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2023 Journey Overview

Outbound Western CO.....We are on the way!
Inbound Eastern WASeptember 13-18
Outbound Tuxtla-Gutierrez, MXNovember 1-8
More Journey details on pages 4-5

2024 Journey Preview

Outbound Germany (two clubs) TBD
Inbound St. Louis, MO TBD

Club Website: www.friendshipforceknoxville.org
My Friendship Force: <https://my.friendshipforce.org>
FFK on Facebook: Friendship Force of Knoxville

Where in the World is Diana? She's here on June 27th!



World traveler and FFK member Diana Lopez is finally back in town! Yay! We've all been wondering: "Where on earth is she, how is she getting around and how much luggage did she take?" See how she crammed three years of travel into one! The planning, the packing, what she learned will be revealed at the **June 27** meeting.

Time: 6:30 p.m.-Social; 7:00 p.m.-Program

Place: TVUUC, Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church
2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, 37919

Dessert and light refreshments provided.



Monet's Garden, France



Diamond Head, Hawaii



French Polynesia



The Port at Nice



Giraffe on Safari

Our 2023 Journeys Continue!

June 11-17, 2023: As you read this, Ambassadors will be winding their way to Western Colorado to begin their journey. Check the Club's Group Facebook page (Friendship Force of Knoxville) for photos of this exciting trip!

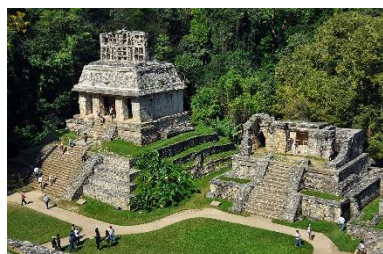


Intl. Storytelling Cntr, Jonesborough

September 13-18, 2023, Friendship Force of Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho (Journey #23219) will be our guests. There are 11 ambassadors who will visit Western North Carolina first and then come to Knoxville. We have planned the exchange to take place with a joint meeting of the clubs in Jonesborough for lunch and a storytelling performance. Allison Lindsay from FFI will talk during lunch about Individual Journeys. Diana Lopez, Host coordinator for this journey, is still looking for home hosts, small group dinner hosts, and day hosts/drivers. Please complete the host application if you can home host or contact Diana at dlopez@retiree.utk.edu if you can assist in other ways.

November 1-8: There is still room for a few more Ambassadors on our outgoing International Journey to Tuxtla-Gutierrez, Mexico.

This journey takes place November 1-8 (for 7 nights) and some of the activities include a tour by boat on Grijalva River, a one-night stay in hotel Casa Mexicana (breakfast included), in order to visit the towns of Chiapa de Corzo and San Cristobal (lunch in San Cristobal included) and so much more.



Mayan ruins of Palenque
for more details.

An optional post tour is available from **November 8-10** to the Mayan ruins of Palenque, and Roberto Barrios National Park (2 nights).

The cost of the primary journey to Tuxtla-Gutierrez is \$300, plus FFI fee of \$175 (total \$475). The post tour cost is \$450 and includes transportation by van.

If interested in this opportunity, please contact Leslie (badainesL@aol.com)

Leslie Badaines, Ambassador Coordinator

PS from the Newsletter Editor: There is a PDF document outlining the adventures for this Journey that is attached to the e-mail you received with this newsletter. Check it out!

2023 Upcoming Dates—Mark your Calendar

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

July 11	Aug. 8	Sept. 12
Oct. 10	Nov. 14	No Dec. Mtg

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 (4th Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.-Social; 7:00 p.m.-Program

- June 27: Diana Lopez
- July 25: *Jayne Raparelli & Mike McDonough
- August: No meeting
- September: Inbound FF Eastern Washington

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*Will be held at another location –
more info in the July issue

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

2023 Club Officers & Chairs

President:Jayne Raparelli
Vice President:Betsy Tonkin
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Program Chair:.....Marsha Mitchell
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Webmaster:Ray Simko
Newsletter Editor:Janis Robinson
Journey Coordinator:Leslie Badaines
Hospitality Chair:.....Barbara Elder
Club Concerns:Paulette Anderson
Historian:Betsy Tonkin

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

