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February 2020  
Newsletter

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## Coming Events



February 20, 2020

Three-club journey to Callaway Gardens.

March 15, 2020

Play in Cumming, followed by dinner at Ridge Restaurant

April 27, 2020

Joint Incoming journey from West Alajuela, Costa Rica, and Des Moines, Iowa.

June 28, 2020

Picnic with Lake Hartwell club

August, 2020

Wine tasting in Cumming

September, 2020

Open World

October 15, 2020

Outgoing journey to Trujillo, Peru.



### A Word from Sherry

Your Prez was in Orlando, Florida, from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of this month for the international conference of the World Federation of Youth Clubs. Why? It all ties back to our Open World delegation from the Republic of Georgia in 2016. Their theme for the week was Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's).

You may remember Ketevan Chachava, Executive Director, Center for Development and Democracy (<http://www.cdd.ge/en>). She was hosted by the Logans because they were the closest to a hospital! Kate was pregnant at the time and delivered a baby boy not long after her return home. She and her husband now have four children, with a girl following three boys.

The Open World delegates visited the Boys & Girls Club in Jasper and Kate returned home enthusiastic about opening similar clubs in her Georgia. Beginning in 2016, CDD opened "Euro Clubs" in Georgian Orthodox schools, sponsoring nonformal education to encourage effective use of afterschool hours.

CDD's next step will be to open "Youth Clubs" throughout the country, bringing data centers, cafés, English education, shared working space and much more to communities throughout the country. This program has received initial support from the Georgian government.

When Kate, her husband Archil and two other

team members visited us in November, we were able to meet with one of the two founding executives of the newly formed World Federation of Youth Clubs (<https://wfyc.org/>). This organization's goal is to support youth clubs globally in a similar fashion to what the Boys & Girls Clubs of America national organization does for clubs in the USA.

I was pleased to represent CDD at the WFYC's first international conference and look forward to meeting people from around the world!

P.S. If you want to read more about Kate, here is a great article <https://www.forbeswoman.ge/post/chachava?fbclid=IwAR2sfTy5YTDGxp4n39PIGJhD4CCpUScxFki4svpn12BfYM14Vupd6MrvGEk>



### A Word from our Membership Chairperson

Reminder: Annual dues should have been paid by now: \$30 for an individual, or \$60 for a couple. If you haven't yet paid, please fill out the form attached to this newsletter and mail with your check to the address on the form.

Bob



## Future Meetings

February—There is still time to join Big Canoe/ North Georgia, Birmingham, and Huntsville at Callaway Gardens Resort for a two-night stay February 20–22 for the purpose of socializing and getting to know each other. Call or email Mary Ellen Johnson, 706-253-4891 or [eajohnson@etcmail.com](mailto:eajohnson@etcmail.com), right away so we can make room for you. You are responsible for your lodging and, if you like, two dinners outside Callaway in nearby Pine Mountain. We have 16 from Big Canoe coming, including one couple driving down for the day, 17 from Birmingham, and 16 from Huntsville. You are welcome to join us!

The March meeting will be March 15. It will consist of attending a play in Cumming, followed by dinner at Ridge Restaurant. Members are welcome to attend only one of the two parts of the meeting



## Upcoming Journeys

### AN UPDATE OF OUR 2020 CLUB YEAR

**Journey 20171 from West Alajuela, Costa Rica, to Big Canoe, April 27 to May 4, 2020:** Peggy Anderson, [peggysue48@windstream.net](mailto:peggysue48@windstream.net), is the Journey Coordinator for our club. She has been in contact with the JC from the West Alajuela club. They anticipate 13 to 15 ambassadors. They are working on coordinating with the West Alajuela club's visit to Charlotte, i.e., the transportation from Charlotte to Atlanta.

**Journey 20324 from Greater Des Moines to Big Canoe, April 27 to May 4, 2020:** Bob Anderson, [bobanderson48@windstream.net](mailto:bobanderson48@windstream.net), is the Journey Coordinator for our club. He has been in contact with the JC from Greater Des Moines. They are working on coordinating with Greater Des Moines' visit to Knoxville. At this point, Greater Des Moines indicates that they will send 11 ambassadors.

We are fortunate to have the Peggy and Bob team pulling this 3-way visit together for us. Both are experienced Journey Coordinators. With a potential total of 30 we will need everyone to help with these journeys. **Please consider what role you can play on the journey committees and let Peggy and/or Bob know.**

**Journey 20044 Big Canoe to Trujillo, Peru, October 15, 2020:** Coordinator Phil Waldrop received emails that provided potential itineraries for our pre- or post-Journey optional extension. The Lansing Michigan club visited Trujillo in 2018, and sent a copy of their extension itinerary; two other proposed itineraries were provided by a recommended tour consultant. Copies of these were shared with our club members in a December 31 email. As of January 5 the only feedback to Phil has been from Alan and Mary Ellen Johnson, saying that they prefer the itinerary that was enjoyed by the Lansing, MI club, and recommend we do the extension before, rather than after our hosted visit to the Trujillo club due to the approaching rainy season (typically beginning in November).

Phil asks all of us who intend to travel to Trujillo to provide feedback comments about the choices of the itinerary for our extension. For those of us who are still "riding the fence" about the Trujillo home-hosted Journey, it will be very helpful to let Phil know that you are still considering it at this time. We need to finalize our own club 'headcount' as soon as we can - with the option of adding a few of our "undecided" as a continuing possibility - so that we know how many additional Ambassadors we need to/are able to recruit from another club.

**Please let Phil know if you would like to help in the journey planning.**

We will host another **Open World Ukrainian delegation in September**. That gives us a very full year in 2020.



## January Meeting

The January meeting was held at Fuego's Mexican Restaurant in Marble Hill

There was a report on the joint meeting being held in Callaway Gardens February 20 to 22. Everyone planning to attend should make their own room reservations--probably with other members, to stay in a multi-bedroom cottage. Check-in is after 4:00 on February 20, and check-out is prior to 11:00 on February 22. It is a social/networking event with the Birmingham and Huntsville clubs, with very limited planned program. Everyone is encouraged to attend the group dinners on Thursday and Friday. Payment for the dinners needs to be to Mary Ellen, since the restaurant won't prepare individual checks.

There was a report on programs. The February meeting is described above. The March meeting will be March 15. It will consist of attending a play in Cumming, followed by dinner at Ridge Restaurant. Members are welcome to attend only one of the two parts of the meeting. No meetings are planned in April or May, because of other club activities.

The president reminded everyone of the monthly Friendship Force International Flyer, which reports on journeys open to members of any club. To sign up for the newsletter, enter the following address into your browser: [https://](https://friendshipforce.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe/post?u=ba1bffc1cec3dcb20c97569d1&id=a5eb5f7351)

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or connect to the FFI web site at [www.thefriendshipforce.org](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org), then enter your email address below "Newsletter Receive updates and new listings from Friendship Force" at the bottom of the page.

There was a report on the combined incoming journey from West Alajuela and Des Moines. We expect 14 ambassadors from West Alajuela and nine from Des Moines. Fourteen of the ambassadors are single females, which creates a challenge in arranging hosting. Someone to coordinate food for the journey is needed.

There was a report on the outgoing journey to Trujillo. The optional extension will be prior to the exchange. The journey coordinators on both ends are still working on details. There are 14 slots.

The program was a presentation on the first outgoing journey to Newcastle on Tyne, England.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### March

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| 1  | Tom Crawford      |
| 19 | Jeannette Waldrop |



## Cares and Concerns

Nothing to report this month! Please remember to inform me if you become aware of any care or concern.

Jeannette Waldrop 706-299-4972©



We welcome information for future issues of this newsletter. To make it informative and interesting we need information about what is going on in the club. If you have something you could share, such as committee updates, member updates, or photos of your recent travels, please share it. Send by e-mail or telephone call to the newsletter editor:

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Deadline for the March issue is March 1, 2020.



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*2020 Membership Renewal Application*

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*Birthdays* \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership Dues*     \_\_\_ \$30 per year Individual

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