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Newsletter

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Coming Events

September 26, 2021	Regular monthly meeting at IHOP in Canton
October 7, 2021	Reunion of Republic of Georgia Open World group
October 28, 2021	Inbound journey from Des Moines, Iowa
November 1, 2021	Farewell dinner with Des Moines club
May, 2022	Outbound journey to Des Moines, Iowa
October, 2022	Outbound journey to San Antonio, Texas
2023	Incoming journey from San Antonio, Texas

sign up for the Friendship Force International web site: To sign up, connect to https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign_in, then click SIGN UP.

The club has established the policy that all ambassadors on journeys and all hosts must provide proof of vaccination for Covid-19.



A Few Words From Sherry

Our joint meeting in August with the Western North Carolina (WNC) club in Greenville, South Carolina, was so much fun! Twenty-eight of our club members and six of the WNC club members got together for food, wine, minor league baseball and exploration of the city.

Whenever FFI members get together, there are so many stories of journeys and friends around the world to share. And laughter, there is always laughter!

Many thanks to Bev G. for helping to make it happen. Photo credit goes to Pierre G. You can see his photos on FFBCNG.org. Click on “Click here to see historical photos of our club.” on the first page, then scroll down.

We spent the night in the Homewood Suites Downtown and their staff was terrific. Also, I want to credit the visitGreenvilleSC.org organization for their assistance.

Barry K., Bob A., and I participated in a **Virtual Open World Grantee and Lo-**

cal Host Conference earlier this month. We were asked to be “local host presenters” speaking about our club’s experience in hosting Open World delegations. That session had well over one hundred participants.

When will in-person Open World visits resume? They are planning on early in 2022, with Covid protocols in place. The first delegations will be those that were already vetted prior to the pandemic. At this point, it looks like our first delegation may arrive in the fall of 2022.

Did you see the column “**Get All the News From FFI**” in last month’s newsletter? If you sign up for FFI’s new website for members, you will never miss an important announcement or piece of news. All you need is an email address! Sign up at: https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign_in

We are all invited to sign up for a Zoom Q&A meeting to follow up on a recent video message from FFI’s CEO, Jeremi Snook. That message was forwarded to all of you.

If you are not receiving emails from FFI, that is because you have not signed up for the members’ website. You are missing information about the FFI Book Club, the 2022 Festival at Sea Cruise, numerous webinars featuring travelogues, trivia events, and more. If you need help in signing up, please contact me!

Hope to see you at our September meeting!





Future Meetings

September 26th (NOTE: 4TH SUNDAY) – our monthly meeting will be at IHOP in Canton from 4 to 6. This will be primarily a business meeting to prepare all of us for the incoming journey from Des Moines in October. Come and socialize with friends!

To get to IHOP, find your way to Georgia 515, exit 19. Go east on Georgia 20 a quarter mile, and turn right onto Northside Parkway. Immediately turn right into the parking lot.

November 1st MONDAY – Club Event – Farewell Dinner with Des Moines -5 to 9- West Milford Farms (off 372 between Hwys 369 and 20). This will be a BBQ with our ambassadors from Des Moines. We promise good food, good drinks, good conversations, and good entertainment!



Activities for Des Moines Journey Arriving on October 28, 2021

Thursday October 28, - Transportation Team to Meet Ambassadors at the Airport (Delta flight #1455 arriving at 2:54 pm)

Welcome Party 6:00 pm – potluck dinner with gift bags at the home of Sherry and Dan. (Ambassadors, Hosts, Transportation, Gift Bag committee members)

Friday October 29 – Meet at Gibbs Gardens at 10:00 am. (All members invited)

Meet at Chateau Meichtry at 1:00 pm for a box lunch and optional wine tasting.

Optional Visit to Mountain Valley (Wright's) Agri-Tourism Farm (gifts, ice cream)

Optional Visit to Apple Orchards and/or Burt's Pumpkin Farm (gifts, ice cream)

Group dinner hosting - 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Saturday October 30 – Meet at the Funk Heritage Center on Reinhardt University Campus at 10:00 am for a Trail of Tears presentation/tour, Funk Heritage Center, Waleska (All)

Lunch at Gordy Dining Center, Reinhardt Campus

Meet at 2:00 pm at the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville for a guided tour.

Suggested that Ambassadors take their Hosts to dinner.

Sunday October 31 – Meet at 3:00 pm at the Big Canoe Marina in Big Canoe for a pontoon boat ride on Lake Sconti (Ambassadors and hosts, new Club members)

(Alternate Activity with Rain: Kennesaw Battlefield, Marietta, GA 2:00 – 4:00 pm)

5-7 pm Pizza Party at the Big Canoe Lodge (+Food/Decorating subcommittee)

Monday November 1 – Meet at the Amicalola Falls State Park Visitor Center at 10:00 am (All) to visit the park, the Falls, and the Visitor Center. Lunch on own with free afternoon (Hiking, Shopping, Wine Tasting) in Dahlonega or Ellijay

Farewell party with entertainment at 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at West Milford Farms near Ball Ground (All members invited and encouraged to attend this new venue)

Tuesday November 2 – Transportation to the Atlanta Airport.

Looking ahead, we are scheduled to visit the Des Moines club in spring 2022.



August Meeting

The August meeting was a joint meeting with the Western North Carolina club in Greenville, South Carolina.



From the Cares & Concerns Desk:

Your Cares and Concerns Lady is saddened to report that Monique's husband, Jose, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 7th, peacefully at Piedmont Mountainside. He was 89 years old and had Parkinson's and fibrosis of the lungs. He developed pneumonia and was treated. Monique is the Pickens Habitat for Humanity director.

Margie B. is hospitalized with a blood-chemistry problem.

Please keep Monique and Margie in your prayers.

We feel joyful for the beautiful weather, the opportunity to be together this last month in Greenville, SC, and the return to better health for those who were suffering last month.

Oh, yes! Let us not forget that we have ambassadors from Des Moines arriving on October 28th.

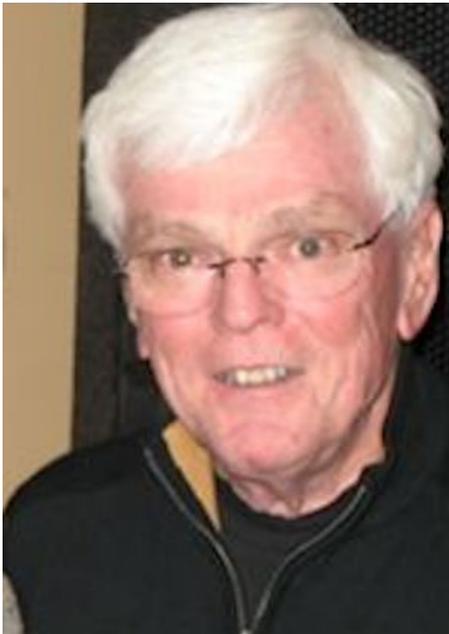
If you have other Joys or Concerns you would like to share, please send them my way.

Your Joys and Concerns Lady,
Jeannette W.



October Birthdays

5	Peggy A.
9	Pierre G.
14	Alan J.
14	Mary Ellen J.
21	Helen W.



Harry Y

Harry Y is a long-time member and former president of our club. His daughter-in-law, Lisa Yarbrough, posted the following on Facebook: “Today was a very

special day for Harry Yarbrough. The Veteran Last Patrol came to our home to honor Harry and his service to the United States Air Force. Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont organized this event for Harry. It was beautiful. We thank so many of our friends, neighbors and family for coming to support Boyd’s dad. It was touching to our hearts that you came. We are proud to be an American and thank our veterans.” We add our best wishes to those of Lisa.



Next Issue

We want input from you. If you have any information that might be of interest to other club members, send it to your newsletter editor:

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Deadline for the October issue is October 18.