



friendship force
KNOXVILLE

(Chartered 1981)

**Thirty-Fifth Anniversary
Celebration**

October 18, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

Rothchild Catering

& Conference Center

8807 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN 37923

Program

Welcome Phyllis Driver, Program Chair

Invocation Dr. Lonnie McIntyre

Dinner

Music by Stephen Boyce & Jane Wauford

Introduction of Speaker Diana Lopez, Club President



Speaker – Jeremi Snook, President and CEO of Friendship Force International

Closing Remarks Diana Lopez

Closing Song “Let There be Peace on Earth”

Menu

Salad of Mixed Greens

Freshly Baked Yeast Rolls

Pan-Seared Salmon Filet

or

Boneless Chicken Breast

Parsley Buttered Potatoes

Grilled Vegetable Medley

Key Lime Pie

or

Chocolate Fudge Cake

Coffee and Tea

Cash Bar 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Jeremi Snook

Jeremi Snook grew up in rural New Hampshire in the extreme northeastern part of the state. Eager to explore the country, Jeremi broke free from his deep New England roots to attend the University of Florida from which he began his career working in nonprofit organizational development.

Prior to joining Friendship Force in November 2015, Jeremi has worked successfully with organizations to enhance their mission through innovation and operational efficiency. Jeremi's work includes the United Way of Central Carolinas and the Uptown Emergency Shelter in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 2008, he took a short break from the nonprofit sector to help start a medical manufacturing company that earned him and his partner the Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies award. Most recently, Jeremi served as Chief Operating Officer with Spaulding Youth Center, a leading community-based provider of educational services for children with neurological or behavioral challenges in Northfield, New Hampshire.

With a love for travel, he enjoys exploring different cultures and has a personal appreciation for the impact these experiences can have on an individual's view of the world. Jeremi is excited to have found the Friendship Force with a mission to encourage others in these very same experiences.

Jeremi holds a Master of Business Administration from Queens University of Charlotte. He resides in Athens, Georgia, with his life-partner Sherry, and their two sons.

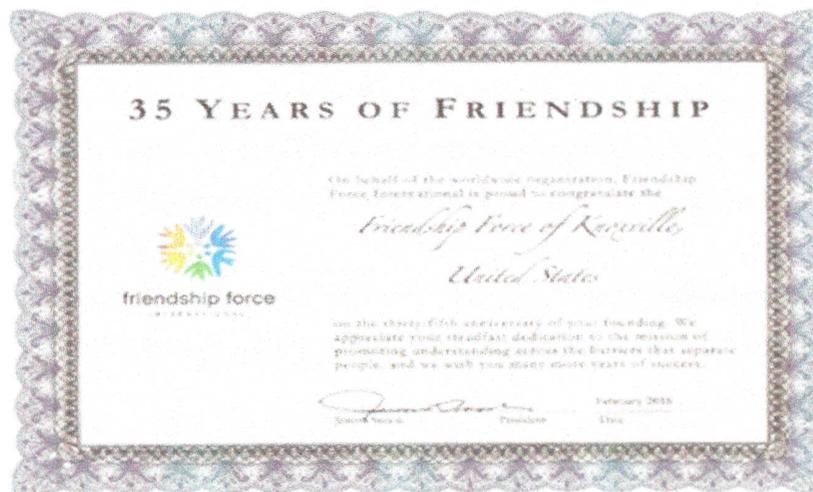
Stephen Boyce & Jane Wauford

Stephen Boyce is a native of Crossville. He was an active member of the Cumberland County Playhouse. In high school Steve was a piano and voice student at the Bryant Academy, which was an outgrowth of Tennessee Technological University. Steve is one of eight members of the Boyce family to graduate from Berea College, Berea, Kentucky. He is a cantor at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Knoxville, and a member of the parish choir. Steve is the tenor soloist and past president of the Knoxville Choral Society and the Knoxville Chamber Chorale. The Choral Society is a 150 voice choir, which specializes in concerts of major works with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. Steve is owner of Rush's Music, a school band specialty store with two locations in Knoxville.

Jane Wauford, a native of Knoxville, has played the piano since she was eight years old and the organ since she was twelve. She attended the University of Tennessee and Indiana University receiving a Masters in Music. Before she retired she held positions at St. James Episcopal and at Lake Hills Presbyterian as organist/choir director. She is also retired from American Airlines.

She introduced Steve to "good ole music of the thirties and forties" and together they entertain regularly at clubs, churches, retirement communities and assisted living facilities.

Friendship Force International Recognition



“On behalf of the worldwide organization, Friendship Force International is proud to congratulate the

The Friendship Force of Knoxville, United States

on the thirty-fifth anniversary of your founding. We appreciate your steadfast dedication to the mission of promoting understanding across the barriers that separate people, and wish you many more years of success.”

***Jeremi Snook*, President, February 2016**

Special Recognition

The Officers and Board would like to express their appreciation to each and every member who has contributed their time and talents over the past 35 years as Officers, Board Members, Exchange Directors, Home Hosts and Day Hosts and all the other members who have contributed to make Friendship Force of Knoxville the exceptional club it is today

We would like to extend a special recognition to the following members who have belonged to the club for more than 30 years.

They are:

Betty Rose — (also a Charter Member)

Gordon and Laura Ford

Paul and Betty Hass

Your 35th Anniversary Committee

Sonja DuBois

Jean Mayer

Wanda Rogers

Karen Setzfand

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The committee extends its thanks to all the members who contributed to making this a memorable celebration.

Friendship Force of Knoxville

Founded May 16, 1981

(A Historical account)

A story appeared in the News Sentinel on March 2, 1977 describing a new exchange program to send Americans on trips abroad and bring foreigners to the United States -- a program called The Friendship Force. The idea stemmed from an exchange program President Carter and his wife developed while he was Governor of Georgia with exchanges between Georgians and Brazilians. Their motto was "A world of friends is a world of peace."

The story caught the attention of Knoxville Aileen Caldwell. After many letters, phone calls and even a couple of exchanges, Aileen met Carolyn Wilson who was just as excited about the concept. They gathered like-minded friends together and planted the seed for a Club in Knoxville.

In January, 1981 they scheduled Stanley Humphries who was Executive Director of Friendship Force International to speak at a luncheon at Club LeConte. After this luncheon interested persons met several times in the City/County Building. Since this was a temporary arrangement, Ms. Wilson was able to secure a permanent meeting place at the Second Presbyterian Church on Kingston Pike.

Presidents

1981-82	Aileen Caldwell	1996-97	Fritzie Logan
1983	Claude Haws	1998	Tom Bush
1984	William Grieve	1999-00	Jim Dennis
1985-86	Robert Ebinger	2001-02	Roger Frye
1986-88	Robert Young	2003-04	Grant Stradley
1988-1989	Gordon Ford	2005-07	Joanne Schuetz
1990-91	Byrl Logan	2008-09	Phyllis Driver
1992	Letha Dixon	2010-13	Joanne Schuetz
1993	Betty Rose	2014-15	Panos Ioannides
1994	Hugh Sells	2016	Diana Lopez
1995	William Grieve		

Over the past 35 years these men and women have stepped up contributing not just their time and talents, but more importantly their ideas, plans and suggestions to make our club what it is today.

In 1981 the club's first outgoing exchange took place with the Friendship Force of Western North Carolina to Hamburg, Germany. Language lessons and workshops were held to provide the Ambassadors with knowledge about the culture and the people they were going to visit.

By 1982 there were 110 members. Beginning with these early exchanges, members volunteered to take the initiative in a number of areas to make each exchange a success from the clubs point of view as well as our visiting ambassadors.

As of 2016, Friendship Force of Knoxville has been in existence for 35 years. During that time our members have hosted more than forty-two inbound clubs from all over the world including hosting the guests from around the world who participated in the Open World projects. Our club has also participated in fifty-five outbound exchanges to all parts of the world, including some in the United States.

By joining hands to make friends all over the world and promote peace and good will, we hope to truly make a difference.

WE CAN STILL DO THIS TODAY!

Exchanges, Missions, Festivals and Domestic Visits

Friendship Force came into existence on March 1, 1977 as an organization to give individuals an opportunity for Americans to visit foreign countries and bring foreigners to the United States. Today there are 377 clubs in 60 countries with more than 18,000 members world-wide.

Over the past 35 years FFK members have crossed the world from Mongolia to Peru and New Zealand to Ireland. Many members have also traveled with other clubs working through Friendship Force International matching their travel with those of others.

Outbound Exchanges:

to the Asian Region:

- 1982 Seoul, Korea
- 1988 Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- 1990 China Mission
- 1997 FFI "Summer in Siberia" Around the World Tour"
- 2001 Nagasaki & Kumamoto, Japan
- 2003 FFI National Exchange - People and Culture of Northern India
- 2004 FFI National Exchange- People and Culture of Southern India
- 2009 FFI National Exchange – Discover Mongolia

Outbound Exchanges (Continued):

to the Canadian Region:

- 2014 Calgary, Alberta Province

to Europe and Eurasia Region

- 1981 Hamburg, West Germany
- 1983 Guilford, England
- 1987 Hamburg, West Germany
- 1989 Yugoslavia Mission
- 1991 Dublin, Ireland
- 1992 FFI Italy, Sweetheart Exchange
- 1993 West Sussex & Newcastle Upon Tyne, England
- 1994 Krems, Austria
- 1996 Herne, Germany
- 1997 Bratislava, Slovakia & Chemnitz, Germany
- 1998 Nord, Netherlands
- 2000 Pau, France
- 2001 Devon, England
- 2002 Szekesfehervar, Hungary
- 2006 Chemnitz, Germany
- 2009 Kiev, Ukraine, visit to Poland and Lviv, Ukraine
- 2015 Pau, France

Outbound Exchanges (Continued):

to Latin-America Region:

- 1984 San Paulo, Brazil**
- 1992 Curitiba, Brazil**
- 1992 Tuxtla, Chiapas, Mexico Festival**
- 1994 Acapulco, Mexico**
- 1995 Costa Rica**
- 1996 Trujillo, Peru**
- 2001 FII Cuba, Special Mission**
- 2003 Alajuela, Costa Rica**
- 2003 Sao Minguel Do Iguacu and Santa Angelo, Brazil**
- 2006 FFI Humanitarian Mission to Cuba**

to Mideast and Africa Region:

- 1985 Kiriat Ono, Israel**
- 1998 FFI Iran**
- 2007 FFI National Exchange – Discover Morocco**
- 2009 FFI National Exchange – Discover Morocco**

Outbound Exchanges (Continued)

to South Pacific Region:

- 1986 Wellington, New Zealand**
- 1993 Napier, Kapiti Coast, New Zealand**
- 1999 Tamworth, Australia**
- 2005 Rotoura and Whangarel, New Zealand**

to United States Region:

- 1994 Spokane and Kelso, Washington**
- 1999 Dayton, Ohio**
- 2000 San Antonio, Texas**
- 2006 Albuquerque, New Mexico**
- 2006 Charlotte and Winston-Salem, North Carolina**
- 2007 Lake Hartwell, Georgia**
- 2009 Charlotte, North Carolina**
- 2011 Shelby, North Carolina**
- 2013 Raleigh, North Carolina**
- 2014 Northeast Ohio**

Members have traveled throughout the United States meeting people from coast -to-coast learning about the cultures of the various places they visited.

Through inbound exchanges Friendship Force of Knoxville also had the opportunity to show off the beauty of East Tennessee and The Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Foreign visitors and Friendship Force members from across the United States were also introduced to the culture of East Tennessee by hosting many clubs over the past 35 years.

FFK members home hosted our visitors sharing with them the culture, the foods and sights of East Tennessee

Inbound Exchanges:

- 1985 San Paulo, Brazil
- 1987 Hamburg, Germany
- 1988 Derbyshire, England
- 1999 Koahsiung, Taiwan
- Kirghizia, Russia
- 1991 Sydney, Australia
- 1992 Dublin, Ireland
- Cali, Columbia
- 1993 Wolfsburg, Germany
- 1994 Tuxtla Chiapas, Mexico
- 1995 Spokane, Washington
- 1996 Herne & Hanover, Germany
- Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
- Trujillo, Peru
- 1997 Newcastle Upon Tyne, England

Inbound Exchanges (Continued):

- 1998 Hanover, Germany
- 2000 Russian Leadership Program
- 2000 Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Inbound Exchanges (Continued):

- 2001 San Antonio, Texas
- 2002 Coromandel and Thames, New Zealand
- Lugansk, Ukraine
- 2003 Southern Colorado
- 2005 Dayton, Ohio
- Western North Carolina
- Mount Baker & Salisbury, South Australia
- Open World with Russian Ambassadors
- 2006 Seattle – Tacoma, Washington
- Western North Carolina
- 2007 Azerbaijan, England & United States following FFI Conference In Atlanta
- 2008 Southeast Regional Conference Attendees after Conference in Gatlinburg, TN
- 2009 Open World with Russian Ambassadors
- Lake Hartwell, Georgia
- 2010 Open World with Indonesian Students
- 2011 Nagasaki, Japan
- Open World Social Issues & Health Care
- 2012 North Bay, Ontario Canada
- Northeast Ohio

Inbound Exchanges (Continued):

- 2013** **Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada**
Western Kentucky
- 2014** **Open World Women Entrepreneurs**
Raleigh, North Carolina
- 2015** **Open World Serbian Ambassadors Rule of Law**

Notes

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be.

With friendship as our mission, family all are we

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment

now

With every step I take, let this be my solemn

vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in

peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with

me.

The Friendship Force Pledge

“As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and the people of other countries, the cause of friendship and peace can be furthered.”

CHANGING THE
WAY YOU SEE
THE WORLD

FFK 35th Anniversary Celebration
October 18, 2016

Members Attending

Isaac Bader
Susan Dakak
Jim and Judy Dennis
Don and Carolyn Dougall
Ely and Phyllis Driver
Ron and Sonja DuBois
Panos and Renee Ioannidis
Sandra Kehne
Noel Kuck and Kaye Bultemeier
Diana Lopez
Doug McCain and Joanne Hayden
Ron and Jean Mayer
Lonnie and Ruthie McIntyre
Fuad and Layla Mishu
Tom and Jasmine Mishu
Jon and Janet Murray
Bruce and Janis Robinson
LeRoy and Wanda Roger
Joanne Schuetz
Ray Simko and Karen Setzfand

Guests Attending

Lila Cate
Robert and Erin Darby
Samir and Lina Shatara
June Young

FFI Guests

Jeremi Snook
Brookston Snook