

## Annual Meeting December 6



**What: Annual meeting of the Cedar Rapids Iowa City Friendship Force Club**

**When: Sunday December 6 @ 4:00PM**

**Where: In Your Home Via Zoom**

The annual meeting of the CR/IC FF club will be held on a group teleconference meeting via Zoom on December 6 @ 4:00PM. You will receive an email invitation to join the meeting through FFI. You don't need a Zoom account to participate. All members will get an email invitation. It will give you a link to the Zoom "meeting". Click on the link and be sure your video and microphone are turned on. That's all there is to it.

**Guest speaker will be:**

**Jeremi Snook CEO & President**

**Friendship Force International**

There will be some small group breakout session and we will also be voting for board officers for the 2021 calendar year and reviewing our by-laws to allow for electronic meetings.



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**December 2020**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

December 6, 2020 4:00PM Zoom Annual Meeting

December 18, 2020 7:00PM Zoom Trivia

December 30, 2020 4-6:00PM Club Holiday Zoom Cocktail Party

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

**Dear Friendship Force Friends,**

Thanksgiving highlighted the many blessings of the last year that includes wonderful members of FF Cedar Rapids / Iowa City. Larry and I are close to completing our year as your presidents. It is an understatement to say this has been a crazy year.

One year ago none of us would have believed the year to come would be filled with the devastation of the Covid 19 and destruction of the derecho. We could not have anticipated that none of our well planned and anticipated journeys, both incoming and outgoing, would not occur. It is with hope that preparations being made now will lead to an amazing experience as we move later into next year.



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I have to congratulate all of you for a job well done keeping our club viable and not losing sight of our mission of worldwide friendship that starts at home. Friendship Force is alive and well because of terrific members, such as you, and a dedicated and focused FFI leadership that keeps us connected. It is with so much gratitude that we thank so many members willing to plan and connect and participate throughout the year.

We thank the amazing 2020 board that was always there to help guide our way through the turmoil of the year. We say goodbye to John and Judy Miner from their position as past-presidents, Joanne Smith as treasurer, and Esther Hudson as our Representative At-Large. John will continue, as editor of the newsletter and Judy will assume the roll of Journey Chair. We have been proud to be your president this year and will work with Jerry Burke as your incoming president and the new board for the 2021 year to continue FF Cedar Rapids / Iowa City as a strong, viable club.

On December 6 at 4:00 on Zoom we will have the opportunity to celebrate together at our Annual meeting. Jeremi Snook, CEO and President of Friendship Force International will be our keynote speaker with his delightful stories. FFI has the extended Zoom that we will use. It allows our members to meet each other in breakout rooms. If you have not experienced breakout rooms, I think you will enjoy them. Please sign up for the Annual meeting on Signup Genius. You should have an invitation and Signup Genius in your email.

It is our wish that we stay focused on our mission of worldwide peace through friendship and when we emerge from this virus, we emerge stronger than ever. Friendship starts at home so stay active in the club and connected with other members. We look forward to working with all of you next year as past-presidents.

In Friendship,

Mary Ann and Larry Nelson

Co-Presidents FF CR/IC

# Agenda Friendship Force CR/IC Annual Meeting

## Sunday, December 4th 4:00 PM

- 3:45 – 4:00 Zoom opens and allows members to enter individually – wait to be invited in  
--If you need help entering, call Larry, (319) 899-2681--
- 4:00 – 4:05 “Getting started” – using Zoom and etiquette for the meeting
- 4:05 – 4:15 Welcome – President, Mary Ann Nelson and Midwest Regional Representative, Dale Moore
- 4:15 – 4:45 Jeremi Snook, CEO and President of Friendship Force International  
Keynote Speaker: His story and Q & A
- 4:45 – 5:10 Let us meet with old and new friends in  
Break Out Room #1 and then Break Out Room #2
- 5:10 – 5:15 Members vote on new By-law up-dates
- 5:15 - 5:20 President’s Farewell
- 5:20 – 5:25 Introduce Slate of officers / Vote



**Jeremi Snook**  
**CEO and President**

Jeremi Snook grew up in rural New Hampshire in the extreme northeastern part of the United States. Eager to explore the country, Jeremi broke free from his deep New England roots to attend the University of Florida from which he began his career working in nonprofit organizational development. Prior to joining Friendship Force in November 2015, Jeremi has worked successfully with organizations to enhance their mission through innovation and operational efficiency. Jeremi’s work includes the United Way of Central Carolinas and the Uptown Emergency Shelter in Charlotte, North Carolina. Jeremi holds a Masters in Business Administration from Queens University of Charlotte. With a love for travel, he enjoys exploring different cultures and has a personal appreciation for the impact these experiences can have on an individual’s view of the world. Jeremi is excited to have found Friendship Force with a mission to encourage others in these very same experiences.

# Proposed bylaw changes to facilitate ELECTRONIC MEETINGS ETC.

## **ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 5**

For a Board meeting, the presence of no less than a majority of the Director positions currently filled, at least one of which shall be an officer, shall constitute a quorum. Directors may be present in person, by telephone or through other electronic communications media or any combination thereof so long as all members may simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting. A vote of a majority of Director positions present shall constitute the action of the board.

Previous Section 5. For a Board meeting the presence of no less than a majority of Directors, at least one of which shall be an Officer, shall constitute a quorum. Unless a higher vote is specified herein, the vote of most Directors present at a meeting shall constitute the action of the Board. ONLY ONE VOTE PER BOARD POSITION IS ALLOWED.

## **Article VII Change to read Standing and Special Committees**

### **Section 4 drop word AD hoc**

Special Committees may be appointed by the President or the Board. They are automatically dismissed after the final report of the Committee. They have no voting rights on the Board

Previous Section 4 Special/Ad hoc Committees may be appointed by the President or the Board. They are automatically dismissed after the final report of the Committee. They have no voting rights on the Board

### **Add Section 5**

Standing committees and special committees are authorized to meet in person, by telephone or through other electronic communications media or any combination thereof so long as all members may simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting

## **ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS**

### **Section 4**

A quorum for a general, annual or special meeting shall be 20% of the club membership determined by those present in person, by telephone or through other electronic communications media or any combination thereof so long as all members may simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting. Decisions or actions taken or adopted by a majority of the members present and voting shall constitute the action of the club.

Previous Section 4. Decisions or actions taken or adopted by a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting shall constitute the action of the Club.

The incoming slate of officers for 2021 are:

#### **Officers to be Voted on:**

President- Jerry Burke

President Elect- Connie Williams

Secretary- Trudy Johansen

Treasurer- Christine Allen

#### **Appointed Officers:**

Past Presidents- Maryann & Larry Nelson

Journey Coordinator—Judy Frascht-Miner

Communication- Mary Stull

Membership- Carol Burke

Activities- Shirley Rosencrans

Director at Large- Darlene Peterson

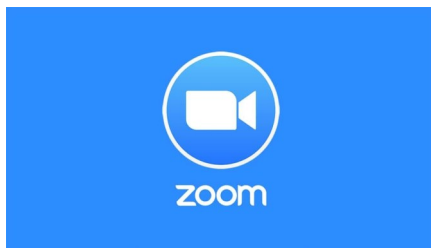
Director at Large- Carol Malichky

## Club Zoom Trivia

Mary Novak, Darlene Peterson & Judy Frascht-Miner are organizing another Zoom Trivia Night. The game will be Friday night December 18 at 7:00PM.

You don't need a Zoom account to participate. Just let one of the 3 know you want to play. Participants will get an invitation from Judy on the day of the event. It will give you a link to the Zoom "meeting". Click on the link and be sure your video and microphone are turned on. That's all there is to it.

Looking forward to seeing you.



## Club Zoom Holiday Cocktail Party

Join your CR/IC FF Club friends for a Zoom Holiday Cocktail Party on December 30th. It will be from 4-6:00PM. There will be a Signup Genius sent. Those that want to attend will receive a email from Judy Frascht-Miner with an invitation link to the meeting. Grab one of your favorite beverages and join the conversation.



## Farewell to 2020! By Connie Williams, Journey Chair

You've seen me as journey chair now for some time...I'm completing my 6th and final year in a 3 year term. I want to truly thank all of you who have worked with me over the years. When you agreed to plan journeys, set up or take down chairs, bring pot luck dishes, find venues, host activities, overnight host, dinner host, day host, travel as an ambassador, and all of the other parts of showcasing the Midwest or journeying to new cultural exchanges, you haven't just helped me. You are the heart of gold, honest to goodness wonderful that makes up Friendship Force!

THANK YOU!

As journey chair, I've been in touch with FFI, journey coordinators in our club and host clubs. All are cautiously optimistic about journeys planned for 2021. Due to Covid and the Derecho, it is doubtful that Cedar Rapids/Iowa City will host an international journey in 2021. We are, of course, open to hosting if an opportunity becomes available.

Our club has completed journey forms for 2022, agreeing to host international and/or domestic ambassadors. Requests for international travel were made for Hungary or Australia/New Zealand. Friendship Force International assignments will be issued by Spring 2021 for these 2022 dates.

Reorganizing for future journeys will take time, effort and enthusiasm. Our club's journey coordinators have been in contact with coordinators from canceled journeys, with hope of rescheduling some of those previously announced journeys.

There may be an outbound journey to Albuquerque, NM, to coincide with the 2021 Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in April 2021 or 2022. Another outbound journey Western North Carolina, Ashville & Hendersonville may be scheduled for Autumn 2021. No true dates have been agreed upon for a proposed 3 week journey, outbound to Tamworth, Australia; Adelaide, Australia and Tauranga-Bay of Plenty, NZ.

All these plans will depend on Covid vaccinations, the interest of ambassadors and the overall strength and status of the clubs involved. Judy Frascht-Miner will be our new Journey Chair, she'll do a great job! Just remember to say YES when she asks for your support. Better yet, call her first! Here's to a hopeful, healthy and happy 2021!

## Accessing Membership Content on CR/IC Friendship Force Website

Several members have asked how to access the membership content on our CR/IC Friendship Force Website. This information is open to all club members and is set up with a username and password. To get to this information:

Click on the Membership Content on the left side of the home screen of our website.

Enter Username: Ffmember (both are case sensitive)

Enter Password: Friendship

You can then access directories of membership and club leadership. There are minutes from general & board meetings & Club Governance policies.

Note: The directories seem small but if you click on them they will enlarge. This works for the stored newsletters also.

Remember to use **.org** in our website: [friendshipforcecr-ic.org](http://friendshipforcecr-ic.org)

If you use **.com** you will be directed to a different website for an online pharmaceutical company.



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