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Note from the President

It’s good to be back home after a fantastic journey around the world. First I must thank Kaye Bultemeier for carrying on in my absence and moving us forward. I didn’t worry about a thing! She’ll continue her leadership in September while I’m again traveling.

Please note that the Board meeting minutes are now on our website. I would encourage you to read them each month to keep up with happenings. All of our governing documents are also on the web in addition to other great information about our club. Please visit it often:
<https://www.friendshipforceknoxville.org>.

I know it was disappointing that the club from the Cape of Good Hope couldn’t get visas to come to the U.S., but we’ve turned that into a positive to welcome the Napa/Sonoma club in October. Mike McDonough and Jayne Raparelli took the program planned for the Cape and turned it into a fantastic program for a domestic journey. Then under the guidance of

Annalisa and Gus Roehrig, fourteen of us are on our way to Des Moines in August and looking forward to attending the Iowa State Fair. With both of these clubs, we will be reciprocating with our club welcoming Des Moines and possibly Quad Cities to Knoxville, and hopefully making the trek to Napa/Sonoma next year. Our outbound international journey will be to Australia in the fall of 2020. We have a number of members interested and should have a full contingent of ambassadors.

For this summer, Kaye arranged small dinners again for all our members. So far, those that have been completed were a huge success. It’s fun to sit around and chat with a small group in someone’s home. Thanks to those who are hosting this summer.

Believe it or not, we will be requesting inbound journeys for 2021 in August and outbound journeys in November. If you have suggestions, let us know.

We will have a special general meeting on August 27 to hear about the Des Moines

trip. Then in September, we will be getting prepared for our Open World ambassadors coming from Georgia. Ron Leadbetter will discuss the Republic of Georgia. Please come and share the time together.

As always, if you have any suggestions or ideas for the club, please feel free to share those with me. Kaye and I will be attending the FFI Conference in Boulder, CO, at the end of July. There are many good workshops and if you have anything specific we should check on, let us know. My email is dlopez@utk.edu, or telephone (865) 223-4036.

Diana Lopez

FFK Website

Take a few minutes and visit our website at www.friendshipforceknoxville.org for some exciting additions and new information that will keep you up-to-date on what's happening at FFK.

Look at the Photo Gallery page to see the new pictures just posted about the recent trip our members made to La Serena, Chile.

Next, take a look at the About Us page. Here you can find the club's By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and the Journal Policies just approved by the Board on June 10, 2019.

The Newsletter page will give you an opportunity to see any newsletters you may have missed or want to read again.

The About Knoxville page has a wonderful selection of activities throughout East Tennessee.

You can go to the Calendar page for the most up-to-date information on all club-scheduled activities. Mark your calendars

now to be sure you can participate accordingly.

Open World News and Invitation

Would you like to host a person with the Open World program from Nov. 15-23rd? We expect six delegates, one facilitator, and one interpreter from the Republic of Georgia. They will interact with people in higher education, here in Knoxville, during the program and should be interesting and well educated Georgians. It will be a rewarding experience. Call or email Joanne Schuetz (865-521-9937) or a_schuetz@msn.com. We will have fun! Join us!

Note from the Vice President

June has been a restful and joyous month for members of Friendship Force Knoxville. Dinners for members are being or were hosted by Don and Carolyn Dougall, Sandy Kehne, Ron and Jean Mayer, Pat Chambers, LeRoy and Wanda Rogers, Ray Simko and Karen Setzfand, and Bruce and Janis Robinson. Special heartfelt thanks to all of the members who hosted these dinners.

Have a wonderful summer and continue to spread the word about Friendship Force Knoxville.

Kaye Bultemeier

Dates for the remainder of the year are -

August 27 General meeting on Des Moines Journey
September 11 Board meeting
September 17 General meeting and program on Republic of Georgia
October 9 Board meeting
October 12 Welcome dinner for Napa/Sonoma in place of the general meeting
November 13 Board meeting
November 19 General meeting and welcome dinner for Open World
December 7 Holiday Party

Friendship Force International makes changes in charter regarding data protection

Our charter with our parent organization, Friendship Force International (FFI), has been renewed. Because of the current concerns with data protection, the European Union (EU) has passed very detailed rules. As an international organization with many clubs in Europe, FFI has decided to adhere to EU data protection rules in order to be in compliance with EU law. The changes in the renewed charter reflect those rules. The new data protection sections in the charter are quite extensive. Consequently, the Board of FFK has decided it is prudent for us to only collect the data that we absolutely need to operate and to distribute data only as needed. "As needed" to include providing the directory to all club members and an electronic contact/e-mail list to Board members and committee chairs and committee members. However, the new data protection rules seem to question whether FFK should publish birthdays and anniversaries. Consequently, the Board has

decided not to collect and publish such information.

Outbound Journey to Des Moines, Iowa

Under the leadership of Annalisa and Gus Roehrig, eleven club members will make their way to Des Moines Aug 7-12. Leslie Badaines, Ron and Sonja DuBois, Barbara Elder, Diana Lopez, Ron and Jean Mayer, Mike McDonough and Jayne Raparelli, and Annalisa and Gus Roehrig will be enjoying a day at the Iowa State Fair, a tour of the State Capitol, John Deere, Better Homes and Garden Test Garden, and Sculpture Garden, to name a few activities. Most are driving, stopping along the way to enjoy some other sites. It will be an exciting tour of the heartland.

Napa/Sonoma Visit

We're getting excited about the nine ambassadors from the Napa Sonoma California Friendship Force Club who will visit Knoxville October 12-16.

We need one more home host. Home hosts provide a bed, and breakfast, and transport their ambassador(s) to and from each day's activities. Some planned highlights: A downtown Knoxville walking tour, an easy hike and picnic in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a visit to the Norris Dam and Lenoir Museum, a visit to the new Oak Ridge History Museum, and line dancing at Cotton Eyed Joes.

If you can home host, please let me know. jaynerap@aol.com or (423) 871-1739.

Everyone--please mark your calendars now for two special events:

Saturday, October 12 Welcome Dinner at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike.

Wednesday, October 16 Farewell Dinner at Calhoun's on the River in downtown Knoxville.

We plan to have musical entertainment at both dinners.

Schedule for Napa/Sonoma visit

Saturday, October 12--Welcome potluck dinner at TVUUC. Time to be determined. Hopefully will start no later than 6:30 p.m. The ambassadors are driving a rented van from Memphis, and will return the van to Avis at McGhee Tyson Airport.

Sunday, October 13--- 11 a.m. Lunch at the Norris Museum of Appalachia cafe. Pay your own. Shop in the MOA gift shop.

Norris Dam

Lenoir Museum Cultural Complex

Evening: Cotton Eyed Joe--music, food, drink, line dancing. **Cost: \$5**

admission. Hosts pay for their own food and drinks. Ambassadors will be given \$20 each to cover admission and \$15 for food/drink.

Monday, October 14--Downtown Knoxville Urban Walk

Lunch at downtown restaurant.

Pay for your own lunch.

Tree planting and plaque--location to be determined, but close to downtown.

Dinners at members' homes

Tuesday, October 15--Great Smoky Mountains National Park--Hike the Middle Prong Trail

Lunch from Elvira's Restaurant at Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area. **Cost--\$10 per person.**

Great Smoky Heritage Center in Townsend. **Cost: \$6.00 for 60 and up, \$8 if younger than 60.**

Dinner--ambassadors treat hosts

Wednesday, October 16-- Oak Ridge History Museum. **Cost: \$5.00.**

Lunch on your own at Soup Kitchen in Oak Ridge

Free afternoon

Farewell dinner at Calhoun's on the River.

Cost: \$30 per person. Includes buffet dinner, dulcimer group, and cash bar in our private dining room.

Outbound to Australia in Fall 2020

The Knoxville Friendship Force has been invited to visit North Moreton and one other club on the east coast of Australia, either in New South Wales or Queensland. FFI is searching for a second club for us to visit. Our fall is of course their spring, so it should be beautiful, not too hot or too cold. A number of people have expressed interest. It's a great way to visit Australia.

OUTBOUND JOURNEYS

Friendship Force International

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

[Explore the North Sea Coast with FF Varel.](#)
[Germany](#)

July 7 to July 14, 2019

[Discover Mongolia and Siberia](#)

August 1 to August 15, 2019

[Jewels of Kenya](#)

Oct 24 to Nov.3, 2019

FFI Journey Number 15452