

Newsletter

Friendship Force Of Knoxville

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February Meeting

This meeting will be held at:-

Palisades Condominium Club House,

501 Rain Forest Rd.

February 17th, 6.30pm

Social time 6.30-7.00 pm

General Meeting 7.00 pm followed by a Program.

Would members whose family names begin with letters N – Z please bring snacks etc. to the Social time.

The Club House (and the Condominium Office) are accessible from South Gallaher View Road via Gleeson Drive to Rain Forest Rd.

The March meeting will be held at the newly renovated St George Greek Orthodox Church.

For further information and updates please go to our web page at

www.friendshipforceknoxville.org

Exchanges

Friendship Force Exchanges

Pau, France.

June 4 to June 12, 2015

Further information of this exchange will be provided when it is made available by the hosts.

Friendship in Action in Myanmar

March 20 to April 4, 2015

Information about this trip is available from Dot Cada at DotCada@yahoo.com

Friendship Force Tour of Western Turkey & Exchange with Kayseri, Turkey

April 8 to April 25, 2015

For information about this exchange please contact:-

Bob Porter, Exchange Director,

2185 NW 124th Ave,

Portland, OR 97229.

503-644-2908 or

bojporter@gmail.com

Feel the Rhythms of Colombia

Bogotá, Colombia, April 2 -30, 2015.

For more details, contact the EDs:

Laura Romero and **Cuqui Ardila**

at 1 404-965-4353.

Friendship Force International World Conference 2015 Vancouver, Canada

The conference dates are August 28 to 31, 2015.

Read more about the Vancouver conference on the [FFI website](#), and watch for an email alert to arrive. Please direct any questions to conf@thefriendshipforce.org

If you are interested in this opportunity, you should contact them quickly because the **Conference is filling up quickly**

January Exchange Catalogue

The following exchanges are listed in the January catalogue. For more information, contact www.friendshipforce.org

Three Cities in Brazil, April 18 to May 8, 2015
Turkey, May 4 to May 18, 2015.

Southern Australia, May 1 to May 21, 2015.

Tuscany and the Amalfi Coast Land Tour, June 2 to June 19, 2015.

Quebec, Canada (all French speaking), June 18 to July 4, 2015.

Christmas Markets along the Danube, December 9 to December 17, 2015.

Biking in Ames, Iowa, USA

July 20 to 26, 2015

Our homestay week has been planned for leisure (10-12 miles) and mid-paced (20+ miles) Friendship Force bikers who will be exploring the Iowa prairies. Each day we will travel by car to reach the trail head.

Biking highlights include:

- **Chautauqua Trail**, passing through productive Iowa farmland, small towns and farmsteads
- **Tour d Ames Newly Famous Route**, including the campus of Iowa State University the oldest land grant university in the United States
- **High Trestle Trail**, one of the largest trail bridges in the world

Some other highlights include:

A Thursday evening summer band concert in the park

Hickory Park barbecue

Neighborhood summer gatherings

For further information contact-
Joan Herwig, Exchange Director
FF of Central Iowa/Ames
jherwig@iastate.edu

The Mystery Exchange

Ottawa, Canada is hosting the Mystery Exchange and the date are May 8 to May 15, 2015. For further information and requests to join this Exchange contact:-
Ellen Simmonds, 20 Blueberry Lane L237,
Falmouth, Maine 04105, at 207-781-0044, or
at emsimmonds@gmail.com

Birthday and Anniversary Wishes

The Members of the Club send best wishes on their **Birthdays** to:-

Ruthie McIntyre
Janet Murray

and to

Noel Kuck & Kaye Bultemeier

on their **Anniversary**.

Strategic Plan for 2015 to 2018

Friendship Force International has developed a strategic plan to continue the development and expansion of the organization. There are 8 areas of focus in the plan. They are:-

- 1) Enrich Friendship Force exchanges
- 2) Maximize exchange participation and hosting capacity
- 3) Next Gen for everyone
- 4) Leadership development
- 5) Branding and marketing
- 6) Leverage modern technology
- 7) Partnerships
- 8) Enhance and secure revenue streams

The accompanying text expands on these foci and is available in 7 languages.

The document can be found at www.friendshipforce.org

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FOR 2015

The club will have a new Membership Directory ready for distribution at on meeting on Tuesday, March 17th.

To be included in that directory you must have your dues paid for 2015. If you have not, please send a check made payable to Friendship Force of Knoxville for \$30 for a single membership or \$45 for a family membership.

Please complete the 2015 Membership Application Form below and mail the check with the form to: Ray Simko, Treasurer at 1194 Treymour Way, Knoxville, TN 37922

2015 Membership Application

Individual \$30 _____ Family \$45 _____

Member #1 First Name _____

Member #2 First Name _____

Family Name _____

Address, _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (Area Code & Number) _____

E-mail _____

Birthdays

#1 _____

#2 _____

Couple's Anniversary _____