



friendship force

BIG CANOE -  
NORTH GEORGIA

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Newsletter

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### Coming Events

July 31, 2022 at 2:00	Tater Patch Playhouse and Mule House Restaurant
September 11 at 2:00	Ice Cream Social at Beach Club in Big Canoe
September 28, 2022	Outbound journey to San Antonio, Texas
October 16	Wine tasting at Windemere Clubhouse in Cumming
November 4 to 12, 2022	Open World exchange from Ukraine
December 11, 2022	Holiday party at home of Sherry and Dan
May, 2023	Outgoing journey to Greater Orlando, Florida
2023	Incoming journey from San Antonio, Texas
October, 2023	Incoming journey from Mongolia

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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

A fantastic club picnic took place on June 5<sup>th</sup>! Many thanks to everyone who planned, organized, cooked, grilled, cleaned up, played cornhole and enjoyed visiting with friends. If I tried to list those who did all of the work, I know I would miss someone. So thank-you to everyone!

We have **five new members** to welcome to our club: Chuck LeCraw, Nancy Lovingood, Tom Lovingood, Dale Yount and Leroy Yount. They were introduced at the picnic and fit right in with our fun-loving crowd.

Many of you have met **Britton Holmes** who managed the Open World programs for FFI. Unfortunately for us and happily for her, she has left FFI to join the Atlanta Botanical Gardens as a Grants Specialist.

Barry K., Bob A. and I worked closely with Britton and she was able to participate in the Open World Program for Ukraine in 2019. She shared these kind words about our club: “We probably

aren't supposed to have favorite clubs as FFI employees, but FF Big Canoe is mine ☐I really have loved working with you all and am sad to go!”

Our new point of contact for all things Open World will be **Dana Jackson**. She has been working with FFI since 2018 as the Program Finance Manager. She's already very familiar with the financial side of the ALEX and OW programs.

Our board took two votes via email recently. We declined the invitation to host an **American Leadership Experience** (ALEX) group of students this year. This is a program sponsored by the State Department for high school students who missed their study abroad opportunities due to COVID. Our club calendar did not allow room for hosting. We agreed with the **Greater Orlando Club** to move our journey to May rather than June of 2023.

In addition to our outbound journey to Orlando, we will have two incoming journeys: a domestic journey from San Antonio and an international journey from Mongolia. With the opportunity to host an ALEX program or an Open World program, our calendar will be full.

**Please think about what you can do to help our club in the upcoming year. Yes, it is only July, but journey planning begins nine to twelve months before the journey!**



### Upcoming Meetings

July 31<sup>st</sup> – July-August meeting. We will attend the Tater Patch Playhouse in Jasper. Then we will eat and have a meeting at The Mule House Restaurant in downtown Jasper. The play – a comedy – starts at 2:00. We may not be able to reserve a block of seats and have to do our own tickets. Good news: the theater is not that large; all seats are good. Be looking for a future email with all the details. Tater Patch Theater is at 95 Philadelphia Lane, behind Walmart. The Mulehouse is at 2 North Main Street, in the center of Jasper.

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Ice Cream Social/ Recruitment Meeting in Big Canoe at the Beach Club facility. This will be from 2:00-4:00.

October 16<sup>th</sup> – wine tasting with Ryan Mullins at Windemere Clubhouse Cumming. We will start at 4:00 with the wine tasting; then we will have a meal and business meeting afterward.

November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

due to Thanksgiving. TBD

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Party at Dan and Sherry's.



### Outgoing Journey to San Antonio

An outgoing journey to San Antonio is scheduled for September 28 to October 3. The journey is full and we have a standby list.

### Future Journeys

We are planning the following journeys for 2023: inbound from Mongolia in October, and outbound to Greater Orlando in May. Planning begins soon.





### Open World

We expect to receive an Open World delegation November 4 to 11 this year. We will need volunteers to work on various committees:

- Transportation
- Hosting
- Program development
- Communication
- Activities



### From the Cares & Concerns Desk

We have received good news from Tom F.

Last month we told you about a fall that he took that resulted in a cracked seventh vertebra, accompanied by intense

pain. He now has good pain management, along with physical therapy, and help with housecleaning as well some meal preparation. He wants to convey his appreciation to Bob and Peggy for their visit and the food they brought and to Phil and myself as well for meals and visits.

Huw and Marie W. have both had COVID. They are recovering. Huw has also had radiation treatments on his scalp. We pray for their rapid recovery.

If you know of others who might be in need of our thoughts and prayers, a call or card, please let me hear from you.

I can be reached at 706-268-1072 or by texting 706-299-4972.

Your Cares and Concerns Lady  
Jeannette W.



### August Birthdays

29	Fred M.
30	Tom L.



## Next Issue

We want input from you. Have you been on a journey with another club? Have you traveled on your own? 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 August issue is August 1, 2022.



A message from Christiane  
Beaupre, chair of the FFI board

More than 6 months have passed since the year began and I am pleased to note that we are seeing a positive recovery in our activities. I admit that the last Omicron wave worried us a little. But here we are, with more homestays being completed and more of our members wishing to participate in activities. If all goes as planned, we will finally have the pleasure of experiencing a more active Friendship Force year, despite a difficult start. I'm delighted to see also that a few new clubs will have the chance to experience a journey. For example, I will have the pleasure of hosting new friends from Boston in June and we will visit them in September.

Several clubs have embarked on successful recruitment campaigns, which is wonderful. The pandemic has left its mark on our clubs resulting in a drop in membership, but our mission remains intriguing and challenging and all members of the FFI Board of Directors want to contribute to these kinds of recruitment efforts. Feel free to contact us at [ffiboard@thefriendshipforce.org](mailto:ffiboard@thefriendshipforce.org).

You can view the members of the 2022 Board of Directors by using this link: <https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/blog/9f487b261ba98101>

[Christiane is a member of the Montreal, Province of Quebec, club.]

