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General Membership Meeting and Program

The General Meeting of the members of Friendship Force, Knoxville will be held on Tuesday, January 15th at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 6.30 p.m.. 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 Ricardo Videla. He will talk about his horse ride over the Andes. It is a very interesting and beautiful presentation.

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

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

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

Board Meeting

The Board will meet on Wednesday January 9th at The Egg and I on Kingston Pike at 11:30 a.m. It's an open meeting, so all are welcome

Sad Losses

It is with sadness to report that Don and Carolyn Dougall's son passed away last week. They are now in Illinois to take care of his affairs.

Kaye Bultemeier's brother Larry died on Christmas Day after being struck by a car while walking his dog.

Our thoughts and prayers are now with them during this difficult time.

Holiday Party

Our holiday luncheon on December 1st was very successful! We enjoyed delicious food and good company. It was a great chance to get to know one another better. The pictures and comments from the La Serena trip were very interesting, and showed the rest of us we missed a wonderful trip. Thanks to Carolyn Moser for the beautiful background piano music and singalong, and to everyone who helped with setting up and cleaning up. I also would like to thank everyone who brought much needed items and generous

monetary donations for Bridge Refugee Services. Our members donated bathroom tissue, blankets, sheets, lap robes, bathrobe, children's jackets, socks, gloves, scarves, hats, and other warm items. When I dropped off the contributions, there were about a dozen of their clients there, and it was heartwarming to see their beaming, grateful faces. We want to continue to support them, as it fits in very well with Friendship Force's mission.

Sandy

Club Activities

We hope to meet for lunch sometime in February, perhaps at Taste of Thai off of Peters Road. Details will follow. Remember that on April 16th we will be having our second Urban Hike, led by Mike and Jayne. We will see different places of interest from the last one, so even if you participated in that one, be sure to join us. I know I learned a lot about Knoxville!

Note from the President

Happy New Year to all! And a great new year it will be for Friendship Force of Knoxville! With our new members, an international conference in Boulder, unique programming, exciting get-togethers, inbound journeys from Cape of Good Hope and from Napa/Sonoma Valley, and a domestic outbound journey to Des Moines, we have much to look forward to. For 2020, we'll have reciprocal visits with Des Moines and Napa/Sonoma Valley and have requested an international outbound to Romania, Australia/New Zealand, or Colombia. We'll find out in February.

As we enter the New Year, general evening meetings will be held January, March, May,

and then September and November. The other months will hold day-time activities. You are welcome to attend the Board meetings as well as the regular meetings. Refer to the calendar on our website for exact dates.

I want to welcome our new board members, Kaye Bultemeier as Vice President and Bruce Robinson as Treasurer. And of course extend a huge thank you to LeRoy Rogers who stepped in as VP and to Ray Simko who has served as Treasurer and kept us on track. Ray will stay on as webmaster. Jim Dennis also rotates off as past Journey Coordinator, and we now have a Journey Coordinator for each journey. But Jim is serving on the journey committees, providing his expertise. Jayne Raparelli is lead coordinator for the Cape of Good Hope journey; Annalisa and Gus Roehrig will head up the Des Moines journey; and Mike McDonough is lead for the Napa/Sonoma Valley journey with Jayne, Ron and Jean Mayer.

We need to continue to increase our membership. If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2019, please do so as soon as possible. The Directory will be distributed at the January meeting. If dues are not paid by 15 Feb, your membership will be dropped. We will continue to look for new members this year under the guidance of Kaye Bultemeier.

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

Message from the Vice-President

I am excited to begin my new role with the Knoxville Chapter of Friendship Force. One of my roles is to chair the membership committee. I will be asking for others who would be interested in helping on this committee. My main objective is to spread the word about the wonderful mission of this organization.

“The Mission of Friendship Force International, Inc. is to promote world peace and understanding by creating an environment where individual friendships can be established across the barriers that separate people”
Let’s make this a great year for our local chapter and continue to spread the word about Friendship Force.

Kaye

Improvements to FFK Website

Our new Historians Jeana Johnson and Jonathan Hash have been busy over the past weeks with suggestions and ideas that now have been incorporated into the website.

Go to www.friendshipforceknoxville.org and see our new “Club History” page.

Here you can see complete programs for the club’s 25th, 30th and 35th anniversaries. Read through these to see how these anniversaries were celebrated.

Take a look at the Newsletter page and click on Prior Newsletters. Here you can look at newsletter back to 1999. Jeana and Jonathan are asking that if members have copies of other newsletter not now found in Prior Newsletter to let them know. They would very much like to include them in the Club History

Help Wanted!

The Telephone Committee is now in need of one or two volunteers. The duties of the position will require them to make three or four telephone calls to members advising them of upcoming meeting or club activities. If you are willing to spend a few minutes each month please contact Ray Simko at (865)670-3564.

It’s Coming, It’s Coming!

March’s Pot-Luck and Chinese Auction will be here sooner than you think. Begin now to put aside items for the auction. More information will be in the next newsletters.

JOURNEYS

INCOMING JOURNEYS

The Cape of Good Hope South Africa Friendship Force Club June 24 to July 1, 2019.

Napa/Sonoma California Friendship Force Club, October 11-16, 2019

OUTBOUND JOURNEYS

DesMoines Iowa Friendship Force Club August 2019

Friendship Force Knoxville

Board Meeting
October 24, 2018

Present:

Don Dougall, 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 11:35 a.m. Meeting location was the Egg and I in Bearden.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ray passed out the Treasurer's Report which included the Operating Account from January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018, and the Cash Balance Account for 2018.

Bruce presented the Proposed Budget for 2019 which was approved by the Board. Also distributed was a Dues and Membership Renewal Form.

Several changes were made to the Policies and Procedures Manual including the following:

- Section 2 - #2 Annual dues shall be \$40.00 per person.
- Section 2 - #3 All new members will pay an additional \$15.00 for their name badge regardless of when they join.
- Section 3 - The Exchange Committee will now be called the Journey Committee and numerous mentions of 'exchanges' were changed to 'journey' throughout the document.

These changes were approved by the Board.

Journeys

Ron reported that all is well with the upcoming Journey to La Serena, Chile.

Jayne provided details for the inbound Cape of Good Hope Journey. Each visiting ambassador will pay \$200.00 plus the FFI fee and transportation from North Carolina. To date eight home hosts have been secured. The Welcome Dinner will be held at TVUUC on June 24, 2019. The Farewell Dinner will be held at Calhoun's Restaurant in a reserved room. The cost for our members will be \$30.00 per person which will include dinner, entertainment, and tip. It was suggested that the itinerary be printed in the January or March Newsletter.

Diana reported that she has not been able to find a Journey Coordinator for the Napa/Sonoma Inbound Journey for 2019. If no one will agree to lead this journey it will be cancelled.

Gus and Annalisa Roehrig have agreed to be Journey Coordinators for the outbound trip to Des Moines, Iowa, in August 2019.

The Board agreed to respond to FFI with our journey requests for 2020. They are (1) Romania, (2) Australia/New Zealand, (3) Colombia.

Programs

Janis reported that the speaker for the October 30, 2018 meeting will be Ana Luisa who will discuss Chile.

The Holiday Party will be in December. Carolyn Dougall will present a program on the Orkney and Shetland Islands at the January 15, 2019 meeting.

Activities

Sandy reported on the Holiday Party which will be held on December 1, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at TVUUC. She also suggested that we

contact BRIDGE Refuge Services to see how we might help during the holiday period.

Communications

A calendar for next year was drafted including the following meeting dates: January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, and the Holiday Party in December. Regular evening meetings will be held in January, March, and May, while other activities during the day will be planned for the other months. Several suggestions were made for programs including one on hosting, the Chinese Auction, and a report on the Chile journey.

New Business

Karen reported from the nominating committee the following slate of officers for 2019:

- President - Diana Lopez
- Vice-President - Kaye Bultemeier
- Secretary - Jean Mayer
- Treasurer - Bruce Robinson

The slate will be presented at the October 30, 2018 FFK meeting.

There is still a need for a photographer, videographer, and Napa Valley Coordinator. Ray will prepare sign-up sheets for the general meeting.

Jean Johnson and Jonathan Hash have agreed to serve as Historians. Jonathan is accumulating newspaper articles, letters, pictures, programs, and any other information about our club.

Joanne Schuetz requested that the board approve a donation to help fund a mission and her participation with the Presbyterian Women on a USA Mission to the Finger Lakes Region of New York State. The

board did not think the club should support any denominational activity since Friendship force is a non-religious organization.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Jean Mayer
Secretary

Friendship Force Knoxville General Meeting October 30, 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 twenty-nine members and one guest.

Treasurer's Report

Ray Simko passed around sign-up sheets for journey support activities, positions that need to be filled, and a request for two volunteers to go over the books in January before the first meeting on January 15th. Diana also mentioned that the club would be organizing a new membership committee for next year.

Ray reminded club members that membership applications were available and that the dues were now \$40. Members could save a stamp if they turned both in at the meeting.

Journeys

Ron Mayer reported that all is on track for the journey to La Serena which will occur this week.

Jayne Raparelli reported on the Cape of Good Hope incoming journey which will be held from June 24, 2019 through July 1, 2019. She is working on travel arrangements and also asked for several more home and dinner hosts.

Diana reported on the Des Moines, Iowa journey which will be held in August 2019. Gus and Annalisa Roehrig have agreed to be journey coordinators for this trip.

Diana reported that coordinators have been found for the inbound Napa/Sonoma journey. Mike McDonough will take the lead and divvy up the responsibilities between Jayne Raparelli, and Ron and Jean Mayer.

Diana reported to the club the decision made by the board concerning outgoing journeys in 2020. The Board agreed to respond to FFI with the following requests: They are (1) Romania, (2) Australia/New Zealand, (3) Colombia. Diana added Georgia as a third week for Romania and Costa Rica as a third week for Colombia.

Activities

Sandy Kehne reminded everyone of the Holiday party which will be held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday December 1, 2018 at UUC. It will be a pot-luck meal. Sandy suggested that we secure a list of needs for Bridge Refuge participants and bring our items to the Holiday Party.

Communications

The calendar for 2019 has been completed and will be available on the website soon.

New Business

Karen Setzfand presented the slate of officers for 2019.

- President - Diana Lopez
- Vice President - Kaye Bultemeier
- Secretary - Jean Mayer
- Treasurer - Bruce Robinson

Those in attendance voted to accept the slate of new officers.

Diana thanked LeRoy Rogers and Ray Simko for their service to our club.

We also have new Historians - Jonathan Hash and Jeana Johnson.

Program

Janis Robinson introduced Ana Luisa Salinas as our speaker for the evening. She is from La Serena, Chile and came to the United States in 1961. She shared beautiful memories of her native country including places to visit, the weather, the flora and fauna, the people, and numerous food suggestions. She showed slides with her presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Mayer.

Secretary

Birthday & Anniversary Wishes

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

Fuad Mishu on January 18th
Helen Bachrach on January 31st

and their **Anniversary** to

Barbara Elder on January 15th