



# friendship force

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#### **Note From the President**

August has arrived and the board of FFK has been meeting consistently to monitor the COVID-19 situation and move forward intelligently with the club and activities. After a great deal of discussion and communication with the San Antonio chapter it has been determined that hosting this year is not an option as the number of members who would be able to participate would be limited. Please refer to the journey coordinator posting for more information.

In an attempt to improve and expand the service to the members Ray Simko and the phone tree will be contacting each member to clarify interests. Please use this opportunity to help us as a board be responsive to your interest/desires.

FFI is adding new activities regularly and I encourage all of you to visit the site and participate in programs offered [.https://www.friendshipforce.org/](https://www.friendshipforce.org/)

*"The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope."*

*Wendell Berry*

In Friendship,

*Kaye Bultemeier*

#### **Planning FFK Travel for Next Two Years**

The Board decided to postpone the inbound from San Antonio scheduled for October. It appears the virus is not going away anytime soon, and both of our states are hard hit at the moment. We may schedule it for some time close to after they will be visiting us next fall.

The forms to request inbound and outbound journeys for 2022 will be forthcoming in August and September.

The inbound form was discussed to host one international inbound journey, and we'll add the domestic journeys we've already scheduled with Des Moines.

The outbound journey form will be discussed in September. If you have preferences in places to go, please pass them along to your coordinators, Leslie and Diana.

The other journeys are moving ahead for 2021 and 2022. See the individual articles for more information.

*Leslie Badaines and Diana Lopez*

**2021 St Louis, MO Inbound** –A host coordinator is needed for this journey in April. No word from St. Louis about dates. Contact Kaye Bultemeier, [kayebultemeier@gmail.com](mailto:kayebultemeier@gmail.com).

### **2021 Romania/Azerbaijan**

**Outbound**–Dates for Romania are June 14-21, 2021. There are currently 6 people interested in going. There is another group coordinated by Bobbie Mulholland from Adelaide, Australia that is assessing interest in a journey to Armenia and Azerbaijan. We may be working together for a viable journey if neither club has sufficient number. Those interested will be meeting soon to decide whether to go to Azerbaijan before or after and what other activities or locations to visit. If you have any interest, please contact Diana Lopez, [dlopez@utk.edu](mailto:dlopez@utk.edu).

to include you in the discussion.

**2021 San Antonio Outbound**–No confirmed date yet for our Sept 2021 trip to them. Contact Leslie Badaines, [badainesl@aol.com](mailto:badainesl@aol.com).

**2021 Napa-Sonoma Outbound** –Date will be set just before or after San Antonio. Contact Jayne Raparelli, [jaynerap@aol.com](mailto:jaynerap@aol.com).

**2021 San Antonio Inbound** –Date will be set after the outbound journey is settled. Contact Jayne Raparelli, [Jaynerap@aol.com](mailto:jaynerap@aol.com).

**2022 Des Moines Inbound**–Des Moines will visit Knoxville in April 2022. Contact Diana Lopez, [dlopez@utk.edu](mailto:dlopez@utk.edu).

**2022 Australia Outbound** –TBD. Contact Leslie Badaines, [badainesl@aol.com](mailto:badainesl@aol.com).

**NOTE: The FFK meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> has been moved to August 25<sup>th</sup>!**

The **Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be via Zoom and the information for signing in is below. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. but feel free to join in starting at 6:30 p.m. to visit with other members.

Please join Kaye and Noel on their epic adventure on the Trans-Siberian Railroad from St. Petersburg to Beijing. Enjoy the scenery, the people and the joy of riding the rail.



If you would like to practice using Zoom, please contact me by e-mail and I will arrange a one-on-one meeting by phone with either myself or Diana Lopez to walk you through signing on to a Zoom meeting on your desktop, laptop, iPad or smart phone. Note, if using your phone, you will only be able to see one person at a time as they speak.

My e-mail is [jgr@utk.edu](mailto:jgr@utk.edu)

*Janis Robinson*

**Zoom Meeting Information**

Topic: FFK General Event  
Time: Aug 25, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time

Go to <http://zoom.us> and click “Join a meeting”. Use the following info:  
Meeting ID: 856 1322 2190  
Passcode: 802031

Or cut-&-paste the following into the Meeting ID address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85613222190?pwd=NldqRGpKekkrNDdTbzBUVmhsTVBKdz09>