




  
**Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all peoples cry, laugh, eat, worry, and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try and understand each other, we may even become friends.**
  
**Maya Angelou**
  
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**Come to our March 21st Social**  
**6:30—7:00 PM**

Members, please bring finger food.  
 Betsy will bring Italian rice-zucchini Crostata

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**March 21, 2017**  
**What You Might Want to Know About Muslims**  
 (More in Common Than You Might Think)  
**By Maysa Kergaye**  
**Where: City-County Government S Bldg**  
**2001 South State Street, SLC**  
**Time: Social 6:30**  
**Business Meeting 7:00**  
**Program 7:20**

According to a Pew Research report, Islam is the world's second-largest religion after Christianity. Muslims make up a majority of the population in 49 countries around the world. Islam is also one of the fastest growing religions in Utah. According to the Islamic Society of Salt Lake, in ten years they've grown from 25 thousand members to 50 thousand, through births, people converting, and refugees from other countries.

As members of Friendship Force, many of us are world travelers, and we all have an interest in understanding more about the people whose lives we share whether it is in a home stay, home hosting, day hosting, or as a neighbor.

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## FF-Utah - President's Message



It's March and change is in the air. If you haven't had a chance to look at Friendship Force International's new web site, now is the time to do so. Its set up is quite different from the previous web site. You will see that there are some significant changes to how FFI presents Friendship Force. Our motto is now "Experience Different Views. Discover Common Ground" and no longer "Changing the Way You See the World".

Emphasis is no longer on exchange visits to another club. Members of Friendship Force now participate in a journey that allows them to experience other cultures while interacting with other travelers. Club coordinators for the Journey are no longer Exchange Directors. They are Journey Coordinators

Although there is a change in vocabulary, our mission is the same that is to spread peace one person at a time. Many of our members have travelled with other FF clubs and thus have enlarged their circle of friends. So, let's all take a look at FFI's catalog of Journeys and go see the world.

*Judy Cohen*

## Journey News – 2017

This year our club will be hosting two Open World Leadership visits. These are young professionals who come to the United States for a specific purpose. They are sponsored by an independent government agency of the U.S. Congress.

The first Open World Leadership group we will host are members of the Peruvian Parliament. They will be with us from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The second Open World Leadership group we are hosting are young professionals from Serbia. They will be with us from September 15 to September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please welcome these visitors by participating as a home host, a day host, or a dinner host. If you cannot host, you can extend our hospitality when you come to the welcome and farewell gathering.

### 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**

### 2016 Officers & Board Members

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### Calendar of Events

#### FF-Utah Activities

#### Open World Leadership Visits—2017

Peruvian Parliament Members

June 22—28, 2017

Serbia Young Professionals

September 15—23. 2017

#### International Conference 2017

August 24—28, Manchester England

#### National Outgoing Journey—2017

Santa Barbara, CA—completed Jan-17

#### Incoming Journeys—2018

Brisbane, Australia **Canceled**

Norderstedt, Germany

April or May, 2018

#### International Outgoing Journey—2018

Schwerin, Germany

July, 2018

### Membership Committee Report

Thank you members, for renewing your memberships. We have 53 members renewed at this time. Two recruitment dinner parties are scheduled for March, and we hope to interest more members next month. **Will you be one who will bring a new prospect to Friendship Force next time?**

*Jennifer Allred*

*Membership Chair*

## Journey News – 2018

Incoming Journey – Norderstedt,  
Germany

April or May 2018

Outgoing Journey – Schwerin, Germany

July 2018

Look up Schwerin on the internet. It looks lovely.

## International Peace Garden Academy

Utah Friendship Force congratulates The International Peace Garden Academy for its new accreditation as a Utah Museum. I know many of you have taken different Friendship Force groups on tours of this special park. I especially enjoy showing visitors the Peace Poles and talking about them. Many visitors like to find their counties' s pole and have their picture taken with that pole. These poles are from the 2002 Winter Olympics held in Salt Lake City. If you have not been to the garden the address is 1000 South 900 West, SLC. It is a hidden gem in Salt lake City.

Their web site is:

<http://internationalpeacegardens.org/>

Steven Lemmon, a spokesman for the gardens, has informed me this accreditation should help a lot in improving the gardens. A donation was made to repair the Peace Poles from the Peaks to Plains Friendship Force journey last year. This garden exemplifies Friendship Force in so many ways.

*Margret Boes-Ingraham*

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At our March 21 meeting, we will have the opportunity to learn more about the Islamic religion, its doctrines, ethics, morals, and values as practiced by faithful, peaceful practitioners of the faith. Our guest presenter, Maysa Kergape, is a member of the Utah Islamic Center and a frequent public speaker about her religion.

Maysa was raised in California, and moved to Utah in 1993. She holds a degree in mathematics with a minor in psychology from the University of Utah, and currently teaches math at Salt Lake community college. Maysa also teaches Zumba at many city recreation centers. She is active in inter-faith work and volunteers in many capacities. She is a mother of four children, two of whom are at the University of Utah, and the other two are in high school at Ames.

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## Treasurer Report— Doug Ingraham

Balance of Checking account is \$5133.13. There was one outstanding check for the Santa Barbara exchange for \$1950.

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## Alternative Social Event

Lunch at Galley Grill in SLC  
February 25, 2017



Twenty-six members and friends enjoyed the Russian cuisine. Thanks to Susan Hilton for planning this event

## **Alternative Friendship Force Club Exchange**

### **New Mexico Trip—May 8—22, 2017**

Price slashed! Now being brought to you at a lower price of \$1800 down from \$2400. On this trip you will see and experience the center of ancient pueblo civilization, Chaco Canyon. Other historic places will also be visited on this trip Petroglyph National Monument, a tour of the Governor's palace and other contemporary Indian dwellings that have been occupied for 500 years. Spend two nights in America's oldest capitol city, Santa Fe and visit some of the historic sights. You may also hear from contemporary Pueblo Indians and speak with them. Indian Dances will be demonstrated. There will be lectures from experts on the various sights and ruins that you will visit. For more information and the itinerary for the trip visit the Friendship Force Newsletter or Call Judith Mead at: [505 323-2253](tel:505-323-2253) or Lenore Pardee at [505-256-1455](tel:505-256-1455)

Carol Milliken, one of our members, is going on this trip and would love to have someone join her.

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### **Santa Barbara Exchange—January, 2017**



#### **Santa Barbara: My First Exchange**

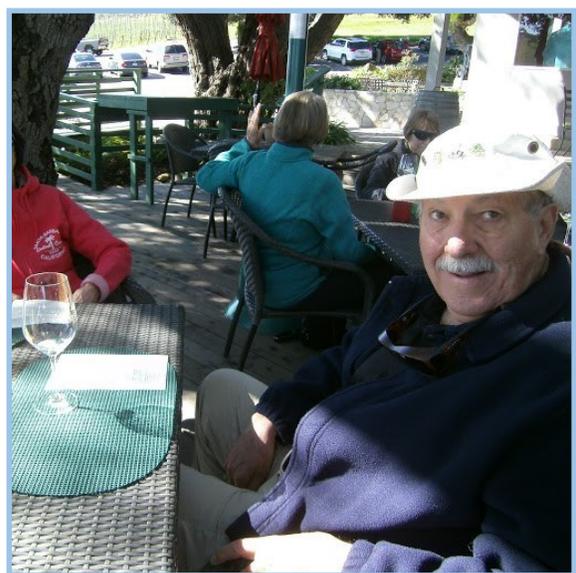
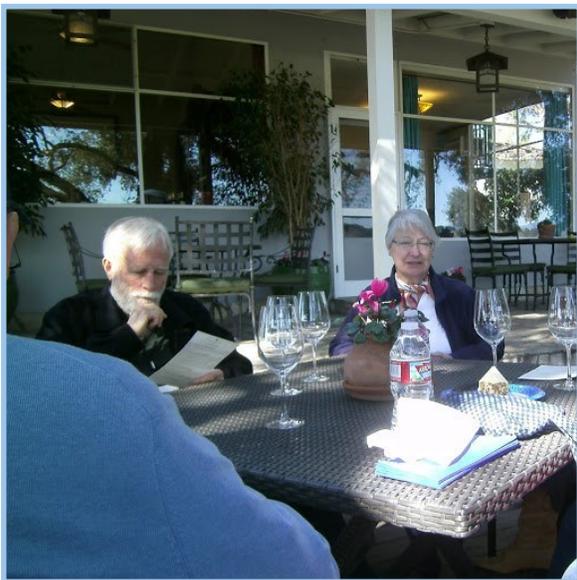
My first exchange was a complete success! What a fun way to see a new city. I had a great time. Everything went smoothly from being picked up at the airport to the drop off at the end. My host family, Ilse and Frank, were wonderful - so friendly and generous. They made sure I was comfortable, having a good time, seeing all the sights, and well fed. I found all the activities to be very interesting, fun and well-organized. I met so many nice people both from the Santa Barbara group and from the Utah group. It was great to get to know the Utah folks better, especially my roommate, Jean. I am eager for my next trip and to help with a group coming here.

*Lynn Muller*

Santa Barbara was my first trip with Friendship Force and it was super. If this is typical, members and their homes are inviting, interesting and lively. There's nothing like having a local taking you to some of their favorite places and sharing stories about their many trips.

We now have friends who plan on visiting us and we are looking forward to it. *Jim Allred*

## More Photos from Santa Barbara Exchange



## Other Friendship Force Club Journeys

### **Cruise from Florida to Italy** , March 30– April 13th, 2017 (ED) Laurie Ann Scott

Visit Italy. Cabin prices for the 14-day voyage, including taxes, fees and the full Friendship Force program, begin at \$1,335 for an inside cabin (per person/double occupancy), a balcony cabin for \$1,553 and ocean view for \$1,573. Book by November 15 and receive a bonus of up to \$75/cabin onboard credit. Prices are subject to availability at time of booking. Contact Laurie Ann for more information at [lscott@thefriendshipforce.org](mailto:lscott@thefriendshipforce.org)

### **San Miguel de Allende , Mexico**, March 14-23, 2017 (ED) Laurie Ann Scott

Upon your arrival, you will be welcomed at the Constanta B&B by your Exchange Director, Anne-Marie, along with 13 other Ambassadors. As an Ambassador, enjoying your FF Program, you will be instrumental in helping establish a Friendship Force Club in SMA. There will be opportunities to meet SMA residents and interact with them. This Exchange is \$1190 for the B&B and an outstanding program that includes some lunches, dinners, parade and transportation. Contact Laurie Ann for more information at [lscott@thefriendshipforce.org](mailto:lscott@thefriendshipforce.org)

### **Ancestral Puebloan and Contemporary Puebloan Cultures, New Mexico**, March 14-23, 2017 (ED) Lenore Pardee and Judith Mead

Mexico is the only place where this kind of program can be offered. The Journey will be open to Ambassadors both domestic and foreign. There will be a limit of 20 Ambassadors. The estimated cost is \$1800 USD per person with an advanced \$ 750 USD payment which will be returned if applicant is not accepted. This included FFI speaker, four nights hotels, museum and archeological sites, transportation fees and some meals. Contact Lenore Pardee and Judith Mead at [lnorerp@aol.com](mailto:lnorerp@aol.com) and [j.w.mead@centurylink.net](mailto:j.w.mead@centurylink.net) If interested in more information contact Jacque B to receive the flyer.

### **Taiwan, Jakarta, Malang, Depasar and Hong Kong, Indonesia**, September 8-28, 2017

Estimated air fare PXD \$2,000. Hotels, tours, FFI host clubs, transportation, etc estimated \$1,600. If interested contact FFI office. If interested in more information contact Jacque B to receive the flyer.

### **Cedar Rapids Adventure, Iowa**, April 30-May 8, 2017 (ED) Pat Ghiglieri

You will visit Amana Colony horse auction, Kalona, Grant Wood museum, Herbert Hoover Library, Mai-fest, Lincoln Library, Czech and Slovenian museums. Your trip will end in Springfield. Total cost is \$427, includes trip to Springfield and overnight hotel stay. Send application to Pat Ghiglieri at [pat.ghiglieri@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pat.ghiglieri@sbcglobal.net) . If interested in more information contact Jacque B to receive the flyer.



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February 8, 2017

Margaret Ingraham  
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Dear Friendship Force of Utah,

Friendship Force International recently received the Annual Grantee of Merit Award for 2017 by the Open World Leadership Center. This is a distinguished award that we are very proud to receive! The Annual Grantee of Merit Award is presented to organizations who have demonstrated outstanding service to Open World. FFI hosted its first Open World delegation in 1999. From 1999 to now, Friendship Force clubs just like yours have hosted 2,085 Open World delegates. In 2017, Friendship Force clubs will host 16 delegations from the countries of Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Russia, Kosovo, Serbia, and Turkmenistan. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the contribution your club made to FFI winning this award and to thank you for the work your club has done to host an Open World delegation. Ambassador John O'Keefe, Executive Director of Open World Leadership Center was quoted as saying "Since Open World's inception, Friendship Force International has been a dynamic player in building strong peer-to-peer professional programming for Open World's delegates. They understand the issues facing our rising Eurasian leaders in their countries and how to craft a program that links them with their American colleagues to create strategies and solve problems."

Along with Elena McCarty, Regional Support Manager and Open World Coordinator, I'd like to offer my thanks and congratulations for the significant work that you do to further our mission and bring peace and understanding to people around the world.

In friendship,

260 Peachtree Street, NW | Suite 402 | Atlanta, Georgia 30303 USA

Friends,

The **40th Friendship Force World Conference will be in Manchester, UK August 24-28, 2017**. The letter below is the President and CEO of FF International. Links can be found on the Friendship Force web site. A post option is a walking trip with Swiss Friends. I know so many of our members are hikers this especially intrigued me. Again the full itinerary for this event can be found on the Friendship Force web site.

Cheers!

**Margret Boes-Ingraham**

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Dear World Conference delegates:

For nearly forty years, the Friendship Force has steadily grown from a vision of peace through friendship, to an international movement where thousands each year actively engage in citizen diplomacy. Friendship Force's core home exchange program has expanded the world view of millions of people, helping to overcome the prejudicial, racial, discriminatory barriers that separate people, helping create a more understanding and friendly future.

This 40th Anniversary World Conference marks an important time for all of us as we celebrate our rich history and re-energize ourselves together as we talk about how we will continue to open our mission to the world. Every year we talk about how we want to make our World Conference bigger and better for our global members. This milestone conference, to be held in Manchester, UK, is already shaping up to be one of the most unusual and exciting conferences Friendship Force has put together in years, filled with nostalgia, inspiring speakers, and truly enchanting events.

Don't miss our time-travel welcome party on the evening of August 24th. After walking through a dark, starlit tunnel you'll be taken back to 1977, the year Friendship Force was born. The entire environment - the music, room decor, food, dancers, games, news headlines - will transport us right into 1970's England. Suzy Smith Bennitt, daughter of our founder Wayne Smith and former FFI President, will be there in her bellbottoms and flower-power headband to tell us in her own words about her father's vision and the birth of Friendship Force. If you need some ideas about what to wear that evening, check out the "FACTS & FUN" tab on the top right of the page.

Our keynote speaker on August 25th, BBC TV presenter, author and world explorer Benedict Allen, has a lot to share with us about his own immersion experiences in other cultures. We are in talks with a second celebrity speaker who we hope will close our conference on the morning of August 28th; we'll be posting fun clues about this surprise speaker's identity in the months leading up to his/her appearance!

Our optional evening extravaganza this year is our gala banquet on August 26th, where you'll find yourself dining and dancing under the wings of Concorde in a purpose-built super hangar. Other options include daytime tours, such as a canal cruise, walking tours, an English manor house and gardens, a Beatles tour, indoor skydiving, the National Football Museum, the BBC headquarters "Media City", and a local brewery. There really is something for everyone. Check out our "OPTIONS" tab for information.

Pre- and post-conference tours are available around Europe and there are even some clubs in the UK and the rest of Europe who are offering short homestays before or after the conference. You can find

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details by clicking on the "PRE & POST CONF" tab above. (See letter on webswite)

Our conference will be held in what is arguably Manchester's most iconic building, The Midland Hotel. It is a grand Edwardian hotel which opened in 1903 and has played host to kings, queens, presidents, prime ministers and rock stars. The decor is opulent, the service is outstanding, and the restaurants are award-winning. Even the lobby is breathtaking! Visit the "HOTEL" tab above for details on booking your room.

So many of your friends from around the world have already committed to being there. Won't you join us at our Big Birthday Bash and celebrate 40 years of something that has already made its mark on the world? And we're just getting started!

In friendship and peace,



## A Walk with Swiss Friends



Dates: September 3-9, 2017 (Post-conference, with day-hosting)

Duration: 6 nights, see Full Itinerary)

Price: £900 per person based on 2 sharing. Single Supplement £125

This exciting program provides an opportunity to explore a largely unknown region of Switzerland on foot! You'll walk 3-4 hours every day across forests, along rivers, in the Jura hills and in small towns or villages. This is not the touristic program in the Alps of Switzerland (which you could always add individually before or after the exchange).

The tour is organized and led by the FF club of Solothurn, the only FF club in Switzerland. You will stay in a sports hotel near Solothurn, but you will have plenty of daily contact with members of the club.



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Experience different views.  
Discover common ground.

## **New Tagline for Friendship Force Shown Above**

As our organization celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year, we continue to serve the mission of global understanding through friendship. To help ensure the Friendship Force mission continues for years to come, we've been working to better define our branding and messaging. Through this work, we've developed a **new tagline** to build a stronger brand for the future of the organization.

### **What is a tagline?**

It's a short description or often-repeated phrase associated with an organization that describes its overall benefit or distinctive feature.

Over the years, FFI has had several different taglines, from "Changing the way you see the world" to "Be more than a tourist. Travel for good." We have heard from you, our cherished members, that the most impactful and lasting aspect of the Friendship Force experience is the increased understanding gained through personal relationships. By hosting or being an ambassador, your ultimate goal is not to see new locales or take beautiful photos, but rather experience different perspectives and gain understanding of the lives of others, towards the shared goal of peace and global goodwill.

## New Friendship Force Terminology

Information about recently approved terminology changes from  
Friendship Force International CEO, Jeremi Snook



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Turning the page at FFI and opening our mission to a wider demographic means respecting a need for evolution in the words we use to describe FFI. The terms we have been comfortable with for many years—might have to adapt to new norms in order to effectively communicate our mission. Journeys were originally known as “exchanges” which come from our organization’s early history when communities would actually exchange large delegations of citizen ambassadors. Recently we have transitioned to using the more transformational term “journey,” since it is better suited to the amazing programs our members plan and experience as they journey to become a temporary citizen for a few days through our home hospitality program. We think this gets you straight to the heart of a country and its people. After much research and discussion, these changes in terminology have been approved by FFI:

**Exchanges are now called JOURNEYS**

**Exchange Directors are now called JOURNEY COORDINATORS (JC)**

**Leader of an incoming Journey is HOST JOURNEY COORDINATOR (HJC )**

**Leader of outbound ambassadors is AMBASSADOR JOURNEY COORDINATOR (AJC)**

I invite you to continue on this journey with me of opening our mission and organization to the world and do all we can to connect with the thousands of members just waiting to join FFI by incorporating the voice of how future generations talk about the world, leaning on sound research, and extending a little trust and understanding. Together we will make 2017 not only a year of celebration around our 40th anniversary, but also a year of great growth!

In friendship,

Jeremi Snook