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Journey Overviews

2021

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Outbound San Antonio, TX.....	Oct 1-6, 2021
Inbound San Antonio, TX	Oct 22-27, 2021

2022

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

Note from the President

Good things are about to happen!

Many of us are traveling this summer to family and friends we have been unable to see for far too long. And now, in August, we will have a great opportunity to meet our FFK members in person. You will receive an invitation from one of our members inviting you to their home for lunch, appetizers and cocktails, or dinner. It will be a chance for both newer and long-term members to get to know each other. The FFK Board hopes many of you will participate. A reminder about the FFK policy: Only fully vaccinated persons are to attend in-person events.

Friendship Force of Knoxville will be traveling to our first journey post-pandemic in September to the Napa Sonoma area of Northern California. In

October, we will travel to San Antonio, Texas, and then San Antonio will be visiting Knoxville!

Mark your calendars for the fourth Tuesday of each month. That is when we hold our monthly programs. The July program information can be found in this newsletter. We have special events coming, too: a Farewell Dinner in October for our San Antonio friends, and a December Holiday Party/40th FFK Anniversary event. Details will be forthcoming. All fully vaccinated FFK members are invited to both events.

We are ready to meet in person, travel, host, make new friends, and renew friendships.

Let the fun begin!

Jayne Raparelli, President

Obituary: Ron DuBois

Long-term member of FFK, Ron DuBois, age 88, died on July 14, 2021. Ron and Sonja, his wife of 59 years, participated in the 2019 Journey to Des Moines, IA, as well as being home hosts for many in-coming journeys most recently for the Open World visit with the Republic of Georgia. Ron sang in the Erin Presbyterian Church choir and was a loyal tenor singing chorus and barbershop quartet. He was recently honored with a lifetime achievement award for his 50 years of barbershop singing.

The Celebration of Life service has changed to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 24th at Erin Presbyterian Church. A full obituary can be found at the Knoxville News Sentinel (<https://tinyurl.com/3uy78w5d>).

FFK has send a donation in Ron's name to the Covenant House Homeless Shelter in New York City.

FFK July 27th Event Composition 'Rules' to Improve Your Travel Photography

Dr. Sharon Swallowwood will be the guest speaker at our July 27 meeting. The title of her talk is "Composition 'Rules' to



Improve Your (Travel) Photography". A professor Emeritus of St. Petersburg College, she is a self-taught, award winning published photographer. Her body of work, "World Reflections", reflects the beauty of nature and the wonders that exist in the world. She tries to capture the essence of subjects as they actually exist, not relying on post-production manipulation. Many of her photographs highlight the people, places and things she encounters during her travels. Sharon is

a member of Friendship Force of the Florida Suncoast.

Suggested Books:

Read this if you want to take Great Photographs of Places by Henry Carroll

The Book of Photography by John Hedgecoe

There are many others as well as websites.

Suggested Activity:

1. Take a photo before the Sharon's talk.
2. Re-take the same scene after her talk.

Date: July 27, 2021

Time: 06:30 PM (social), 7:00 PM (program)

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/5bx8wu78>

Meeting ID: 880 4572 3257

Passcode: 121171

Dial: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Outbound Journey to Napa Sonoma & San Antonio Coming to Knoxville

Six Friendship Force Knoxville members, along with four Friendship Force members from the Greater Atlanta, Central North Carolina, and Lake Hartwell clubs, will fly to California on September 8 for what promises to be a fantastic journey. We will share our experiences at the September FFK monthly event.

On October 22, about 10 members from the San Antonio, Texas, Friendship Force Club will visit the Marble City, aka Knoxville.

Thanks to our members who have volunteered to home host and lead activities. We are looking



forward to showing our San Antonio friends downtown Knoxville, Norris Dam, and the Elkmont Historic District of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Whether or not you are hosting or coordinating activities for this inbound journey, fully vaccinated FFK members are invited

to the Welcome Dinner and the Farewell Dinner. The Farewell Dinner will be held at Calhoun's on the River and will require reservations and payment.

Jayne Raparelli & Mike McDonough
Ambassador Coordinators

San Antonio Journey # 21243 October 1-6, 2021.

Remember the Alamo! Join our small group in visiting FF San Antonio, and see the Alamo, the Riverwalk and World Heritage Missions. There are currently 2 slots available for this journey.

Ambassadors for this trip must be fully vaccinated AND must show proof of a negative Covid-19 test taken 2 to 3 days prior to departure.

The approximate total cost for this trip is \$255 (this includes the \$75 fee to FFI). Applications for this trip should be sent by July 24 to Leslie Badaines (badainesL@aol.com). Fees for this Journey should be sent to Bruce Robinson, Treasurer, PO Box 53104, Knoxville, TN 37950, with checks made out to Friendship Force of Knoxville.



Come join us in San Antonio and experience Texas hospitality at its best!

Leslie Badaines
Ambassador Coordinator

Journeys This Year and Next

The Board approved the appointment of Phyllis Driver for the inbound St. Louis journey next September 2022. Ambassador applications are still being accepted for San Antonio. The outbound to Napa-Sonoma and hosts for inbound San Antonio are complete. See below for further information and next year's journeys. Lots of good things happening and hope you will join in one or more of them.

2021

2021 Napa-Sonoma Outbound – Sep 8-13. Journey #21440. Contact Jayne Raparelli, jaynerap@aol.com, and Mike McDonough.

2021 San Antonio Outbound – Oct 1-6. Journey #21243. Contact Leslie Badaines, badainesl@aol.com.

2021 San Antonio Inbound – Oct 22-27. Journey #21441. Contact Jayne Raparelli, jaynerap@aol.com, and Mike McDonough.

2022

2022 Des Moines Inbound – Apr 2022. Journey #22509. Contact Mike McDonough, jaynerap@aol.com.

2022 Romania Outbound – Postponed until Jun 2022. Contact Diana Lopez, dlopez@utk.edu.

2022 St Louis, MO Inbound – Sep 2022. Journey #21162. Contact Phyllis Driver, pndriver@comcast.net.

2022 Lower Columbia Outbound – Late Jun/Jul 2022. Journey #22637. Need an ambassador coordinator.

2022 Australia Outbound – North Moreton, Oct 21-28, 2022; Gold Coast, Oct 28-Nov 4, 2022. Journey #22408. Contact Leslie Badaines, badainesl@aol.com.

Leslie Badaines and Diana Lopez
Journey Co-coordinators

Another Look at the June Meeting A Visit to Kosovo with the Mitchells

Twenty people attended the June 22nd FFK Event where Art and Marsha Mitchell described their daily life experiences and exploration of historic sites and towns in Kosovo. They briefly outlined the history of the region and related conversations they had with locals about the war and aftermath.

Art and Marsha also mentioned the many countries they visited in the region during and after the rule of law mission ended.

Book Recommendations for FFK Events

Every month in the newsletter, the club features book recommendations about the places our speakers will take us. This will give you an opportunity to read them before the meeting. If you have a book to recommend that fits in with any future events (see Upcoming Dates), please send to Janis Robinson (jgr@utk.edu).



July 27: Travel Photography with Sharon Swallowood, FF Florida Suncoast

Suggested book & links:

- [Read this if you want to take Great Photographs of Places](#) by Henry Carroll
- [The Book of Photography](#) by John Hedgecoe
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August 24: Living in Prague with John Schwartz

Suggested books:

- [Prague Winter](#) by Madeleine Albright -- A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948. An excellent history of what is now the Czech Republic. Highly recommended!
- [Prague: A Traveler’s Literary Companion](#) edited by Paul Wilson. A collection of short stories by Czech Authors.



Travel Quotes and Cartoons

“It’s bad manners to keep a vacation waiting.”
Anonymous

“ ... My suitcase, finally freed from the closet floor ... my trusty lists of things I need to bring ... researching the weather in a faraway place. My excitement builds with every single step: *I’m about to travel again.*” Harriet R. Lewis, Vice Chairman, Overseas Adventure Travel

“Travel becomes a strategy for accumulating photographs.” Susan Sontag

“Now more than ever do I realize that I will never be content with a sedentary life, that I will always be haunted by thoughts of a sun-drenched elsewhere.” Isabelle Eberhardt



“Once in a while it really hits people that they don’t have to experience the world in the way they have been told.” Alan Keightley

“I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel’s sake. The great affair is to move.” Robert Louis Stevenson

“Wherever you go, go with all your heart.”
Confucius

Upcoming Dates—Mark your calendars

Virtual Board Meetings:

- July 13, 2:00 p.m.
- August 10, 2:00 p.m.
- September 14, 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: If you are interested in attending the virtual Board Meetings, please e-mail Diana Lopez (dlopez@utk.edu) for the link.

Upcoming FFK Virtual General Events (6:30 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m. Program):

- July 27: Travel Photography with Sharon Smallwood, FF Florida Suncoast
- August 24: Living in the Czech Republic with John Schwartz
- September 28: Napa Sonoma Journey shared by the FFK Ambassadors

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

Club Officers & Chairs

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Historian:	Jonathan Hash

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