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April Meeting

The April meeting will be at **St George Greek Orthodox Church** at 6.30pm on Tuesday March 15th. 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.

If your family name starts with a letter between L and Z (inclusive) would you please bring some light food snacks.

Social time will precede a business meeting which will start at 7.00pm. The program for the evening will be a review of the Member Volunteer Activity Survey results with a discussion about the various functions and duties related to each activity. **Jim Dennis** will discuss Exchanges; **Ray Simko** will discuss Communications and **Sandy Kehne** will discuss Social Activities. These were the three broad categories in the survey.

EXCHANGES

The following Exchanges are available. Further information on some of these is

available in the **Friendship Force International** catalogue at www.friendshipforce.org.

Follow the Path of the Protestant Reformation

“On the Trails of Dr. Martin Luther - 500 Years of Reformation”.

Nuremberg, Wittenberg, Berlin, Germany
July 30 to August 10, 2016.

Further information is available at www.friendshipforce.org.

2016 FFI World Conference, Marrakesh, Morocco. September 16-19, 2016

For online registration and details, please visit our conference website at

<http://www.etches.com/ffconf2016>

2017 FFI World Conference Manchester, United Kingdom.

August 25 to 27, 2017

For additional information, please contact www.friendshipforce.org

WICHITA AIR POWER – IN WAR AND PEACE

Sept. 25 – Oct. 2, 2016

Cost \$625

If you are interested, contact either KAREN – 316-734-2255, email: kwarner1@cox.net or RONDA – 316-651-6142 delronhol@yahoo.com for details

CRAZY FOR QUILTING

September 30 to October 9, 2016

Cedar Rapids and Ames, Iowa

Cost \$775

Registration and Information available on line through the FFI catalogue or by contacting Lynn Avant (ED) at 515-450-4155

San Antonio to Charlotte

May 19-26, 2016

Fee: for 7 nights \$220

For information contact the San Antonio ED Donna Stewart at

haydendonna@sbcglobal.net or 210-493-5553.

SPECIAL EVENT

The University of Tennessee School of Music, UT Libraries and the Arab American Club of Knoxville are excited to present the next installment of this year's **Ready for the World Music**

Series: Sounds from the Middle East on **Saturday, April 23, 2016, in the MCClung Museum Auditorium!**

In the spirit of diversity and the world of music, we invite you to celebrate with us!

Cultural exhibits, displays, and a reception will begin at **12:30pm in the lobby of the Museum**, followed by a musical presentation at **2:00pm in the MCClung Museum Auditorium!**

For this program centered on the captivating and enchanting music from the Middle East, the special guest artists will include the **Arabesque Ensemble of Chicago**. The Arabesque Music

Ensemble (formerly the Chicago Classical Oriental Ensemble) consists of professional musicians from several countries in North America, Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa who perform classical music from the Arabic traditions. The Arabesque Music Ensemble was founded by Hicham Chami, a Moroccan-born qanun performer based in Chicago. Voted "Chicago's Best Instrumentalist" in 2002 by Chicago Magazine, Chami is also the founder of Xauen Music and the Arabesque Foundation for Arab Culture, organizations dedicated to preserving the heritage of classical Arabic, Turkish, and Armenian music.

The University of Tennessee's **Ready for the World Music Series** brings renowned artists to perform and talk about musical styles and literature from diverse regions around the world. Faculty and guest artists will discuss the classical music traditions from each of those regions; followed by a performance of representative samples. Each program is designed to demonstrate the rich musical influences each of these regions have had on the traditions of western classical music. Also included will be exhibits by artists, a display of cultural artifacts and information, as well as refreshments that represent the culinary diversity of the regions.

Birthday and Anniversary Wishes

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

**Karen Setzfand
Shirley Welker**

and to

Lonnie & Ruthie McIntyre

on their **Anniversary**.