

Friendship Force of Central Arizona
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FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Anita Smith 5
Sandra Jordon 9
Yoshiko Frazier 14
Larissa Marinelli 14
James Trapp 24



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Maureen Perfect 6
Bob Mason 9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 4, 4 More on Page 3.

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Meeting location 9702 W Oak Ridge Drive, Sun City. 85351 Page 3.

December 10, 2:00

The Mousetrap. More on page 4.

Ghost Light Theater in Sun City West

December 31st Please send your dues. See page 4.

Is anyone interested in ride-sharing from the east side of the Valley? Call me,

602-920-8680.

Ruth for Friendship Force Club



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Newsletter December 2023
Ramblings from Ruth

Dear Friends:

No light in the early morning, darkness coming our way. Gather the energy you have saved from the sun and use it now.

Hello and welcome to Friendship Force Phoenix. It is a good time for me. I hope everyone out there is finding some joy each day and managing the challenges that might be coming their way.

We started our fall meetings with our monthly 4 x 4 at Nancy and Richard Mueller's home. 4 x 4 is held on the 4th day of the month, at 4:00 pm. An informal get-together which is intended to get to know

our members better.

Nancy Mueller presented some information regarding our Club receiving a grant to help develop membership and awareness for our club. News about this grant will appear in the newsletter.

December 4, 2023, we will meet at Pat and Al Forsythe's home, address to follow elsewhere in the newsletter for another 4 x 4.

December 10, 2023, the group is going to the theatre. Mouse Trap is a play, and it is in Sun City. Save the date and make your reservations early. The approximate cost is \$23.00. Contact Pat Forsythe for details.

Anyone interested in a get together on the east side of the city, I am available.

The Herberger Theatre will have its community night, tickets are \$15 and must get online at 7:00 am on the day of the play. December 13, 2023, "Scrooge, the Musical." They have moved the venue to Tempe Center for the Arts. We can carpool. Call me if interested. 602-920-8680 (Ruth).

Tell us where you would like to go with Friendship Force in 2025. Also let us know what inbound you would like to invite. It's time to submit our requests to International.

If you know of someone who has joined our Club or wishes to and is not getting information, please let us know. We want everyone to be informed and recognized.

Your board of directors is asking about a state-to-state exchange. Somewhat like the one we set up last February for Wisconsin/Illinois. Do you have any suggestions?

Friendship Force dues are now ready for you to pay. \$30 a person a year and \$15 a year for an Association membership. (If you have a membership in another state, please specify which state.)

Plans for 2024: These needs to be firmed up, but to whet your appetite: Inbound journey, Mexico in conjunction with Tucson. Outbound: Kenya, yes as some ask, me do you mean really Kenya like in Africa. Yes, we mean that.

Well, the light has come this morning, and I must begin my long-awaited yard work. I am attaching a photo of the books that have been waiting for me along with 4 on hold at the library and of course the instruction books and Thanksgiving recipe books I like to read. These I will enjoy as the days grow shorter and darkness comes.

My best to you for personal peace as well as world peace,
Ruth



IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW, WHAT IS 4 AND 4

By the way is it 4 and 4, or 4 at 4, or 4 x 4, or something else?

We are introducing the idea of an informal social gathering for Friendship Force Central Arizona members to get to know each other through “FFCA 4 at 4” — food, fun and getting to know the other folks, on the fourth day of the month at four o’clock. There is a brief update on exchanges and publicity. The time and date remain constant but the day of the week changes each month. This is how it works.

1. Each month a member would host the gathering at their home.
2. A theme would be selected.
3. Sign ups with the host would be required to get some group number.
4. Everyone would bring a dish to pass using the theme and their own drinks.

Note: All FFCA members and potential members are welcome. By the way FFCA is Friendship Force of Central Arizona.

THE NOVEMBER 4 x 4 pm.

Guests at our 4th at 4 November social, Diane Francom, Diane Shapiro and Dianne Mason not only share their name, but also share memories of hosting Friendship Force clubs.



**THE DECEMBER 4 at 4 pm.
Monday December 4, 2023**

Pat and Al Forsythe will host the event on December 4 at 4:00 pm

Contact Pat by December 1 to confirm your attendance.

C) 414-803-5704

E) 4alandpat@cox.net

Meeting location 9702 W Oak Ridge Drive, Sun City. 85351

Theme: holiday lights

AZ please bring an appetizer to share your drink and your favorite childhood memory of the holidays.

Mark your calendar

January 4 - Russ Fedoration (Thursday)

February 4 - Sue Levaque (Sunday)

Sent from Nancy Mueller

JOURNEYS

We are thinking about outbound Journeys for the next couple of years. Some are mentioning Canada, Milwaukee, South America. Some of these, especially Milwaukee and Canada would be easy for the older of our club.

KENYA AND MEXICO

Your board of directors has accepted an assignment for an outbound 2024 journey to Kenya. The suggested date is July, however, this could change.

There has been discussion of an incoming Mexican Journey also.

MARKETING (Read this it's important)

Let's find new friends

The FFCAZ club ordered generic club business cards thanks to Bill Kram.

Members can carry cards to give to people who are interested. (continue to next page)

Bill Kram is updating the club website and welcomes pictures of any of our recent events like last year's fall gathering at Ruth Shaw's or activities from the Wisconsin inbound in the spring or our 4x4 at Maggie's or Mueller's.

Our third marketing piece is creating a current brochure for the club. After a few social activities are set up for 2024 and information on journeys is prepared, we can actively recruit new members.

I completed a grant request from FFI and the club received \$350 toward recruitment efforts like the 3 marketing pieces. The minimum goal is to add 5 new members which is very achievable.

Nancy Mueller

FRIENDSHIP FORCE BRIEF FINANCIAL UPDATE

As per your request the current bank Friendship Force of Central Arizona bank balance is \$2,872.33. There are no bills due. We just paid to have our website renewed for the coming year. The only upcoming expense that I can think of will be the FFI dues we must pay in January.

Our membership dues will be coming due again soon. They need to be paid by December 31, 2023. They are:

- \$30 Single
- \$60 Couple
- \$ 15 Associate

They should be MADE PAYABLE to Friendship Force of Central Arizona and sent to:

Pete Frazier, Treasurer
Friendship Force of Central Arizona
17077 S 182nd Ave
Goodyear Arizona 85338Pete Frazier

WEB MASTER NEEDED:

Looking for something new to do?? Your Club is in need of someone who is willing to help Bill Kram with our website. Bill has done an excellent job serving our Club and is now in need of an assistant with an eye toward change.

Our website/page can be a good representation of our Club. Opportunity to put your ideas to work and create a product you are proud to own.

If you have any "Techie" skills or are willing to learn, we need you. Contact Bill Kram. billkram01@gmail.com.

IT IS FALL AND TIME TO ORGANIZE OURSELVES AGAIN.

After a lazy fun summer, it is time to sweep the garage, remove the dead plants, and open those windows!

One other item to add to your list is to go on friendshipforce.org and there you will find the member portal. Go ahead and register your family.

You will begin to receive up-to-date information about Friendship Force throughout the world and be ready for an adventure when you choose to travel.

**From Pat Forsythe
GHOST LIGHT THEATER
The Mousetrap
December 10, 2:00 PM**

Ghost Light Theater in Sun City West for December 10 at 2 PM. There are still tickets available. They are \$25. Please call Pat Forsythe at 414-803-5704 if you would like to attend this holiday affair.