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## “Gateway to Worldwide Friendship”

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### Journey Overviews for 2022

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Inbound Des Moines, IA .....      | April 20-25           |
| Outbound Lower Columbia Club..... | Late June             |
| Open World Uzbekistan .....       | Tentatively August    |
| Inbound St. Louis, MO.....        | September             |
| Outbound Australia:               |                       |
| Gold Coast.....                   | October 19-26         |
| North Moreton.....                | October 26-November 2 |
| Outbound Romania .....            | Cancelled             |



### Note from the President

Mark your calendars for Friendship Force Knoxville’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary/holiday party!

On Saturday, December 11, at 1:30 p.m., we will socialize in person while enjoying catered finger foods and refreshments. There’s no need to bring anything but yourselves! The program begins at 2 p.m. when we’ll take a look back at our 40 years, sharing memories and experiences. I hope to see you at the Highland Point Clubhouse for this very special celebration.

We are fortunate that Friendship Force Knoxville is made up of wonderful people who strive to live Friendship Force’s mission: A World of Friends is a World of Peace.

Happy, safe, and healthy holidays!  
*Jayne Raparelli, President*



### Dues for 2022 are due by Dec. 31, 2021

It is time to renew your Friendship Force Knoxville membership for 2022. The 2022 dues are \$45/person and are due by Dec. 31, 2021. The \$5 increase over the 2020 dues are because of a \$5 increase in the Friendship Force International dues which are included in your membership. The renewal form can be found on the FFK web site under the "About Us" tab and then under the "READ, PRINT OR DOWNLOAD CLUB DOCUMENTS" heading. The second and third pages of the form are a survey of your interests.

You may also pay your 2022 dues at the FFK Holiday/40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>).

**FFK Holiday & 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

**Come and join the party!**

We are celebrating the holidays and FFK’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, December 11th.

**Please RSVP by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> to:**

Sandy Kehne

Email: [sbkehne@gmail.com](mailto:sbkehne@gmail.com)

**Date:** Saturday, December 11, 2021

**Time:** Gather at 1:30 p.m., Program at 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Highland Point Clubhouse  
7912 High Heath, Knoxville, TN 37919  
Off Westland Drive

Holiday refreshments will be served, including festive charcuterie cups of cured meats, cheeses and fruit, and other heavy hors d'oeuvres, "poinsettia" mimosas (champagne or sparkling cider with cranberry juice), hot spiced apple cider, and mini cupcakes. Other food and drink options will also be available.



Copies of the Membership Renewal Form and Member Interest Survey will be available at the Event so you can pay your 2022 dues there!

Remember FFK’s rule for attending any club in-person event requires that you be vaccinated.

**2022 Officers, Board & Committee Chairs**

At the November 16 annual meeting, FFK members elected the 2022 officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Here is a list of the officers, Board and Committee Chairs, plus Ambassador and Host Coordinators.

- 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
- Hospitality Chair:.....Sandy Kehne
- Club Concerns:.....Renee Ioannides
- Journey Coordinator: .....Leslie Badaines

Immediate Past Journey Coordinator:  
..... Diana Lopez

Historian:..... Jonathan Hash

**Ambassador (outbound) Coordinators**

*Lower Columbia*, June 2022:Barbara Elder;  
Region in Oregon, and Washington as the  
Columbia River flows to the Pacific Ocean.

*Australia*

Gold Coast Oct. 19-26, 2022: Leslie Badaines  
North Moreton Oct. 26-Nov. 2, 2022: Leslie  
Badaines

**Host (inbound) Coordinators**

*Greater Des Moines, Iowa*, April 20-25, 2022  
.....Mike McDonough  
*Open World from Uzbekistan*,  
Tentative August 2022 .....Betsy Tonkin  
*St. Louis, Missouri*, September 2022  
.....Phyllis Driver

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## Travel/Friendship Quotations

“There are two ways of getting home; and one of them is to stay there. The other is to walk round the whole world till we come back to the same place.” G. K. Chesterton

“May good luck be with you wherever you go, and your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow.” Irish travel blessing

“We travel because we need to because distance and difference are the secret tonic to creativity. When we get home, home is still the same, but something in our minds has changed, and that changes everything.” Jonah Lehrer

“Loving life is easy when you are abroad. Where no one knows you and you hold your life in your hands all alone, you are more master of yourself than at any other time.” Hannah Arendt, German philosopher

“What good is the warmth of summer without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.” John Steinbeck

“Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.”  
Neale Donald Selsch

## Upcoming Dates—Mark your calendars!

### Virtual Board Meetings:

- December: No Board meeting
- January 11
- Second Tuesday of the month

### Upcoming FFK In-person Event

- December 11: FFK 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Holiday Party at the Highland Point Clubhouse; 7912 High Heath, Knoxville, TN 37919

### Upcoming FFK January Event (Zoom or In-Person? Wait and see!)

- January 25: FFK Ambassadors on Outbound Journey to San Antonio
- General Events: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

