antonio Club. The January 25th FFK General Event will be a presentation of their adventures in TX. This was our second Outbound Journey for 2021! Presenting will be Leslie Badaines, Harriet Hilton, Janis & Bruce Robinson.

Topic: FFK General Event: Outbound to San Antonio, TX

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022

Time: 06:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Program

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83727763887>

Meeting ID: 837 2776 3887

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Journey Information for 2022



Happy New Year everyone!

This year will hopefully bring good health, and the opportunity to travel safely.

Planning for our first inbound visit is underway. Des Moines, Iowa, will be visiting us during the Dogwood Arts Festival, April 20-25, 2022. Mike McDonough, Host Coordinator for this journey, has begun planning for the twelve Ambassadors who will visit. If you are available to host one or two of these Ambassadors in your home, please

let him know (jaynerap@aol.com). Drivers, day hosts, and small dinner hosts are needed as well.

The Journey Committee has submitted our requests for **inbound** journeys in 2023. We have requested one international inbound journey and one domestic inbound journey. In February, we should receive a list of international and domestic clubs that are available for **outbound** journeys. At that time, we will be polling members for your destination preferences. Stay on the lookout for that late February or early March poll!

In addition to our inbound visit from Des Moines, plans are underway for: inbound visits from Open World Uzbekistan (July or August), and St. Louis, Missouri (September); and outbound Journeys to Lower Columbia (upper Oregon, and lower Washington states) in June/July, and to the Gold Coast and North Moreton clubs of Australia in October/November. If you would like more information on these journeys, contact:

Mike McDonough (jaynerap@aol.com) – Des Moines (inbound) Journey # 22507.
Betsy Tonkin (betst@mac.com) – Open World Uzbekistan (inbound).
Phyllis Driver (pndriver@comcast.net) – St. Louis (inbound) Journey #21162.
Barbara Elder (barbara5448@bellsouth.net) - Lower Columbia (outbound) Journey # 22637.
Leslie Badaines (badainesL@aol.com) – Australia (outbound) Journey # 22408.

Leslie Badaines, Journey Coordinator

Hosts Needed for Inbound Des Moines, Iowa



We are expecting 12 ambassadors (two couples and eight single women) from the Greater Des Moines Friendship Force Club to journey to Knoxville in April. They will arrive on April 20 and leave on April 25.

This is a call for hosts to volunteer. Call Host Coordinator Mike McDonough at 423-201-3181 or email him at jaynerap@aol.com to be added to the host list.

Please consider helping with this journey.

Mike McDonough, Host Coordinator

Travel/Friendship Quotations

“Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break, and all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So, go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.” L.R. Knost

“Afoot and lighthearted I take to the open road,
Healthy, free, the world before me...” Walt Whitman

“It is not the destination where you end up but the mishaps and memories you create along the way.” Penelope Riley, American travel writer

“To invite a person to your house is to take charge of his happiness as long as he be beneath your roof.” Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

“The trick to getting through life is having a vacation booked to look forward to.” Latino World Travelers

“In life, it’s not where you go – it’s who you travel with.” Hallmark card



FFK Holiday and 40th Anniversary Party

FFK celebrated its 40th Anniversary and Holiday Party at Highland Point Clubhouse on Saturday, December 11, 2021. The Clubhouse had been decorated for the Holidays by Sandy Kehne, Betsy Tonkin & Courtney Shea. There were 26 members and one guest in attendance to enjoy the delicious catered refreshments arranged by Betsy Tonkin. The Event began at 1:30 P.M. with the program starting at 2:00.

A power point presentation on the 40-year history of Friendship Force Knoxville provided a background for conversation and food. President Jayne Raparelli welcomed everyone and introduced Joanne Schuetz who elaborated on our beginnings and history. Ray Simko and Janis Robinson produced a 40th Anniversary booklet for each guest which provided a great deal of historical information.

After a couple of years of no in-person meetings, the group enjoyed the fellowship of FFK friends. Enjoy some of the photos from the day.



Charcuterie Cups



Mike McDonough & Sandy Kehne

Carolyn & Don Dougall,
Dee Pierce, Katherine
Atkins-Robinson



Cupcake Trees



Joanne Schuetz

Gary Anderson & Ron
Mayer



Leslie Badaines, Jayne
Raparelli, Diana Lopez



Betsy Tonkin & Courtney Shea



Karen Swander, Bruce
Robinson, Marsha Mitchell



Joanne Schuetz & Gail Tyson

Do You Know These People?!

The following photo was found in a box of FFK items from Joanne Schuetz. If you know any of the people in the photo, please let Janis Robinson know at jgr@utk.edu. If you know the ‘where’ and ‘when’ of the occasion – please share that as well.



Upcoming Dates—Mark your calendars

Virtual Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.)

- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12

NOTE: If you are interested in attending the virtual Board Meetings, please e-mail Betsy Tonkin (betst@mac.com) for the Zoom link.

Upcoming FFK General Events (6:30 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m. Program); Zoom info in newsletter.

- Jan. 25: Outbound San Antonio
- Feb. 22: Egypt, Susan Navarro-Valenti & Susan Dakak
- Mar. 22: Rusha & Bert Sams, Moroccan Adventure with Culinary Component
- Apr. 20: Welcome dinner for Des Moines Club

These dates and more are on the FFK *Calendar* web page.

Club Officers & Chairs

President: Jayne Raparelli
 Vice President: Betsy Tonkin
 Secretary: Mike McDonough
 Treasurer: Bruce Robinson
 Membership Chair: Betsy Tonkin
 Program Chair: Marsha Mitchell
 Communications Chair: Janis Robinson
 Webmaster: Ray Simko
 Newsletter Editor: Janis Robinson
 Journey Coordinator: Leslie Badaines
 Immediate Past Journey Coordinator:
 Diana Lopez
 Hospitality Chair: Sandy Kehne
 Club Concerns: Renee Ioannides
 Historian: Jonathan Hash

Host & Ambassador Coordinators are listed on the FFK *About Us* web page