

Friendship Force of Central Arizona
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 7th Board Meeting 1:15. At Dianne's.

March 10th, Friendship Day

8500 E. Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85209.
I don't have a time yet. More in President's message and page 3.

March 20th West Valley LEO 1:00 at Old Country Buffet, Bell Road and 79th Ave.

Email newsletter articles to me by the 24th of each month for the next month.

Let us have some more BIOS. Send them to Dianne at

rdmason@ieee.orgFeb19.docx

DUES

The dues for 2019 should have been paid by December 31, 2018. All dues must be made in the form of a check, no cash. Checks need to be made out to: Friendship Force of Central AZ.

Dues are \$30 per person, couples \$60. Associate members \$15. For a snail mail hard copy of the monthly Newsletter, an additional \$10 is due with renewal.

Mail your dues to Jean Ohlde.

Jean Ohlde
13207 W Keystone Dr.
Sun City West AZ 85375



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2019 President's Message

We had a good February General Meeting with, Jean Ohlde, Pat Bilovesky and Dianne Mason providing our program on The Friendship Force, Past and Present. We offered

to loan copies of the book The Other Side of the Mountain to any member wanting to learn more about the Friendship Force. If anyone not in attendance, would like to borrow a copy, please let me know.

Jean Ohlde, Pete Frazier, and Velda Miller presented information about 2019 journeys. Hopefully by the March meeting, which is our Friendship Day, I'll have our journey assignments for 2020 as well as our new membership directories.

Our Friendship Day will be held on March 10 at 2:00pm at Crescent Run Community Center

located at 8500 Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209. DIRECTIONS: When you are driving East on Southern Avenue and see the 202 FWY, (There is no exit from 202 to Southern)the community is in the shadow of the left side BEFORE you drive under the freeway. Also there is now a Dollar General on the Corner of Southern and Hawes which is a trigger that the community is the next left you can make.

Pat Forsythe has planned a delicious sounding German Menu and we will have Accordion Music for entertainment. If you have not already signed up, please call Rosetta Bidne at 623-972-7717/before March 3. Don't miss out on this fun afternoon. Come and bring a friend or two. Cost is \$10 per person to cover food and entertainment.

Hope that you are staying dry and warm. I need 2-3 interested people to serve on the nominating committee for next year's officers. If interested call me at 602-938-0216 or e-mail me at rdmason@ieee.org. Hope to see you on March 10.
Dianne Mason

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Janice Engbrecht 14
Pete Frazier 14
MaryAnn Shonk 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



MORE THANK YOU NOTES FROM OUR OCTOBER AMBASSADORS

Sent to Rosetta

Please forgive me for being slow in sending this, but know that, since I returned in October, I have been singing the praises about your FF club's absolutely outstanding journey. I am so pleased and grateful for the opportunity to have met you all and to have taken that "Walk in Their Shoes" with you.

I have shared your excellent program booklet with many friends, along with my own fond remembrances of visits to wonderful museums, beautiful places of nature, and fascinating Indian reservations. Your thorough planning and gracious hospitality made it a most memorable experience.

And now, to top it all off - you have provided an equally beautiful journal of our activities, along with a surprising and huge refund!

You and your outreach are beyond words! Thank you so very much for everything you did to make

the journey so very special and never-to-be forgotten.

I treasure the memories and send gratitude to you and your Friendship Force chapter. Best wishes for all of your future journeys.

Sincerely, in friendship, Geri Espy, Clearwater, FL

Hi Rosetta,

It was great seeing you again this fall and really enjoyed the program. It was also good to reconnect with others I had been on journeys from your area. The theme programs have been great and I keep checking for the next offering. So far, it does not look like such a program is yet in the catalog. I had hoped one a year!

Instead, my step daughter and I will be doing two Road Scholar programs on New York City this spring. I am really excited about that.

I am busy helping plan two domestic inbound journeys. It is a lot of work!

Well, the wonderful program book and check refund arrived today. I know Pat called twice trying to get it to me. Pony Express doesn't work well here in the north !!!

My FF group is wanting to hear about these programs as I keep telling them they are missing out. Not one of them have attended a themed program and this was my fourth. I will take your program agenda and picture book as well of the Settling of the Great Plains and The Civil War.

Guess I will be to your area some as my granddaughter is getting married this summer and will be living in the Phoenix area this fall.

Thank you again.
Jane Rosi-Pattison
Kelso. WA

Dear Friends,

What a joyous surprise awaited Frank and me upon our return from a two weeks trip to Mexico: The beautiful Photo Journal, lovingly composed and assembled by you, together with a most welcome refund check. We appreciate both; however the most valuable elements of that journey are our unforgettable memories together with the friendships forged on that trip.

This was the best journey we have ever taken with any friendship force group. We thank you from the bottom of our heart for this memorable experience.

In friendship,
Gudrun and Frank
Medford, OR



MARCH 10TH FRIENDSHIP DAY PLANS

To put us in the spirit to welcome the 16 ambassadors from Germany on April 2 our friendship Force menu for our March 10 meeting will be as follows:

Homemade pretzels with spicy mustard dip Red cabbage with apple (imported from Germany) Individual meat pies German potato salad (hot and cold) Bratwurst with sauerkraut(Bavarian style) and onions Noodle Kugel German chocolate cake for dessert Coffee and tea will be provided If you want beer or wine bring your own:

Cost is \$10 per person your guests are free if you have not made a reservation or signed up at the last meeting please call Rosetta at 623 972 7717 before March 3 2019 The interesting dinner will be followed by an accordion player and it will be a great way to show new people the fun that we have in our club.

The address of the March 10 meeting at 2pm is Crescent Community Center
8500 Southern ave
Mesa AZ. 85209

INCOMING: KIEL GERMANY

The following is the itinerary for the Kiel Germany Exchange. This is subject to change as we are still working on the details. Please call Jean Ohlde at 623-544-3204 with any questions.

Tuesday, April 2nd . Arrive. AA6198. 5:50 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3rd

10:30 a.m. Welcome Party (Pat Forsythe..in charge) at Rio Vista Park, Peoria

After eating we will go to the MIM.

Evening free, guests will need rest from jet lag.

Thursday, April 4th

10:00 a.m. Heard Museum

1:00 p.m. Botanical Garden

evening...SMALL "carry out" PARTIES

plan a "take out dinner" with another host & guests in your area. People get "take out" from wherever they like and then meet at someone's place with others to eat and visit. No one is doing any cooking! IF you aren't hosting, maybe consider having the hosts and guests to your home.

Friday, April 5th

Grand Canyon for the 6 from Kiel that chose to go. **FREE DAY** for those that don't go to the Grand Canyon.

(Friday or Sunday GUESTS take HOSTS out to dinner)

Saturday April 6th

10:00 a.m. Montezuma Castle (take binoculars)

free with Nat'l Park passes

lunch buffet at Cliff Castle

After lunch: Drive up to Sedona only 30

minutes away, the beauty is worth

the drive. Then return at your leisure.

Nothing planned for evening since it is a full day.

Sunday April 7th

Vulture Mine tour, south of Wickenburg. 1 1/2

hour tour at 10 a.m

Sack lunch at a Wickenburg Boetta Park

Wickenburg Museum after lunch.

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Monday April 8th

Free day, a good day for laundry and packing!

Farewell Party. 4:00 p.m. Taco Party At Pat &

Al Forsythe's home

Tuesday April 9th depart for San Francisco

AA1037 at 1:55 p.m.

UPDATED INFO ON THE CENTRAL AZ JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL MT (JULY 21-28) AND TO NORTHERN IDAHO/EASTERN WASHINGTON (JULY 28-AUGUST 4)

We have received the final journey agendas and partial fee amounts for the July 21-28 Journey to Central MT (Great Falls, MT) and the July 28-August 4 Journey to Northern Idaho/Eastern Washington (Spokane). As I indicated at the last General Meeting the fees I mentioned at that time were estimates only and not final. The Central MT Fees are now final. We received an email from Spokane Journey Coordinator on 2-20-19 saying she had another planning meeting on March 1 and would advise us after the meeting of final fees. Once we get that information we will be sending an email to everyone indicating if you were selected for both journeys or just the Spokane Journey (due to the limited number Montana can take) and requesting that you submit your applications and money. Please do not send us any money or applications yet. We have already received a few checks which may be the wrong amount.

FINAL Central MT Fees :
ESTIMATED Northern Idaho/Western Washington Fees:
Club Fees \$185.00
Club Fees \$150.00
FFI Fees \$ 70.00
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TOTAL FEES \$255.00
TOTAL FEES \$220.00

ITINERARY FOR JOURNEY CENTRAL ARIZONA TO CENTRAL MONTANA

Sunday, July 21st – Saturday, July 27th

Sunday, July 21, 2019:

Arriving from Arizona. Host arriving / spend time the evening at your host's home and begin to get acquainted

Monday, July 22, 2019:

Fort Benton Museums and Heritage Complex Tour; Grand Union Historic Hotel; Lunch in Fort Benton; pot luck dinner at Carol's and Ron's

Tuesday, July 23, 2019:

Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in AM; lunch down town Great Falls; CM Russell Museum in the PM; Welcoming dinner at the Country Club 5:30 PM

Wednesday, July 24, 2019:

Helena Capital and Trolley Ride; packed lunch by host; Gates of The MOUNTAINS BOAT RIDE; Evening band concert in Gibson Park or possible dinner at Izacks in Craig, Montana (possible time for ambassador to take host to dinner).

Thursday, July 25, 2019:

Fair Haven Hutterite Colony in AM; picnic lunch at the First Peoples' Buffalo Jump and tour of the area.

Friday, July 26, 2019:

Sister Trinitas Morin Collection at the Providence College Of Great Falls/ lunch at Rikki's Ursuline Center and Museum. Get Together at Joyce Thomas' home at 5 PM; dinner on own

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Farmers market; lunch on own. Farewell dinner at the 3D'S

Idaho/Eastern Washington (Spokane)

Sunday July 28- Sunday August 4

Note: We had requested that the Sunday welcome dinner mentioned here be changed to Monday evening due to possible Sunday late afternoon/evening arrivals. However, I received an email from the Spokane coordinator that the welcome dinner has already been set and reservation permit paid for so they can not change it. Hopefully we all can arrive by mid afternoon so none of us miss it. I am not sure what the airline schedules are from Phoenix to Spokane for those going only on the Spokane exchange. If those of us coming from Great Falls all drive we can be in Spokane by 2 or 3 pm, if we leave Great Falls by 9 am Sunday morning.

SUNDAY JULY 28

We will be serving a welcoming outdoor dinner in Manito Park, one of the oldest crown jewels of Spokane. For those of you who enjoy flower gardens you may choose to walk through one or all of the beautiful gardens the park has to offer. You have a choice of, perennial gardens, annual gardens, (both could be viewed from the car). There is also a rose garden, and our Sister City Nishinomiya - Tsutakawa, Japanese garden. In the center of all those we have the Gaiser Conservatory. There is even a duck pond where you can just sit and relax as you look out over the pond.

MONDAY JULY 29

Historical Building tours through the downtown area. Includes the **Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox**. It opened its doors in 1931 in an Art Deco environment. Completely restored to its original designs. Just a block away is the **Bing Crosby Theater**, so named because Spokane's classic crooner got his start there. The **Historic Davenport Hotel**, opened in 1914 serving as a hot spot for wealthy and important guests.

Lunch will be on your own in one of the many restaurants in downtown Spokane.

An afternoon of viewing the Spokane River that flows through the center of town, visiting a few of the many wineries and/or breweries, Kendal Yards our newest housing community along the river, with its eateries, small shops, and river view benches where you can just sit and watch the river pass by. There will also be a bridge walk for those of you who would like to walk through Riverfront Park, the site of Expo 74.

Small group dinner: meal will be a relaxing home cooked meal served in some of our members' homes, where we will meet in small groups to relax and visit, and just get to know one another. Or Free Evening.

TUESDAY JULY 30

A day touring the Silver Valley mining district of Wallace Idaho, nestled among the timber-clad Bitterroot Mountains. Tour a mine, visit the Oasis Bordello Museum, poke around in one of the many vintage second hand shops, stop in for a beer at Wallace Brewing, whose pick and hard hat logo encapsulates the hard working authenticity that never runs out in Wallace.

Lunch on your own

Free Evening or small group dinner

WEDNESDAY JULY 31

A day at the lake. This is a day at a cabin on Lake Cour d'Alene. There is hiking, boat ride, swimming, kayaking and other water toys available for those of you who like all those water activities, along with outdoor yard games. Sit and visit under enjoy lunch. In the evening we will enjoy a salmon bake given by our members. All you need to bring is what you would like to drink.

THURSDAY AUGUST 1

We will meet at Riverside State Park and view some of the geological formation of the area. Then stopping by a visitor's center to hear about the history of the area.

Lunch on your own

Evening outdoor concert at the Arbor Crest Wine Cellars. A historic Cliff House Estate and Tasting Room, located on an estate complete with a Tuscan-style manor. Enjoy a tasting flight while listening to live music and taking in views that stretch for miles. Bring along a light dinner to enjoy with your wine. Wine can be bought by the glass or bottle.

FRIDAY AUGUST 2

Spend the day in the Lakeside city of Cour d'Alene. Take a leisurely stroll from downtown to North Idaho College campus. Along the way you will walk through a Street Fair, A Taste of Cour d'Alene, and the famous Art on the Green. There will be musical groups you can sit and enjoy throughout the park. Also local breweries, wineries and food booths will be available. Art and Crafts from many of our local and regional artist. Take a walk on the board walk along the harbor, have lunch or dinner in one of the many restaurants in town or on the water. This is a wonderful time to take your host out to dinner.

SATURDAY AUGUST 3

Free Time

Evening Farewell Dinner

We will get more info to you as we receive it.

Watch for emails in early March

Thanks

Pete and Yoshiko Frazier

623-258-2693 (Pete cell)

406-788-7097 (Yoshiko cell)

2019 INBOUND JOURNEY

Kiel, located in Northern Germany. April. Jean Ohlde, (623) 544-3204.

2019 OUTBOUND JOURNEY

Vogtland, Germany, Netherlands September, Velda Miller, (480) 664-7798, (253) 221-9913 (cell)

2019 DOMESTIC OUTBOUND

Central Montana, and Spokane, Washington (Eastern Washington /Northern Idaho,club) July, August, Coordinators: Yoshiko and Pete Frazier (406) 788-7097, (623) 258-2693