

# "Gateway to Worldwide Friends" Newsletter

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## **February Meeting**

The February meeting will be at **St George Greek Orthodox Church** at 6.30pm on Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>. Food will be provided by the Club. St George Greek Orthodox Church is located at 4070 Kingston Pike which is near Western Plaza and on the south side of Kingston Pike. There is plenty of parking behind the church. This meeting will look for ways to increase interest in the Club so please join us. Please call Sandy Kehne at (865) 693-6071 or E-mail her at <a href="mailto:sbkehne2@gmail.com">sbkehne2@gmail.com</a> and let her know you are coming so that we can provide adequate food for everyone.

**The Meeting**. After socializing and eating, we will gather and address the questions 1) "what features of the Club's activities are important to you" and 2) "what other activities would increase interest in the Club".

These questions are intended to develop a list of possibilities; not to choose one or two; and not to provide all the necessary detail for implementation. Examples might be:-

- 1) Comparisons of cultures
- 2) American society is different for and disconcerting to foreign students studying in the USA.

- 3) Are exchanges between clubs important to us and do we want to increase the number?
- 4) Do we want to meet at different places and times such as picnics?

#### **COME and CONTRIBUTE**

#### **EXCHANGE**

The exchange with the group from Whidbey Island, Washington was abandoned because we could not find a person to be the ED for the exchange.

The Board decided not to encourage any new exchanges this year because of difficulties finding the necessary support.

## **Birthday and Anniversary Wishes**

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

Lonnie McIntyre Fuad Mishu Doug McCoin Ruthie McIntyre Janet Murray

and to

Noel Kuck & Kaye Bultemeier
Al & Joanne Schuetz
on their Anniversaries.

#### **FFK Historian**

Friendship Force of Knoxville was founded on May 16, 1981. On May 16, 2016, the club will be celebrating its 35th Anniversary.

Since the death of Eleanor Bush several years ago the club has not had a Historian.

We are now looking for one or more club members who would be interested in working as a committee to organize the club history.

The objective would be to prepare and present a written documentation of our 35 years as a Friendship Force club.

Many Club Members contributed data to and participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. A wonderful overview of the club at the 25th Anniversary 10 years ago was one of the results of those contributions. Using that overview as a base, new information can be added to bring our Club history uptodate.

We would like to include memories and pictures from members about their travels and adventures with Friendship Force over the years.

If you can help assemble our history please contact Panos Ioannides.

May, 2016 will be here before you know it.

# **2016 Dues and Membership Application**

Membership dues for 2015 have not been increased and remain at \$30 for an Individual and \$45 for a Family.

Dues are due and payable to Friendship Force of Knoxville. Mail them to Ray Simko, Treasurer at 1194 Treymour Way, Knoxville, TN 37922.

2016 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
Email Member#1
Email Member#2
Birthdays
Member #1
Member #2
Couple's Anniversary