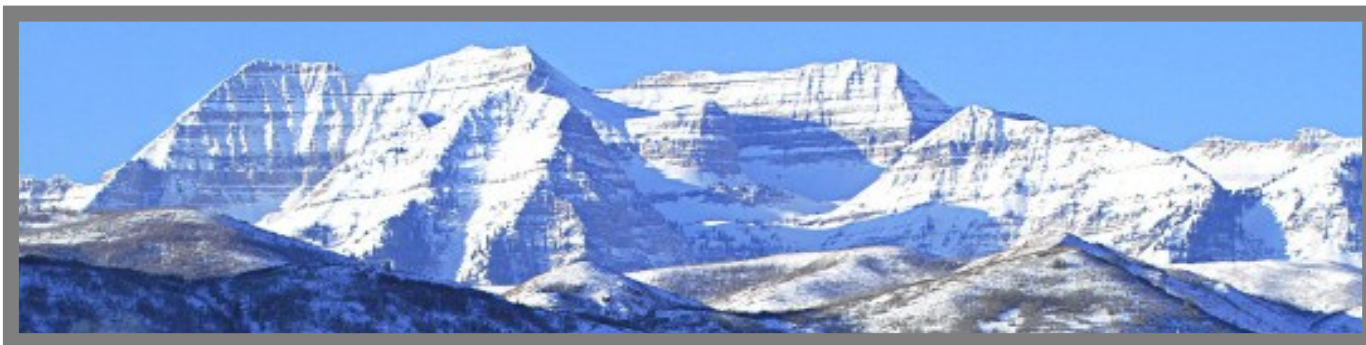




A World of Friends Is a World of Peace

Travel Quotes

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

Henry Miller

"Travel is fatal to prejudice,
bigotry, and narrow-mindedness."

Mark Twain

"Travel is more than the seeing of sights:
it is a change that goes on, deep and
permanent, in the ideas of living."

Miriam Beard

General Meeting

Tuesday March 18

Where: SL Government Complex Cafeteria
2100 S State, S building, SLC

Time: 5:30 PM Potluck Supper

**Remember to bring your plate,
utensils & cup/glass**

6:30 PM Meeting & Program

Program: Traveling to Japan
Annie & Dan Eastmond

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About our Club

Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of January, March, May, September & November in the cafeteria of the Salt Lake Co. Government complex, 2100 S State St, South Building. Use east entrance at north end of South Building. If door is locked, sign in at North Building and get directions to the cafeteria. July picnic, place to be determined.

2025 Officers & Board Members

To Contact officer below, send e-mail to

UtahFriendshipForce@gmail.com

Team Coordinator — Judy Cohen

Secretary —

Treasurer—Judy Cohen

Social Chair—Jeanne Goldstein

Membership— Susan Worley

Member-at-Large—Carol Milliken

Technology—Margret Boes-Ingraham

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Calendar of Events

March 18— **General Meeting & Potluck**
Salt Lake Co. Government Complex,
2100 S State St, South Building.

July 15—**Annual picnic**
Washington Park

2025 Incoming Journeys

June 7-14 —**Oita Japan Club**
Co-coordinators Annie & Dan Eastmond

September 6-12 —**North East Ohio Club**
Co-coordinators: Lynn Muller, Donna Paulson

2025 Outgoing Journeys

August 4—10 **Trujillo Peru Club**

August 10-16 **Tarapoto Peru Club**
Coordinators: Carol Milliken,
Margaret Boes-Ingraham, Julia Navarro

October 8-13 — **Greater Cincinnati, Ohio**
Co-Coordiators: Judy Cohen & Betsy Heath

Treasurer's Report – February, 2025

The current bank balance is \$3,249.65.

The following items were paid in January & February, 2025. FFI annual dues: \$1,320; Washington Park reservation: \$107; Website domain fee: \$18; Utah non-profit license fee: \$18.

Judy Cohen

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Membership Committee

Susan Worley has replaced Lynn Muller as the Membership Coordinator for our club. Susan is currently putting together an updated 2025 directory of current members who have paid their 2025 dues.

We currently have 44 members. If you have any contact updates or questions, please reach out to Susan at "susanworley6@gmail.com".

Susan Worley

Team Coordinator Message

I hope that everyone was able to read the invitation from Friendship Force International to participate in World Friendship Day held Saturday, March 1st. This event is a timely reminder that all strangers are potential friends, a message that I think we all need to take to heart during these times. So, come to the club meeting Tuesday, March 18th to visit with old friends and new friends. Bring a friend!

Judy Cohen

Happy World Friendship Day March 1st

At Friendship Force we believe that the friendships we make, both abroad and in our own communities, are the key to a more peaceful and understanding world.

If you're getting together with Friendship Force friends today, or soon, we would LOVE to see your "friendship" group selfies.



During the month of March we invite you to share your Friendship!

We'd love to see how you're celebrating! Take a selfie with your Friendship Force friends and share it with us. Send your photos to editor@friendshipforce.org or just reply to this message. You can also post your friendship selfie on social media using #WorldFriendshipDay and #FriendshipForceInternational so we can feature your smiles!

Taken From Friendship Force International website

Happy 95th Birthday to Orion Sherwood

Family and friends gathered on Sunday, February 23rd to celebrate Orion's ninety-fifth birthday. Over those ninety-five years, Orion accomplished much. He married the love of his life, Marge Thompson and together they raised a loving family; a family that welcomed many into their circle. Orion was and still is a champion of human rights. He is a member of the original crew on the Golden Rule yacht that set off to oppose nuclear testing in the Pacific islands, an endeavor that landed him in the brig when he and the crew were arrested by the Coast Guard. This experience did not discourage Orion from fighting for human rights and joining with others to advocate for peace. No wonder he and Marge became members of Friendship Force and are two of its best boosters.

Judy Cohen

INBOUND JOURNEY #25029: Oita, Japan, June 7th to 14th



Our club will host 10 Oita club members in June: 2 couples, 2 single men, and 4 single women. Our visitors range in age from 65-77, and beyond traveling, their interests include: music, cooking, photography, “walking in wild places,” gardening, knitting, weaving, sewing, drawing, reading, table tennis, regular tennis, theater, golf, hiking, calligraphy, gym workouts, and playing musical instruments (the flute and ocarina). Many of these visitors do speak some English and have been to the U.S. before, but it is always helpful to download the free Google Translate app on your phone for clearer communication.

The FF Oita Club is one of 26 clubs in Japan. Founded in 1988, the Oita Club has 23 members who actively host and travel internationally. Oita is a coastal prefecture (county) on Kyushu, the southernmost island of Japan. It has a population of 1,136,245 and is known for its thermal hot springs and scenic Mt. Yufu. Club members are mainly from the rural city of Taketa (population 19,456), surrounded by lush green valleys, mountains, and majestic bamboo groves.

After their week with our club, they will fly to Colorado for a stay with the Pikes Peak Club for another 7 days before returning to Japan.

The Journey Coordinators, Dan and Annie Eastmond (801-859-1151; 801-859-9601) would like to thank in advance those who have already agreed to Home Host and help with other journey logistics. Home Hosts are: Marv & Jeanne Goldstein, Jim Allred, Susan Worley, Judy & Rick Cohen, Annie & Dan Eastmond, Margret Bose-Ingraham.

We need your help with Oita’s Journey. Please contact these coordinators to volunteer and let Dan and Annie know. We will be there helping each step of the way too.

- ☐ **Day Hosting/Transportation** (Judy Cohen 801-582-2431) – to take one or more Ambassadors on planned excursions for one day or more.
- ☐ **Welcome Party** (Coordinators Kris Hill 801-598-4417 and Susan Hilton 267-307-4945) – to help setup/cleanup, food.
- ☐ **Farewell Party** (Coordinators Falene Loveland 801-953-8455 & Donna Mirabelli 801-884-3544) – to help setup/cleanup, food, and with the program.
- ☐ **Dinner Groups** (Anne Lemmon 801-266-5082) – to prepare an evening meal in your home for a small group of Ambassadors and their Hosts.

Let’s prepare a warm welcome for the Oita Japan Club!

Annie & Dan Eastmond

Friendship Force International- Member Portal

Joining Friendship Force member portal offers many benefits. Sign up 1 2 3 4.

The link below is your insight to a wealth of information regarding Friendship Force. You will need to set up an account to be able to travel on a Friendship Force trip. When you create the account there will be your Member ID that you will use in your application. If you have not set up an account, I have set your initial account for some of you using the email you used on your renewal form. In this case you will need to set up a password to complete your profile. It is suggested you opt in for the communication preferences so you keep up to date on our international organization. Uploading a picture is helpful also. You may contact me if you have questions.

Member Login Email Password NEW TO THIS SITE? Click here to create your free basic account!

[My Friendship Force member portal - Friendship Force](#)

In Friendship,

Margret Boes-Ingraham

Don't Miss this Trip to Peru!

For just a mere \$200 down payment you can enjoy three weeks of fabulous activities in the Nation of Peru South America. We will stay six nights with the Friendship Force club of Trujillo Peru. This is a beach location so don't forget your bikini or swimsuit.

From Trujillo we travel to Tarapoto Peru to enjoy part of the Amazon Rain Forest. We will see animals that you have seldom seen before and enjoy the warm forest and greenery. We will spend six nights with the Tarapoto Friendship Force club.

This adventure and home stays will cost an estimate of \$2000. What a deal for twelve exciting days of accommodations and a program provided by each club.

If that's not enough, we are arranging a trip to Machu Picchu and Cuzco. Machu Picchu is a high archeological site of ancient dwellings on a mountain in the Andes. Cuzco is an ancient city of Peru built before the arrival of Spanish Explorers.

We have a few openings at this time. If you are not interested in this trip, maybe you know of other family members, friends or other Friendship Force friends you have made in the past. Please pass along the invitation to join us.

Carol Milliken & Margret Boes-Ingraham

Photo of Club Activity



We had an Ethnic lunch at
Gary's Asian Bistro: February 19th

Farewell to Jean Herschell

Jean died unexpectedly in early December following a short illness. She was born and grew up in Ontario, Canada. Jean and her husband, Claude, and two children, Hollee and Randy, moved to the U.S. many years ago. In October, Jean celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at Nottawasga Inn in Ontario, Canada. This was the highlight of her life.

Jean was active in the community belonging to Newcomers of SLC and Friendship Force of Utah. She continued to work part-time at Macy's Department Store until her death. Jean enjoyed attending symphony events, theatre shows, ballet and opera.

She is survived by her two children and their families including grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her husband Claude preceded her death.

Jean, we will miss you!