## Friendship International



APRIL 21, 2023

## HORSE RACING IN KENTUCKY

The first Saturday in May is an exciting one here in Kentucky when the eyes of the nation turn to our neighbors in Louisville where the Kentucky Derby is held at Churchill Downs. Derby Day parties are held, and it's common for women to wear fun spring dresses and fancy hats.

While there are races all day, it's specifically Race 12 later in the day that draws the most attention, featuring 3 year old Thoroughbred horses racing a distance of 1.25 miles around the track. It's called the "Run for the Roses" due to the blanket of roses that will be draped over the winner, and also called the "Fastest (or Most Exciting) Two Minutes in Sports" because that's about how long the race lasts.

The 149th Kentucky Derby is Saturday, May 6th and will air live on NBC (also options on Peacock streaming and NBCSports.com).

Here in Lexington we have Keeneland which is also a Thoroughbred racing facility. There are live racing meets twice per year in April and October. The spring meet is currently going on until April 28th. Huge crowds are drawn to Keeneland during each meet, but especially when the weather is nice over a weekend. All Keeneland races can be watched for free at Keeneland.com.

Join us at Friendship on Friday May 5th where our program will teach us even more about this famous and historic event. Wear a "Derby hat" for fun!



## **UPCOMING DATES**

April 21st Extended Classes (No program)

April 28th International Food Fair (no

classes)

May 5th All About the Kentucky Derby

(you can wear a hat for fun!)

May 12th Class Show Offs

May 19th End of the Year Picnic

## INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR Friday, April 28th

Next week we are excited to have a food fair with all the food provided by YOU!

- Please make a dish or dessert to share
- Please NO PORK PRODUCTS
- It should represent your home country
- It can be very simple! Don't stress, anything you can do is fine.
- We will all sample the wonderful variety of international foods provided!

There will be no classes on that day. We'll enjoy food and visiting with one another. Please enjoy these pictures of previous international food fairs!











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