



# friendship force

## KNOXVILLE

## Newsletter

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### September Meeting

This meeting will be held at:-

**Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church,**

2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 6.00pm

**Social time and Potluck 6.00-7.00 pm.**

**General Meeting 7.00 pm**, to be followed by a Program on **Bhutan** by Carolyn Dougall.

The Club will provide meat and drinks.

Would members please bring some finger food, snacks or appetizers?

The Church is on the right side of Kingston Pike if you are going west – away from downtown. It is next to Second Presbyterian Church. There will be plenty of parking

### October Meeting

**Please note** that the October meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> instead of the 20<sup>th</sup> to welcome the visitors from **Serbia**. They are coming to Knoxville under the “Rule of

Law” program of Friendship Force International. They will be here from October 17 to October 24. Much more information about this visitation will be in the next Newsletter.

### Enhancing the Newsletter Masthead

The Board asked you all to make suggestions of a few words or a phrase that we could add to the mast head of the Newsletter to capture potential interest in our Friendship Force Club, of people casually scanning the Newsletter or our website.

We have had 14 suggestions.

The board has winnowed these down to three for your consideration. Please choose the one you think is best for us.

**We will select the one we will use by a ballot at the September meeting.** If you are not able to be present at that meeting, please sent your choice to Don Dougall ([ddougall@utk.edu](mailto:ddougall@utk.edu)) on or before September 15.

Please select one from the following:-

a) **All paths lead to new friends**

- b) **TN musings**
- c) **Gateway to Worldwide Friends**  
when you vote. Thank you

### **Membership Dues**

At the Board meeting on August 26, the Board approved the following schedule for dues to be paid by members.

Annual membership \$30single/\$45 couple  
For new members joining at different times during the calendar year the dues will be as follows

First Quarter \$30single/ \$45couple  
Second Quarter \$22.50single/\$33.75 couple  
Third Quarter \$15single/\$22.50 couple  
Fourth Quarter \$30single/\$45.00couple\*

\*Dues paid in the fourth quarter will cover the remainder of the current year and the total annual dues for the following year.

### **Notes from Panos**

I hope all of you are enjoying a great summer! It is hard to believe that in just a few weeks we will be into fall season with its many activities and cooler weather.

Our next club meeting will be on September 15, a pot luck at 6:00pm, at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Kingston Pike. I will have free tickets available for the upcoming Greek Fest, to be held at the St. George Church, September 27, 28 and 29. I hope many of you can attend as it is expected to be a special one after the recent fire.

As a reminder, we will be hosting an Open World program, October 17-24. This will be the second time that we have been involved with what is known as a "Rule of Law" program. As I understand this program, Open World in Washington, in conjunction with the D.C. Office of Judicial Services,

will select a local federal judge, who will arrange the daily activities for the visiting delegation of six judges from Serbia and a Translator. Our club is expected to home host and arrange for all social, sightseeing, shopping, etc. activities for our visitors. I am very thankful to report, that seven of our members have offered to open their home for our visitors. Please mark your calendars. We will need much help to assure that we live up to our reputation as welcoming and good hosts.

As we look down the road, please note that we will soon need to appoint a Nominating Committee. We want to give an opportunity to all that want to be considered for the Board. I would be very remiss if I did not express my gratitude to our present Board members and all of you for the support you have given me the past two years.

I am happy to welcome Mr. Ted Lollis, Ms. Schera Chadwick (returning members) and Ms. Chris Pienkowski as a new member.

More details on exact time, program, etc., for our September 15th meeting will be forthcoming.

In friendship,

Panos

### **Friendship Force International Exchanges Available**

Friendship Force International has notified us that the following exchanges are available. If you want further information about any of these Exchanges, please contact FFI at [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org)

#### **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Pau, France

October 1 – 9, 2015.  
Pau, France Mogro and Bilbao, Spain

**The Bali Festival**

October 23 to October 30, 2015

**Explore Taiwan**

November 6 – 18, 2015  
Kaohsiung, Taichung, Hsinchu, and Taipei,  
Taiwan

**Incredible Northern India**

November 19 to December 7, 2015  
Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Orchha, Kahjuraho,  
Varanasi, and Nashik,  
India

**Explore Myanmar**

February 13 to 25, 2016  
Yangon, Inle Lake, Bagan and Mandalay  
Myanmar

**Marlborough and Tauranga  
Western Bay of Plenty, NZ**

February 18 – March 3, 2016  
Marlborough, Tauranga, Western Bay of  
Plenty, New Zealand

**NextGen Discover the Outback**

March 28 – April 11, 2016  
Adelaide and Cairns  
Australia.

**Calgary Stampede and Southern Alberta  
Heritage**

June 26 to July 13, 2016  
Calgary, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge  
Alberta, Canada

For more information on these and other  
exchange opportunities go to  
[www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org)

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Birthday and Anniversary Wishes**

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

**Sandy Kehne  
Diana Lopez  
Tommie Cox  
Roger Jessup  
Carolyn Dougall  
Ray Simko  
Suzan Gebran  
Rea Christodoulou  
Susan Dakak**

And to

**Ely & Phyllis Driver  
Panos & Renee Ioannides  
Joanne Hayden & Doug McCoin**

on their **Anniversaries**.