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BIG CANOE -
NORTH GEORGIA

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Newsletter

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Coming Events

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 home of Rich and Linda Glaser in Ellijay
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
September 2024	Incoming journey from Tallahassee

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President's Letter

I hope that everyone is having a great summer. Our Activities committee has been working hard to plan our monthly meetings. Our next event will be held on Sunday, July 23rd. We will be attending a play at the Cumming Playhouse at 2:30 pm (The Producers The Musical) followed by dinner at the Golden Palace Restaurant. Please contact Peggy Anderson for additional information.

Tim and Marilee are working hard planning our November 2023 inbound from San Antonio. We will have 15 ambassadors from San Antonio, Austin, Texas, and Nevada. Thanks to all who have volunteered to work on the various committees. We still need assistance for transportation, activities planning, small group dinners, etc. Contact Tim or Marilee if you are able to assist.

Our 2024 Journey Activities are as follows:

1. Open World Inbound (not yet determined)
2. June 2024 Outbound to Calgary Canada (Peggy Anderson is Journey Director)
3. Sept 2024 Outbound to Utah (need Journey Director)
4. Autumn 2024 Inbound from Tallahassee (Need Journey Director)

Barry



Upcoming Meetings

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 in Cumming. 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. We will meet at Grapes and Ladders Winery (2317 Hwy 382, Ellijay) for wine tasting at 4:00. Then proceed “up the mountain” to

Rich and Linda Glaser's house (572 Doll Mtn. Rd., Ellijay) for a BBQ dinner catered by Bigun's BBQ. If you choose not to go to the winery, meet us at the house at 5:00. There will be a \$15 charge per person for the dinner. After our meal, we will discuss the plans for San Antonio and enjoy the view.

To get to the winery, first find your way to northbound Georgia 5/515 in the Jasper area. Take it to the intersection with highway 382, and turn west. The winery is 2.3 miles west of the traffic circle

To get from the winery to Glaser's home, proceed west on Georgia 382 for 4.7 miles. Turn right onto Doll Mountain Road and go 0.6 mile to number 572.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER AS MANY OF US ARE ATTENDING THE FFI CONFERENCE IN DUBROVNIK, CROATIA.



Upcoming Journeys

Incoming from San Antonio

Journey #23581 will occur on 01-06 November 2023, with 15 Texans trav-

eling to North Georgia, and our Hosting Committees are already busy planning for these incoming Ambassadors.

Our BCNG Board has set deadlines, "completion for planning dates" for each committee. Example: The Airport Transportation committee's deadline for "completion for planning date" is Oct 1st. This means that their plan for action will be completed by Oct 1st, although their tasks will obviously not be completed until Nov 6th, when our guests are safely back to the airport.

The "completion for planning dates" for each committee:

Committee	Deadline
Airport Transportation	Oct 1 st
Home Hosts	Sep 1 st
Welcome Party	Oct 1 st
Brochure	Oct 15 th
Activities	Aug 1 st
Day Hosts	Oct 15 th
Goody Bags	Oct 15 th
Dinner Hosts	Oct 15 th
Farwell Party	Oct 1 st

If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact your Co-journey coordinators.

Our 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:

https://mailchi.mp/friendshipforce/wc2023update_030323?e=74b1ce724e



June Meeting

The June meeting was held at the home of Tim and Lenna A. President Barry K reviewed the following upcoming journeys:

Incoming from San Antonio No-

vember 1-6, 2023.

Incoming from Tallahassee September 2024.

Outgoing to Calgary June 2024.

Outgoing to Napa Valley-Sonoma and Utah September 2024.

World Conference in Dubrovnik Oct. 2023.

Jeannette W. brought cards to be signed for Margie Bowyer and Huw Williams.

Tim A. and Marilee L. presented the timeline for San Antonio Journey duties. They passed out committee signup sheets.

A door prize donated by Tom F. was the lucky number for Bob A.

Peggy A. reported for the Activities Committee:

July 23 - Play at the Schoolhouse Playhouse in Cumming, followed by dinner at the Golden Palace Chinese Restaurant.

Aug. 13 - Carter's Lake, Ellijay area - hosts Rich and Linda G.

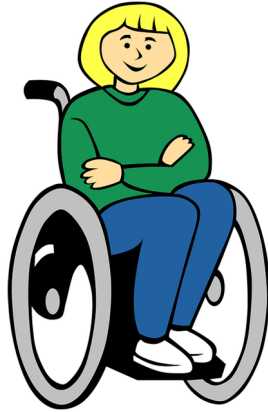
The business meeting was followed by a potluck picnic dinner.





August Birthdays

29	Fred M.
30	Tom L.



Cares and Concerns

Summertime must agree with all of you, Your Cares & Concerns Lady has not received any reports of new illness or injuries. Such good news! So continue to enjoy travel and time with family and friends. Margie Bowyer is now home, and continues her recovery. The biggest issue now is that she lost the ability to get up from a chair.

Your cares and concerns lady,
Jeannette Waldrop



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 August issue is July 30, 2023.



Hospital Art

John Feight, a resident of Big Canoe, will be discussing the Foundation for Hospital Art, Inc.: Work for Ukraine, scheduled on Saturday, August 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. Because of the hands-on nature of this presentation,

it will be held in Cousins Hall, Big Canoe Chapel.

Feight will explain how art can give comfort and love to those in care facilities and how the public can be part of the Foundation for Hospital Art's mission to paint a brighter world. The presentation will illustrate how over a million people around the world have painted more than 50,000 paintings for installation in approximately 7,500 care facilities. Following the presentation, the audience will be invited to paint the "Ukraine Peace Dove" for hospitals in Ukraine.

Due to the extraordinary needs of Ukrainian civilians and military, attendees are encouraged to donate extra medical supplies they have at home (no drugs or liquids), and to donate to help cover art supplies and shipping costs to Ukraine. Typical items that are needed include Band-aids, Gauze, Suture kits, Staple kits, ACE wraps, Neosporin, and Waterproof pads. The medical supplies will be packed between the canvases for shipment.

Here are some pictures related to hospital art and Ukraine:

