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### Coming Events

October 18, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.	Zoom meeting with Willamette Valley club. Watch your e-mail for the meeting announcement.
Spring, 2021 (requested)	Open World
June 2021 (suggested)	Outgoing journey to Tere-Rio and Itanhaem, Brazil
August, 2021	Outgoing journey to Des Moines and one other club
August 29, 2021	Friendship Force International Festival at Sea
April, 2022	Incoming journey from Des Moines.
October, 2022	Outgoing journey to Peru.

### Comments

Bob Anderson is working with the Des Moines club to schedule the journeys to and from Des Moines.

Phil Waldrop worked with the journey coordinator in Peru and with a travel agent to put together a fantastic journey for 2020. FFI asked that all 2020 journeys be rescheduled for 2022.

The club has established the policy that all ambassadors on journeys and all hosts must provide proof of vaccination for SARS-CoV-2.

**Please don't miss the letter from Friendship Force International President Jeremi Snook at the back of this newsletter.**



### A Few Words From Sherry

Greetings my friends and fellow Friendship Force members! You know how much I like to give and receive hugs, so here is one for you!



The Zoom meeting with the Ottawa club hosts was so much fun. I had not participated in the journey and enjoyed meeting the hosts and learning about the impact of the pandemic in Canada. We will be having a meeting with the Willamette Valley hosts this month. It is so wonderful to see friends' faces and hear their voices. Please join us!

If you need some help getting on a Zoom call, here is a link to an FFI Zoom training video <https://vimeo.com/436845540>. If you need more help, please contact me at

[slwileman@mindspring.com](mailto:slwileman@mindspring.com) and we will set a time to work on it together. And, if we have an unanswered question, I am sure Ray will know the answer.

Our board met to discuss our hopes and wishes for our 2022 incoming journeys. We reported to FFI that we could accept one inbound domestic journey (probably Des Moines club) and one inbound international journey. We said we could host 15 ambassadors, unless there were more couples than singles. We are also planning on hosting an Open World delegation.

This recommendation was included in our report: "Our board suggests that all ambassadors and hosts have a verified proof of coronavirus vaccine or antibodies."

In that meeting we also decided to ask for a 2022 outbound journey to Albuquerque, New Mexico or San Antonio, Texas. Our 2020 journey to Peru will be rescheduled for 2022.

Hope to see you via Zoom on October 18<sup>th</sup>!  
Sherry



### Future Meetings

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Zoom Meeting with Willamette Valley Friendship Force Club at 4:30. The club is promising a slide show that reviews our past visits, including our

Halloween Party. Please note the time is 4:30.

November 15<sup>th</sup> – TBD – working on a zoom meeting with an Open World group.



### Upcoming Journeys

We are suggesting an outgoing journey to Tere-Rio and Itanheaem, Brazil in June, 2021. Watch future newsletters for details.

We are tentatively planning an outgoing journey to Des Moines and one other club in August, 2021, and an incoming journey from Des Moines in April, 2022.

We are tentatively planning an outgoing journey to Peru in October, 2022.

Friendship Force International announced the following schedule for 2022 planning:

- November 13—Outbound Request Form due.
- February 28, 2021—Matches sent out.



### Officers

The nominating committee has proposed the following officers for next year:

- President: Sherry Wileman
- First vice president/president-elect: Barry Kadechuk
- Second vice president: Timothy Anderson
- Secretary: Diane Briscoe
- Treasurer: Robert Logan

Officers will be elected at the December meeting.



### September Meeting

The September meeting was a Zoom conference, held on September 20. It was a joint meeting with the Ottawa, Ontario,

club, which we had visited in September, 2019. It provided a nice opportunity to link up with old friends. The biggest subject of conversation was the impact of Covid-19 in our two countries.



### LINKS FOR INFORMATION ON FFI WEBSITE

Sign up for a Pen Pal from FFI (<https://blog.friendshipforce.org/ffi-pen-pals-beta/>).

FFI staff has been busy with creating the News and Media blog (<https://blog.friendshipforce.org/>) and the new Virtual Experiences page (<https://blog.friendshipforce.org/virtual-experiences/>). These provide an excellent way to stay in touch with the international community.

Are you signed up for the FFI newsletter? If not, you can sign up here <https://friendshipforce.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe/post?u=ba1bffc1cec3dcb20c97569d1&id=a5eb5f7351>



### November Birthdays

8	John Upchurch
12	Ches Tredway
18	Martha Key
28	Brenda Peele



### From the Desk of Cares and Concerns Lady

Comfort Food in the Time of a Pandemic  
I don't know about you, but I have had the urge to eat my favorite comfort foods in this time of isolation and sheltering in place. For me the greatest craving has been lemony desserts like Lemon Meringue Pie and Lemon Layer Cake. For Phil the most desired food has been Macaroni & Cheese and plenty of it.

There is a downside. Along with this increase in wonderful carbohydrates there has been, for many of us, a decrease in physical activity. Hence, my friends, we have experienced the dreaded weight gain.

Such a dilemma!

How have you been coping?

Please share your ideas and concerns.

Happy Dining!

Jeannette Waldrop



### A Fun Evening

Several members of our club had a fun gathering recently. Clockwise around the table: Linda Kadechuk, Barry Kadechuk, Phil Waldrop, Jeannette Waldrop, and Margie Bowyer



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 November issue is November 1, 2020.

### Stories from FFI Web Site

Your editor thinks you might find these stories copied from the Friendship Force International Web Site interesting reading:

The generosity and kindness of our home hosts was evident each and every day. [FF Mexico City] Club president, Maru, was a knowledgeable historian and she brought this incredible city into greater focus for us all. It was a perfect week with perfect home hosts who shared their homes and hearts with each of us, making it all the more difficult to bid them '*hasta luego*' at the end of our delightful Mexico Journey!

I recently led a Journey called the 'Roots of Brazil' to Salvador and São Paulo. It was a fabulous experience with ambassadors from several US states, New Zealand, Canada and even Brazil, who all learned a great deal about the history, culture, music, dance, food and religion of this country. We enjoyed sharing our meals, beach trips, market shopping, cooking classes and a concert with our wonderful hosts. What made this Journey especially memorable for me was not only did I establish several new friendships, but I also had the chance to reconnect with many of my Brazilian friends from past Journeys...Everywhere I went I was seeing people I knew from the past, and it was unforgettable. The amazing friendships I have made in Brazil have enriched my life. As one of the FF members told me, 'Vicki, you are now Brazilian!'



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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Friendship Force International clubs and members worldwide, I am thrilled to celebrate the Friendship Force of Big Canoe's 35th anniversary with you!

While every year your club participates in Friendship Force journeys and programs is significant, this anniversary gives you the opportunity to reflect and take record of all the moments you have each experienced with Friendship Force over the years, both as individuals and as a group. It also gives you a milestone moment in time to look around at the friendships that have been forged and, perhaps most importantly, how your perspective of the world has been impacted by these new relationships.

Clubs of your tenure have singularly facilitated numerous worldwide journeys over the years, brought hundreds of people from diverse cultures together and quietly impacted thousands of lives. Your club and members hold a special place in the Friendship Force family. You are, quite simply, the best example of the force of friendship in action.

As you celebrate these past 35 years, I hope you will also be looking to the future. With the continued work of clubs like the Friendship Force of Big Canoe around the world, I am convinced Friendship Force International will continue to succeed in helping build a world of friends that can be a world of peace.

In friendship,

Jeremi Snook  
President / CEO

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# 35 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP

On behalf of the worldwide organization, Friendship Force International is proud to congratulate the



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*Friendship Force of  
Big Canoe, USA*

on the thirty-fifth anniversary of your founding. We appreciate your steadfast dedication to the mission of promoting understanding across the barriers that separate people, and we wish you many more years of success.

*Jeremi Snook*

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President

*2/1/2020*

Date