



friendship force
BIG CANOE -
NORTH GEORGIA

February
2022
Newsletter

a world of friends is a world of peace

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Coming Events

February 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.	Regular monthly meeting at Fuego's
March 20, 2022	Regular monthly meeting
April 10, 2022	Regular monthly meeting at Lake Arrowhead Coun- try Club
May 2, 2022	Outbound journey to Des Moines, Iowa
September 28, 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

To those of you who joined our January zoom meeting, thank you for attending! We would all prefer to meet in person and hopefully we will be able to do that for the rest of 2022! Your board asks that you be **vaccinated and boosted** to attend in-person meetings.

Our club has not hosted **an incoming international journey** since 2014. We need to contact our international friends and encourage them to request our club on the FFI Destination Request Form! Please think about the clubs you have previously visited overseas on a Friendship Force journey. Do you have a contact or two in that club? If so, please reach out and suggest they visit us in 2023 or 2024.

I'd like to share with you an **interim Journey Catalog** from FFI. Eventually you will be able to find information like this on MyFriendshipforce.org, but for now, FFI will be using this dynamic link when there are new Journeys to advertise. The slideshow related to this link will be updated from time to time. Please click on the following link to

view the catalog: [2022 Journey Catalog](#). Remember that you are welcome to join other clubs' journeys when they have space available.

Our friends in the Western North Carolina club have invited us to join them on a Journey to Spokane, Washington, and Couer d'Alene, Idaho, scheduled for May 9 to 15, 2022. If you are interested, please contact Larry Harvey at lrharvey43@gmail.com or by phone 316-680-6023. Larry prepared a PowerPoint Presentation that I can share with you.

I hope to see you at our February meeting!



Upcoming Meetings

February 20th – Club meeting at Fuego's Mexican Restaurant in Marble Hill from 2:00 to 4:00. We will be ordering off the menu and have the back room to ourselves. Bev and Pierre Grimes will be presenting the program about their trip in November to Jordan and Egypt. There will be time to visit with each other IN PERSON and discuss our future journeys. Hope to see you there!

March 20th – Club meeting TBD

April 10th – Club meeting at Lake Arrowhead Clubhouse from 2:00 – 4:00.



Upcoming Journeys

As previously announced, we have an outgoing journey to Des Moines May 2 to 7 to correspond with the Pella Tulip Festival (<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. There is room for 16 ambassadors, and 12 have signed up so far. 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 A.

We have an outgoing journey to San Antonio September 28 to October 3. There is room for up to 10 ambassadors. The journey fee will be around \$200.00. Please contact Barry K. to express your interest.

2023 Outbound Request for FFI

We all remember the days when outbound journeys included overseas destinations. Hopefully, that will be the case in 2023. The request form allows for a first and second preference destinations. Your board is suggesting that we request Japan and British Columbia, Canada. We had hoped to include a Belgium club but there are no hosting weeks available in that country; your President added Germany since they have 11 clubs and 18 hosting weeks available.

To indicate your preference please email slwileman@mindspring.com and put two of the countries in the subject line. Please do so only if you intend to travel internationally in 2023. The countries are Japan, Canada and Germany.



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!

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.



Introducing our Regional Field Representative

Some of our members have previously met the new FFI SE Regional Field Representative, **Rob Kilpatrick**. He has served as the President of the Huntsville, AL, club and is in that role again. He and his wife, Linda, have been active in regional and international FFI meetings and were on the Festival at Sea cruise in 2019.

Here is his job description, in his own words: “As you all know, my job is intended to be the liaison be-

tween you all and the staff at FFI. I should say right here, that does not mean that you should not reach out to any member of the FFI staff as you need to. However, as I’m sure you are all aware, due to the very lean budget on which FFI is currently operating, they are running at a very low staffing level right now. Hopefully, there will be many things that I can help you with, freeing up the very busy staff for other things. Therefore, it would be helpful if you go through me when you can.

Anything I can do to help your club, I will try my best to do. If I don’t have an answer or know how to help, I will try to get to the right person and get you the support you need as quickly as I can.”

We hope to have Rob join us at one of our meetings this year.



January Meeting

The January meeting was a Zoom conference. The following information was shared:

- President Sherry W. would like to recruit someone to take over some of the duties now performed by Ray B.
- We now have 36 paid members.
- We have suggested to the Costa Rica club that they request a journey to our club in 2023.
- We expect an Open World event November 4 to 12.



From the Cares & Concerns Desk:

First: PLEASE NOTE—The Memorial Service for member Harry Yarborough is set for Saturday, February 26th at 11:00 a.m. in the Big Canoe Chapel. Let us Honor this fine gentleman with our presence if at all possible.

(Let's try to sit together. I will try for a head count during the week preceding the service.)

Secondly, I received word of the passing of Theresa Eubanks Ireland, a nationally recognized educator and philanthropist.

Mrs. Ireland is being recognized in her passing because she was a member of our club some time in the past and was the sister of honorary member, Tom Eubanks, who passed away this last fall.

Finally, member Linda Kadechuk, is awaiting approval to be part of a clinical trial in connection with her heart valve problem.

Let's keep Linda in thought and prayer. I am happy to report that she is getting steadily better.

Linda and I took part in a filming session at our PD Boxing Therapy class recently. This action is to be condensed into a one-minute segment funded by the National Parkinson's Foundation to promote their services via public service to newly diagnosed PD patients.

Linda and I have no hopes for stardom.

If you know of anyone in our club that is in need of prayer or a cheerful note or call, please contact me!

Your Cares & Concerns Lady,
Jeannette W.



March Birthdays

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| 1 | Tom C. |
| 19 | Jeannette W. |
| 28 | Jean Z. |



Future Issues

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 March issue is March 6, 2022



World Friendship Day March 1

On March 1, the 15th anniversary of the founding of World Friendship Day, Friendship Force International again encourages citizens of Georgia and the world to “Make a friend and make a difference.”

“Our world today is more divided than

ever,” said Jeremi Snook, President and CEO of Friendship Force International. “This year’s theme to ‘Make a friend and make a difference’ asks people around the world to recognize the power of a united humanity, and extend a hand of friendship. That seemingly small act, multiplied millions of times around the world, will indeed make a difference!”

World Friendship Day was founded by Friendship Force International and is officially recognized annually by the United States Senate and other governing bodies around the world that encourage people to get to know one another better. Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter once said, “International friendship is a powerful antidote to war.”

The value of friendships can make the world a more peaceful place.

A study by the Ohio State University in 2017 found that war and international conflicts are less likely between two countries when the people know each other and/or have business, academic, or cultural ties.

Friendship on a global scale has a direct impact on world peace and matters to the survival of humanity. The core idea is that friendship can inspire people to build bridges between economic classes, neighborhoods, cultures, interest groups, and anywhere else there’s a division or doubt.



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2022 Membership Application

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone# _____

Cell Phone (s)# _____

Email Address(es) _____

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.