



# friendship force

## KNOXVILLE

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### **Diana Lopez Nominated for President**

It is with great pleasure we announce that Diana Lopez has put forth her name to serve as our Club President. Our Nominating Committee will present the full slate of officers at our September meeting to be held September 20th at the Palisades clubhouse. They are for:

President – Diana Lopez  
Vice-President – Isaac Bader  
Treasurer – Ray Simko  
Secretary – Sonja DuBois

We hope all members will participate in this election.

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee and also to our Treasurer who has assisted in securing Diana's nomination.

### **General Membership Meeting**

The next General Membership meeting will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm at the Palisades Condominium Club House, 501 Rain Forest Rd.

The Club House (and the Condominium Office) are accessible from South Gallaher View Road via Gleeson Drive to Rain Forest Rd.

Members with surnames between A and L are asked to bring snacks and finger foods.

### **Note from Panos**

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President in 2014 and 2015 and offer my sincere thanks for all the help you have always given me. I am confident that Diana will have your full support.

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

The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Knoxville branch of Friendship Force will be celebrated on October 18, 2016. The dinner will be at Rothchild's on Kingston Pike. Cocktails will start at 6.00pm with dinner at 7.00pm. There will be no charge for member's dinners. However members will need to make a refundable \$20 deposit at the time they book their places. The **celebration planning committee** met on Friday, July 8th to plan the details of our dinner. Ron and Jean Mayer have agreed to write-up the information for the program, Wanda Rogers will work with others on the committee to do table decorations for the dinner. She is investigating the possibility of having **music** for the evening. If committee members or other club members have any **suggestions**, **please contact Wanda** at (865) 288-0413. Sonya DuBois will be taking care of table favors and Karen Setzfand will be putting together an invitation to be mailed to all members.

The committee is pleased to announce that **Jeremi Snook**, President and CEO of FFI, will be the guest speaker for the dinner.

Anyone interested in helping the committee would be very welcome. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 13th at the Egg and I on Kingston Pike at 11:30 a.m. More information will be published in upcoming newsletters, emails and on our website.

## **Mystery Trip**

At our Summer Luncheon there seemed to be interest in having another Mystery Trip similar to ones the club has had in the past.

How about a one-day trip. Looking at the calendar it appears that Saturday, October 22nd might be a good day. It is a bye week for the VOLS. It would also give members who are not normally available during the week to participate.

If we could get 10 to 15 members that are interested, we could rent a van and driver for the day. To date four members have expressed an interest in going.

If you are interested in going on October 22nd or perhaps have another date in mind, please email Ray Simko at raysimko@yahoo.com or call him at (865) 670-3564. We would also be looking for two or three members to plan the trip. If you would like to be on that committee, please let Ray Simko know.

It should be a nice fall day to go to that mystery place has lunch there or on the way.

Looking forward to hearing back from those who are interested. Thanks, Ray Simko

## **EXCHANGES**

### **Inbound and Outbound Exchanges for 2018**

On July 14th we received an email from FFI that they are now beginning the matching process for 2018. The club needs to determine soon how many inbound exchanges we would like to accept. With the tremendous response we got from our survey taken earlier this year we should be able to handle two inbound exchanges in 2018.

If you have any preferences as to what countries or specific club chapters we would like to host, please send those requests to Jim Dennis at [jj.dem@tds.net](mailto:jj.dem@tds.net).

On September 1st we will receive forms for outbound requests for 2018. Here begin thinking now of countries and/or clubs you would like to visit in 2018. We will be sending out sheets for you to indicate your personal choices. FFI suggested at the Southeast Conference in Memphis that we be as specific as possible. That is Don't say Canada, but select a club and indicate why you would like to go on that exchange. The more information FFI has the better it is for us to possibility get that exchange.

As in the past there will be four choices in the order we want them. This will be done by a survey of all members.

More information will be sent as it becomes available.

## **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE** **PREVIEW**

The FFK Exchange Committee has been contacted by the Calgary, Canada Friendship Force Exchange Director and President with regard to a possible visit to our area in 2017. The FFK committee has discussed this possibility and feel extremely confident that this would be a good visit with past friends from the Calgary Club since our Club members visited the Calgary Club last year. In conversation and written words with the Exchange Contact persons of both Clubs it now appears that the visit would be in the Fall of 2017. Both Clubs will take the final event proposals to their Boards in late 2016. Friendship Force Knoxville (FFK) will keep you abreast of the happenings of this proposal and will be asking you for your input and assistance as it progresses. The FFK Exchange Committee contact person is [Jim Dennis \(865-0362\)](mailto:Jim.Dennis@friendshipforce.org). Please call him if you have any questions about this proposal.

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

## **INCOMING EXCHANGES**

### **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).

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

### **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: [kwarnier1@cox.net](mailto:kwarnier1@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

## **EXPLORE MYANMAR**

October 3 to 14, 2016

Come and join us on this exciting adventure in Myanmar where you will get to meet the people and make a difference.

Although homestays are not allowed in Myanmar, this exchange will still be in the typical Friendship Force style, centered around meeting and interacting with locals.

Activities include: -

Get to know local students as you help them practice their English skills.

Learn to meditate in a Buddhist monastery.

Gain insight into a monk's life.

Attend lunches and dinner parties as guests.

Travel with locals on their unique train in Yangon.

Visit a club foot clinic where babies' lives are transformed

One highlight will be the Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival. Once a year, an elaborately decorated gold barge carrying sacred Buddhist images cruises around Inle Lake for 18 day

For further information contact

Ian Stanford, ED, Adelaide, Australia

[ians5064@gmail.com](mailto:ians5064@gmail.com)

## **GUADELOUPE ISLANDS**

October 22 – 29, 2016

Decidedly French...Undeniably Caribbean Exchange activities include:

Visit the [Memorial ACTe](#), a cultural center dedicated to the memory and history of slavery trade.

Boat excursion with a guided tour to the "Les Saintes" island.

Clap, sing, and dance along with the performers of a "Gwo-ka" which combines responsive singing in Guadeloupean Creole, rhythms played on the Ka drums, and traditional dancing.

Price for the exchange is \$625 USD (does not include airfare), with a \$200 USD deposit due at the time of registration.

You can [apply online](#), or you can contact me:

Rose Schultz, ED

FF Oklahoma

[roses@jswtech.com](mailto:roses@jswtech.com)

01-641-777-3336

## **DISCOVER COSTA RICA**

November 9 – 19, 2016

An extensive program is given in the listing of this Exchange in the Friendship Force International catalogue/web site. Further information is also available from

**Laurie Ann Scott**, Exchange Director FF Lincoln, NE ([lalpscott@gmail.com](mailto:lalpscott@gmail.com))

## **August Friendship Force Catalogue**

This catalogue lists the following exchanges.

The details will be in the catalogue.

**New Zealand's North Island**, Nov 3-26, 2016

**Columbian Rhythms and Dancing**, Oct. 29 to Nov.6, 2016

**Discover Vietnam**, Nov.1 to 16, 2016

## **IN DEPTH KAUALI, 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

## **Birthdays and Anniversary Wishes**

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

**Sandy Kehne**

**Diana Lopez**

And on their **Anniversaries** to:

**Ely & Phyllis Driver**

**Panos & Renee Ioannides**

**Joanne Hayden & Doug McCoin**