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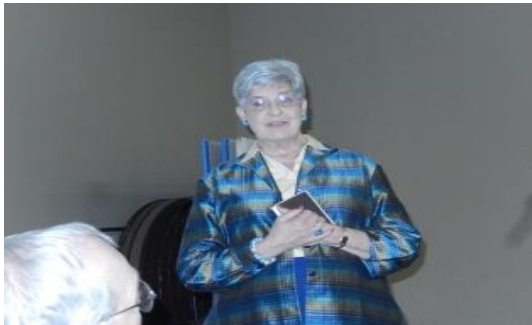
## “Gateway to Worldwide Friends”

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### **May General Membership Meeting**

More than 25 members attended this meeting to see and hear a presentation by Phyllis and Eli Driver about their recent trip to Cuba.



This year for the first time in more than 50 years Americans again were allowed to visit Cuba. They qualified under the new guidelines and presented a moving Power Point presentation about their visit.

The floor was open for questions and comments. It was interesting to learn about the travels of other members of the club to Cuba before and after the travel embargo.

### **June Membership Meeting**

The membership decided not to have a General Membership meeting during the summer. Thus there will not be meetings in June, July or August. We will resume meeting again in September. That does not mean inactivity in the Club. Efforts to enhance the appeal of the Club are ongoing and discussions of less formal gatherings of the members are in progress.

Members are asked to pick an interesting place for lunch, Call Sandy Kehne at (865) 693-6071 known. A date and time can be set. We may have 4 or 14 members coming, but it will be a good time for all.

### **Joan Frey**

We learned that Joan Frey passed away on April 30. She and Roger had been longtime members of FFK. Roger who passed away last year was our President in 2000 and 2001.

Jean and Roger were very active in the club. They visited over 20 countries and made lifelong friends of many of the people they met. Here in Knoxville they home hosted ambassadors that visited us.

## **35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Jean Mayer announced the plans informing the membership that a dinner would be held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Rothchild's on Kingston Pike.



She and her committee will be meeting to develop details for this event.

Mark your calendar now to join us in this celebration.

### **Betty Rose**

Members are asked to forward any information they have about Betty to Isaac Bader at [zouhair52bader@hotmail.com](mailto:zouhair52bader@hotmail.com) or call him at (865) 804-1500.

The phone number the club has for her been disconnected with no new number. She no longer resides at Admiral Way Address.

### **Your Travel Adventures**

How about sharing your recent travel adventures with the club? Joanne Hayden has volunteered to help you with any write-ups that can be included in our newsletter and on our website.

Call Joanne at (865) 414-0055 or email her at [jihayden@nxs.net](mailto:jihayden@nxs.net). She will help write it up, you then approve it and it can be posted

## **.EXCHANGES**

FFK and many other clubs did not receive any outbound exchanges for 2016.

A WebEx meeting was held during the May 21<sup>st</sup> Southeast Region Leadership Conference. Ray Simko participated in the on-line portion of the conference. He asked a specific question as to why FFK did not receive an outbound in 2016. Kristin Harrison from FFI said that since we had an outbound to France in 2015 and an outbound to Canada in 2015, she would have to schedule other clubs who had not had the opportunity to travel to Europe or Canada.

Our requests for 2016 were to Belgium, England, Turkey and Canada. For FFI England is considered a part of Europe.

She gave an example of more than 20 requests to Sweden and Denmark.

Unfortunately they have only two or three clubs. they have

It was suggested that if any of our members were still interested in traveling in 2016 they might be able to join other outbound clubs.

To that end please find below a number of outbounds that may be of an interest to you.

If there are any domestic exchanges, destinations please email Jim Dennis at [jj.den@tds.net](mailto:jj.den@tds.net). Or call him at (865) 675-0362.

The following Exchanges are available. Further information on some of these and other exchanges, is available in the **Friendship Force International** catalogue at [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org).

### **Let's Explore Brazil**

Discover Campinas, Sao Jose do Rio Preto and Recife June 25 to July 17, 2016  
Cost \$1270. Contact ED Velda Miller at [veldamiller@att.net](mailto:veldamiller@att.net) or at (480) 664-7798 for further information.

### **INCOMING EXCHANGE**

We are looking for ambassadors to fill a cancelled international exchange. Join our ambassadors from Binghamton, NY as we explore Lansing and the Quad Cities together June 1–15, 2016

For more information, please contact Mary Place [cplac@stny.rr.com](mailto:cplac@stny.rr.com), FF of Binghamton  
Judy Greiman [jgreiman@gmail.com](mailto:jgreiman@gmail.com), FF of Quad Cities  
Georgia Old. [Georgiaold27@gmail.com](mailto:Georgiaold27@gmail.com), FF of Lansing  
Cost is \$100 for each week.

### **Domestic Exchange to Reno/Tahoe From Austin July 24 – 30, 2016**

Cost \$285 for 6 night  
For more information, contact Mae Scheib, 12401 Los Indios Trail # 52, Austin, TX 78729  
[RMae10@aol.com](mailto:RMae10@aol.com) or [512-250-1908](tel:512-250-1908)

### **Mid-Willamette Valley, OR**

Join the Friendship Force of Oklahoma for a six-night visit to the beautiful Mid-Willamette Valley which is located in the northwest part of Oregon  
July 19 – 25, 2016  
Cost \$255 exchange fee plus 1-night lodging.  
For further information, contact E.D.: Art Black, FF Oklahoma, 405-514-8732  
[kingarthur72825@gmail.com](mailto:kingarthur72825@gmail.com)

### **Charlotte, North Carolina**

Western Colorado is having an outgoing exchange to Charlotte, North Carolina in October, 2016 from the 25th through the 31st, with an optional 5-day pre-exchange trip to Virginia visiting America's Historic Triangle — Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown. We will begin our six-night exchange with FF Charlotte on October 25th. All FFI and host fees for the domestic exchange (#12786) are \$295.

For information, contact Nancy Galbraith, the ED at 970-382-0204 or [splash99@frontier.net](mailto:splash99@frontier.net).

### **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](http://www.friendshipforce.org).

### **Farm to Table: Culture and Cuisine**

August 15 to 22, 2016, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Cost \$630.  
Focusing on Agriculture, Food, Farming, History, Cooking, Iowa State Fair  
See more at:  
[http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/all\\_more/iowa\\_farm\\_to\\_table/#sthash.wpaAyoAi.dpuf](http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/all_more/iowa_farm_to_table/#sthash.wpaAyoAi.dpuf)

For more information contact ED Carol Grant, FF Greater Des Moines at [carol.grant@mchsi.com](mailto:carol.grant@mchsi.com) or +1 515-226-9844 or +1 515-664-0096 - See more at:  
[http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/all\\_more/iowa\\_farm\\_to\\_table/](http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/all_more/iowa_farm_to_table/)

**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>

**Explore San Miguel de Allende,  
Mexico**

September 11 to 19, 2016  
Focusing in part on Mexican Independence Celebration.

- See more at:

[http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/southamerica\\_more/explore\\_san\\_miguel\\_de\\_allende\\_mexico/#sthash.DckgQ0GT.dpuf](http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/southamerica_more/explore_san_miguel_de_allende_mexico/#sthash.DckgQ0GT.dpuf)

There is no home hosting on this exchange; however there will be people-to-people opportunities with cultural visits to the homes of locals.

For more information contact the ED Joyce Rulon, FF Oklahoma at [joyspath@cox.net](mailto:joyspath@cox.net) or 405-733-1191

**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](mailto:kwarner1@cox.net) or RONDA – 316-651-6142 [delronhol@yahoo.com](mailto: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

**IN DEPTH KAUAI, HAWAII**

May 19-29, 2017

For a description of the planned activities contact Lyn Hargreave at [lynhargreave@gmail.com](mailto:lynhargreave@gmail.com)  
Fees \$1200, with a \$200 deposit in advance.

**2017 FFI World Conference  
Manchester, United Kingdom.**

**August 25 to 27, 2017**

For additional information, please contact [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org)

**Birthday and Anniversary Wishes**

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

**Nancy Schowalter**

and to

**Joanne Hayden**