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2022

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



Note from the President

It’s been quite a year so far! Monthly membership events, Board and committee meetings conducted on a screen. No in-person gatherings. Not the way we used to live pre-pandemic.

We are hoping to alter that reality a bit this summer. In the past, FFK has held a few small group dinners to get to know each other better, especially newer members. We’ve had a number of new members this past year, and although we have met online, we’ve not



met in person. With COVID restrictions lessening and everyone getting vaccinated, the Board would like to try a few of these dinners—or lunches—in August. In late June, I will send a very brief survey to all members asking if you would like to host a small group (four to six people) for a function and/or if you’d like to attend one of these functions. You can do both--host and attend! I hope many of you respond. It will be great to spend time with our fellow FFK members.

The host planning committee has created a full itinerary for the San Antonio ambassadors who will visit in late October. *New this year:* A visit to the Elkmont Historic District of the Great Smoky

Mountains National Park where we've rented the Spence Cabin for the day, and self-guided tours at the East Tennessee History Museum in downtown Knoxville. The FFK Board recognizes the generosity of the home hosts, who provide lodging, breakfast, and transportation. As a token of appreciation, the Board voted at its June 8 meeting to pay for the hosts' lunches at the Museum of Appalachia and Spence Cabin. We need one to two more hosts. Enjoy the experience of showing our area's gems to our ambassadors and complete the Host application on pages 8-9.

In the upcoming months, I hope to see many of you in person!

Jayne Raparelli, President

Obituary: Betty Haas

Betty Jane Turner Haas, age 86, died on May 21, 2021. Her obituary is available online at www.knoxnews.com under the obituaries section. Along with her husband, Paul, she was an active member of the Friendship Force of Knoxville since 1982 with numerous home exchange visits to foreign homes and by foreign visitors to Knoxville. Friendship Force Knoxville will send a donation to the Pat Summitt Foundation in Betty's name.

FFK June 22nd Event Visit Kosovo with the Mitchells



Art and Marsha Mitchell lived in Pristina, Kosovo for over 2 years (2006-09) while she was employed by the United Nations Mission in Kosovo as an International Prosecutor. The presentation will focus on their daily life

experiences and exploration of historic sites and other towns in Kosovo, the newest, partially-recognized, country in Europe. In order to understand the conflict that led up to the UN Mission, Marsha will briefly outline the history of

the region and relate conversations they had with locals about the war and aftermath.

If time permits, Art and Marsha will mention the many countries they visited in the region during and after the rule of law mission ended.

Suggested book & links:

- [Balkan Ghosts](#) by Robert Kaplan.
- United Nations Mission in Kosovo: <https://unmik.unmissions.org/mandate>
- U. S. Dept. of State Travel Advisories – Kosovo: <https://tinyurl.com/TravelAdvisoryKosovo>
- Kosovo Tourism: <https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g304082-Kosovo-Vacations.html>

Topic: FFK General Event Kosovo

Time: Jun 22, 2021, 06:30 pm (social) 7:00 pm (program)

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ypdcsc4>

Meeting ID: 867 8759 4605

Passcode: 071674

Dial: 1 929 205 6099 (New York)

Survey Coming to Your Email Inbox

Jayne Raparelli will be sending a survey thru email to you on or about June 23 to determine who



would be interested in either hosting a small dinner group or participating in one or both. Three simple questions that you can answer in your reply to her. When you get the message, hit reply, answer yes

or no next to the questions and send. We hope everyone will join in small group get-togethers in August. Be sure to reply by July 8 to be included.

**Two openings for
Napa Sonoma Journey!
September 8-13, 2021**

Two FFK members can still join the Sept 8-13 outbound journey to Napa-Sonoma. The Napa-Sonoma Friendship Force Club can accommodate eight ambassadors, and we currently have six.

If you'd like to join this journey, complete the Outbound Ambassador Application link below and email to Jayne Raparelli jaynerap@aol.com or mail to



Jayne Raparelli
2427 Eppie Cove LN
Knoxville, TN 37931

Outbound Ambassador Application
<https://tinyurl.com/haype4ef>

Journey Number 21440.

There is a non-refundable \$25 application fee. Mail a check payable to **Friendship Force of Knoxville** to our club treasurer. Write on the memo line Napa-Sonoma journey. Mail to:

Bruce Robinson
PO Box 53104
Knoxville, TN 37950

Arrive: Wednesday, September 8.

Depart: Monday, September 13.

Cost: The cost is estimated at \$200 per ambassador for the host club, plus a \$75 FFI domestic journey fee per ambassador. The host club provides free lodging in members' homes with breakfast, and transportation to daily activities. The cost of other items, such as special dinners, and attending attractions are covered by the \$200 fee.

It does not include our individual traveling costs getting to and from California.

Places we may visit and activities:

- Winery tasting
- Olive oil pressing
- Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve

- Canine Companions
- Charles Schultz Peanuts Comic Museum
- Cornerstone Sonoma
- Hallberg Butterfly Gardens Sebastopol
- Luther Burbank Gardens
- Petaluma Historic Museum
- Sonoma Mission & Barracks
- UC Davis Bodega Marine Lab

Questions? Please email Jayne Raparelli and Mike McDonough

jaynerap@aol.com or call Jayne at 423-871-1739.

Jayne Raparelli & Mike McDonough
Ambassador Coordinators

San Antonio, TX, Outbound Journey

Remember the Alamo! Come along with FFK and visit San Antonio, TX, from October 1-6, 2021.

Among the many highlights that we will visit are the Alamo, the Riverwalk, and the World Heritage Site



Missions. **This Journey is open to 10 Friendship Force Knoxville Ambassadors with 5 openings still available.**

This Journey will require Ambassadors to be fully vaccinated **AND to take a Covid-19 test with a negative test result 2 to 3 days prior to arrival.** The host club will provide lodging, breakfast, and transportation to daily activities. The cost will be \$200, plus a \$75 fee to Friendship Force International. Knoxville Ambassadors will also be responsible for their own transportation to San Antonio.

Applications are available on the Friendship Force International website <https://tinyurl.com/haype4ef>

Ambassador applications should be emailed to Leslie Badaines (badainesL@aol.com). In addition, a non-refundable \$25 application fee should be mailed to Bruce Robinson, FFK treasurer, P.O. Box 53104, Knoxville, TN 37950. The total cost will depend on the events but likely will be about \$275. The application fee will be applied to the cost.

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

Leslie Badaines
Ambassador Coordinator

Hosts Needed for Inbound San Antonio October 22-27

Our club will host 12 ambassadors from the San Antonio, Texas, Friendship Force Club, October 22-27. We need one to two more home hosts for this inbound journey. If you're new to FFK, you'll find that home hosting is an excellent way to experience Friendship Force.

Home hosts provide lodging, breakfast, and transportation to activities. Home hosts accompany their ambassador(s) to the events the San Antonio planning committee has planned: A Welcome Dinner, a walking tour of downtown Knoxville, a visit to Norris Dam, a hike and visit to the Elkmont Historic District of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a Free Day with many options, and a Farewell Dinner.

If you can't commit to being a home host, we also need day hosts who serve as transportation backups if the home host cannot drive their ambassador to a particular event.

Complete the Host Application and Agreement and email to:

Jayne Raparelli at
jaynerap@aol.com or

OR

mail to Jayne Raparelli
2427 Eppie Cove LN
Knoxville TN 37931



Inbound Host Application:
<https://tinyurl.com/5haa66j3>

Jayne Raparelli

Special Event at Flying Anvil June 23-27

Flying Anvil Theatre will be having their first "in-person" show for 2021! On June 23-27, join them for *Love, Loss, and What I Wore*. This show is a fundraiser and will help the theatre recover some

of the loss experienced due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Also, the Theatre is excited to announce that they have partnered with [Positively Living & Choice Health Network](#), East Tennessee's premier public health nonprofit headquartered right here in Knoxville, to be joint beneficiaries of the proceeds from this show.

Love, Loss, and What I Wore is written by Nora and Delia Ephron based on the book by Ilene Beckerman. It is organized as a series of monologues about women's relationships and wardrobes, and the intersection of the two. Tickets for this special benefit are available NOW at www.flyinganviltheatre.com/tickets. Don't miss your chance to see these local stars live on stage and show your support for two worthy and like-minded organizations!

Tickets for this special joint fundraising event start at \$50.

Be sure to check out future performances at Flying Anvil at <https://www.flyinganviltheatre.com/>

Board Approves Changes in Job Descriptions

The Board approved changes in some job descriptions contained in the Policies and Procedures document of FFK and added descriptions for two positions at its most recent meeting. The new descriptions clarify what is actually being done. The full descriptions, as well as all policies and procedures, can be found on the FFK website at <https://friendshipforceknoxville.org/about-us>.

Come on along! 2021/2022 FFK Journeys

The Journey committee has been busy preparing for "Post Coronavirus Vaccination" journeys! There are several outbound and inbound trips planned for the **Fall of 2021, with space available for both outbound journeys to Napa/Sonoma (2), and San Antonio (5)**. 2022 will also be an eventful year. Our journeys are:

**2021 Journeys:
Outbound**

Napa-Sonoma Journey # 21440- September 8-13., 2021. The Napa-Sonoma club is accepting 8 Ambassadors; Currently, 2 remaining slots are available. Ambassadors for this trip must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 prior to departure. The approximate total cost is \$275 (including FFI fee), plus transportation. Applications for this journey should be sent to Jayne Raparelli

(jaynerap@aol.com).



San Antonio Journey # 21243- October 1-6, 2021. Remember the Alamo! Join us in visiting FF San Antonio and see the Alamo, Riverwalk and

World Heritage Missions. There are currently 5 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 \$275 (including FFI fee). Applications for this trip should be sent to Leslie Badaines (badainesL@aol.com).

Inbound

San Antonio Journey # 21441- October 22-27, 2021. Ambassadors from San Antonio will be fully vaccinated. Hosts for this group must be fully vaccinated. The journey committee has planned an exciting itinerary for our visitors that includes: a full day downtown with a walking tour, a visit to the East TN History Museum, and music at the Blue Plate Special; a tour of Norris Dam, and music at the Lenoir Museum; a day in the Smoky mountains, with an easy hike, and lunchtime at Elkmont's Spence Cabin. Please contact Jayne Raparelli if you are interested in hosting guests in your home or are willing to host day trips. (Jaynerap@aol.com)

**2022 Journeys:
Outbound:**

- **Sibiu, Romania** – dates to be determined (likely May or June 2022). Contact Diana Lopez (dlopez@utk.edu).
- **Australia Journey #22408.** October 21-November 4, 2022. Two clubs, North Moreton

and the Gold Coast will be visited. Ambassador Coordinator is Leslie Badaines (badainesL@aol.com).

- **Lower Columbia USA Journey #22637-**dates to be determined (Ambassador coordinator needed).

Inbound:

- **Des Moines, Iowa** April 2022, Mike McDonough, Host Coordinator (jaynerap@aol.com).
- **St. Louis, Missouri** September 2022 (Host Coordinator needed).
- **Open World- Uzbekistan** (dates to be determined). Contact Betsy Tonkin (betst@mac.com).

Leslie Badaines and Diana Lopez
Journey Co-coordinators

New Member Profile: Rebecca Bryant

Rebecca Bryant joined Friendship Force Knoxville in May 2021. Rebecca has lived in Knoxville for 49 years. As a child in a military family, before moving to this area to attend college, she grew up in many places including Germany, Alabama, Georgia, Maryland and Chicago, Illinois. She received her BA in psychology and MBA degrees from the University of Tennessee.

For over 20 years, Rebecca has owned Bryant Research LLC, a market research company which provides brand positioning, marketing strategy and other qualitative research to a number of private and public entity clients both in the US and abroad. She has made presentations in numerous international conferences for qualitative research consultants. She also worked in mental health, healthcare planning, and as a musician – in the 70s she was half of the folk duo Diamonds in the Rough with Nancy Brennan Strange.

She enjoys time with friends, her dog, gardening, cooking, hiking, reading, and travel. Rebecca hopes very soon to be able to visit Norway to spend time with her daughter and her family, which now includes a new granddaughter whom she has not yet been able to meet in person.

Betsy Tonkin, VP Membership

A review of May 25th: South Africa!

Betsy Tonkin shared her 2019 South African experiences to almost 30 members. We saw spectacular scenery, diverse cultures and learned about important historical events. Of course, there



was amazing wildlife. Her tour took us to Kimberley, South Africa, Cape Town, the Cape Point peninsula including the Cape of Good Hope, Robben Island where Nelson Mandela served most of his 20-year imprisonment, the Stellenbosch region winelands, Kruger National Park, followed by Victoria Falls in Zambia, and, finally, Johannesburg, the largest city in South Africa. It was an adventure for sure!

Important Links

FFK Webpage:

<https://friendshipforceknoxville.org/>

FFK June 22 Event: <https://tinyurl.com/ypdcsc4>

FFK COVID Vaccination Policies:

<https://friendshipforceknoxville.org/about-us>

FFI Webpage: <https://www.friendshipforce.org/>

FFI Outbound Ambassador Application:

<https://tinyurl.com/haype4ef>

FFI Inbound Host Application:

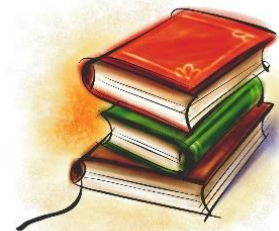
<https://tinyurl.com/5haa66j3>

Book Recommendations for FFK Events

Every month in the newsletter, the club will feature 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 Smallwood, FF Florida Suncoast

Suggested book & links:

- Read This If You Want to Take Great Photographs by Henry Carroll
- The Book of Photography by John Hedgecoe

Suggested Activity:

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

Upcoming Dates—Mark your calendars

Virtual Board Meetings:

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

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

- June 22: UN Mission in Kosovo & Touring Nearby Countries
- July 27: Travel Photography with Sharon Smallwood, FF Florida Suncoast
- August: Small group dinners

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

Club Officers & Chairs

- President: Jayne Raparelli
 Vice-President: Betsy Tonkin
 Secretary: Barbara Elder
 Treasurer: Bruce Robinson
 Past President: Kaye Bultemeier
 Newsletter Editor: Janis Robinson
 Webmasters: Ray Simko & Jonathan Hash
 Hospitality Chair: Sandy Kehne
 Program & Membership Co-chairs: Betsy Tonkin & Helen Bachrach
 Club Concerns: Renee Ioannides
 Journey Co-coordinators: Diana Lopez & Leslie Badaines
 Historian: Jonathan Hash

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



Below is a copy of the Host Application Form. If you would like to be a host for the up-coming San Antonio Inbound Journey to Knoxville, please print and complete. Information about the journey and information about mailing the form is on page 4.

You can print the following 2 pages, print them out and send via regular mail to Jayne Raparelli (address in article above).

If you prefer, the web address of the Host form is in the ‘Important Links’ box above and you can fill it in online, save it to your computer then attach that document to an e-mail and send to Jayne, instead.



HOST APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

A Friendship Force Journey offers an opportunity for people from different parts of the world to share their lives with each other in the spirit of friendship. The success of the experience depends on the extent to which participants can build friendships, exercise flexibility, adapt to unforeseen difficulties, and promote understanding. The following information is needed to help Friendship Force International select hosts who are representative of their community or region. Detailed information also helps us match host families with ambassadors. Only one application and agreement is needed for each household. We appreciate your cooperation.

General Host Information				
1. Name:				
2. Contact Information				
(a) Address:				
(b) Home Phone:		(c) Cell Phone:		(d) Email:
3. Have you participated in a homestay (or similar) before? Yes: (click here to select one)				No
4. Information of Household Members (including yourself):				
Name	Relationship	Age	Gender	Occupation (previous if retired)
5. Please note any languages you speak other than your own and your proficiency (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor)				
Language: (Select One)		Language: (Select One)		
6. Interests and Hobbies:				
Housing Information				
7. Please indicate the type of pets you have: <input type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Bird <input type="checkbox"/> Other:				
(a) Do they live primarily inside the house? (Select One)				
8. Are you willing to host smokers? (Select One) Does anyone in your household smoke? (Select One)				
9. Number of ambassadors you prefer to host:				
(a) What type of ambassadors would you prefer to host:				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Couple (married or unmarried)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Female(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Male(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	No Preference			
(b) Special hosting requests				
10. Please indicate how many beds are available for ambassadors:				

Single	Double	Queen	King
11. On what floor are the bedrooms located? (check all that apply) Ground Floor Upstairs			
12. Are the bedrooms on the same floor as the bathroom? (Select One) Is it shared? (Select One)			
Additional Questions			
13. Journeys can often include a lot of driving. Would you be willing to use your car to drive ambassadors to Journey events? (Select One) How many people can fit in your car (excluding the driver)?			
14. If you are unable to host ambassadors overnight, would you be willing to serve as a day host and participate in the daily activities of the Journey? (Select One)			

HOST AGREEMENT

The undersigned Applicant (on behalf of all members of the household, collectively called "I") agrees to participate in a citizens' exchange program by serving as a Host for an international visitor or visitors. I recognize that this Journey was arranged by Friendship Force International which includes its directors, officers, and employees, as well as its volunteers. I also recognize that there are certain risks of having people visit me and stay in my home, and I am willing to assume and bear these risks in order to meet and share experiences with someone from another country.

Therefore, in consideration of my selection by Friendship Force International as a Friendship Force Host for the Journey program, I do hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless Friendship Force International from all claims, actions, and causes of action based upon or by reason of any loss, damage or injury to any person or property of any member of the household, arising out of, or in any manner connected with, any aspect of the Journey program. As a Host, I shall:

- a) willingly accept in my home people who may be of another race or religious preference, who may not speak my language, and with whom I am unfamiliar.
- b) provide room and board for a visiting Ambassador for the specified days and nights
- c) involve this Ambassador in the daily activities of my family
- d) participate in all official functions that are planned for Hosts during the exchange program
- e) attend training workshops and an interview, if requested
- f) accept that the Journey is a public event and that the photograph and name of the Host may be used by the local and national media and Friendship Force International in its publications.

Host Pledge: I agree to be an ambassador of goodwill to the visitors I am hosting, knowing that the customs and language of those visitors may be different from my own. The purpose of this Journey is to extend friendship to the citizens of another country.

Signature of Applicant

Date