



*One's destination  
is never a place, but a new  
way of seeing things*

*Henry Miller*

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**Come to our May 16th Social**  
**6:30—7:00 PM**

Members, please bring food to share with  
others. Betsy will bring split pea soup.

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**May 16, 2017**

**Where: City-County Government S Bldg**

**2001 South State Street, SLC**

**Time: Social 6:30**

**Business Meeting 7:00**

**Program 7:20**

### ***Valerie Price—Utah Artists & Tour***

For many years our Friendship Force Club has been privileged to meet in the South building of the Salt Lake County Complex. In both the North and the South buildings, you can see a wonderful collection of art created by generations of Utah artists. At our May 16 meeting, we will have a presentation by Valerie Price, Public Art Program Manager of Salt Lake County Center for the Arts. She will discuss with us the history and esthetics of this arts project. We will also have the opportunity to view some highlights of the works of art displayed in both buildings.

Valery Price has been active in the Visual Arts Community in Utah for more that 25 years as an arts administrator, artist, and youth arts instructor. She has been curating the fine art collection and managing the Public Art Program for Salt Lake County since 2005.

Note: I would suggest that you wear comfortable shoes for walking to best enjoy this opportunity to visit several floors in each building.

Kathleen C. Mason, Friendship Force of Utah, Vice-President for Programs

## FF-Utah - President's Message



I hope that everyone is enjoying the flowers and greenery that is coming with the April showers. Since our last club meeting, members of the board have been busy. Our membership chair, Jennifer, has done an outstanding job recruiting new members and our membership has gone from the forties to sixty-four. If you haven't gone to lunch with Jennifer and prospective members, I urge you to do so the next time she has an informational lunch. It has been fun and stimulating.

A committee led by Nona and Dana has been working on writing a new membership handbook for us. It should come out this month. Another committee has been putting together a five-day program for Open World delegates from Peru. They will be with us from June 22 to June 28. Every club member is invited to participate in the activities including the annual summer picnic where we will welcome the visitors from Peru.

Every other month Kathleen plans a varied and entertaining program for our meetings; Betsy cooks delicious food for us; and Susan organizes activities that expose us to the different cultures and institutions in our community. And, our newsletter has received praise from our Friendship Force regional representative. Put this all together and we can be proud of our club.

*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

### 2017

#### Open World Leadership Visits

Peruvian Parliament Members

June 22—28, 2017

Serbia Young Professionals

September 15—23, 2017

#### International Conference 2017

August 24—28, Manchester England

### 2018

#### Incoming Journeys

Norderstedt, Germany

April or May, 2018

#### International Outgoing Journey

Schwerin, Germany

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## **New Outbound Journey Opportunity**

### **Colorado Springs**

Our club has received an invitation from the Colorado Springs Friendship Force.

They would be happy to host us this August beginning August 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>.

We will pass out a sign-up sheet for those who are interested in journeying to Colorado.

*Judy Cohen*

## **FF Utah Visits Natural History Museum of Utah**

On April 25th, 15 of us had a tour of the Natural History Museum. Our tour was led by our fearless leader, Judy Cohen. Many things were pointed out that would not have been noticed if we just wandered through on our own. For example, the upstairs lobby area being shaped like a box canyon. If you were not able to come, please take the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful museum that is so close to us.

*Susan Hilton, Alternate Social Events*



## **Membership Committee –Jennifer**

### **New Members:**

LuAnn Campbell: LuAnn is an artist and a friend of Dana's . She lives at City Creek.

Sharon Lindenberg: Sharon is new in town and a former ESL and reading teacher.

Terry Smollica: He is a friend of Lotti Wann's who met at her gym.

Tika Beard: She is a former member who went on our club's first exchange to Venezuela.

Janet Lake: She is a friend of Margret's

**Other members who have joined this year are:**

Debbie Haan

Nancy Kiarniski

Lynn Muller

Pam Worthington

Jean Herschell

Kathy Brown

Since last summer, we have added 11 new members, so let's make a point to get to know them.

Remember we are a "friendship" force!

PS I will be traveling with Lotti on an FF Journey to Morocco and I will miss the May meeting.

Have a fun summer and don't forget to sign up for our Open World visit from Peru in June!

## **Treasurer Report— Doug Ingraham**

Balance of Checking account is \$3617.68.  
Bank credited account \$30 due to apology for bank deposit error.

## Rep. Stewart Launches Bi-Partisan Congressional Caucus on Peru

Press Release July 7, 2016

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah) and Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.) have launched a new bi-partisan caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Congressional Caucus on Peru.

The Congressional Caucus on Peru is a bi-partisan group of Members of Congress who are dedicated to strengthening the relationship between Peru and the United States, through a frequent exchange of information, bipartisan events, and the promotion of cultural ties.

“Peruvians are the second largest immigrant group in Utah, with approximately 40,000 living in our state,” **Stewart said.** “I’ve launched this new caucus to not only strengthen the U.S. – Peru relationship, but also specifically Utah’s relationship with Peru. Given that Peru is a major player in trade, education and technology in Latin America, it’s critical that we maintain a strong relationship.”

### **CONNECTIONS BETWEEN UTAH AND PERU**

Approximately 40,000 Peruvians live, study, and work in the State of Utah making them **the second largest immigrant group in Utah after Mexico.**

Many of the Peruvians living in Utah are university professors, teachers and business owners, including the multiple award winning restaurant “Del Mar al Lago” and trucking transportation company “WindStar”.

The national drink of Peru, “Pisco Sour”, was invented by Utah Native, Victor Morris.

Utah recently hosted the Pacific Alliance, a meeting with Latin American representatives from Mexico, Colombia, Chile and Peru.

When Peruvian Ambassador Castilla visited Utah in March 2016, Utah signed an important agreement to bring teachers from Peru to Utah to teach in the dual immersion programs.

Brigham Young University, Weber State University, Utah Valley University, University of Utah and Utah State University all have agreements with Peru for programs such as study abroads, faculty exchanges, information exchanges, and scholarships.

Utah exports a high number of products with an emphasis in technology, medical devices, furniture, aircraft and spacecraft parts to Peru. In addition, Peru exports numerous products to Utah, including metals, cereals, grains, fruits and vegetables.

There are 13 LDS missions within Peru. After Brazil, Peru has the largest LDS community in South America.

### **Members of the Congressional Caucus on Peru include:**

Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah) - Co-Chair and Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah)

Taken from website; <http://stewart.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-stewart-launches-bi-partisan-congressional-caucus-on-peru>

## **Letter to XMISSION — Host for our Website**

XMISSION

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We just want you to know that our club “The Friendship Force of Utah” very much appreciates XMISSION hosting our web site. Thank you for your help in setting up our web site on XMISSION and also for the support you give the non profits like us.

Our web site is accessed by Friendship Force members internationally as they consider visiting our club.

An example of the way the web site is used is a recent visit by a group of Friendship Force members from Canada and several US States. The web site was used to inform the visitors of what would happen on their visit to Utah, which included visiting Moab, Utah and experiencing Arches and Canyonlands. The visitors were then brought to Salt Lake City by our club members who told the visitors about the sites between Moab and Salt Lake City. In Salt Lake City memories of the Olympics were shared along with tours of places like the Peace Gardens and Temple Square. The visitors stayed in our homes and friendships were developed.

The International Friendship Force Web site links our club web site for members worldwide. Additionally our members use the web site to share information about club activities and to share with friends and family.

Again, thank you for hosting our web site and we look forward to working with you in the future.

The Friendship Force of Utah

## EDUCATIONAL TOURS

FFI has posted a blog on their website that was written by Rick Steves, a well known travel tour guide and writer. He discusses organizations that provide educational tours including Friendship Force. The other organization include:

Global Exchange Reality Tours,

New Community Project,

Xperitas Community Partnership Programs, and

AFSNext.

I encourage you to read the blog “

Consider Taking an “Educational Tour”. It can be found on

<http://blog.ricksteves.com/blog/reality-travel-companies/>

## 2017 Upcoming National Journeys

### Summer in the City of Arts & Innovation

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

July 31 — August 7

Contact Judy Greene

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San Diego, CA

September 25—October 2

Contact Greta.Smeyers@skynet.be

## GLOBE TROTTERS

### Friendship Force of Utah Members

We are adding a new section that presents travels of our members. Let us know about your travels with FF groups and other international travels and we will put this in the next newsletter. Recent travels that we know about include the following:

Jennifer & Jim Allred—Cambodia & China

Jennifer Allred & Lottie Wann—Morocco\*

Ron & Polly Toth—Paris, France

Ginny Combs—London, England

Carol Miliken—New Mexico

Betsy Heath—Eastern Europe

Susan Hilton—Cambodia, Thailand, & Vietnam

Dana Hughes—Mexico

Trips underlined are FF sponsored trips.

### Where have you been?

E-mail information to

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Please put travel in the subject line.

## NOTICE

Literacy Action Center Fund Raiser  
has been postponed until the Fall.

Donna Mirabelli