



Hello members and those interested in Friendship Force!

A Holiday greeting to you all.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, and any other greeting that includes all our members and friends during this most unusual December.

I do hope you all stay safe, healthy and, please, wear a mask. The sooner we can get through this dreaded virus, the sooner we can get back to some wonderful Friendship Force exchanges. Regardless of the pandemic, we are still working on future exchanges. Read below for the particulars from our journey coordinators.



We had our board meeting following our annual meeting in October. Even as we are unable to meet in person, our board is moving forward with special tasks.

We cancelled our annual Christmas party. We discussed the possibility of holding future in-person gatherings—hoping for Valentine's Day or, maybe, a party at a later date. The main idea is to find an outside venue, safe and warm enough to gather. If any of you have ideas for a great distancing space with room for 25 to 30 people, please let us know.

Thank you to Marilyn Sorin, Rachel Masimore and Jorge Montoya who have served on our board and will take a break. Jorge took on the task of setting up our website. He will continue to manage it.

A special thanks to Donna Steele who has served as treasurer for two years. Happily, she will remain on the board. Please stay well. Here is hoping for a healing 2021.

Molly Kiefer

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Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year. May peace, love, and prosperity follow you always.



I would like to thank all of you for writing wonderful articles, sharing your pictures and experiences with Friendship Force members. This newsletter exists because of so many amazing people. Huge THANK YOU to Judy Wright for ideas, leadership and editing. Our first Newsletter 2021 will be released on February 1st. Please email me your articles, pictures, etc. before January 20, 2021 at

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Everyone, meet our Doyle Long

Doyle joined the Raleigh FF in 2004 with her husband, Joe, in time to join a journey to New Zealand. Doyle writes - we were on two journeys, Hamilton and Napier in the North Island, then flew to Christchurch to join a tour of the South Island for 8 to 10 days. It was a wonderful trip and set me up for many more. I went to Ismir, Turkey, then a tour afterwards to Japan - a week in Tokyo, then another stay in Nara. In between Friendship Force trips, I managed to see Ireland, then Italy with Joe and The Holy Land (Jerusalem) in the same year. Nancy Shugart and I had a beautiful trip to Egypt, then a two week stay with a friend in Amman, Jordan and 8-day cruise through the Greek Islands. Another great FF trip was to Braunschweig-Peine, Germany, then to Berlin for four or five days to see the sights. After that Nancy and I flew to Stockholm for a week with a friend, then to Helsingborg, Sweden with a couple who had visited us in Raleigh, then four days on our own in Copenhagen. Our next exchange was my last international FF trip to Australia where we had three different Journeys plus 4 days in Sydney. Since then I've only traveled domestic journeys to Memphis and the Suncoast in Florida. Early on we spent a week each in Bakersfield and Santa Ana, California. I have loved all my travels and cherish the friendships I have made and remained friends for years. Without emails I probably wouldn't have been able to keep up with so many of these wonderful Friendship Force members.

Doyle Long

Save the Date

Hi, Home Hosts, Day Hosts, Movers and Shakers for the Memphis Journey to Raleigh, NC #20400!! The date has been set and we want you to get in gear and welcome the Memphis Club OCTOBER 18 - 23, 2021.

Their fearless leader, Rick Thomas says they tentatively have 13 who want to come. Of course, they could have many more by next October or a few less but we are planning on having a wonderful Journey. Our program is already planned but I won't bore you with that again right now. Just know that with the promise of this great news about the vaccine against Covid-19 due hopefully before the Spring, we plan on these folks visiting us in 2021!!

In friendship and love!!

Doyle and Liz

2021 renewals are due now and the renewal form is at the end of the newsletter. Just for your information, our club pays dues of \$20 per member to Friendship Force International to help support the operations of the organization.

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF RALEIGH
2021 Membership Renewal Form



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Today's Date _____

If no change in data since last year, just enter name
and indicate no change.

Individual Data:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

Email _____

Second Adult Family Member:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

Email _____

Dues for Calendar Year January 1 – December 31, 2020

_____ \$50.00 Family membership (Two adults living in the same household
with or without minor children)

_____ \$30.00 Individual membership

_____ \$10.00 Student membership

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