



**January  
2022  
Newsletter**

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### Coming Events

January 23, 2022, at 4:00 Regular monthly meeting via Zoom p.m.

February, 2022 Regular monthly meeting at Fuego's

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](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

Hello, FFBCNG members. I am hoping that you have all sent your dues for 2022 to Robert L! If not, please do so as soon as possible.

It was so wonderful to see and hug you at the holiday party in December. As always, the food was fantastic. Thanks to Ray B. for taking pictures of everyone. I will be sending those out this week. I didn't want them to get lost in your inbox over the holidays.

The Des Moines club was appreciative of the work we put into making their visit a tremendous success. Their club members create a journal for every journey, each ambassador taking a day. You can read their journal for the visit with us on our website. Our club made a \$100 donation to FFI in the name of the Des Moines club.

It feels good to start a new year, being hopeful that we can have in-person meetings and do some traveling. But there is the new variant to conquer first. I hope you have all gotten your booster!

Peggy A. and I made a tough decision and decided to schedule our **January 23rd** meeting as a ZOOM meeting rather than meeting in person. Please join us at 4 PM. This will be a business meeting and you will receive an agenda with the ZOOM invitation.

Your board will meet on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to join the meeting and/or have topics to add to that agenda, please let me know. We will be presenting suggestions for 2022 and 2023 journeys, including Open World, at the club meeting on the 23rd. See you then!



### Upcoming Meetings

**January 23 – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY** –Due to the times of rapid spread of Covid-19 and related viruses, we will be doing a Zoom Cocktail Hour from 4-6. Sherry has much to tell us, so we will gather in front of our screens and have our meeting. Hopefully, this will be our only Zoom meeting in 2022! You will receive the link in the week leading up to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

February Meeting will be in person at Fuego's. Bev and Pierre Grimes will be

presenting their November trip to Egypt and Jordan. Date and time TBD



### Future Journeys

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

The following schedule has been established for 2023 journeys:

- March 18, 2022—Make our out-bound requests.
- May 15, 2022—Assignments provided



### 2022 Dues

Please see the attached application form for renewal of our Club Friendship Force annual dues for

2022. Many of you have already renewed! Congrats to Dan and Kim Zachman who have rejoined us this year!

The dues were increased by the membership for 2022 to \$35 per person in order to cover the operating cost of Friendship Force International, which will be \$30 per person starting next year. Sherry and the Board have many exciting things planned for 2022 unless Covid rears its ugly head again! Please mail in your check (made out to FF of Big Canoe/North Georgia), with the attached form, to our Treasurer, Robert Logan (741 Oakdale Rd, Canton, GA 30114).

Also I have been "volunteered" to be the Outgoing Journey Coordinator for Des Moines this year; two of the JC's for Des Moines are Nancy and Steve Lundstrom whom many of you met on their Inbound to our Club. Though dates have not been finalized, the visit will be in early May to correspond with the Pella Tulip Festival May 5-7 (<https://www.visitpella.com/event/pella-tulip-festival-2020/>). If Covid does not knock us out, we need to start planning for a Spring 2022 journey. As I recall, Des Moines can host 14-15 ambassadors. Though not binding, **please let me know if you are interested, not interested or not sure yet about going.** More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. If we cannot fill our "quota", we will ask our friends from neighboring FFI clubs to join us.

The Des Moines Club is very interested in returning our hospitality so I hope you will give serious consideration to joining us. If you cannot see the tulips in Holland this year, you might as well go to Iowa!

Bob Anderson  
Membership Chair and JC



### December Meeting

The December meeting was the annual end-of-year celebration held at the home of our president, Sherry W. The food was delicious, the conversation was stimulating, and Sherry had a few announcements to make.



### From the Cares & Concerns Desk:

We were saddened to learn of the passing of good friend and fellow

member Harry Yarborough.

This was a bitter-sweet event for the Yarborough family because as Harry was leaving his earthly home, his great grand-daughter was making her appearance. Harry's sweet daughter-in-law Lisa called it the Circle of Life. A mingling of Joy and Sorrow. "We are so blessed and excited to introduce our third grandchild and first granddaughter, Frances Ann Yarbrough—"Francie". Born 12.21.21. 8 lbs 7 ozs. On this special day, Christmas Eve, we celebrate Francie as she was welcomed to her home in Charlotte, NC, at the exact same time Boyd's father, Harry Francis Yarbrough, passed on to a beautiful place called Heaven. This is a sweet example of a Circle of Life. One Yarbrough entered Earth as one Yarbrough entered Heaven. We are so proud of Tyler and Frances. Welcome home Francie."

Harry's wife, Jobeth Yarbrough, was also very active in our club.

*(As we learn of a date for the memorial service we will let you know.)*

Here is a link to Harry's obituary:  
[https://www.blythfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Harry-Francis-Yarbrough?obId=23498592&fbclid=IwAR1FOwCy-9x\\_kacQbc6Z6UFff2IwwQJLXu5XlVtXgigiorxkmnyfUdykABQ#/obituaryInfo](https://www.blythfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Harry-Francis-Yarbrough?obId=23498592&fbclid=IwAR1FOwCy-9x_kacQbc6Z6UFff2IwwQJLXu5XlVtXgigiorxkmnyfUdykABQ#/obituaryInfo)



## February Birthdays

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| 1  | Jeanette C. |
| 5  | Marie W.    |
| 8  | John P.     |
| 9  | Jean E.     |
| 9  | Barbara S.  |
| 11 | Sherry W.   |
| 17 | Bob V.      |
| 23 | Huw W.      |



## 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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770-366-3736

Deadline for the February issue is February 6, 2022.



Friendship Force International reported that four new members are joining its international Board of Directors.

Two of the new board members are from Belgium and Belarus but all four currently reside in the US. They all have extensive experience living, working, and traveling around the world. The names of the new directors are Amber Kelleher, Ingrid Russell, Bart Van de Vel, and Khrystsina Willis.



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*2022 Membership Application*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (s)# \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues       \$35 per year Individual

\$70 per Year Couple

**Return To: Robert Logan, Treasurer, 741 Oakdale Rd, Canton, GA 30114**

Please consider increasing your payment by a voluntary contribution of \$45.00 to honor the 45-year history of Friendship Force, and to help the organization through the difficult time caused by Covid-19.