



# friendship force

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#### Meetings

**March FFK event is cancelled** in accordance with current recommendations regarding COVID 19 and to help prevent exposure. Let each of us stay well and come together in April for a wonderful gathering with the Ambassadors from Iowa and Nebraska.

The program scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> was a presentation by Carlos Pinilla of SRA Architects and will be rescheduled for May. Carlos is from La Paz, Bolivia, and will talk about indigenous architecture of the Andes in Peru and Bolivia and the conceptual values in today’s architecture.

The previously scheduled program about Kaye Bultemeier and Noel Kuck’s Trans-Siberian railway trip will be moved to later in the year. Sandy Kehne, Activities Chair  
Janis Robinson, Program Chair

The **board** met on March 10th at 12 noon at TVUUC. The board generally meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at TVUUC. The meetings are open and members are encouraged to attend.

## **Friendship Force International**

The Journey Catalogues for Friendship Force International ([friendshipforce.org](http://friendshipforce.org)) and the US Flyer from FFI ([support@friendshipforce.org](mailto:support@friendshipforce.org)) are good sources of journeys being offered in the future which our members can join.

## **From the President**

It continues to be an exciting and challenging time for Friendship Force Knoxville. We will keep you informed if things change regarding upcoming events.

There are so many opportunities to host, travel and learn from the upcoming exchanges. We are actively preparing to host ambassadors from Des Moines, Iowa in April and Open World Judicial Delegates from Uzbekistan in June. The year continues with outgoing to Napa-Sonoma in September and to Australia in October.

Last week I received notice of our matches for 2021 from FFI which include Inbound from Missouri- St. Louis and Outbound in June to Sibiu, Romania and Baku, Azerbaijan and in September San Antonio, USA.

I encourage each of you to participate in some way with these exciting

journeys. We need and want everyone to be a part of and to share the experiences.

Wishing each of you a great month and health as the whole world faces the challenge of the COVID-19.

***Kaye Bultemeier***

## **Volunteers Needed**

Friendship Force Knoxville will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021. This is a wonderful thing to celebrate. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan the anniversary celebration is welcome and needed. Please contact any member of board if you are able to help



## **FFK Journey to Australia**

(Journey # 20219)

Space for 1 single or couple is still available for Friendship Force of Knoxville's Journey to Australia. The dates have been changed to October 21, 2020 to November 4, 2020.

The host clubs are North Moreton, and The Gold Coast. Both are within 1 to 1 1/2 hours of Brisbane.

The cost of the trip, though not yet finalized, is expected to be \$3,400 to \$3,600, per person, for the two weeks. It includes all transportation, visa and travel insurance. Participation is limited, so if you are interested, send in your Friendship Force Ambassador Application, along with an application fee of \$25 made out to Friendship Force Knoxville. The application and check should be sent to Bruce Robinson, Treasurer, PO Box 53104, Knoxville, TN 37950. The Friendship Force Ambassador application form is a fillable PDF form. Please follow instructions to save it to your computer. <https://www.thefriendshipforce.org/wpcontent/uploads/2018/02/Ambassador-Application-and-Agreement-1.pdf>

**Your Application should be completed as soon as possible**

For questions about the Journey, contact Leslie Badaines ([BadainesL@icloud.com](mailto:BadainesL@icloud.com))

## **Outbound Journey to Napa-Sonoma CA counties**

We are planning a five-night journey to the Napa- Sonoma, California, Friendship Force Club, arriving September 8, and departing September 13.

We will visit places in both Napa and Sonoma counties that may include olive oil tastings, wineries, parks, museums and places of historical interest.

**Estimated cost** is \$125- \$150 per person.

Members of the Napa-Sonoma Friendship Force Club visited Knoxville and surrounding area this past October. We are looking forward to seeing our friends again and making new ones.

Please let Jayne Raparelli know if you would like to participate in this journey.

[jaynerap@aol.com](mailto:jaynerap@aol.com)  
423-871-1739

## **Inbound Journey from Iowa & Nebraska**

The committee has planned a wonderful program for the inbound ladies from Iowa and Nebraska. We would love for everyone to participate in the welcome dinner and the farewell dinner as well as other activities during the 5 days they are here. They will arrive around noon on

April 22 and depart late morning on the 27th. In between we will be hiking in the Smokies, visiting the Knoxville Museum of Art, planting a tree, taking a walking tour downtown, visiting Norris Dam and the Lenoir Museum, and listening to lots of country music. The Dogwood Arts festival will be held during the days they are here, and we won't miss the fantastic KMA exhibit on Beauford Delaney and James Baldwin.

For many of these events, we will need a headcount to make reservations. You will be receiving around the first of April a separate email with the list of activities, costs, dates and times. We would ask that you mark the form with those activities you would like to attend and return it. We will collect the money for the Farewell Dinner by April 20. Many of our venues are limited in space, so we really need to know how many to count so there will be space for you. For example, the Welcome Dinner is at Cherokee Bluff Clubhouse. I have to submit a guest list to the guard ahead of time. He/She will check you off as you come in. If your name isn't on the list, he/she won't let you go any further, and there won't be a seat for you at dinner. We look forward to hosting these ambassadors and hope all our members can join in.

## **Open World Group Visiting**

FFK will be hosting an Open World Judicial Rule of Law delegation from Uzbekistan June 13-20. If you are interested in helping plan this visit or in hosting one of the judicial delegates in your home, please contact Coordinator Betsy Tonkin by email - [betst@mac.com](mailto:betst@mac.com)- or by phone - [\(865\)405-0837](tel:(865)405-0837).

## **FFK Website**

The website for our club is available 24 hours a day and has the club calendar, photos and other news you can use. The Webb site address is <https://friendshipforceknoxville.org/>

## **Opportunities to be Involved**

Someone with experience using the new version of Go Daddy web site is needed to assist our web team

People interested in helping to plan the 40th anniversary celebration of FFK in 2021

Host families for Open World in June

Travel to Australia or Napa-Sonoma

Assistance with setting up a Face Book Account for FFK