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Newsletter

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Coming Events

April 10, 2022, at 2:00	Regular monthly meeting at Lake Arrowhead Country Club
May 3, 2022	Outbound journey to Des Moines, Iowa
June 5, 2022	Annual club picnic at Wildcat Pavillion of Big Canoe
July 17, 2022	Regular monthly meeting
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

Many thanks to everyone who attended our meeting in March. We had 32 attendees, including guests and the speaker! Thank you to Peggy A. for suggesting our “Year of Purpose” and for arranging for our speaker, Jen Tarnowski, Advocacy Director, Rape Response Inc. Thank you also to Lenna A. for finding the Golden Palace for our meeting place.

Our SE Region Field Rep, Rob K., and his wife, Linda, were able to join us at the Golden Palace. We plan to ask them to attend a future meeting when he will be the featured speaker. The Field Reps have a monthly Zoom meeting with Allison L. Information from the meeting is reported in this newsletter.

You may remember one of the 2017 Open World delegates, Nana B., a founder of the Knowledge Café. She was recently honored by the US Embassy in Tbilisi: “The Knowledge Café in Tsnori is a great example of how a social enterprise can have a significant impact on

education. Through the Embassy’s USAID support, the Café continues to be a hive for civic engagement, citizen advocacy, and social entrepreneurship.” The new building for the Knowledge Café has three stories and much more room than the one we visited during our journey to the Republic of Georgia.

Club members recently had the opportunity to directly impact the evacuation of Ukrainian refugees in Poland. Natalia B., a 2019 Open World delegate from Kyiv, Ukraine, has relocated to Poland and is working with a group of volunteers to move refugees from the border into Poland. She asked for support to buy a car; a group of us were able to send \$1,500 through the bank-to-bank transfer app Zelle. Yes, I got verification that she is indeed our Natalia. If you would like to help her group, just send me a check and I will transfer the funds.



Upcoming Meetings

April 10th – Club meeting at Lake Arrowhead Clubhouse from 2:00 – 4:00. We will be ordering from the menu. We anticipate having some prospective members from the community so we can explain our club. There will be some entertainment in the form of a game with prizes!

Menu selections range from \$5 for a small Caesar salad to \$13 for the Arrowhead burger. Drinks are additional. There are no dessert selections.

To get to the Lake Arrowhead Clubhouse, find your way to the intersection of Georgia 515 and Georgia 108, near Tate. Take Georgia 108 westward 15 miles, to Lost Town Trail. Turn right and go 0.5 miles. Continue onto Lake Arrowhead Drive.

Follow the entrance road around the lake 1.8 miles (drive slowly/carefully as there are a couple of hairpin turns). At the first STOP sign (Red Cloud Drive) continue straight on Lake Arrowhead Drive and follow the signs to Golf/Club House. It's almost a straight shot with one slight bearing left.

The address is 486 Arrowridge, Waleska, GA 30183

NO MAY MEETING BECAUSE OF OUR JOURNEY TO DES MOINES.

June 5th – Club picnic at Wildcat Pavil-

ion in Big Canoe. As time gets closer, we will give more detail on what to bring. Save the date!

July 17th – Monthly meeting TBD



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/>). There is room for 16 ambassadors, and all 16 slots have been asked for. Call me if you would like to be put on a waiting list in case of a cancellation. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

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.



March Meeting

Sherry shared information about the Ukrainian Open World delegates.

We will use the opportunity of future meetings to share with others in a “Year of Purpose.”

The journey to Des Moines is May 3 thru 8. The journey to San Antonio is 9/28 to 10/3.

Sherry shared possible donation sites for helping Ukrainian refugees:

From Open World facilitator Veronika Gryschenko:

<https://www.comebackalive.in.ua/donate>

Ukrainian Red Cross

<https://redcross.org.ua/.../donate-to-support-the.../>

International Committee of the Red Cross — Ukraine Crisis

<https://www.icrc.org/en/donate/ukraine>

World Central Kitchen

<https://wck.org/>

Doctors Without Borders

<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>



From the Regional Representative

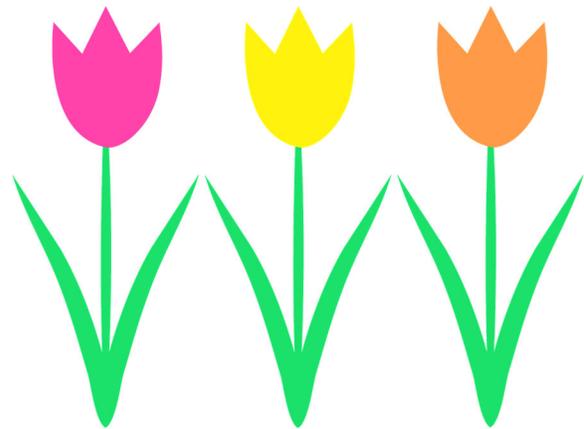
2022 Journey Catalog

In case you didn't know, the latest Journey Catalog is available on the my.friendshipforce.org site on the “kiosk” on the home page. If you are not familiar with what folks are calling the “kiosk,” it is the large image that appears just under the purple tab labeled “**Universal News**” at the top of the page. It is

constantly refreshing, but you can scroll through it by clicking on the arrows at the bottom right of the image. One of the images is titled FFI Journey Catalog, and if you click on the image, it will take you to the most current update to the catalog. For your convenience I am providing you with this link tinyurl.com/2022-Journey-Catalog which will take you directly to the catalog. The “Birthplace of Aviation Journey,” which is sure to be a fun trip, is currently under-subscribed.

FFI English Class— looking for volunteers

At the request of many members in non-English speaking countries, FFI is starting to offer online Conversational English classes. As part of their curriculum, the students will be going to chat rooms where they will practice their conversation. The classes will meet once a week for eight weeks. Most of the students signed up so far are Japanese. The teacher has asked for English-speaking volunteers to help by participating in those chat rooms to help with conversations. The volunteers would have no teaching responsibilities; they would just be there to help things along. If you have an interest in helping, contact Hemily Nogueira dos Santos at hemi-ly@friendshipforce.org. She is coordinating the classes.



From the Cares & Concerns Desk

Our member and friend, Linda Kadechuk, got good reports from two of her doctors and her condition indicates that she is not in need of surgery at the present time. She and Barry have rigorously followed her doctor’s orders (which has been an ordeal). Kudos to Linda and to Barry for his assistance in sticking with it to get the desired results.

On a personal note, I must say that this has been a season of mourning and saying good-bye--two family members and now a friend from chapel have passed away. But Faith, Hope, and Love get us through these tough times and the seasons will change.

We hope you all take advantage of the sunshine and warm temperatures. What a beautiful day!

As always, if you know of someone who could use a card, a phone call, or a visit

please let me know.

Your Cares & Concerns Lady,
Jeannette W.



Another Care and Concern

Many of our members have a special concern about the war in Ukraine. The former ambassador from the Republic of Georgia contrasts the 2008 war with the current war in an interesting interview, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAL7uS3f9Bc>



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Shooting the Breeze with Monique Vinelli

A recent issue of Pickens County Progress had an excellent article on a member of our club, Monique Vinelli.

In case you missed it, it is now on the history page (2022) of the club web site, www.ffbcng.org.



May Birthdays

2	Carolyn S.
17	Aime B.
29	Kim Z.
31	Tim A.



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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