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## “Gateway to Worldwide Friendship”

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### Journey Overviews

#### 2022

Outbound Lower Columbia Club .....	July 6-11
Open World Uzbekistan .....	October 7-15
Outbound Australia: .....	Gold Coast: Oct 19-26
.....	North Moreton: Oct 26-Nov 2

#### 2023

Inbound Western Colorado .....	April 23-29
Outbound Western Colorado.....	June 10-16

### Note from the President May 24 Picnic!



All FFK members are invited to a picnic! We are excited to offer this event after two years of not having monthly in-person programs. It’s a time to become reacquainted with each other, and to make new friends. I hope to meet new members whom I have not met and visit with folks I haven’t seen in a long time.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 24

**Time:** 1-4 p.m.

**Place:** Suttree Landing Park, 1001 Waterfront Dr SE, across the Tennessee River in South Knoxville, a beautiful setting with a walkway along the river.

FFK has rented the pavilion that has six picnic tables. The pavilion is adjacent to a free parking lot and restrooms.

The club will provide two entrees. Please bring a side dish, or summer salad, or dessert to share, and your own non-alcoholic beverage.

It’s important to know how many are coming so we have enough food! **RSVP by May 20** to FFK member Gail Tyson [dgmtyson@bellsouth.net](mailto:dgmtyson@bellsouth.net)

*Jayne Raparelli, President*

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## Joint Meeting with FF Western North Carolina

Road Trip!!! We're meeting our NC friends at The Shelton House, Waynesville, NC on June 22, 2022!

The Western NC Friendship Force Club will join us in Waynesville and, beginning at 10 AM, we'll be escorted on a private tour of the historic Shelton House Museum and Gardens (see: <https://sheltonhouse.org/shelton-house/> ). Around noon we'll stroll to the "event barn" where a musician will be playing and fancy tables will be set for a luncheon of chicken salad sandwiches, additional salads, and dessert. (Vegetarians- you may substitute egg salad, if you like.) During lunch we will have plenty of time to socialize with each other and our NC friends.

The cost for the tour, table setting and lunch is \$30 per person, but the Club is picking up \$10 of your cost! **You will pay only \$20!** Quite a bargain! We want you to see you there!

Please RSVP, as soon as possible, to FFK member Marsha Mitchell, [globalmarsha@gmail.com](mailto:globalmarsha@gmail.com), or call 865-335-3875.

If you'd like to book a hotel instead of driving back home afterwards, Marsha will offer suggestions, including a motel in Maggie Valley that's offering a 10% discount to Friendship Force members, but you must hurry. You can join the overnighters for breakfast at the famous Joey's Pancake House in Maggie Valley in the morning. It's the best!



Don't miss out on the fun! Hit the road! Meet new folks! Make new friends!

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## FFK Journey Information for 2022

The Des Moines visit to Knoxville was successful. Positive reports were received and the Journey came in under budget. Kudos to Host Coordinator, Mike McDonough and his team for an excellent program!

The Lower Columbia Journey (July 6-11) has been filled and 10 Ambassadors are eagerly awaiting the Journey!

St. Louis incoming Journey scheduled for September 17-22 has been canceled.

Australia Journey # 22408 (October 19- November 2) - Leslie has advertised regionally. There are 5 members going from FFK and several regional Friendship Force club members have applied, as well as a Des Moines couple who visited us last month. A 3-day pre-trip to Sydney is an added option for participants.

Open World Uzbekistan -Judges from Uzbekistan are currently scheduled to arrive in Knoxville on October 7 and remain until October 15. Please contact Betsy Tonkin if you are interested in hosting or helping.

*Leslie Badaines*, Journey Coordinator

## Great Time with Friendship Force Greater Des Moines!

What a wonderful week! From April 20-25, FFK hosted 10 ambassadors with the Greater Des Moines Friendship Force Club. Just like the poem “Make new friends but keep the old,” we met new friends from Iowa and renewed our friendships with GRDSM members that we already knew.

Our Des Moines ambassadors are now at home and missed by so many of us! It was a very rewarding Journey for those of us who got to share time with our new friends.

Our thanks to everyone who helped make this inbound journey a big success.

Below are some photos of the activities we did during the week.



Greater Des Moines Ambassadors at Cherokee Bluff Welcome Dinner



Women’s Suffrage Statue at Market Square



Lunch in the Smokey’s



Norris Dam visit



Dinner at the Robinson’s



Beautiful flowers at the Welcome Dinner – thanks, Sandy



Dinner at Mike & Jayne’s



Ranger Joe at Grist Mill

Music at Lenoir Museum



Hiking in the Smokey's



Dinner with the Mayers



Blue Plate Special Music at the Knoxville Visitor Center



Urban Walk: Photo with Dolly



Take Your Host to Dinner



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## Join My Friendship Force!

Friendship Force International has developed a new website called My Friendship Force. It is designed to help track journeys, resources and payments. This site keeps members up to date on FFI news worldwide and is a members-only site. **THIS WILL BECOME THE OFFICIAL FFI WEBSITE.**

To sign up, connect to:

<https://my.friendshipforce.org>

then click the SIGN UP button towards the bottom.

Each person must use their own e-mail address so a couple who is sharing e-mail will need to have separate e-mail addresses. The only information needed to register is your name, club and e-mail. Additional information is available for you to complete if you want to. When you sign up you must agree to the FFI Code of Conduct which is available for you to read from FFI. Please join!



“Of all possessions a friend is the most precious.”  
Herodotus

“It is good people who make good places.” Anna Sewell

“Every time I go to the airport, my gate is always the longest walk possible. If I’m at gate 48, the gates start at 1. If I’m at gate 1, the gates start at 48 and go backwards. What are these other gates in between even for? Are they actors?” Charmed Nomad

“Everything in life is somewhere else, and you get there in a car.” E. B. White

## Travel/Friendship Quotations

“There is a whole world out there. Pack your backpack, your best friend, and go...” Unknown

“A nomad I will remain for life, in love with distant and uncharted places.” Isabelle Eberhardt, Swiss explorer

### An Irish Toast

There are good ships  
And wood ships,  
Ships that sail the sea,  
But the best ships  
Are Friendships  
And may they  
Always be.

### Upcoming Dates—Mark your calendars

**Virtual Board Meetings** (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.)

May 10	June 14	July 12
August 9	September 13	October 11

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

### Upcoming FFK General Events (all are in person):

- May 24: Outdoor Social for FFK Members
- June 22: Joint Tour & Social with FF Western North Carolina
- July 26: In-person meeting at TVUUC!

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