



friendship force

RALEIGH

June 2021

A WORLD OF FRIENDS IS A WORLD OF PEACE

President's Message



Hello fellow Friendship Force Members!

May has been a fun month for us...we were able to finally resume our face-to-face First Sunday meetings—this time at Farm House in Wendell. We had a great turnout—delighted to see so many members and catching up on all of your updates. Our plan is to continue our Sunday Meetups. Look further in this newsletter for dates and locations for the rest of year. I hope you all are able to make some.

There have been changes to our current travel plans and new ones being made for the next year and even thinking of 2023.

Judy Wright, our overall journey coordinator, will fill you in below on our incoming and outgoing journeys and the coordinators of each planned trips.

Doyle Long and Liz Smith are making final plans for our visitors from Memphis in October. They have sent out schedule and below will be updates of final plans.

Please consider joining us and participating in various ways. It takes all of us. Lots of ways to join.

Our board met on Tuesday, May 11. We would love all members to considering joining a committee. It is an excellent way to get involved, meet members and have a chance to do a bit of what you enjoy. We did make some committee changes; there are new chairs on several committees. Below, I have listed the committees, chairs and members. All committees would welcome your interest and help.

Please save the date—December 2nd, Sunday—for our annual Holiday Party. Liz Smith and her committee will send information.

On another note: Mike and Elaine Rakouskas will be moving to Twin Lakes Retirement Community in Burlington, North Carolina. What can I begin to say! I (we) will miss you in many ways. Both of you have been very active and gracious members of our club. Mike has served on numerous committees including President for three years, Membership Chair, Peace Pole Chair and is always willing to lend a hand on the many board issues that come on. Elaine is a positive spirit and gracious host and traveler. We all have benefited from their involvement...our fingers are crossed that they will keep Raleigh on their radar and continue participation in FF of Raleigh. Thank you and best of luck as you move toward this new retirement.

Friendship Force of Raleigh newsletters are published every other month, with the first one in February of each year. Articles for the newsletter should be sent to Olga (olganc9@gmail.com)

Visit us online: <https://www.facebook.com/friendshipforceraleigh/>

Mike and Elaine's Friendship Force "Goodbye"



As you all know, Elaine and I are going to be moving later this summer to relocate in the Twin Lakes retirement community in Burlington, N.C. Though we hope there may be occasions in the future for us to get together with many of you at a Friendship Force "First Sunday @ 5:00" event or perhaps even at a Welcome or Farewell event at one of the club's incoming Journeys, we will miss our active involvement in the club. I will be resigning my role as a member of the Friendship Force Board and will be handing over the responsibilities for the Club's involvement in seeking to locate a Peace Pole in Dix Park to the new chair of that initiative, Brenda Gay. Brenda and Bob have been actively involved in that effort since the start and I know they will carry on and see that the City of Raleigh continues to dialogue about and support that effort. I will miss my continuing involvement on the Board and Elaine and I wish you all

success in continuing Raleigh's commitment to Friendship Force International.

- *Mike Rakouskas*

Committees:

Activity committee - Liz Smith, chair; Brenda Gay, Jan Johnson and DeAnne Dotson

First Sunday - Jan Johnson, chair

Membership - Scott Cappelluti and Bob McCamy, co-chairs; Jan Johnson, Carole Dubber, Doyle Long, Subir Mukherjee and Donna Steele

Peace Pole - Brenda Gay, chair; DeAnne Dotson, Mike Rakouskas, and Subir Mukherjee

Member Concerns - Carol Winner, chair; Carole Dubber and Brenda Gay

Newsletter - Olga Dovoric, editor; Judy Wright, asst. editor

Website - Jorge Montoya

We will have nominations for new board members and officers. Brenda Gay has agreed to lead that committee. Please consider letting her know if any interest in joining us.

Upcoming Journey Update

2021

Outbound International – we cancelled Toulouse due to COVID concerns (both clubs agreed to request reassignment in 2023). FFI will consider this request, but cannot promise that the match will be made.

Inbound Domestic - Memphis - October 18 – 23, 2021

Doyle Long and Liz Smith, Host Coordinators

Currently seeking home hosts, day hosts, dinner hosts

2022

Inbound International - Santiago, Chile – dates TBD – Journey # 22727

Jan Johnson and Jane Fellows, Ambassador Coordinators

We have reached out to Santiago to try to set the dates for them to come, but they are not yet meeting due to COVID and are not ready to set a date.

Outbound International – none assigned by FFI, our members may join Global Journeys.

Inbound Domestic – Northern Colorado – date TBD

Host Coordinators – Brenda and Bob Gay

We mutually postponed Florida Suncoast indefinitely because they were unsure of their future plans.

We are waiting to try to schedule Northern Colorado until we can get Santiago, and hopefully Denver, set.



Outbound Domestic – Denver – date TBD (We were assigned Greater Milwaukee, but we had already requested Denver and therefore cancelled Greater Milwaukee.)

Ambassador Coordinators – Molly Kiefer and Carole Dubber
We have reached out to Denver and requested to go there June 2022, but they are waiting to hear from Japan (their in-bound international) and are not ready to commit to a date.

In a perfect world, we would host Northern Colorado in April or May, go to Denver in June, and host Santiago in September or October. However, when each club is doing their own juggling act, it's hard to achieve that perfect world. We try to establish the in-bound international first and work around that.

Judy Wright, FFR Overall Journey Coordinator

Memphis to Raleigh Journey October 18-23, 2022

We are again making plans for Memphis to journey to Raleigh, the one postponed previously due to COVID. The Memphis Journey Coordinator says they're hoping to have 13 to visit us. Several of you volunteered almost two years ago to serve as Home Hosts, Day Hosts and Regional Dinner Hosts. We hope you can still serve and we welcome additional volunteers, so please let us know of your interest to help in any capacity.

Home Hosts do not necessarily have to take their guests every day to the day's activities since we like to have Day Hosts help out once or twice a week. We won't know where the Regional Dinners will be until we know about the Ambassadors coming from Memphis and where they'll stay. Actually, we'll have the dinners where we have Dinner Hosts.

Here's a brief itinerary to help you decide how you can help:

Monday, Oct 18 - Ambassadors arrive and go to Hosts home - Welcome Dinner at the home of Pat Deboer & Kurt)

Tuesday, Oct 19 - To Smithfield & Wilson - planned by Mary Gray

Wed, Oct. 20 - Raleigh Day - planned by Molly Keifer

Thurs, Oct 21 - Durham Day - planned by Bill Cole

Fri, Oct 22 - to Cedar Creek Gallery for box lunch, then that evening to Wake Forest College Birthplace for tour of the house there and catered dinner and remarks. This is Farewell Dinner hosted by Jean and Bob McCamy

Sat, Oct 23 - after breakfast with hosts, ambassadors depart

Please let Doyle Long or Liz Smith hear from you as to how you'd like to help. Any questions you might have, feel free to ask. Later on we will have a meeting of Hosts, Day Hosts and Dinner Hosts and make sure that everyone is well informed. If you are concerned about your "space" we'll be glad to visit your home and talk about hosting. It's really fun and you'll enjoy it, I'm sure.

Thank you for your help with this Journey!

In friendship and love,
Doyle and Liz

Doyle Long at doylejlong0831@gmail.com 919 618-0208
and Liz Smith mary.elizabethsmith@icloud.com 919 437-3611



FIRST SUNDAY RETURNS TO IN-PERSON GATHERINGS

We were all excited to visit with each other once again in person. Members of Friendship Force of Raleigh met on May 2nd at the Farmhouse Café in Wendell to celebrate ability to meet once again face to face.

Hope to See You This Sunday

We look forward to seeing you on June 6th at Fay and Bob's home:
Our next First Sunday@5 event is on the calendar for Sunday, June 6th.

What: Pot luck dinner- **Bring a favorite dish and a bottle of wine (or your beverage of choice).**

Fay and Bob are providing all tableware and two entrees, sliced pork roast and cold shrimp, as well as water and decaf tea.



When: Sunday, June 6th @ 5 pm

Where: The Home of Fay Krapf and Bob Wells

5430 Parkwood Drive, Raleigh, 27612

Brookhaven neighborhood off Glenwood Ave.

Near Crabtree Mall Fay's phone 919-345-0622

Parking on the street, use driveway by carport for flat one-step entry to house.

Note: If weather is nice, we will eat outside and can use extra lawn chairs if it is convenient for you to bring one.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER WITH FFI

Friendship Force International is reimagining the way we do business and how we connect with one another. At the same time, a new website is under construction. The purpose of signing up with FFI is to allow a means for members to connect, to

facilitate journey business, to participate in online activities and to sign up for Journeys and other events in a secure online environment. **I encourage you to register.**

Go to this link to view the Q&A document that answers many questions that you might have: <https://blog.friendshipforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/WebinarQs.pdf>

Go to this link to sign up: https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign_in

There you will see NEW TO THIS SITE? Click here to create your free basic account!

Notice that this is not the original FFI website and the URL is different. This is the new website.

Once you have registered, our club administrator (in this case it's me - Judy Wright) will receive a notice that you have registered. I will approve that you are a member in good standing in order for the registration to be complete. This is part of the security for the registration process in order to confirm that people registering are actually club members. If you have any questions, let me know and I will try to help. judytwright@gmail.com 919.848.3737

If you have registered on my.friendship.org, then you have access to the following blog articles. Check them out on my.friendshipforce.org.

Quarterly Financial Update

Christiane Beaupré, Treasurer, FFI International Board of Directors
May 27, 2021

FFI Book Club: Our First Book! (Read In English)

Friendship Force International

New members are always welcome. The application form is at the end of this newsletter. Out of the dues, we pay \$20 per member to Friendship Force International to help support the operations of the organization.

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF RALEIGH 2021 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<https://www.facebook.com/friendshipforceraleigh/>
<http://www.friendshipforceraleighnc.org/>

Choose one:
New application _____
Renewal _____

Today's date:

A. INDIVIDUAL DATA

Last name _____ First name _____ M.I. _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Primary phone (____) _____ Secondary phone (____) _____

E-mail _____ Employer _____

Profession (or former prof.) _____

B. SECOND ADULT - Family Membership

Last name _____ First name _____ M.I. _____

Primary phone (____) _____ Secondary phone (____) _____

E-mail _____ Employer _____

Profession (or former prof.) _____

C. TALENTS OR INTERESTS YOU COULD SHARE WITH FRIENDSHIP FORCE

Foreign languages spoken _____

Countries visited or have knowledge _____

Talents and skills _____

Countries you would like to visit _____

D. MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1 TO DEC. 31, 2021

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

_____ \$30.00 Individual membership

_____ \$10.00 Student membership

Please make check payable to Friendship Force of Raleigh and mail to:
Friendship Force of Raleigh, P. O. Box 21022, Raleigh, NC 27609

Information about ordering name badges can be found here:

<https://www.thefriendshipforce.org/wp->

[Content/uploads/2019/05/NameBadgeOrders-3.pdf](https://www.thefriendshipforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/NameBadgeOrders-3.pdf)