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General Membership Meeting

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017 at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 6.30pm.

The Church is located at 2931 Kingston Pike. The Church is on the right side of Kingston Pike if you are going west – away from downtown. It is between Second Presbyterian Church and The Teen Center. There will be plenty of parking.

Social time 6.30-7.00 pm.

General Meeting 7.00 pm – 8.00pm.

Members with surnames between N and Z are asked to bring snacks or finger foods

January FFK Program

The Communication team will be updating the club on the efforts to improve our interactions with the club members and answer any questions you have.

Don Dougall will provide an overview of our Newsletter detailing his needs for information and input from the members

Ray Simko will share with the membership a revised list of the Telephone Tree.

Janis Robinson will be doing a hands-on demonstration of the website at the meeting. To anticipate questions and help her prepare her presentation, Janis would like you to complete the questionnaire at the end of this newsletter and email it to her before the meeting:.

Note from the President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is now ready to join in for an exciting new year. Friendship Force International is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, and we hope to participate in some of the activities.

The Board will be meeting on January 11th at The Egg and I on Kingston Pike at 11:30. It’s an open meeting, so anyone is welcome.

Our first general meeting for the year will be January 17th as noted above. Janis, Don and Ray will review and update us on the website, newsletter and telephone tree. If you are unsure how to access the website or what to do once

you're there or you wondered when the newsletter will arrive, please attend this meeting. And bring a friend. We need to continue to increase our membership. If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2017, please do so as soon as possible.

We will have three incoming exchanges this year, and we're still looking at joining others on their outgoing exchanges. We will need everyone's participation in these exchanges. More later on these as we get details lined up.

As always, 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 Lopez

EXCHANGES **INCOMING EXCHANGES**

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. This exchange with Calgary has been approved by Friendship Force International and both clubs. The dates are October 17 – 23, 2017. Details of this Exchange will be sent to all members as they become available.

OUTBOUND EXCHANGES

2017 FFI World Conference
Manchester, United Kingdom.
August 25 to 27, 2017
For additional information, please contact
www.friendshipforce.org

New Zealand Adventure

February 21 to March 10, 2017

Price US \$2700

Contact the Exchange Director

Debbie Lattey

FF Kapiti Coast

64-4-293-3252

debbie@otaihanga.co.nz –

Kapiti Coast and South Taranaki, New Zealand

March 5 to 18, 2017

Price US 720

Friendship Force of Florida Suncoast would like to invite you all to join them for two weeks of fun with friends in NZ. The time will be spent in the two locations named above.

For more information, contact

Mair Murphy

FF Florida Suncoast

mairmurphy@yahoo.com

Humanitarian Exchange in Kitui, Kenya

February 15 to 28, 2017

Price US \$1920

Join a Friendship in action exchange. Post exchange safaris are also available.

For additional information, contact

Kay Rockwell, *Exchange Director*

FF Lincoln

krockwell1@unl.edu

+1 402-484-5431

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 KAUAI, 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

Chicago International Film Festival

October 15 to 21, 2017

Friendship Force of Chicago and the Friendship Force Northern Illinois cordially invite you to share in a global exchange centered on the 2017 Chicago International Film Festival. There will be 5 films and some tours.

Applications are needed by February 1, 2017

Cost US \$650

To apply or for more information, contact

Scott Oliver

FF Northern Illinois

soliver@d125.org

New Plymouth, New Zealand, Adelaide and Perth, Australia

March 27 to April 20, 2017

Looks very attractive but provides few details. For further information, contact Shirley Siebler

FF Greater Omaha

shirleykjs@cox.net

Passion for Painters and Painting with FF Leuven, Belgium

April 30 to May 8, 2017

Do you dream of immersing yourself into a week of incredible painters and paintings, together with others who share your passion

for art?

Spend a week with Friendship Force of Leuven, in the historic and buzzing university city. Come and learn from each other, together with local artists in their studio.

Price of the Exchange is US \$900 /person

More details are available from

Dany Vandebroek,

Exchange Director

dany.vandebroek@gmail.com

Trujillo and Machu Picchu, Peru

May 2 to 16, 2017

This is an exchange setup by the North Carolina Friendship Force Club and has 6 places available. It has a week of home hosting in Trujillo and 6 days at places around Machu Picchu.

Cost is approx. \$3800

For more information, contact

Jan Partin

janpartin@hotmail.com

(828) 606-9191

Friendship Force International

Catalogue for October lists the following exchanges: -

[Kitui, Kenya](#)

February 15 to 28, 2017

[São Luis, Brazil](#)

June 10 to 17, 2017

The Catalogue for **December** lists 9 additional exchanges

Birthday Wishes

The members of the club send their best wishes on their Birthdays to:

Lonnie McIntyre

Fuad Mishu

Doug McCain

Questionnaire

Please respond to the following questions and email your responses to **Janis Robinson** at jgr@utk.edu as soon as you can.

Question 1 What computer system do you use? (PC, Apple)

Question 2 What browser do you use? (Windows Explorer, Google Chrome, Safari, Other)

Question 3 What search engine do you use? (Google, Bing, Yahoo, Other)

Question 4 Do you have any social media accounts? (Facebook, Twitter, other?)

Question 5 How do you use the internet (mention all)? Shopping, research, booking travel, entertainment

Question 6 On a scale of 1-5, how comfortable do you feel using the internet where 1=uncomfortable to 5=very comfortable.

For example , to make it as simple as possible just respond as follows:

Question 1 I use a PC

Question 2 I use Google

Question 4 I use Google Chrome

Question 5 I use it for the internet, travel, research and games.

Question 6 My comfort level is a 4.

Please remember to bring a copy of your answers to the meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 17th.