



friendship force
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Newsletter

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Coming Events

June 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.	Annual club picnic at home of Tim and Lenna A.
July 23, 2023, at 2:30	Attend the play <u>The Producers</u> , followed by dinner at Golden Palace Chinese Restaurant
August 13, 2023, at 4:00	Regular monthly meeting at Carter's Lake
October 2, 2023	Friendship Force World Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia
November 1, 2023	Incoming journey from San Antonio, Texas
June 2024	Outgoing journey to Calgary, Canada
September 2024	Outgoing journey to Utah and Napa Sonoma
October 2024	Incoming journey from Tallahassee

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President's Letter

I would like to thank Peggy and her committee members for the fine job they are doing on Activity Planning. Don't forget that our June Meeting will be a picnic on June 11th at 4:00 p.m. Tim and Lenna will be hosting the picnic at their home.

Tim is working hard to organize our San Antonio inbound in November and will provide more details and sign-up sheets for hosting, transportation, hospitality, etc. at or before the June picnic.

We have some exciting Journeys scheduled for 2024;

Outbound:

Calgary, Canada June, 2024

Utah Sept. 2024

Sonoma Valley, California Sept. 2024

Inbound :

Tallahassee, Florida October, 2024

We have already commenced planning on these Journeys; more information to follow.

Barry



Upcoming Meetings

June 11th – Potluck picnic at Tim & Lenna A. house (4920 Churchill Ridge Drive, Cumming). This will be from 4:00 to 6:00. The club will supply the fried chicken, dessert, soft drinks, and paper goods. If you would like something other than tea or soft drinks, BYOB. Please bring a dish to share. Also, please respond to the evite sent out so we will know how much chicken to order.

July 23rd – We will meet at School Street Playhouse in Cumming for the 2:30 matinee performance of The Producers. Tickets are on sale now. If you are planning on coming, please take care of your own ticket. Afterwards, we will go to the Golden Palace Chinese Restaurant. If you would prefer to just

meet us at the restaurant, our reservations will be around 5:15.

August 13th – This is an important meeting for those of us involved in the San Antonio Journey. Our hosts are Rich and Linda Glaser so we will be at Carter's Lake from 4-6. More information to follow; mark your calendars!



Upcoming Journeys

I have been in contact with Hope Robles, President and JC of the San Antonio Friendship Force club. We are very excited to welcome these Texans to N. Georgia, and to extend the same hospitality and generosity that we thoroughly enjoyed while in San Antonio.

We will have a “kick off meeting” on June 11, to organize our committees for all things relating to this incoming journey from San Antonio (Journey #23581). I am also looking for a newer club member to volunteer as my co-JC for this incoming San Antonio journey. This is a training opportunity, to better understand the FF process for planning our journeys.

Please be generous with your time and volunteer to work on one or more of

these following committees:

Home Hosts – Provide a bedroom and breakfast for one or two ambassadors; transportation to local program events if available; one day is usually scheduled as a “free day” where hosts may take their guests to an activity that fits their special interests.

Welcome Party – Reserve venue, select menu, coordinate food (salad, Dessert, potluck?), table decorations, etc.

Brochure – Printed material relating to incoming journey.

Activities – Planning events primarily in N. Georgia, including museums, state parks, dining, etc.; possibly one day in Atlanta (Carter Center, Civil Rights Museum, etc.)...

Day Hosts – Day hosts provide transportation to our guests whenever it may be needed during the visit.

Goody Bags – Appropriate Georgia gifts for our guests.

Dinner Hosts – For those who are not home/day hosting. Prepare a dinner in your home for 8-10 club members and ambassadors.

Farewell Party – Reserve venue, select menu or restaurant, entertainment, etc.

Airport Transportation – Basically getting our visitors (and their luggage) from/to the airport. Generally, our visitors will meet their home hosts at a centralized location.

“Many hands make light work.”

---John Heywood

My best,

Tim A.



World Conference

The FFI World Conference will be in Dubrovnik, Croatia October 2-5, 2023. Pre and Post conference excursions are also offered.

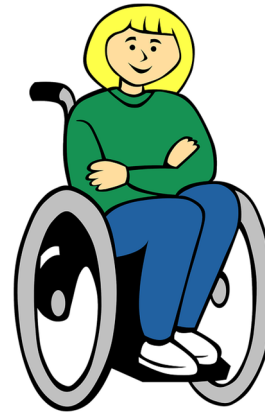
To learn more about the conference, copy the following address into your favorite browser:

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July Birthdays

2	Margie B.
5	Dale Y.
21	Floyd H.



Cares and Concerns

Margie B. was dismissed from Northside on May 22 and admitted to Sandy Springs Center for Nursing and Healing at 1500 S. Johnson Ferry Road in Sandy Springs 30319.

With the help of her speech therapist, Margie is now able to speak in complete sentences.

As of May 25, she could take a few steps. Ray and Ellen, with help from a grandson, continue to be with Margie every day.

Margie has the determination and Ray provides continuing support.

If you know of someone in our club who could benefit from a card, note or phone call, please communicate your concern to the Cares and Concerns Lady so the need can be addressed. Thank You!

Jeannette W.



Next Issue

We want to hear 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 July issue is July 9, 2023.



Calgary, Alberta

For club members who may be curious about Calgary, the following was obtained from Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia.

Calgary is the largest city in Alberta, and the largest metro area within the three Prairie Provinces. As of 2021, the city had a population of

1,306,784, and a metropolitan area population of 1,481,806, making it the third-largest city and fifth-largest metropolitan area in Canada.

Calgary is situated at the confluence of the Bow River and the Elbow River, in the southwest of the province, in the transitional area between the Rocky Mountain foothills and the Canadian prairies.

Calgary's economy includes activity in the energy, financial services, film and television, transportation and logistics, and tourism sectors. The Calgary Metropolitan Region is home to Canada's second-largest number of corporate head offices. In 2015, Calgary had the largest number of millionaires per capita of any major Canadian city. In 2022, Calgary was ranked alongside Zurich as the third most livable city in the world, ranking first in Canada and in North America. In 1988, it was the first Canadian city to host the Olympic Winter Games.

In 1787, David Thompson, a cartographer with the Hudson's Bay Company, was the first recorded European to visit the area. John Glenn was the first documented European settler in the Calgary area in 1873. In the fall of 1875, the site became a post of the Northwest Mounted Police, assigned to protect the western plains from US whisky traders, and to protect the fur trade. Their fort was named Fort Calgary in 1876. In 1877, the First Nations ceded title to the region.