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FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB**

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December 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5 2021 Annual Meeting
on Zoom
4:30PM

December 10 2021 Club Zoom
Trivia
7:00PM

December 14 2021 Club Mix &
Mingle
5:30 PM

April 24-30, 2022 Domestic
Journey
Albuquerque,
NM

April 20-25 2022 Domestic
Journey with Des
Moines Club to
Knoxville, TN

October 16-21 2022 Incoming
Journey
Sarasota, FL

2022/2023 Tauranga West-
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President this past year.

As my year comes to an end, it is time to reflect. Even though we were unable to journey like we hoped we could or have general meetings, our club stayed active by continuing activities from last year and creating new opportunities for club member participation. We continued with outdoor mix & mingles and Leo's, phone calls, zoom trivia, zoom coffees or wine and cheese. We added biking, hiking, the Kendrick tour, and a Decorah overnight. Some 65% of our members were able to participate in one or several of these activities. Keeping our members active and sharing in Friendship activities was a priority. A special Thank You to the members who spearheaded these activities. I appreciate your leadership in making my job easy.

Please join us for our Annual meeting this Sunday via zoom with Jeremi Snook, FFI CEO sharing his thoughts on FFI with us as we close out this year and look forward to a great 2022.

Jerry Burke CR/IC 2021 Club President



Annual Club Meeting December 5



The annual meeting of the Cedar Rapids / Iowa City Friendship Force Club will be on Zoom again this year. It will be on **December 5th at 4:30 PM**. PPI CEO and President Jeremi Snook will be our guest speaker. You will be receiving a meeting invitation to join the Zoom meeting from Club President Jerry Burke by email. You don't need a Zoom account to participate. Click on the link and be sure your video and microphone are turned on.

Nominations for 2022 Club Officers

The Nomination Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2022. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, before the membership vote at our December 5, 2021 general meeting.

Christine Allen - Treasurer

Marilyn Benge - Secretary

Patty Potter - President Elect

As Connie Williams is the current President Elect, she will move to the President position. Current President, Jerry Burke, will move into the Past President position.

Darlene Peterson has completed her 2 yr. term as Director at Large, Jean Thomas has accepted the appointment to replace Darlene.

Thanks to all who have served as board members in the past and those who have agreed to stay in their current positions.



Club Membership Renewals

Club membership dues for 2022 as set by our board will be \$40 and are due by the end of December.

The board of Friendship Force International set their membership dues for 2022 at \$25. Our board set our local dues at \$15.

Dues should be sent to:

Christine Allen 1250 Teg Drive Iowa City, IA 52246

If you have any questions regarding dues please contact-Carol Burke membership chairman, or Jerry Burke, President

Breakfast LEO November 10

20 club members met at the Ronnenburg Restaurant in Amana on November 10th for a breakfast LEO. We



enjoyed a big Amana breakfast that included pancakes, bacon, ham, sausage, fried potatoes, scrambled and fried eggs and



fruit. It was nice to be able to gather and spend time

Marceil Edson



We are sad to advise that former long time Friendship Force Member Marceil Edson has passed away on November 21. Whenever we had an ambassador coming with special dietary needs, Marceil took care of them.

\$45 in honor of 45 years of Friendship Force

If you are going to participate in the \$45 in honor of 45 years of Friendship Force voluntary donation campaign. Please forward your check directly to International at the address below or online at donorbox.org/giving-tuesday-2021-7

Friendship Force International

Attn: Finance Department

279 West Crogan Street

Lawrenceville, GA 30046



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Mix and Mingle: December 14, 2021

Dear friends, if you enjoy socializing in small groups(6-8) and getting to know your fellow FF members in a casual setting (FF members' homes), please RSVP and mark your calendars for this upcoming event:

What: Mix N Mingle with appetizers/desserts

When: Tuesday, December 14

Time: 5:30-7:30PM

Locations: To be determined in host's home

RSVP: Please let Mary Ann or Trudy know if you'd be willing to host and/or are interested in attending by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**. Then Mary Ann and Trudy will coordinate the hosts' homes and guest list, and you will be contacted about the details by your host. At that time, you will know if you are bringing an appetizer or a dessert.

Trudy Johansen: srajohansen@hotmail.com

Mary Ann Nelson: mrsmanelson@yahoo.com

This December Mix N Mingle has a new, lighter food theme for the holidays, so we hope you are excited about it and will plan to attend!!!!

Club Zoom Trivia

The next club Zoom Trivia is set for
December 10th at 7:00PM

Look for the email to sign up.

You don't need a Zoom account to participate. Just let Marty Novak martynovak@mchsi.com know you want to play. Participants will get an invitation from Judy Frascht-Miner 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.



HOSTING SARASOTA

The Sarasota, Florida club will be visiting us **October 16-21, 2022**. It will be a 5 day visit.

Larry Nelson has volunteered to

be the Ambassador Coordinator and chair of the planning committee for their visit. We need 1 or 2 additional people on the planning committee. There will be many ways to be involved like home hosting, day hosting, hosting a small dinner party, etc. It takes a village to be involved in our journeys and it is a wonderful way to meet new people. It is always enriching. So please let Larry or myself know how you would like to be involved. Contact Larry Nelson, mrlwnelson@gmail.com or Judy Frascht-Miner, jjbm526@aol.com or 319-540-1701.



Journey to Knoxville with the Des Moines Club

April 20-25, 2022

Looking for a fun Friendship Force journey April 20-25, 2020? The FF of Des Moines is inviting club members from the Midwest region to join them on a journey to Knoxville, TN. Planned activities include touring downtown Knoxville; small group dinners; a hike in the Great Smoky Mountains; attending the Dogwood Arts Festival, a visit to the Museum of Appalachia and a visit to the Norris Dam, a TVA dam.

Contact: Shelley

Bain, shelleybain@centurylink.com,

515-279-8908



Journey Calendar by Judy Frascht-Miner

Keep an eye on **Albuquerque, Dallas and Sarasota**

April 24th -30th 2022 - We are moving forward with plans for **Albuquerque, NM**. If you were signed up previously let Jean know if there are any changes in your availability. You will be hearing more soon. Direct questions to:



-Albuquerque-

Jean Thomas at jeanthomas521@gmail.com

April 20-25, 2022 Knoxville TN, Join Des Moines Club journey. See article in Newsletter.

MID OCTOBER 2021 - SARAOTA, FLORIDA - They are coming to Cedar Rapids/Iowa City October 16 -21, 2022. Larry Nelson is the Ambassador Coordinator. Volunteers are needed for many things, overnight hosts, day hosts, program planning, dinner hosts, etc. If you are interested in helping in any way let Larry or myself know. It is always enriching to be involved with our visitors. Larry Nelson mrlwnelson@gmail.com / 319-362-8078 or Judy Frascht-Miner jjbm526@aol.com / 319-540-1701.



To be Announced 2023- Proposed three-week outbound journey to **Tamworth Australia, Adelaide Australia;** and **Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand**. They are being cautious. Their borders are not open yet and vaccination rates are low. Pre trip viral tours have been discussed.



May 2022– There may be an opportunity to travel to Kosovo with Sister States. Contact Connie Williams cmw1226@yahoo.com

I look forward to traveling with many of you soon!

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