A World of Friends Is a World of Peace

Alone

we can do so little,

together

we can do so much

Helen Keller

General Meeting

January 17, 2023

Where: SL Government Complex
2100 South State, S building

Time:

5:30 PM Potluck Supper

6:30 PM Program

Viking River Cruise Through Portugal
By Bev Streba

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Greetings New Members

Ethel Preston	Susan Worley
Falene Loveland	Carol Jenson

Please Wear Your Name Tag To the Meeting

A Drawing will occur for those who do. We have four new members so name tags are important. If you need one see Rose Novak who will be placing an order. **Would you like to help?**

Jennifer Allred

INTERIM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January/February 2023

I am excited to put some exciting events on our calendar for this year…

A journey to Tanzania and Kenya is being developed at this time and about 10 members have expressed an interest. A Safari would be optional either before or after the two homestays. Our new friends from these countries, Treza, Emily, Shadruck, and Winston are all ready and willing to share their homes with us and show us their countries. If it is possible, October or November this year but more likely next Spring. A meeting for those interested will be scheduled soon.

Options for touring Croatia this September and October are listed on **My.FriendshipForce.org**. The International World Conference is October 3,4,and 5th. The fee is about $300 with different options for accommodations. Pre- and post- conference tours look very interesting and one starts in Venice and ends in Dubrovnik just as the conference begins. Another one heads north right after the conference, ending in Slovenia.

One thing I know is it is time to save our money for these trips! (Remember all those places and restaurants you did not go to during the pandemic? You must have saved a bunch!) Let's earmark those funds for travel this year. Fundraisers to support those who may want to attend the conference is a possibility. So far, about 10 people are interested including Ginny who attended the Manchester Conference, Lynn who will go to Switzerland to see her grandkids afterwards, and Beverly who was the first to sign up!

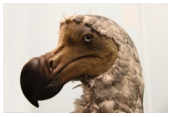
But 2023 will be the year of local excursions and you get to help find some fun places to go in the Intermountain West. Help fill in our 2023 calendar with your ideas. If you have an idea and are willing to get the details and arrange a trip to a museum, a concert, or an interesting Utah site, let's do it! Detroit definitely wants to come in early September, so look forward to hosting them. **You are the new Activities Coordinators**. Each one of you can set something up. **Will you coordinate the Detroit journey?** (I have an assistant ready to help you!)

Our Board of Directors has met and suggested that we add a Historian to take photos and keep records for our website, FaceBook Page, and My.Friendshipforce.org local club site. **Can you do it?**

A gathering of new and interested prospective members needs to be scheduled for late January. **Do you have someone who would like to know more?**

Jennifer Allred

Non-Travelers: The world comes to our door.
You are a citizen of the world; you spread peace by hosting.



Be A DODO!

Join us for a Friendship Luncheon on **Thursday on the 26th of January at 1:15 PM**. The place, of course, is the **DODO Restaurant at 1355 E and 2100 S**. There is a parking lot on the back so don't be shy about driving to the back. **RSVP to: milliken@xmission.com** and let me know how many are coming.

Carol Milliken

About our Club

Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September & November. Location of meeting may vary. E-mail will be sent to members prior to each meeting giving location and program details.

2022 Officers & Board Members

To contact officer below, send e-mail to

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Put name of officer you want to contact in the subject line

Interim President — Jennifer Allred

Secretary — Donna Smith

Treasurer — Judy Cohen

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Membership—Rose Novak

Member-at-Large—Carol Milliken

Technology—Margret-Boes Ingraham

Past President — Anne Lemmon

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Friendship Force Dues 2023

Dues for 2023 are now due. Thank you to those who have paid already. The fees are $40 per person and should be sent to Rose Novak at 1469 east Stratford Avenue 84106 or brought to the meeting on the 17th of January.

Rose Novak

Activities

January 17th, 5:30 pm—General Meeting
Program: Bev Streba
Viking River Cruise Through Portugal

January 26, 1:15PM Lunch, DODO Restaurant
1355 E and 2100 S, SLC

February 3—12, Pack Creek Ranch
Moab, UT
(details, page 4)

February 4, 1:00PM — Angkor Wat
Natural History Museum, Museum Café
301 Wakara Way, SLC
(details, page 5)

March 8, 5 PM — Women of the World Fashion Show
The Garden Place at Heritage Park
(details, page 4)

Incoming Journey

September 6-11—Detroit Friendship Force Club

Member of the Month

Beverly (Bev) Streba

Thanks to Bev for providing tonight's program and researching side trips for the Croatia International Conference.

Treasurer's Report—January 2023

The balance for the club's checking account is $3,455 as of January 1, 2023.

Judy Cohen

Thanks

Thanks to Jeanne Goldstein for planning a lovely Holiday Party. Twenty-five members attended and enjoyed their friendship and the good food. See photos on page 5.

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Change in Board Membership

At our January meeting we will vote to support our Board for another year. Lynn and Donna will be stepping down as activity coordinators and Jennifer Allred will be Interim President. So the rest of us will need to step up and lay out the activities for the year! **This means you!** Be ready to add your special talents and ideas to our calendar at the January meeting.

Farewell to JoDeane Cruz

Our good friend and longtime member JoDeane Cruz passed away on December 10th. JoDean helped with many activities and served as co-coordinator for an OpenWorld journey for judges from Estonia. JoDeane joined about 20 years ago, and became close friends with many of us. She was good friends with Kris Hilll's mother, Mary, another longtime member. She was an efficient, behind the scenes organizer, and helped with our Friendship Force events. Her inclusive, welcoming personality made us feel better for having come into our lives. We will miss her.

Women of the World Fashion Show — March 8th — 5—8 PM

The Garden Place at Heritage Park, 2601 Sunnyside Ave S, SLC

Women of the World Fashion Show will be held on March 8th at "This is the Place State Park." This wonderful gala supports refugee women develop their talents. Put it on your calendars now because it will occur before our next newsletter and March meeting!

An Invitation to Moab in February!

I have made a home exchange with the largest cabin at Pack Creek Ranch and I get to host up to 12 people from **February 3rd until the 12th.** It is a great time to see Arches and Canyonlands without the HEAT!. There is a large fireplace and plenty of bedrooms. Please reserve a few nights during that time to drive down and spend a while with other members. We can plan more fun activities and zero in on our options for the year. Moab is fun and winter photography can be stunning, so let's get down there and explore the National Parks in Winter! Pack Creek ranch can be seen at Packcreekranch.org and Packcreekranch.com.

Jennifer Allred

ANGKOR WAT

New exhibit at the Natural History Museum of Utah

Even if you have been lucky enough to visit Angkor Wat in person, please join with club members to see the new exhibit currently on display at the Natural History Museum of Utah. Plan on meeting at the museum café on Saturday, February 4th at 1:00 for a beverage and snack before touring the exhibit.

This exhibit presents more than a hundred of the most outstanding works produced by the Angkorian civilization. Many of these works have never been seen outside of Cambodia and includes works that have been recovered after decades of war and looting.

The price of admission to the Natural History Museum of Utah is $17.95 for seniors. It is best to prebook a ticket online with the NHMU.utah.edu.

Be sure to save your ticket to present at Clark Planetarium to save $1 on admission to Angkor 3D: Lost Empire of Cambodia on IMAX.

Judy Cohen

Holiday Party — December 6, 2022, Tucci Restaurant, SLC

The Minnesota Journey of 2022

The Journey to Minnesota,—three years in the making-came off without a hitch as our energetic members were escorted to several waterfalls and several Native American sites where the early Voyageurs met the first Europeans to land on their shores by way of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Lake Superior. See a photo of the Ojibwe Lodge, a national historic site and the fort where these "Voyageurs' carried their beaver pelts to sell to the Europeans. Grand Portage National Monument was only one of the many national and state parks we visited. This was a special journey for us because we stayed in two hotels during the week, while being driven clear up to the Canadian border by our home hosts. Tours of St. Paul and Minneapolis were accomplished on the first day and each of them had a free day for different experiences on the last day.

Jennifer Allred

I was asked to share some of the highlights of my first trip with Friendship Force. It was a very positive experience. It was an active trip and we didn't have time to be bored. The Minnesota group certainly kept us busy and took very good care of us. The leader was very knowledgeable and we learned a lot. Staying at the hotel by the beach was super fun. It was a beautiful sight to watch the moon and the sun come up. I really enjoyed going to the bird refuge and watching the bird migration and how they counted all the different birds that were migrating. I also enjoyed touring the mansion, Naniboujou Lodge, the chapels and all the other sites we toured.

Falene Loveland

Rose Novak, Judy Cohen, Jim Allred & Others

Margret Boes-Ingraham & Rose Novak

Jennifer Allred & Others

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