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General Membership Meeting and Program

The General Meeting of the members of Friendship Force, Knoxville will be held on Tuesday, October 30th, 2018 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 next to Second Presbyterian Church.

The **program** will be a presentation by special guest Ana Luisa Salinas about Chile and, especially, La Serena where many FFK members will be on an out-bound journey in November 2018. La Serena, Chile, is Ana Luisa's hometown!

Social time and Snacks at 6:30 p.m.

Members with surnames between K and W are asked to bring snacks or finger foods.

**Come join us and make our
visitors welcome**

Board meeting

The Board will meet on Wednesday October 24th at The Egg and I on Kingston Pike at 11:30a.m. It's an open meeting, so all are welcome.

Holiday Party

Our Holiday Party will be held at 12:00 on Saturday, December 1st, at TVUUC. It will be a potluck luncheon, so be thinking about what you would like to bring. We'll start signing up at the meeting on October 30th.

Urban Walk

Friendship Force members Barbara Elder, Dave and Jeana Johnson, Sandy Kehne, Diana Lopez, Ron and Jean Mayer, Mike McDonough and Jayne Raparelli, Jon and Janet Murray, Bruce and Janis Robinson, and one guest, Cindy Hughs, recently enjoyed an urban walk in downtown Knoxville.

Mike McDonough led the October 16th walk which began at the First Presbyterian Church on State Street. Thank you, Ron and Jean Mayer, for obtaining free parking at the First Presbyterian Church garage. Highlights

included historical markers, including the John Sevier Monument at the Old Courthouse, and the Burn Monument in front of the East Tennessee History Center, as well as retail establishments. We took in great views on the Hyatt Place (formerly the Farragut Hotel) rooftop, visited the Knoxville Soap and Candle Shop, Marble Alley Lofts apartment complex, and the Cruz Ice Cream Shop on Gay Street where we learned the history of this local business. We were treated to free fudge at Kilwins. About half the group continued to the Old City where we learned about glass-blowing at the Prestigious Glass Shop and then to Market Square for lunch at the Tomato Head. Because of the hour--we were hungry-- and threatening rain, we didn't make it to the Sunsphere at World's Fair Park.

Casual dinners with new members (continued)

On August 16th, Sandy Kehne, assisted by longtime members Ray Simko and Karen Setzfand, hosted a dinner for several of our new members: Carolyn Moser, Leah Crawford, Leslie Badaines, and Jane Armstrong and her husband Pat. It was a very enjoyable evening getting to know each other, with a lot of interesting discussions. We come from a variety of backgrounds but have a common love of traveling and learning about other peoples and cultures.

Cape of Good Hope Coming to Knoxville

Plans are underway for 17 members of the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, Friendship Force Club to visit Knoxville June 24th-June 30th 2019. The planning committee, consisting of host co-coordinators Jayne Raparelli and Mike McDonough, Helen Bachrach, Leslie Badaines, Carolyn Moser, Bill Cherry, Jim

Dennis, Judy Dennis, Ray Simko, Karen Setzfand and Diana Lopez, has established an itinerary for our friends' week-long visit. We need six more home hosts. Home hosts provide overnight accommodations, breakfast, and one dinner, either at home or at a restaurant.

If you can home host the week of June 24th-June 30th please email Jayne Raparelli jaynerap@aol.com or call her at (423) 871-1739.

Thanks to those of you who have already signed up to home host, day host, or host a dinner party.

Note from the President

Fourteen members of the Friendship Force of Knoxville went on an urban hike of downtown Knoxville on October 16th, led by our members Mike McDonough and Jayne Raparelli. It was a slow and easy walk, and everyone learned a lot about our city. Thanks, Jayne and Mike, for taking us. Not long now and many of us are leaving for a journey to La Serena, Chile. We've received our host assignments and are eagerly communicating with each other and looking forward to meeting them in person. Most of us are leaving November 1st. Some are returning on the 12th, others on the 19th. I'm sure we'll have plenty to talk about upon our return.

Plus, we've lots to look forward to next year! We have our inbound journey with the Cape of Good Hope in June, coordinated by Jayne Raparelli and Mike McDonough, and we'll have an outbound journey to Des Moines in August, coordinated by Annalisa and Gus Roehrig. We still need a host coordinator for the Napa/Sonoma Valley club journey next fall. Who will step up? The next Board meeting will be October 24th at the Egg and I. You are welcome to join us.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is October 30th. We will be electing officers

for 2019 and then have a program on Chile. Of course, don't forget our Holiday Party on December 1st at, noon at TVUUC. It will be a potluck lunch.

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. or telephone (865) 223-40016.

Nominations for Officers

As per our by-laws, I would like to announce the slate of officers for our upcoming election on October 30th, 2018. I look forward to seeing everyone there for this very important meeting.

The slate thus far is as follows:

President, Diana Lopez

Vice President, Kaye Bultemeier

Treasure, Bruce Robinson

Secretary, Jean Mayer

If anyone would like to make a nomination for one of the above offices, please call or email me before the meeting.

Nominations can also be made at the meeting.

Thank you,

Karen Setzfand,

Chair, Nominating Committee.

Membership Dues for 2019

At the Board Meeting on September 12th the Board voted to increase the membership dues from \$30.00 per year to \$40.00 per year for 2019.

Dues are payable on or before December 31st for 2019. A copy of the membership renewal form can be found at the end of this month's newsletter. Dues can be mailed to Ray Simko at 1194 Treymour Way, Knoxville, TN 37922 or can be paid at the next meeting on Tuesday, October 30th.

Copies of the renewal forms will be available at the meeting.

Historian

We are pleased to announce that Jeana Johnson and Jonathan Hash have stepped forward and are now working on the historical materials gathered since the club's founding in 1981.

They are compiling hard copy files of Journey/Exchange programs and newsletters. They are reviewing newspaper articles and pictures found in the files.

As the process continues over the coming months you can expect calls from Jeana or Jonathan looking for help and specific information.

At the 25th anniversary of the club a history to that date was written. It is their desire to fill in the blanks from 2006 to the present.

Their goal is to generate a file that can be continually updated.

Program Committee,

The programs for September and October of 2018 and for 2019 will generally be about FFK member's or special guest's travel. The program on September 18, 2018 was presented by new member Al Legendre on his trip down the Peruvian Amazon. The October 30th, 2018 program will be by special guest Ana Luisa Salinas about Chile and, especially, La Serena where many FFK members will be on an out-bound journey in November 2018. As it happens La Serena, Chile, is Ana Luisa's hometown!

December 1, 2018 is the holiday party and January 2019 will begin the FFK year with Carolyn Dougall sharing a hiking trip made in July 2016 to the Orkneys and the Shetland Islands in northern Scotland.

There are so many more members and guests who are well-traveled, and I am looking forward to hearing more about the world they have seen and the friends they have made! Come and join us!

Janis Robinson

JOURNEYS

INCOMING JOURNEYS

International Exchange Preview

Note the visit by the Cape of Good Hope Friendship Force Club is described above.

OUTBOUND JOURNEYS

La Serena, Chile

FFK will be going to La Serena, Chile in November 6th – 13th, 2018 in a joint exchange with the Friendship Force Club, Raleigh ,NC. Please see the report by Ron Mayer in the Minutes of the board meeting of Sept 12th under **journey updates**.

Friendship Force International

The Journey Catalogues for FFI (friendshipforce.org) and U.S.eFlyer (support@friendshipforce.org) are good sources of journeys being offered in the future which our members can join. These include

Moscow and Cities of the Golden Ring, Russia

May 18 to June 1, 2019

Discover Mongolia and Siberia

August 1 to August 15, 2019

For additional information about these and other journeys contact FFI.

Friendship Force Knoxville

Board Meeting, September 12, 2018

Present: Kaye Bultemeier, Don Dougall, Panos Ioannides, Rene Ioannides, Sandy Kehne, Diana Lopez, Jean Mayer, Ron Mayer, Jayne Raparelli, Bruce Robinson, Janis Robinson, LeRoy Rogers, Wanda Rogers, Karen Setzfand, Ray Simko
Diana called the meeting to order at

11:40 a.m. Meeting location was the Egg and I in Bearden.

Secretary's Report Minutes of the May 19, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report Ray passed out the Treasurer's Report which included the Operating Account from January 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018, and the Cash Balance Account for 2018. Ray reported that the yearly Friendship Force membership dues are presently \$30.00 per person. In 2019 \$15.00 of this fee will be sent to FFI in Atlanta. Starting in 2020 FFI will require that we send \$20.00 per person. The Board proposed increasing our dues. A motion was made for a \$5.00 increase. This was amended to a \$10.00 increase beginning January 2019. This information must be published in the newsletter one month before raising the dues with an explanation as to why this increase is necessary.

Membership Sandy Kehne told about a man in her neighborhood who is from Egypt and while in this country is teaching Arabic at Bearden High School. It was suggested that we give him an honorary membership to FFK for one year.

Ron reported that his committee is still working on membership but not as intensely as before. Members who join between now and December will not pay any dues for 2018. They will just pay for their badge.

Journey Updates Ron reported that at present there are a total of thirteen people going on the La Serena journey. There are nine from Knoxville, three from Raleigh and one from Sarasota. The La Serena journey coordinator said that host names will be available by the end of September. There are several group excursions planned while staying in Santiago Chile. Ron indicated that trip insurance can be waived by signing a written agreement to FFI. Unfortunately, if you have a medical emergency it can become very complicated. Ron as journey

coordinator will require that in the future all participants have insurance.

Jayne reported on the Cape of Good Hope incoming journey which will be held from June 24, 2019 through July 1, 2019. Home host, day hosts, and dinner hosts will be needed. It is the hope of the committee that our new members will serve as most of the home hosts. There will be sign-up sheets at the September 18, 2018 meeting. Jayne submitted a detailed report of her committee meeting which will be attached to these minutes.

Diana reported about the 2019 inbound journey from Napa/Sonoma. The time suggested was fall of 2019. A journey coordinator is needed. We might consider having a new member combine with someone who could advise as to how to proceed with the details.

Diana shared a request from the Des Moines, Iowa club for an inbound and reciprocal journey sometime in 2019 or 2020. They have a very active club. We would go there in the fall of 2019 and they would come here in 2020. We need both an outgoing and incoming coordinator for this journey. Kaye referred to a list that was generated several years ago to train interested persons in being a journey coordinator. She suggested that we refer to that list for names.

Bruce shared the results of a survey for outgoing journeys in 2020 which was sent out by email. He will send out another reminder to encourage response. The Board will get a consensus and ultimately choose three countries to submit to FFI for their consideration.

Participation There is a need for our members to serve on standing committees including hospitality, cleanup, programs, photography, and history. Ray agreed to draw up sheets for people to sign up on at the September 18, 2018 meeting. We need to

get our people involved as part of their commitment to membership.

General Programs Janis reported that Dr. Al Legendre, Retired, UT School of Veterinary Medicine, will speak on traveling the Peruvian Amazon. There will be a business meeting before the program. The speaker for the October 30th, 2018 meeting will be Anna Louisa Salines who is from La Serena, Chile. This meeting is being held two days before our club goes to Chile.

Sandy reported that the holiday party will be held at TVUUC on December 1, 2018. This will be a potluck affair.

Jayne and Mike have offered to do an urban hike for our club on Tuesday October 16, 2018.

Communications The Newsletter has been sent out to all members.

Don and Ray will draft a schedule for 2019 including day and evening activities to present for the Board's consideration.

New Business Diana appointed Karen Setzfand to chair the nominating committee. She will select two additional members to serve on the committee. Voting will take place at the November meeting on Oct. 30th.

The East Coast Regional Friendship Force meeting is scheduled for November 7-9, 2018 at Charleston, South Carolina. The club will pay for the registration fee for anyone who is interested.

The next international conference will be held in Boulder, Colorado.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Jean Mayer, Secretary

Friendship Force Knoxville

General Meeting, September 18, 2018

Diana Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. following a short gathering time which included refreshments. Meeting location was the Tennessee Valley Universalist Unitarian Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN.

Membership Attendance included forty-one members and one visitor.

Treasurer's Report Ray Simko reported that dues for 2019 will be raised to \$40.00 per member. FFI will be sent \$15.00 of this fee for each member. In 2020 the amount sent to FFI will be \$20.00 per member.

Journey Updates Ron Mayer gave an update of the upcoming journey to La Serena. He reported that at the present time there are a total of thirteen members going on the trip. There are still two places remaining for anyone who is still interested. Jayne Raparelli reported on the Cape of Good Hope incoming journey which will be held from June 24, 2019 through July 1, 2019. Mike McDonough told of the need for home hosts, day hosts, and dinner hosts. He explained what would be required in order to help with any of these jobs. Sheets were passed around for members to sign up indicating their willingness to participate.

Diana informed the members of an inbound journey from Napa/Sonoma during 2019. A journey coordinator is needed for this trip.

Diana also shared a request from Des Moines, Iowa Friendship Force club for an inbound and reciprocal visit in 2019 or 2020. Journey coordinators are needed.

Bruce Robinson reported the results of the email request for suggestions for outbound journeys. Members were given an opportunity to vote for the journeys that they would be interested in for 2020.

Activities Mike announced an urban hike in downtown Knoxville for Tuesday October 16, 2018. About twenty members were

interested in participating. Distance and details will be finalized soon.

Communication Members are reminded to read the FF Newsletter which is sent out by email and also to read the website which contains up to date information.

New Business A nominating committee including Karen Setzfand, Wanda Rogers, and Jeana Johnson will present a slate of officers to be elected at the October 30th, 2019 meeting.

Members were told that our club has many needs in order to operate efficiently. There were sheets on which to sign indicating willingness to do a task. Members were asked to sign in at each meeting and to remember to wear a name tag.

Sandy Kehne introduced special guest Abdellah Ali from Egypt who will be residing in Knoxville for one year before returning home. He is presently teaching Arabic at Bearden High School.

Program Janis reported that the speaker for our October 30th, 2018 program will be Anna Luisa Salinas who is from La Serena, Chile.

The holiday party will be held at TVUUC on December 1, 2018 .

Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Al Legendre, Retired, UT School of Veterinary Medicine. He spoke on his travels in the Peruvian Amazon with special emphasis on the flora and fauna of the area. His presentation included beautiful pictures.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Mayer, Secretary

Birthday & Anniversary Wishes

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

LeRoy Rogers on October 7th
Sonja Dubois on October 19th
Jon Murray On November 1st
Phyllis Driver on November 12th
Gracie Wilson on November 12th

Carolyn Moser on November 17th
Leah Crawford on November 22nd
Gus Roehrig on November 23rd
Panos Ioannides on November 25th
Jayne Raparelli on November 30th

And on their **Anniversary** to

Ron & Jean Mayer on 24th November

