



friendship force
BIG CANOE -
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Newsletter

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Coming Events

October 2, 2023	Friendship Force World Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia
October 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.	Regular monthly meeting at Canton Icehouse
November 1, 2023	Incoming journey from San Antonio, Texas
November 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.	Farewell party at Beach Club in Big Canoe
December 10, 2023, at 3:00	Annual Holiday Party at home of Dan and Sherry
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

Thanks to Linda and Rich for hosting our August 13th meeting at their wonderful home with a beautiful view of Lake Carter. Also, thanks to Peggy for organizing this event (great Bigun's barbecue).

We have recently received interest from people interested in knowing more about our organization and what we are all about. Bob does an excellent job in following up with these contacts in the hope of attracting them to join.

We are still looking for one outbound and one inbound Journey Director for 2024 Journeys. If you have an interest in visiting the Utah Area, sign up as Journey Director and you will be guaranteed space to visit Salt Lake City.

Barry



Upcoming Meetings

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

October 15th – 4:00-6:00 – Meet at the Canton Icehouse Tavern (150 Keith Drive—this is next to the Canton Walmart—exit 20 on highway 575). This is a new place to try out. We will be ordering from the menu. Program will be about the FFI Conference in Dubrovnik presented by the members who attended. Also, the itinerary for San Antonio will be discussed.

November 5th - There is NO club meeting in November. However, all members are invited and encouraged to attend the Farewell Party at the Beach Club in Big Canoe from 4:00-9:00. Dinner will be catered; everything will be provided. Entertainment is being planned. There will be a \$30 fee per person for members.

December 10th – 3:00-5:00 -Holiday Party at Sherry and Dan's house. It will be potluck – more details to be announced.



Upcoming Journeys



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



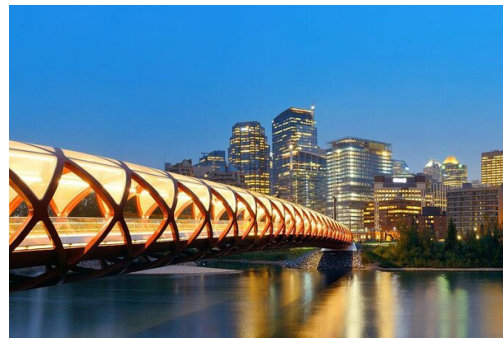
Incoming from San Antonio

November 1-6 There is still a need for additional volunteers in:

Airport Transportation (contact Barry K.)

Day Hosting (contact Marilee L.)

Welcome/Farewell Party (contact Peggy A.)



Outgoing to Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Planned for June 2024. Watch for more details.



Outgoing to Utah

Planned for September 2024. Please offer to be journey director, if you have an interest in this journey.



August Meeting

The August meeting was preceded by a gathering at Grapes & Ladders winery off Highway 382 on the way to the home in Ellijay, with a beautiful view of Carter's Lake. We met afterwards for dinner and a meeting. Twenty-two members, including a new member, Nancy S., who had moved from Colorado to Woodstock, were present.

Tim A., Co-JC, brought the San Antonio Journey committees up to date: Activities, Peggy A.; Transportation, Barry K.; Welcome Party; Linda K.: theme, Day of the Dead; Dinner hosts, Peggy A.; Brochure; Linda G.; Day Hosts: Marilee L.; Goodie Bags: Marie W. Tim encouraged mentoring of newer members by experienced club members.

Barry reported dates for 2023 and 2024: FFI World Conference in Croatia October 23; inbound from Tallahassee May; Calgary, June; Utah September; North American conference October.

Sherry W. added Open World Fall 2024.



October Birthdays

5	Peggy A.
9	Pierre G.
14	Alan J.
14	Mary Ellen J.
21	Helen S.
21	Richard G.



Cares and Concerns

Nothing to report. Isn't that wonderful?



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 October issue is October 1, 2023.



Sri Lanka

There are 276 Friendship Force clubs around the world in 49 countries, but when we look at this list of 38 countries whose 213 clubs offered to host

next year and see how many requests each received, it is easy to recognize the “hotspots” - the places that are reliably oversubscribed, year after year. Equally deserving of our attention, though, are those countries who are undersubscribed for journeys. In a world filled with well-known destinations, it is vital to look beyond the familiar and discover the hidden treasures that often go unnoticed.

There are now two active Friendship Force clubs in Sri Lanka, FF Galle and FF Ambalangoda, both on the southwest coast. Three more Sri Lankan clubs are under development, promising a varied cultural exchange program for visiting ambassadors to a country that is new to Friendship Force.

Family values play a significant role in Sri Lankan society, and this emphasis on close-knit relationships extends to Sri Lankans' interactions with outsiders. Visitors are treated as honored guests and Sri Lankans are famously enthusiastic about sharing stories and providing insights into their way of life.

