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January-February, 2017

January 2017 Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 17th

Location: **Gym**

Christ United Methodist Church

2375 E 3300 S, SLC

Potluck Dinner : 4:45 PM

FF-Utah Meeting: 6 PM

Program: 7 PM

Russian Music & Dance Troupe

Note change in location

**GOLDEN GATES
RUSSIAN MUSIC & DANCE TROUPE**

The young Troupe presents an entertaining and authentic glimpse into Old Russia through music, song, and dance. The repertoire is centered around masterpieces of Russian folklore and represents the diversity of the culture, ranging from gently humorous songs, to elaborate lyrical suites, to pulsating dance numbers. The Troupe is touring in the United States. Thanks to Christ United Methodist Church for sharing this program with our group.

Russian Dancers Video Demo: <https://www.facebook.com/russiandance/videos/237307886371541/>

Georgian Dancers Video Demo: <https://youtu.be/LwQFKZ1adtc>

More publicity info and videos: <http://www.russianfolk.com/GG/GoldenGates.html>

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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.

January 17th meeting held at Christ United Methodist Church. See page 1 for address & time

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Calendar of Events

Incoming Exchange

Brisbane, Australia, June, 2017

Exchange Director; Elizabeth Heath

Open World, Serbia

September 13—18, 2017

National Outgoing Exchange

Santa Barbara, CA

January 24—29, 2017

International World Conference 2017

Manchester, United Kingdom

August 24—28, 2017



Registration now open

Pre and post conference options

available

Go to:

<http://www.thefriendshipforce.org/>

FF-Utah - President's Message



Happy New Year. To ring in 2017 the board members decided to do something a little different for our first general meeting of the new year. Together with the members of Christ United Methodist Church we are welcoming a group of young folk dancers from Russia and Georgia. On Tuesday, January 17th we will meet at the church where we are invited to dinner. Following dinner we will have a short meeting and then join the members of Christ United Methodist Church to enjoy the Golden Gate dance performance. For more details refer to the email sent to you on January 7th.

Let's make our international trip for 2017 be a journey across the pond to Manchester, England. There we will meet Friendship Force members who also want to participate in the Friendship Force International Conference.

Judy Cohen

Officer & Committee Notes

Welcome to 2017 — Our 40th anniversary

I hope you will all decide to RENEW your membership for this exciting year.

I will be at the January meeting with renewal forms, cash for change, addressed envelopes in case you need to mail in your memberships, and a BIG POCKET in which to place your membership fees. Remember, this year, the fee is \$30 per person, with a third member in a family for only \$15. The dues are officially due now, and those who have paid their fees by the start of the meeting in January will be eligible for a special, additional drawing for a special treat (Think PIE)!

Jennifer Allred, Membership Chair

Current treasury balance for Friendship Force of Utah is \$3,716.50. Fees are being collected for National Exchange and 2017 memberships. Membership fees of \$15.00 per person will have to be paid by the club to Friendship Force International shortly. This will reduce our checking account balance.

Doug Ingraham, Treasurer

40th Anniversary Celebrations

2017 should be a year to celebrate our successful organization and the friendships we have provided as well as received from people around the world for 40 years! Let's invite people to take part in our movement to promote peace in our world.

What can you do to help spread the word about Friendship Force?

FFI has come up with some excellent ideas and I would like each of us to consider implementing some of them.

First, could you host a dinner evening in which about 40% of the guests are non-members? It could be at a restaurant or in your home. It could be a celebration of friendship around the world, a time when members could share their experiences on Friendship Force Exchanges around the world or right here in their own homes.

If you decide to host, FFI will provide you with resources such as activities and presentations, as well as conversation starters, that you can use at your dinner party.

(I plan to host one in February and if you want to help me, or have people to invite, please let me know.)

Second, could you write down a story about a Friendship Force experience that resulted in a new or interesting friendship that meant something to you? "Stories of Friendship" are being placed on the web and will be a great way to make our mission of peace through friendship shine! *(I will gladly help you write your story or assist you in getting it to FFI.)*

Third, could you help us plan a big event during 2017 where we celebrate and possibly get some media coverage?

Or will you sign up to join us in Manchester, England for the International Friendship Force Conference in August? **Let's go!** Friendship Force?

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Jennifer Allred

Membership Chair



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Foray into the World Wide Web...

Connie Wade and her husband Larry Wade set our chapter off on this course. I believe the year to have been 2004? Connie developed the web site and the Wade's hosted our club's web site until mid 2016. We owe a debt of gratitude to Larry and Connie. They were on the first Friendship Force International trip and have been great supporters of our Utah chapter. They have always helped our club in many ways, and readily served as Exchange Directors, newsletter editors, host and travelers throughout the years.

A revamp so that we could keep the web site up to date easier was undertaken by Tom and Edie Mitko's nephew in 2013. Thank you to Tom and Edie for this referral!

Due to a change in the programming at the host for the Wades web site, we investigated and found Xmission was able to host our web site and willing to donate their services free of charge because we are a nonprofit 501-C3 organization. Xmission referred us to i9 Studios to move our web site from where the Wades were hosting our site. Our club did pay for this service but i9 Studios trained us to maintain the site and did a great job.

A big shout out for the Wades and Mitko's for assisting in the web site in the past. We thank Xmission and i9 Studios for getting our current web site up and functioning. You can always keep up to date with our chapter through the newsletter posted on the web site.

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Margret Boes-Ingraham

January 9, 2017

Dear Friendship Force Friends,

Thank you for all of the cards and concern and for your very generous gift card to Barnes & Noble. When I'm feeling up to going shopping again I hope to share some of this wonderful gift and choose a few good books for children who are less fortunate than me.

My surgery went well and I was feeling much better than I fell on some ice last Sunday and sprained my ankle and my knee so I'm healing from that and I hope to be up and going strong real soon.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

OXOXO

Stephie



Travel

The railroad track is miles away,

And the day is loud with voices speaking,
Yet there isn't a train goes by all day

But I hear its whistle shrieking.

All night there isn't a train goes by,

Though the night is still for sleep and dreaming,
But I see its cinders red on the sky,

And hear its engine steaming.

My heart is warm with the friends I make,

Yet there isn't a train I wouldn't take,

No matter where it's going.

[Edna St. Vincent Millay,](#)

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