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Journey Overview

2023

Inbound Western Colorado	April 23-29
Outbound Western Colorado.....	June 11-17
Inbound Spokane, Washington.....	September 13-19
Outbound Tuxla-Gutierrez, Mexico ...	November 1-8



Note from the President -- Happy Holidays!



We ended 2022 with two special events: An excursion on November 29 to Abingdon, Virginia, to see a wonderful performance at the Barter Theatre, and a December 4 Holiday Party. Thanks to Marsha Mitchell, Program Chair, for organizing a fun trip to Abingdon, and to Vice President Betsy Tonkin, with assistance from Sandy Kehne, Janis and Bruce Robinson, Mike McDonough, Courtney Shea, and Helen Bachrach for arranging a festive Holiday Party.

Newly elected officers begin their one-year-terms on January 1, 2023. I'd like to thank Bruce Robinson, who dutifully served as club Treasurer for many years. Thanks to the officers who will continue to serve in their current positions next year: Betsy Tonkin as Vice President, and Mike McDonough as Secretary.

A warm welcome to Bill Cherry as our new Treasurer. I'd like to recognize outgoing Hospitality Chair Sandy Kehne, who has served in that position for over a decade, outgoing Club Concerns Chair Renee Ioannides, who has served for many years, and Jonathan Hash as outgoing Historian. A warm welcome to Barbara Elder as Hospitality Chair, Paulette Anderson as Club Concerns chair, and Betsy Tonkin as club Historian.

The following club members have agreed to continue to serve as chair of their respective committees: Journey-Leslie Badaines; Program-Marsha Mitchell; Membership-Betsy Tonkin, Communication-Janis Robinson; and Webmaster-Ray Simko. Thank you.

I look forward to hosting and traveling adventures in 2023.

Wishing you happy and healthy holidays.

Jayne Raparelli, President

2023 Membership Dues

If you haven't already paid your 2023 Friendship Force Knoxville dues, please mail a check, \$45 per member, payable to Friendship Force of Knoxville *by Dec. 31* to:

Bill Cherry
7511 Little River Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37920

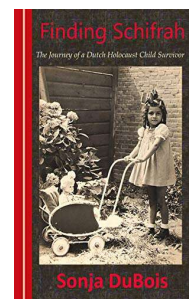
Please let us know if your contact information is the same or has changed: street address, email address, and phone number(s).

Program Notes for 2023



January 24: We'll meet at TVUUC at 6:30 to socialize, and at 7:00 our delegates who journeyed to Australia will share the highlights of their phenomenal trip. Leslie Badaines, Joann Hayden and Ellen and Dave Greenwood will, no doubt, thrill us with their stories and descriptions of the places they visited and the interesting people they met. Don't miss it!

February 28: FFK is so proud of member **Sonja DuBois**, a noted author, lecturer and cherished friend. When asked if she would be willing to address our membership, she happily agreed! What an honor for us that Sonja will share her powerful family history, chronicled in her book, Finding Schifrah, The Journey of a Dutch Holocaust Child Survivor. It's a story with a very sad beginning, but thankfully, a very happy ending. Please come and experience the joy Sonja brings to audiences everywhere.



Marsha Mitchell, Program Chair

Journey Notes for 2023

Happy Holidays to all who are celebrating this month. Next year's Journeys await! Here is a look at what's happening:



April 23-29, 2023-Incoming visit from FF of Western Colorado (Grand Junction area). FF Western Colorado is in the process of choosing Ambassadors for their April visit. Leslie and co-host coordinator, Betsy Tonkin are still looking for home hosts and small dinner hosts. Contact Leslie if you are willing to help, (badainesL@aol.com).

June 11-17, 2023. Outbound Journey to FF Western Colorado.

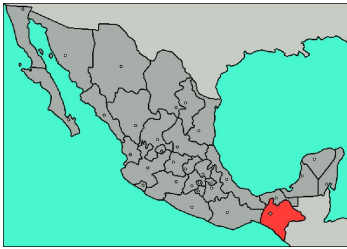
Our reciprocal visit to FF Western Colorado is this June. The Western Colorado club has offered to include a day trip to Arches National Park in Utah as part of this Journey. Janis and Bruce Robinson are recruiting ambassadors for this Journey. Let them know if you are interested, (jgr@utk.edu).

September 13-19, 2023- Incoming visit from FF of Eastern Washington- Northern Idaho (Spokane area).

Diana Lopez is the Host coordinator for this September 13-19, 2023, incoming visit. She would like to have someone working with her on this, if possible, (dlopez@utk.edu).



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November 1-8, 2023 -Outgoing International Journey to Tuzla-Gutierrez, Mexico. Our Journey will be during the Dia de Los Muertos celebration, November 1-8 (leaving on the 8th). There is an optional 3-day post tour to the Palenque Mayan ruins. Palenque was a Mayan city state in southern Mexico that perished in the 8th century. The Palenque ruins date from ca. 226 BC to ca. 799 AD. Contact Leslie if you are interested in coordinating this Journey or interested in going on this trip. (BadainesL@aol.com).

Leslie Badaines, Journey Coordinator

FFK Officers Elected for 2023

Thanks to all who attended the Nov. 22 annual meeting held via Zoom to elect our 2023 Board of Directors:

- President—Jayne Raparelli
- Vice-President- Betsy Tonkin
- Secretary-Mike McDonough
- Treasurer-Bill Cherry

2023 Upcoming Dates—Mark your Calendar

Virtual Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday)

- January 10 March 14
- February 14 April 11

NOTE: If you are interested in attending the virtual Board Meetings, please e-mail Betsy Tonkin (betst@mac.com) for the Zoom link.

**Upcoming FFK General Events (4th Tuesday)
6:30 p.m.-Social; 7:00 p.m.-Program**

- January 24In-person, TVUUC, Australia adventures
- February 28In-person, TVUUC, Sonja Dubois, [Finding Schifrah](#)

Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church
2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, 37919

These dates and more are on the
FFK *Calendar* web page.

2023 Club Officers & Chairs

- President:Jayne Raparelli
- Vice President:Betsy Tonkin
- Secretary:Mike McDonough
- Treasurer:Bill Cherry
- Membership Chair:Betsy Tonkin
- Program Chair:Marsha Mitchell
- Communications Chair:Janis Robinson
- Webmaster:Ray Simko
- Newsletter Editor:Janis Robinson
- Journey Coordinator:Leslie Badaines
- Immediate Past Journey Coordinator:
.....Diana Lopez
- Hospitality Chair:Barbara Elder
- Club Concerns:Paulette Anderson
- Historian:Betsy Tonkin

Host & Ambassador Coordinators are listed on the
FFK *About Us* web page



FFK Holiday Party – A good time was had by all!



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7

Photo 1: From left around table: Jean Mayer, Ron Mayer, Ellen Greenwood, Carolyn Dougall, Bill Cherry (standing), Don Dougall, Dave Greenwood, Panos Ioannides, Renee Ioannides, Katherine Atkins-Roberson; standing back left: Leslie Badaines, Jayne Raparelli, Courtney Shea; standing back right: Helen Bachrach

Photo 2: From left: Jean Mayer, Mike McDonough, Ron Mayer, Dave Greenwood, Leslie Badaines, Bert Sams, Jamie Ayres, Robin Brown, Don Dougall, Ellen Greenwood, Bill Cherry, Helen Bachrach, Karen Swander

Photo 3: Delicious cookies to share amongst the members

Photo 4: Beautiful buffet

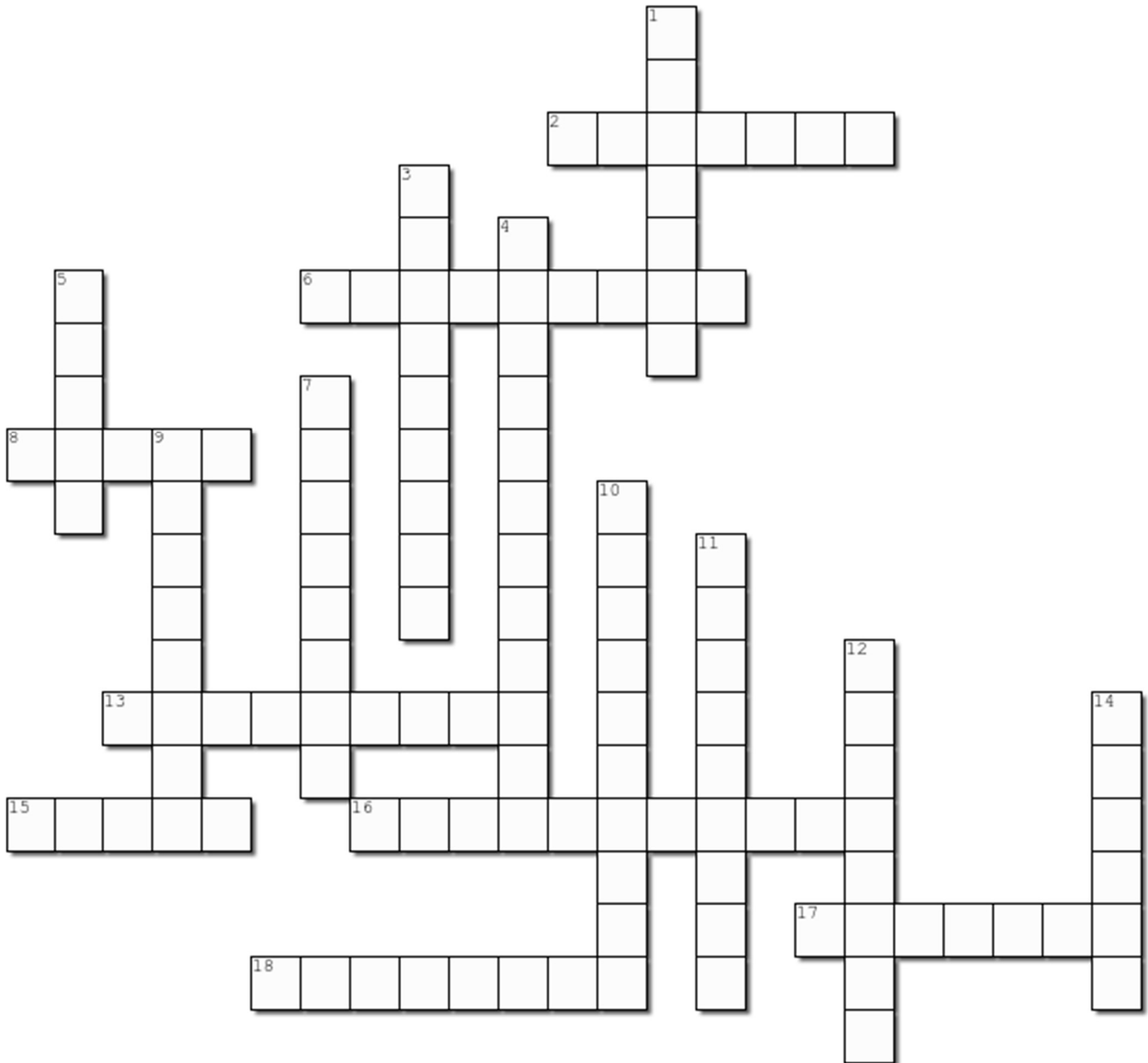
Photo 5: World famous egnog and punch to drink

Photo 6: Cake for Don Dougall's 92nd birthday

Photo 7: Happy birthday, Don!

FFK 2022 Activities Crossword Puzzle

Answers on the FFK *About Us* webpage in the PDF Section at bottom



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

2. What kind of food do we like to serve at Welcome dinners for visitors? Just bring enough for yourselves and a few others, please!
6. We went to this city in 2019 and they finally got to come here in 2022. If you build it, they will come.
8. Susanna Navarro-Valenti and Susan Dakak shared their wonderful trip to this country
13. What was the first place FFK Ambassadors to Australia visited?
15. In a word (not a number), how many years of existence did FFK celebrate in 2021?
16. In what North Carolina city did FFK meet another FF club at The Shelton House?
17. What country did Rusha and Bert Sams talk about to the club?
18. What Virginia city did FFK members visit in November?

Down

1. At what Knoxville park did FFK members meet for lunch in Spring 2022?
3. What continent did FFK Ambassadors visit this year?
4. What was the second place FFK Ambassadors to Australia visited?
5. What profession did our 2022 Open World visitors practice?
7. For what organization did FFK members volunteer in June 2022?
9. What should you check the expiration date on before you travel internationally?
10. Our Open World program was for visitors from what country?
11. This member celebrated his 100th birthday in 2022.
12. FFK now has a presence in what social media space?
14. What western state did FFK Ambassadors visit in July, 2022?

Question crafted from 2022 FFK Newsletter articles

Answers on the FFK *About Us* webpage in the PDF Section at bottom