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Officers Elected

At the General Meeting on September 20, 2016, the following were elected to Office by the membership:

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

We are looking forward to a very active year under their leadership.

Note from the President

Again thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. We have lots of opportunities ahead of us as we move into our 36th year of existence. I've been trying to catch up on the activities of FFK and also to learn more about Friendship Force International. Sonja DuBois let me bring home all the FFK minutes going back to the early 90s. There was also a book in the box entitled “The Other Side of the Mountain” by Charlene Terrell. It traces the entire history of the Friendship Force. If you have not read the book, I would certainly recommend it. I understand so much more about the premise behind the organization and what we are all about.

A couple of other things stood out from reading the minutes: We've had a very robust organization with many members, great exchanges both inbound and outbound, and great programs to share information with our members. I certainly want to continue this tradition and look forward to working with all of you to accomplish it. Please note other articles in this newsletter about our 35th Anniversary Dinner and our upcoming Christmas Brunch in December.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the club, please feel free to share those with me. My email is dlopez@utk.edu, tel. # 865 223 4036.

Diana

October Board Meeting

A meeting for officers and board members will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 11:30 a.m. at Naples Restaurant located at 5500 Kingston Pike. Any member interested in joining this meeting is very welcome

35th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 35th Anniversary of the formation of the Knoxville branch of Friendship Force will be celebrated on October 18, 2016 with a dinner at Rothchild's at 8807 Kingston Pike. Cocktails will start at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The celebration planning committee is Sonja Dubois, Jean Mayer, Wanda Rogers and Karen Setzfand.

The speaker for the evening will be **Jeremi Snook**, President and CEO of Friendship Force International.

Everything is pointing to a great and enjoyable evening of food and conversation.

The restaurant can provide dinners only to those who have submitted their Reservation Guarantees to the club. The committee will be finalizing total numbers of dinners to the restaurant early next week.

We thank the committee for all their efforts in organizing this celebration for us.

Be sure to wear your name badges to the dinner.

Holiday Brunch

Please mark your calendars now for the Holiday Brunch to be held on Sunday December 4th beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Calhoun's in Turkey Creek. A private room has been reserved.

More details will be provided to the membership after the Board meeting on October 11th. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information about the brunch.

Friendship Force International Survey Request

Please return your completed FFI survey (Number 2) by October 8. Please use the self-addressed, stamped envelope contained in the folder you received for a speedy return.

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.

On September 1st we received forms for outbound requests for 2018. Here begin thinking now of countries and/or clubs you would like to visit in 2018. You have received the 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.

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.
New Zealand's North Island, Nov 3-26, 2016
Discover Vietnam, Nov.1 to 16, 2016

Further information on these and some other exchanges, is available in the **Friendship Force International** catalogue at www.friendshipforce.org.

INCOMING EXCHANGES

2017 FFI World Conference

Manchester, United Kingdom.

August 25 to 27, 2017

For additional information, please contact www.friendshipforce.org

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)

Discover Guatemala

Jan. 11 to 20, 2017

Cost US \$1915.

Contact the Exchange Director

Edward Perez, FF Dallas 214-675 3063,
erperez54@gmail.com

New Zealand Adventure

February 21 to March 10, 2017

Price US \$2700

Contact the Exchange Director

Debbie

Lathey

FF Kapiti Coast

64-4-293-3252

debbie@otaihanga.co.nz -

Discover Morocco

April 21 to May 8, 2017

Cost US \$ 2060

Contact **Diana McIntyre**, ED

FF Edmonton and Area,

dianamci@shaw.ca

+1 780 469 4140

IN DEPTH KAUAL, HAWAII

May 19-29, 2017

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

Returning Members

We are pleased that **John and Patsy Ellis** returned to the club last month. They were members for many years participating in club exchanges and club activities.

Birthday and Anniversary Wishes

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

Carolyn Dougall

Ray Simko

Suzan Gebran

Susan Dakak

Sonja Dubois

LeRoy Rogers

2017 Dues and Membership Application Form
for Friendship Force of Knoxville

Membership dues for 2017 have not been increased and remain at \$30 for an Individual and \$45 for a Family. The due date is Dec. 31, 2016. Please make check payable to Friendship Force of Knoxville and send to Bruce Robinson, 8324 Richland Colony, Knoxville, TN 37923. Your check will be your receipt.

2017 Membership Renewal/Application

Individual \$30 ____ Family \$45 ____ Renewal ____ New member application ____

Member #1: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Member #2: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: Area Code & Number _____

E-mail Member #1 _____

E-mail Member #2 _____

Optional: Birthdays Member #1 _____ Member #2 _____

Optional: Couple's Anniversary _____

PLEASE LIST:

Programs that you would like to see at an FFK meeting _____

Programs you would be willing to arrange or give: _____

