

Friendship Force Knoxville
General Meeting
March 19, 2019

The March 19th meeting of FFK was held at TVUUC. There were twenty-four members and two guests in attendance.

There was a social time beginning at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments and special French cafe background music.

The speaker for the evening was Saralee Peccolo-Taylor who teaches French at Pellissippi State Community College, serves as a docent at the Knoxville Art Museum, and is fluent in French, Italian, and Spanish.

Saralee spoke about stereotypes that people have of different cultures. She particularly discussed what Americans think of the French and vice versa. She said that people can overcome stereotypes by traveling, exploring other cultures, and by trying new things. That parallels our Friendship Force goals.

Other areas of discussion were the French mentality, fashion, food, and the economy.

A favorite quote which she shared says: "One's destination is never a place but a new way of seeing things."

Kaye Bultemeier reminded the members of the Urban Walk in April and the May meeting when Dr. Sarel van Amstel will present a program on South Africa.

Kaye explained that the incoming journey from the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa was cancelled due to the inability for most of the travelers to get visas to the US.

She also announced that we have received notification that our club has been approved for an outgoing journey to Moreton and Central Australia in October of 2020.

An Open World exchange and an incoming journey from Sonoma are scheduled for later this year.

Kaye expressed the need for someone to serve as a Public Relations person for our club.

Jean Mayer
Secretary