

FRIENDSHIP

FORCE of

KNOXVILLE

Vol.16, No.7

September Meeting

Please note that our September meeting is cancelled. Too many of our members will be out of town either on an exchange or personal travel since it falls on the day after Labor Day. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7th, time and location TBD. If we can schedule one before that date you will receive another notice.

Panos Ioannides, President

President's Note.

I want to wish our Knoxville ambassadors traveling to Calgary a safe and enjoyable experience. I hope that we have the opportunity to hear all about it in the near future.

Please consider whether or not you would be interested in a fall picnic in one of the area's public parks so we can discuss at the next meeting. We could possibly combine this type of event with the incoming visit of the Raleigh Ambassadors.

In addition, as I have let you know earlier, we have been offered an outgoing exchange

to Pau, France in September of 2015. Pau is reported to be one of the premier locations to visit in France.

I would like to get an indication of who may be interested, so I can let them know one way or another.

We have been fortunate to have had a total of 21 members join our Knoxville club (17 new and 4 returning) since the start of our membership campaign.

Many thanks to Ray Simko for designing the campaign and to Jim Dennis and his committee for effectively following up. We will have the cash awards for those that qualified.

Panos Ioannides, President

Members Activities

Ruthie and Lonnie McIntyre will be participating in the FFI Art and Architecture Global Exchange # 11935 during Aug. 13 - 28, 2014.

This exchange has home stays in Chicago, IL; Milwaukee, WI; and Madison, WI.

Friendship Force members **Kaye Bultemeier** and **Noel Kuck** are returning to Africa for a year with Global Health Initiatives/US Peace Corps in the country of

Uganda. We wish them well and look forward to their presentation of a program for FFK, upon their return. The Schuetz will keep in touch with them and will keep you updated:

In 2009, the adventurers moved to Malawi and spent 2 years living with the people in the city of Blantyre while they volunteered with the US Peace Corps. Noel then served as a Logistician in India with Doctors without Borders for 5 months in 2012. On this, their second trip to Africa, Kaye will teach and mentor Masters level nursing programs at Mbarara University of Science and Technology, and Noel will offer his services in teaching Nursing Informatics at the same University, and mentoring in technology initiatives with the students.

We will miss you, Kaye and Noel. You are truly living the life of service Friendship Force exemplifies in its motto:
"A World of Friends is a World of Peace."

Outgoing Exchange to Calgary, Alberta, Canada. September 4 – 11, 2014

Ten club members will be arriving in Calgary on September 4th for a wonderful week in one of the most beautiful places in the world.

On Friday, September 5th there will be a walking tour of downtown Calgary with a visit to City Hall and Calgary Tower followed by a lunch in Chinatown. In the evening there will be the official welcome which is a mix and mingle.

Saturday, September 6 the Ambassadors and their hosts will take a drive into the foothills area south of Calgary going to a Farmer's Market and a historic house with fantastic views of the Canadian Rockies. After lunch the group will visit the Berry Farm that has many outdoor activities.

Heritage Park will be the venue for the day on Sunday giving the group an opportunity to visit the various exhibits in the park. They will get to ride on a steam train and a paddleboat on the reservoir in the park. By this time they should have worked up a good appetite for lunch at an old hotel in the village.

Monday will be an open day giving the Ambassadors a chance to see various areas of interest with their Home Hosts. That evening the Ambassadors will be attending planned dinner parties at homes of other Calgary club members.

Lake Louise and Banff will be the destination for the day on Tuesday, September 9th. The bus will take the group to various vistas to see more of the beauty of the area. Lunch for the day will be an outdoor picnic.

The last full day of the exchange will take the Ambassadors to Spruce Meadows where there are multiple equestrian jumping rings, huge barns, food vendors and a market. There will be time to walk around and see the area before lunch and attending an international horse jumping event in the main International Ring. At the intermission the group will see a presentation of the

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride

The evening is planned farewell dinner and party. The dress for the evening is western wear.

Thursday morning September 11th the Ambassadors bid farewell to their Home Hosts and continue on their travels back to Knoxville.

Arab Cultural Fair

Susan Dakak, one of our new members, wants you to know that the University of Tennessee and the Arab American Club of Knoxville will host the First Annual "Arab Cultural Fair" at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. It will be on the UT Campus in and outside the McClung Museum on Friday September 19th and Saturday September 20th. There will be lots of food, arts music and much more.

Please take a little time and enjoy this activity.

Greek Fest

Everyone is invited to come to the annual **Greek Fest** held September 26-28 at St. George Church on Kingston Pike. Please identify yourselves as Friendship Force members as I will arrange to have free entry passes for our club members (and their friends that they may want to bring along).

Panos Ioannides

Check out our website at _____ for up-to-date information about club activities.

Outgoing Exchange

To Northeast Ohio, June 9- 13

On Monday, June 9th twelve members of FFK drove up to Northeast Ohio for an exciting week to explore parts of the "North Coast".

The visit began with a Welcome Pot-Luck Dinner at the beautiful Lakefront Lodge on the shores of Lake Erie.

Tuesday began with a trolley tour of Greater Cleveland followed by a lunch at Don's Lighthouse Grille. The afternoon was spent enjoying the sights and sounds of Cleveland.

Wednesday was an open day which gave the Ambassadors opportunities to re-visit venues they saw on Tuesday. Some visited the West Side Market near downtown, some traveled out to University Circle for a private tour by an FFNEO docent at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Flower lovers went to the 10 acre Cleveland Botanical Garden with its 18,000 sq. foot greenhouse. The history- minded Ambassadors toured the Western Reserve Historical Society buildings that include the Crawford Auto Aviation Wing.

Thursday was devoted to an all day visit to Amish Country. Ohio has more than 55,000 Amish making it their largest settlements in the United States. Some of the Ambassadors went to see a livestock auction, others visited a lumber mill and still

others visited a shop where buggies were being made. Some went to the long established **Lehman's Hardware Store** which serves the Amish with their general and non-electrical needs.

This was a very convivial exchange and our hosts exposed us to fascinating features of Northeast Ohio. The trip was great.

We need one more host family!!

We are expecting fourteen Ambassadors, arriving Monday, October 20 and leaving Friday October 24. Can you help? There were a dozen of us who enjoyed their hospitality last year and we want to return the opportunity to entertain them in our lovely mountains. Please call The DuBois, Exchange Directors (865 691-8560) and say YES.

New Members

Isaac Bader

723 Yorkland Way,
Knoxville, TN 37923,
(865) 804-1500

Charles Thomas

386 Hiawasse Ave,
Knoxville, TN 37917.
(865) 687-6090

Club Concerns

Anyone who knows of something involving our members (happy, sad, etc.) please contact Renee Ioannides at either 691-7878 or by email at

We note the passing of Barbara Nix during the last summer.

Birthday and Anniversary Wishes

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

Ron DuBois

Ron Mayer

Wanda Rogers

Laura Ford

Janice Berkley

Sandy Kehne

Diana Lopez

The Club Members also congratulate

Wayne & Janice Berkley

Ely & Phyllis Driver

Panos & Renee Ioannides

on their **Anniversaries**

FFK Membership Directory

The latest up-to-date membership roster of FFK will be available at the October meeting. Please pick yours up at the front desk of our meeting place.

Friendship Force Knoxville Badges

Some present members have asked about the new FFI/FFK badges. FFI changed the color, style, etc. about two years ago. We will have that badge on display at our next meeting in October for you to view.

Should you want to **order a new badge** please sign the order sheet on the desk and Jim Dennis will see that your badge is ordered. The cost is \$10 per badge and that also includes the shipping charge. All that is required from you is the name you want placed on the badge by the engraver. Please be aware that there is nothing wrong with our old badges. In fact lots of our members prefer the past style. If you should lose, destroy or it just wears out the new badge style is the only one being produced.

(Order Contact: Jim Dennis E-mail:

Tel. 675-0362

Postal Mail: 434 Sugarwood Drive, Knoxville,
TN 37934)