



Friendship Force Utah

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2026

A World of Friends Is a World of Peace

Calendar

General Meeting & Potluck:
January 20 (Tues), 5:30pm

SL Gov. Complex 2100 S State
(bring your plate, utensils & cup)

- Presentation on the Great Salt Lake by Bonnie Baxter-->
- And directions on paying 2026 dues.

February Social Gathering:
Bowling----February 11 (Wed.)

RSVP Carol Milliken by Feb. 1
milliken@xmission.com

March 17 Meeting:
Peru Presentation

Incoming Journey:
September 8-15, 2006
Florida Sun Coast

Outgoing Journey:
October 2026 (1st or 2nd week)
Cedar Rapids-Iowa Ohio

February Social Activity

Try something new!



Meet Feb. 11, 12:15

Olympic Lanes 4015 Wasatch Blvd
RSVP Carol by Feb. 1

You can also grab a burger or snack there



January 20th Presentation

We are privileged to have Bonnie Baxter, founder and director of [The Great Salt Lake Institute](#) speak to us. *(click on above link for more info)*.

Dr. Baxter is at Westminster University and we thank member Jeff Driggs for his connections there to have her come.

Please come and support this great opportunity!



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Message from the Leadership Team

Why do we travel? Why did we join Friendship Force? Probably because we love to experience some place different, interesting, exciting, beautiful. But, along the way we found that what we most enjoyed and remember is our interactions with the people we meet in these "exotic" places. It is this that drove many of us to join Friendship Force.

Recently Friendship Force International's actions have caused many of us to question our membership in Friendship Force. Since there is no other organization that offers the opportunity for intimate interactions with people of diverse cultures. I personally have come to the conclusion that Friendship Force is worth my membership for another year.

Speaking for all members of the board, we promise that we will monitor and evaluate Friendship Force International's new initiatives and actions. We will do our best to keep all of you informed.

-- A gift you --

Since there is enough money in our budget this year, we are able to waive the annual Utah club fee which is around \$10 each.

**Looking forward to seeing you January 20.
FF of Utah Leadership Team**

Leadership Team 2026

To contact an officer below (if you don't have their direct email), put their name in the subject line at UtahFriendshipForce@gmail.com

Team Leader -- Judy Cohen

Secretary -- TBA (any volunteers?)

Treasurer -- Judy

Membership -- Susan Worley

Social Chair -- Jeanne Goldstein

Technical Support -- Betsy Heath

Member-at-Large -- Carol Milliken

Newsletter Editor -- Annie Eastmond



Treasurer's Report

As of December end 2025, the current balance in the club account is \$4,600. There are no outstanding bills this month.

We had a great Holiday Party in December at the Bombay Palace in Murray!

A BIG THANKYOU to Jeanne and those who helped her!



Under Rosalie and Donna Mirabelli's direction, we played a game called Right/Left "Tis the night Right before Christmas!". Everyone participated and we had a great time! We all went home with a goodie bag and the best thing in them was a knit hat.

I asked Rosalie where the hats came from and she said, *"Donna and I provided lots and lots of yarn to a contact who gave it to the Utah State prison where inmates (mostly men), knitted them into beautiful hats! We also had friends knitting hats. Who knows--Donna and I may have even knitted a few of those also."*



Thank you!

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Become familiar with the Friendship Force International website.

www.friendshipforce.org/

This is where you will pay dues and find journeys, information, and resources.

- Use your member # at the Member Login tab.
- Create one there if you've never had one.
- If you have one but have forgotten it, reach out to Susan in membership.

You will need your # to fully access the site and to pay dues.

A new Friendship Force book is being written covering our history from 1997 to the present.

To find out more----

click here [new Friendship Force book.](#)



Share your stories, photos, and memories
to help preserve our global legacy!
Email: History@friendshipforce.org

*Go on some travel adventures this year
and spread some peace and goodwill!*