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*May we think of
freedom not as the right
to do as we please, but
as the opportunity to do
what is right.*

Peter Marshall

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Summer Picnic

Date: **Tuesday, July 10**

Where: **Lower Pavilion**

Washington Park

5:30 PM Forest Bowling; table games

7:00 Dinner

Main course provided:

Sloppy Joes

Wine, ice tea & water will be available.

It is suggested that you bring dish with enough to serve 8-10 others.

If your last name begins with A—E, bring appetizer or chips & dip; F—J, bring salad; K—R, bring side such as vegetables or potatoes; S—Z, bring dessert.

Consider bringing a guest

Hope to see you there.

FF-Utah President's Message: Pay it Forward!



In May, I had the pleasure of attending the first Western Super-Regional Conference hosted by the Sacramento California Friendship Force club. The conference was attended by 122 members from clubs from the Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain, West Coast and Western Canada Regions including clubs in: Alaska, Alberta, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

The conference was kicked off with a "Welcome" from Steve Ly, Mayor of Elk Grove. The keynote speaker was Joy Justus, Outreach Manager, of World Relief Sacramento. She has been working with refugees through World Relief since 2012. Her presentation included a panel of refugees who gave firsthand accounts of their story. It was interesting and very "heartfelt".

The conference included workshops on travel insurance, domestic journeys, leadership, recruitment, global journeys, using google docs, and sharing club photography worldwide.

I am so excited about Friendship Force now that I have visited two clubs in Germany and seen how much value there is in meeting citizens of other countries who are so welcoming. We learned about the history of East Germany and the reunification after the Wall came down. We were treated to local in-season strawberries, white asparagus the German way, and lovely German potatoes and bread. We even toured a chocolate factory! I was impressed with how advanced Germany is in preparing for rising seas and tides in Hamburg, and how the government is helping and requiring that new buildings and renovations go the net zero way. And I learned how to be more welcoming for the future journeys we will have. Most important, I have friends in Germany now!

Let's remember that a week of showing off our city and state to fun-loving travelers from far away is always exciting. "Pay it forward" is the attitude we need and if we go for it, and go on a Friendship Force journey we will be rewarded!

Jennifer Allred

Outgoing Journey—2019

Tamworth, Australia

Dates: Early September, 2019

Our outbound journey for 2019 will be to Tamworth, Australia in early September. Weather should be clear and dry and 61 degrees at night.

Some time after that, we will journey to the North Island of New Zealand to Thames on Coromandel, which is a peninsula of mountains in the northeast of the island. That date is not set yet and could be later in September. Each one is for a week. And September is early spring down under. Let's go!

Jennifer

About our Club

Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 2001 South State Street, SLC. Use the East entrance at the north end of South Building where free parking is available. If the door is locked, go to the North building, sign in and get directions to the Atrium.

Social, 6:30 PM; Meeting, 7 PM

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Calendar of Events

2018

FF-Utah General Meeting:

September 18th, City/County Gov Bldg

Incoming Journey 2018

Montreal, Canada Oct 17—21, Oct 25

2019

Incoming Global Journey 2019

Parks in Southern Utah- April 28 –May 8

International Conference 2019

Boulder, Colorado —July 23—27th

Outgoing Journey 2019

Tamworth, Australia (early September)



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Friendship Force International Cruise—2018

What a great atmosphere to meet many new friends—a FRIENDSHIP FORCE CRUISE to Europe!!! I had the opportunity to travel with 91 ambassadors from several countries: Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Canada, NWT and US. Director Jeremy and his assistant Laura were wonderful hosts and arranged workshops and cocktail parties during "at sea" days. Workshops included slide shows, feedback from various clubs, open sessions with ideas and suggestions to strengthen the organization. Ambassadors were encouraged to invite friends and family to local meetings and activities. Jeremy announced that they are working to improve the website with other languages. On the final day of cruising, Friendship Force hosted a luncheon at one of the fine restaurants on board, a nice finale to our trip. A good time was had by all!!!!

Jean Herschell

Upcoming FF-International Festival of Sea Cruise —2019

Join us on the third installment of Friendship Force's Festival at Sea cruises! Your fifteen-day Voyage on the Holland America [Zaandam](#), begins with two days in Buenos Aires and one in neighboring Montevideo, Uruguay. Then it is on to five port-calls in Patagonia, plus a visit to the Falkland Islands. You'll round Cape Horn, one of the greatest cruising experiences anywhere, and visit the island of Terra del Fuego with the world's southern-most towns. Come prepared for spectacular scenery and wildlife: fjords, glaciers, waterfalls, volcanoes, penguins, eagles, and whales. You will also encounter the unique Patagonian culture – sheep and cattle ranches with communities that are able to thrive at the Edge of the Earth. Conclude your Journey in San Antonio (Santiago), Chile. Whether you come alone or with friends, you will be right at home with your fellow Friendship Force travelers during this two-week voyage of workshops, team-building activities, and of course, plenty of sightseeing in each of our ports-of-call!

See website for details: <https://thefriendshipforce.org/journeys/2019-festival-at-sea-cruise/>.

Opportunities to Help Plan Future Outgoing Journeys

We have had an invitation to do a journey with Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho clubs next year. They also would like to see the parks. We will be more experienced by then! If you are interested in planning and participating on the parks parts of our journeys, please let me know.

The Global Journey to Southern Utah Parks is scheduled for April 28th until May 8th. On that journey the ambassadors will only stay in homes in SLC for one night at the beginning of the journey and one night at the end. I am planning the reservations right now so if you want to go along, please let me know so I can make the right decisions about transportation.

Jennifer



Membership Committee Report

The Picnic on July 10th is a great time to bring a guest. We have ambassadors who just experienced an amazing journey to Germany that your friend, family or guest can hear from. Fun activities and great food will be available. A fun time will be had by all. Have you heard of the German game German Lofting or Lawn Bowling? Come and find out about this fun game that ambassadors played in Germany.

Remember we are still having a drawing for those who bring a guest and a BIG drawing if the guest joins this great organization.

Share the love!!!

Lynn & Margret



Summer Picnic. Tuesday July 10th

5:30 PM—Forest Bowling & Table Games

7:00 PM —Dinner

Our summer picnic is July 10th. We will meet at **Washington Park, up Parley's Canyon** next to the golf course at 5:30 for a game of Forest Bowling, brought back from Germany by our club members who went on the Schwerin and Norderstedt journey in June.

The picnic is a pot luck, featuring sloppy joes for the main course. If possible, would those whose first name starts with A—E, bring appetizer or chips & dip; F—J, bring salad; K—R, bring side such as vegetables or potatoes; S—Z, bring dessert.

Other games may be available also for those who prefer to remain at the tables before dinner is served around 7PM.

No dogs are allowed at Washington Park. We will be at the end of the road (the lower pavilion).

Jennifer



Treasure's Report

Don Niederhauser

Beginning Balance	\$4,464.25
Outstanding checks	157.36
Funds for deposit	80.00
Net Balance of	\$4,386.89

NOTES:

The club books have been computerized using *Quicken* financial software. This will enable easier generation of reports and tracking of our finances.

The Open World Event during which we hosted the judges from Estonia had an excess of receipts over expenses totaling \$552.81. These funds are now in our treasury and can be utilized to help run the club.

Our recent outbound journey to Germany had an excess of expenses over receipts of only \$26.48. Considering all the variables, including fluctuating foreign exchange rates, this represents some great planning and execution. Thanks to Judy Cohen and all those involved with this effort for making the journey available to our club members at a great price! I hear everyone had a wonderful time.



Don

Incoming Journey– 2018 Montreal, Canada

Dates : October 17—21st, Oct 25

Our next incoming journey from Montreal, Canada begins October 17th. The club will be returning from a journey in Sacramento and they will stay with us for *only five nights*. **Home hosts are needed as they have added to their list of ambassadors recently.**

This group wants to sample the Utah parks, so on the morning of October 22nd, they will travel to Zion and Bryce as an extension to their stay with us in SLC. The quick visit after the Canadians stay in SLC will be a drive to Zion in the morning of the 22nd, stay in Springdale for the night and see Zion in the evening and the early part of the next day, using the park shuttle. Drive to the Bryce Canyon Pines motel and restaurant in Red Canyon just outside of Bryce, and stay that night. See Bryce by Park Shuttle with short hikes, and start back to SLC about 2 PM.

If you are interested in helping, by driving your car or a van, please let me know right away (801-467-1478) or if you just want to tag along, you are invited. We may need a car with a hitch to carry luggage!

The plan is for the last night the ambassadors will stay in an airport hotel and use their "airport shuttles to get to the airport.

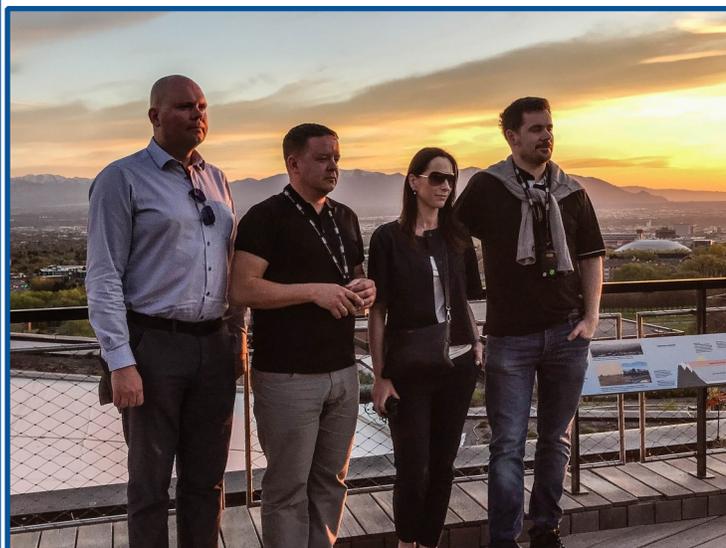
Jennifer

SAVE THE DATE
2019 FFI World Conference
New Location and New Dates
BOULDER, COLORADO, USA
JULY 23-27, 2019
Workshops/Plenaries: July 23-25 | Social/Local Activities: July 26-27
Due to Hurricane Maria's lasting impact on Puerto Rico, our 2019 World Conference location and dates have been changed. Please save the "new" date and location, and plan to join us in Boulder, Colorado next July.

Open World Journey: Estonia—April, 2018

Thanks to volunteers for the Open World Estonia visit in April: Lynn, Betsy, Anne Lemmon, Donna & Ron Smith, Donna Marabelli, Donna Paulsen, Orion, Dana, Margret, Cosette, Carol, Kathleen Mason, Kris Hill, and most importantly JoDeane and Jennifer, who put in hours of phoning and planning with Jennifer and the salt lake federal and state judges.

Our guest speaker, an immigrant and refugee from Estonia was Charlie Ehin. We learned so much about Estonia's history and how he escaped the war as a young boy.



A Marvelous Journey to Germany, June 2018

Eight members of our club were hosted by friendship force clubs in Schwerin and Norderstedt, Germany from June 6th to the 17th. There we were joined by Mark and Julie from the New Mexico club and Vincent and Jennifer from the Hamilton, Canada club. All four were wonderful travelling companions. Our hosts in both Schwerin and Norderstedt welcomed us warmly and involved us in a wide range of activities as you can see from our photos. We learned a lot, saw a lot, and made many new friends. Hopefully we will be able to host them in the near future. *Judy Cohen*

It is hard to pick one highlight but one that was fascinating for me and I don't believe any other ambassador experienced was a trip to Bad Segeberg. It is famous for its annual [Karl May Festival](#). It takes place in the city's [Kalkberg Stadium](#), a large amphitheater originally built by the [Reich Labour Service](#) into an exploited quarry. It seats 10,000 and has room for 4,000 standees. The festival was to begin the Friday after we left but we were able to climb up to the top of the quarry and see them practicing the "Cowboy and Indian" show complete with horse's fire and an elaborate stage. Everyone I talked to in Norderstedt had been to this festival recently or when they were children so it has been in existence 50+ years. I thought it was such an anomaly. Karl May was one of the most prolific authors of adventure novels. He is one of the most widely read writers of German and, according to UNESCO, one of the most widely translated German writers. His background is most interesting including a life of crime. People told me he had not been to the west but his descriptions were amazing. My host in both cities Norderstedt and Schwerin were wonderful and treated us like royalty! *Margret Boes-Ingraham*

This was my first international journey so I didn't know what to expect and was a little nervous. The entire trip was wonderful! It was above and beyond everything I imagined. Our hosts in both cities were welcoming, friendly and super hospitable. And fed us full of delicious breads, jams, meat, fish, and beer. Not to forget the tour of the Chocolate Museum with tastings. We saw so much of their beautiful cities, the palaces, churches, sculptures, and amazing old architecture. We also learned a lot of German history. But the best of all was making great new friends!

Lynn Muller

We had outstanding experiences on our Exchange to Schwerin and Norderstedt. Ron and I stayed with a family in the village of Kraak which is about 30 minutes out of Schwerin. It was a beautiful area surrounded by large areas of forest, corn fields and grain fields. Since Schwerin was not devastated during the war, it was inspiring to see the old buildings and unique ornate architecture and to learn of the history.

The next Exchange offered equally exciting experiences as we stayed with Jens and Renate in their nice home in Norderstedt. In addition to the daily activities with the Utah Friendship Force group we enjoyed the opportunity to go to Lubeck, a place that in the 16th century was the largest city of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. We were intrigued by the tour our hosts gave us taking us to areas off the typical tourist's path.

Donna & Ron Smith

Message from Journey Coordinator at Farewell Breakfast

"My dear new friends from the U.S. and Canada. First of all, I have to compliment our guests. You made it very easy for me to be your JC. I enjoyed your company very much. You never complained, were always on time, were good walkers, kept our pace, and were not fussy. Some of you even tried our traditional foods. Above all, I liked your sense of humor and you understood my sense of humor. My special thanks to Eva once more. One last word: In our world as it is today, with all the political, religious, and racial disharmony - please let us stay friends."

Photos Taken on Journey to Northern Germany, June 2018

