



The View from the Peak

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Next Membership Meeting

Save the DATE/TIME

Tuesday April 19, 2016

at 5:00 PM

General Membership Meeting

LOCATION:

Tim Gill Center

315 E. Costilla Street

Colorado Springs, CO

**Questions? Call Joanie Huggins
Phone: 630-1955**

See page 11 for details

Message from Dan Hannaway, Leadership Council Coordinator



Dear Friends of the Force,

Spring is here! On and off, anyway. Before the next issue of the newsletter in June, our club will have visited the Cleveland club (end of April/early May), and all of the planning for our hosting the Brandon, Manitoba, Canada club in early June will be completed, and our Canadian visitors may already be with us. Between these two exchanges, we have the Mountain States

Regional Conference in Grand Junction in mid-May. I hope many of you have registered for this bi-annual gathering of FF members from the six clubs in our region. It is always a great time to share experiences with our colleagues and to make new friends.

We had an excellent turnout for our general membership meeting at the Dublin House on March 14. Particularly noteworthy was the presence of a half dozen potential new members. BTW, I promise to complete part two of my presentation about our visit to Costa Rica at a future gathering.

Judie Werschky, our Exchange Coordinator, has come up with a terrific idea to establish a data base for our home hosting capability. Everyone will be receiving a hosting questionnaire from Judie in the coming weeks. If you have not already filled one out and returned it, please do so as soon as you can.

Finally, we sent a \$500 donation to FFI in March in support of its "I'm In" Campaign. The funds raised will be specifically used for the development of a new data management system and a new website, both of which are "terribly out of date" in the words of the new President and CEO of FFI, Jeremi Snook.

Until next issue, CHEERS!

Dan

Costa Rica Exchange Journal (Part I)

By Shirley Miekka, Co-Exchange Director

February 10 – 17, 2016

FFPPR Ambassadors on the Costa Rica Exchange: Margaret Baptist, Barbara and Dick Battersby, Bruni Berkowitz, Kaye and Mike Brabec, Eunice Ciaccio, Nora Durham, Dan Hannaway, Warren Hill (co-ED), Betty Hill, Werner Karlson, Brian and Jeanne Marsh, Shirley Miekka (co-ED). Hilde Paglow, Judy and Randy Quick, and Marge Zimmerman.



In September, 2013, our club entertained the Friendship Force club of Alajuela, Costa Rica in an inbound international exchange. We soon applied for a “reciprocal” outbound exchange to visit the Alajuela Club, to continue our relationships with them and establish new friendships. In January, 2015, FFI informed us we were accepted to visit Alajuela in February, 2016. Elaine Brush volunteered to serve as ED

and, because I have a vacation house in Costa Rica and visit there frequently, I was delighted to be accepted as co-ED. Elaine later resigned for personal reasons, and Warren Hill stepped in as co-ED, as well as exchange treasurer.

The Battersbys flew to San Jose, Costa Rica one day early, on Tuesday, February 9, and the remaining 17 ambassadors arrived on Wednesday the 10th. Upon exiting the airport, we were met by the Alajuela FF club, led by co-EDs Noé Morales and Walter Lobo. We found our home hosts among the milling crowds, and were driven to their homes where we would spend the next week.



The next morning our hosts drove us to Friendship Park in Alajuela town center to meet our bus for an 8:30 a.m. departure. Our first destination was Poás Volcano National Park which, at more than 8000 feet above sea level, required climbing about a vertical mile above Alajuela, situated at a “lowly” 3120 feet. Partway up the mountain the rain started and did not stop. We parked at the Visitors Center in wind and rain, and some of us braved the 0.3 mile walk to the crater overlook. On a clear day we would have been treated to a glorious view of the crater (see photo), but not today. It was a total whiteout up there.

Fortunately, there was a good video in the Visitors Center, as well as coffee and gift shops. All was not lost!

Lunch that first day was in a rustic mountain restaurant, Freddo Fresas, known for its fresh strawberry smoothie drinks (Yum!). We enjoyed a typical Costa Rican meal called a Casado (meaning “married”) with grilled tilapia, beans, rice, picadillo of chayote, salad and dessert.

A highlight of the day was a visit to “Señor y Señora Ese”, a large wood-crafting factory and store on the outskirts of Alajuela. There we enjoyed a tour of the factory and learned how household items, intricate wooden jewelry

and artworks were made from tropical woods. We purchased many gifts were in the shop, finding really good bargains in the discounted section.

Later we went to the welcome party at the home of the Marsh's hosts, Gilberto Guzman and Maria Elena Fuentes, a beautiful house with indoor pool and championship horses. A musician played guitar and sang, as we enjoyed a dinner buffet, coffee and pastries. Obligatory mini-speeches by the host and visiting ED's were translated to English and Spanish by Walter Lobo, the man of many languages.

On Friday morning, we gathered again at Alajuela's Friendship Park and our bus headed west toward the Pacific Ocean via the new toll road. We arrived at the seaside resort town of Jacó where our group members chose to walk to the beach or shop for souvenirs and savor the excellent ice cream at POPS. We drove on to Rio Tárcoles, the River of Crocodiles, for a boat tour with Jungle Crocodile Safari. Marimba music greeted as we entered the souvenir shop. Lunch in the open-air restaurant overlooking the river was surprisingly good, and the basilisk lizards basking outside the restaurant appeared to agree. We boarded a covered boat with bench seats, a guide and a driver. Our guide was extremely good at pointing out wildlife. We saw tons of birds as well as crocodiles (and cows, too). Near the ocean were huge flocks of pelicans and frigate birds. All of us thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Interestingly, this was the first time the Alajuela FF club had participated in a crocodile river trip, but they will probably include it in future exchanges, now that they know it is safe. (Kudos to Warren and Betty for suggesting this tour!) The trip home was slow as we ascended back to Alajuela.



Saturday, February 13, we took the bus eastward to San José. The traffic on the Pan- American highway was stop-and-go due to four accidents and the closing of a major bridge for repairs. It took 1¼ hours to drive the 12 miles to the city center! Our first stop was the National Theater, where we sat in awe of the glorious interior. Our excellent guide told us about the building's history, the main seating floor that can be raised manually for balls and banquets, the European gold ornamentation. She pointed out the immense ornate chandelier, the many massive sculptures, the Italian paintings on canvas mounted into ceiling and wall panels, the president's box and the men's and women's smoking rooms. A truly impressive national treasure.

After a buffet lunch in the nearby Holiday Inn, we walked to the National Museum. Of particular interest were the curious rock spheres, up to seven feet in diameter and weighing up to 15 tons that had been found in southwestern Costa Rica, thought to have been made by the now-extinct Diquis indigenous people from 600 AD to after 1000 AD. The entry into the museum was via a ramp winding through 2 or 3 stories of rainforest filled with butterflies. The pre-Columbian exhibit rooms were filled with gold, jade and stone objects for adornment or household utility. The drive home was easy, fortunately, and we went to our respective host homes for an evening of rest.

Sunday, Valentine's Day, was a free day for ambassadors and hosts to do whatever they chose. Some went to the Pacific coast, some to the artisan town of Sarchí with its oxcarts, or Grecia with its metal church. Some went to

Villa Blanca resort north of San Ramon, others to the mountains. This was the day for Host Appreciation Dinners, and the feasts varied in type and style depending on the location and the restaurant chosen.

Monday, February 15, the bus took us southeast to the area of Cartago, once the capital of Costa Rica. Our first stop was at the Lankester Botanical Garden, a research center for the University of Costa Rica, with its orchid house and winding trails through gardens of cacti, ferns, bromeliads, palms, gingers and birds of paradise, as well as a Japanese garden and teahouse.



We drove through the beautiful countryside with brilliant orange “flame of the forest” trees, and stopped at Mirador de Ujarras for a splendid overview of the Orosí Valley and Lake Cachi. Driving down to the dam on the river Reventazon which created Lake Cachi, we came to our lunch spot, the Casona de Cafetal, located on the banks of the lake. We were seated in a covered pavilion with lakeside and garden views. Excellent food was accompanied by coffee prepared on the table in the traditional way (boiling water poured through coffee in a cloth bag into a cup).



We next toured the ruins of the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in the age-old village of Ujarras, where an indigenous fisherman had once found an image or painting of the Virgin Mary. The church was built in 1575, but devastating floods caused the village to be moved in the 1830’s. The ruined church was partly restored and is a national heritage site.

Our last stop was at Our Lady of the Angels Basilica in Cartago, a frequent destination for pilgrims who in August come on foot from all over Costa Rica. According to legend, a young girl found a small statue of the Virgin Mary holding the Baby Jesus. She took it home, but it mysteriously disappeared that night and reappeared back on the rock where she had found it. She

then took it to a priest who repeatedly locked it up, but each night it disappeared and was again found on the rock. The Basilica was built in 1639. The Black Madonna statue is kept within the church and a replica is displayed for viewing in the crypt below, where thousands of symbolic figurines attesting to miraculous healings are on display.

On Tuesday, our last full day, our hosts dropped us off in downtown Alajuela and we walked to the Parque Santamaria. This park features a large statue of Juan Santamaria, a national hero who helped stop the invasion of Costa Rica at the Nicaraguan border by the forces of William Walker in 1856. (Walker was an American with grand plans for control and subjugation of Central America under the banner of US military might). Historical plaques and murals surrounding the park depict the battles of this war, so decisive for Costa Rican independence.

We visited the Historical and Cultural Museum of Juan Santamaria near the park. Before it was a museum the building had a long history as a prison, army barracks and vocational school. The interior courtyard was surrounded by rooms with displays of historic value. We climbed the stairs to the roof to view the neighboring cathedral, the city and the surrounding mountains, including Poás Volcano. We briefly visited the cathedral, with its wooden ceiling decorated with religious paintings.

Lunch was in an upstairs room of the restaurant Coffee Dreams. While there, Warren presented a \$100 contribution to the Alajuela FF club, who then gave it to a representative of their favorite charity, a Palliative Care organization that provides support to cancer patients and their families.

After lunch we returned home to rest, pack and dress for the Farewell Party, which was held at Villa del Lago Farm. Food and wine were there in plentiful supply, and we were treated to music by a singer with a wonderful voice and varied repertoire. Many FFPPR ambassadors and Alajuela hosts participated in the evening of energetic dancing. Expressions of thanks and presentation of gifts between the ED's of the two clubs rounded out the evening, and many heartfelt goodbyes were said by new friends among the FFPPR and FF Alajuela club's members.



Our final day, Wednesday February 17, was a parting of the ways for our group. The Quicks and Battersbys were leaving for the US that day, and the remaining 15 ambassadors boarded a different bus and met Freddy, who would be our driver and guide for the coming week. We looked forward to a week of touring beautiful Costa Rica! **(To be continued....)**



FFPPR Upcoming Exchanges

April 26 – May 3

Out-bound to NE Ohio (near Cleveland)

EDs Jerry and Marilyn Werschky, 210-7238

At this point the exchange is fully subscribed.

June 5 – 11 Manitoba & July 13-20 North Carolina *Dinner and Day Host Help Still Needed*

We have 12 ambassadors coming from Brandon, Manitoba, in June and 18 from Central North Carolina in July. Fortunately, our members who have the space and the energy to home host have stepped forward to fill that need. However, they will need some help. This is the perfect opportunity for the rest of the membership to be involved and have some fun.

If you can dinner host one night for 2, 3, 4 or more guests (including the home hosts), please contact the ED to offer. You can choose your style of entertaining from china and crystal in the dining room to paper plates on the patio. The purpose is to get acquainted with the visitors and give respite to the home hosts. It's also surprising what you learn about our members!

We also need day hosts so that the home hosts can have a free day to re-group. Most days involve group activities so you simply provide transportation, local lore, and conversation. Lunch will be at your own expense.

PLEASE volunteer to make these exchanges successful!

Brandon, June 5 - 13, Susan Tindell: stin@aol.com, 488-8701, **Organizational meeting May 18th**.

North Carolina, July 13 - 20, Judie Werschky, judiewer@aol.com, 632-9989

September 18 -21

In-bound Global Exchange

ED Susan Tindell, assisted by Etta McClanahan and Judie Werschky

This is an exciting new venture for us. FFI is encouraging global exchanges, which are open to individual members from anywhere in the world. This one is a combined effort of the Front Range clubs (Cheyenne, Northern Colorado, Denver, and Pikes Peak Region) and Western Colorado (Grand Junction) and Salt Lake. It's a complicated itinerary, but our part is simple. We will have the ambassadors for 3 nights and 2.5 days of group activities. By the time they arrive, they should be a cohesive group even though they arrived as strangers. We are anxious to show them the very best of Colorado so will need our members to be enthusiastic home, day, and dinner hosts.

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2017 Exchange Plans Details on these exchange will emerge as we obtain more information. You may want to talk to the assigned EDs to indicate interest.

Out-bound to Montreal. No firm dates at this time

Jeanne and Brian Marsh 590-7237

We are seeking an additional week in Canada.

May 2017

In-bound from Sao Paulo, Brazil This should give us an opportunity to visit them later!

Applications for ED for this exchange are accepted by the leadership council. If interested, please contact Dan Hannaway or Judie Werschky.

August 2-8, 2017

Inbound from Xalapa, Mexico

Dan Hannaway 596-7633



HELP WANTED

By the time you read this, Warren and Betty Hill will have settled in to their new place in Omaha, Nebraska. We will miss them both. As evidenced in last month's meeting, many of you have happy memories of travelling with the Hills.

Since the last issue of this newsletter, Nora Durham has graciously volunteered to assume the role of webmaster; however, we are still in need of someone to present the geology of the Garden of the Gods for our inbound exchanges.

Betty, our former self-described "bag lady," was very adept in finding inexpensive items for the inbound exchange welcome bags. We will need to fill 30 bags for this summer's exchanges. If you like to bargain shop, this is right up your alley! This is an easy way to help our Friendship Force club, and it's fun to do with a friend. We already have a few items and the bags

If you can help in any of these capacities, call or email Judie (632-9989 or judiewer@aol.com).

Machu Pichu – Getting There



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When we arrive in colonial Cusco, which lies at 11,000 feet above sea level, we are herded into a restaurant where we are offered some coco leaf tea. Some members of our tour had complained of a headache and our host explained that the tea would help us adjust to the high altitude. And indeed, I notice that soon I feel better. The next morning before starting our trip we are encouraged to drink more tea because today we would undertake the arduous trip to new heights, namely the ancient city of Mach Picchu.

The train which would carry us to this "once in a lifetime" essential destination had probably been in service ever since the first explorers introduced it to the natives. Wooden benches facing each other, wooden floors vibrating from iron wheels clanking over uneven tracks, and ventilation only through half open

windows would have to be endured for the next several hours. This first hour or so we traverse at a somewhat slow speed winding through the fertile and sumptuous green valley along the Urubamba river. Every now and then the train stops at a village and women dressed in their colorful traditional dresses and scarves appear to appraise the passengers and to sell their homemade burrito-like goods. Only the workers or natives on the train buy some, but none of the tourists, --- except of course my husband. He just had to try what was offered and what was new, even though we had been thoroughly instructed about the do's and don'ts to avoid getting Monte Zumas Revenge. Buying food from unknown sources was definitely a decisive "don't!"

Gradually the train continues to wind its way up the mountains and when we arrive at one of the many zig zag curves the train stops. The locomotive driver and helpers jump off and clank around the engine and then the train continues in reverse up the next spur of the terraced mountain side. The same process is repeated, forward, reverse, forward, reverse and so it goes on for the next three hours or so. "My God, is this ever going to end?" I am thinking as we sit on the uncomfortable and hard wooden benches. Nothing to do since reading on a moving vehicle of any kind makes me car sick, or in this case, probably train sick. Looking out the window at the now never changing landscape or studying some of the natives interspersed among the tourists doesn't help all that much to pass the time.

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Finally! Thank heaven we arrive at the highest depot, close to the top of the mountain. But wait, we are not there yet! Oh, no, now we have to pile into a bus. It drives at a good clip up a steep, narrow and winding road.

Totally scary when one looks out the window on the side of the road where it drops off dangerously steep without any guard rails. I am desperately trying to think calm thoughts. "The driver knows what he is doing; after all he drives the bus every day. Have never heard of a bus tumbling down the hillside," I keep repeating in my head. At last we arrive at a plateau and we have the chance to stretch our legs.

It is somewhat foggy now and clouds hang deep as if one could touch them. The surrounding landscape, as far as we can see, is the lushest color of green; just as the photos in the many publications about this ancient city in the clouds depict. Eagerly we button our jackets to begin our exploration of the place which has been declared to be one of the seven wonders of the world.

Irmgard von der Gathen

Regional Conference – Last Chance

Hi Ladies and Gents,

I wanted to let you all know that we've received more registration forms from members to attend the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference. Our committee has been working hard and are looking forward to seeing members from each club. I'm also thankful that Presidents from each club will be attending. Please remind members - the month of April is the "LAST CHANCE" to register for those who still want to attend this conference.

Grand Junction - May 13 & 14, 2016 -- * Registration fee remains at \$125 --no increase from original fee

The participation from all clubs in Rocky Mountain Region - will guarantee a successful conference. We'll all learn the "New Direction" of FFI from our two Keynote Speakers - Matthew Nidek, from Atlanta FF office and Dave Kalen from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It will be a great time to share, learn and socialize with each other.

Our planning committee has made arrangements to have a table for each club to display club travels or items for sale. ****SPECIAL NOTE:** Monies collected for these items need to be promoted and designated as a "donation" towards the specific club.

REMEMBER: Silent Auction - each club can bring an item of art for the auction. Monies collected from each item will be donated to FFI's new website and back-end data management system.

Thanks to all of you for "spreading the word". If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail (alfshouse12@hotmail.com) or call me on 970-260-4653.

In Friendship, *Sue Palmer, Committee and Field Rep*

FFPPR Council Meeting Minutes March 3, 2016

Attendees: Dan Hannaway, Coordinator; Mike Brabec, Secretary; Dick Battersby, Treasurer; Judie Werschky, Exchange Coordinator; Joanie Huggins, Social Activities; Margaret Baptist, Membership; Jerry Werschky, ED.

Introductory Remarks and Announcements-Dan Hannaway

- The new FF Mountain States Regional Representative (as of March 17) is Sue Palmer from the Western Colorado Club.
- Nora Durham will replace Warren Hill as Webmaster.
- Urged members to attend Regional Conference in Grand Junction, May 14. Registration deadline is March 31.
- Silent Auction items requested for Regional Conference. 1-2 items per Club. Joanie Huggins offered a fancy antique vest. A piece of artwork by Bruni Berkowitz was suggested as appropriate.
- Instructions how to register for updates and messages from FFI will be sent out by Dan to Club members.
- Appeal for additional donations from Clubs to acquire and install new computer systems was made. Motion approved to send \$500 to FFI.

Minutes of February 5 Council (Mike Brabec) were approved.

Treasurer's Report-Dick Battersby (Copy attached in Archives)

\$3,965.79 in checking account. Grand total of \$6,230.40. 89% of members have paid 2016 dues. Report approved.

Exchange Report-Judie Werschky

- International Exchanges: 2016 Outbound Alajuela, Costa Rica, February 10-16, Warren Hill and Shirley Miekka EDs. 19 Ambassadors, with 14 extending for another week.

- Domestic Exchanges-
2016 Outbound

Cleveland, OH, April 26-May 3. Jerry and Marilyn Werschky, EDs. 13 applications approved; 2 pending. First organizational meeting 4 pm, March 14.

2016 Inbound

Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, June 5-11. ED Susan Tindell. 12 ambassadors confirmed (2-4 more?).

Central North Carolina, July 13-20. ED Judie Werschky. Probably 20 ambassadors.

Global Exchange, Sept. 18-21. ED Susan Tindell. Thirteen for entire trip, with 7 more for just Colorado. Three Australians, 3 Canadians, rest apparently US.

2017 International Exchanges

Sao Paulo, Brazil, May 2017, EDs TBD

Xalapa, Mexico, August 2-8 seemed optimal. EDs TBD, although tradition is that previous Club EDs on the outbound will become the EDs for the host club.

Urgent need for members to sign up as hosts, day hosts, dinner hosts. Appeal will be made at General Membership meeting.

Notice that the next International Meeting will be held in London, England.

Meetings and Events, (Joanie Huggins)

- Calendar for remaining 2016 meetings has been confirmed. Details will be announced in Newsletter and by email broadsides.

- Programs for upcoming meetings discussed. Abe Minzer volunteered in the past to speak of travel to Bali. Joanie and Judie will contact Minzer and the Gill Center.

Membership, Recruitment, Publicity, Fund Raising. (Margaret Baptist)

Suggested that guests be invited to General Membership meeting. The Club will cover dinner fees, up to \$12 per first time guests.

Newsletter (Jerry Sabolik)

In Jerry's absence, the Council offered kudos for a nice job on the last newsletter.

For the Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held April 7, 3 pm at 21C, Rm B2. (Note room change)

Adjourned, 4:36 pm

Submitted, Mike Brabec

Friendship Force Information

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Next General Membership Meeting April 19th

Please note that our upcoming General Membership Meeting will be held at 5:00 at the Tim Gill Center on 315 E. Costilla Street in downtown Colorado Springs between S. Weber and S. Wahsatch. There is ample free parking at this site. **This meeting will be a pot luck dinner, and you may BYOB.** Glasses and ice will be provided. There is a \$5 per person charge to cover facilities charges. Questions? Call Joanie Huggins at 630-1955.

We are pleased to have Phil McDonald as a guest presenter who will speak on Tribalism at this meeting. Mr. McDonald has taught U.S. history and psychology, has served as an adjunct professor of government and psychology, and is an instructor at Pillar, the institute for lifelong learning. He has earned an MSE from Drake University and has done post graduate work at both the University of Iowa and Loyola of Chicago. This presentation promises to be both entertaining and informative.

Friendship Force of the Mountain States Region - 2016

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The FFPPR Newsletter will be published and distributed on a bi-monthly schedule and usually will correspond to our general membership meeting months. As your new newsletter editor, I welcome any suggestions, criticisms, and, of course, your articles. We have all had interesting travel experiences and share an interest in learning from the experiences of others. Kudos to Shirley Miekka for her very descriptive Costa Rica Exchange article and to Irmgard von der Gathen for taking us on a personal journey travelling to Machu Pichu. Thanks for your support, and please send your comments and articles to me at j2sabolik@comcast.net.

Jerry



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How to Receive FFI Alerts

Have you ever wondered how you might piggyback on other club trips? Some of you may not be aware that you can receive email alerts from FFI in Atlanta. These alerts contain information about other club trips as well as other useful information. All you have to do is sign up. It is not something you have to do, but something you might consider doing. Here is the procedure for signing up for email alerts on the FFI Website.

- Go to the FFI Website – www.friendshipforce.org
- Click on the red Member Resources tab at the top
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- Scroll down to the portion of the page that reads “Dear Friendship Force clubs,”
- In the section that begins with the word “Exchanges” you will find the word “catalog”
- Click on “catalog”
- On the right hand side of the catalog page click on “Sign up for email alerts”
- Follow the instructions and sign up



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March 10, 2016

Dan Hannaway
Friendship Force of Pike's Peak Region
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Dear Dan,

I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$500.00USD to Friendship Force's "I'm In" Campaign from the Friendship Force of Pike's Peak Region. Because of your support, and other thoughtful people like you, we are able to continue working to break down the barriers that separate people.

Your donation will be specifically used for the development of a new data management system and a new website, both of which are vital to the operation of Friendship Force, terribly out of date, and running on technology platforms that are no longer sufficiently supported. With these funds, you and I will achieve a more efficient and productive technology system that will better support exchange coordination as well as improve the overall member experience online. Along with the new database, will be an intuitive re-design of the website that will ensure that every mobile and desktop platform used around the world has access to all of Friendship Force's online materials. The re-design will also present a more contemporary "face" of our organization to the public to better promote our mission and entice members and non-members alike to get involved and take part in an exchange that might just change the way they see the world.

Your gift is truly appreciated and your support team here in Atlanta is excited to work with you to make our vision of a more peaceful world possible. Thank you again for your commitment.

In friendship,

Jeremi Snook
President/CEO

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2016 FFPPR Calendar

2016	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2016
Sat										1			Sat
Sun					1 Outbound					2			Sun
Mon		1			2 Cleveland			1		3			Mon
Tue		2	1		3 Cleveland			2		4	1		Tue
Wed		3	2		4	1		3		5	2		Wed
Thu		4	3 Lead Council		5 Lead Council	2 Lead Council		4 Lead Council	1 Lead Council	6 Lead Council	3 Lead Council	1 Lead Council	Thu
Fri	1 New Year's	5	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7	4	2	Fri
Sat	2	6	5	2	7	4	2	6	3	8	5	3	Sat
Sun	3	7	6	3	8 Mother's Day	5 Inbound	3	7	4	9	6	4	Sun
Mon	4	8	7	4	9	6 Manitoba	4 Independ Day	8	5 Labor Day	10	7	5	Mon
Tue	5	9	8	5	10	7 Manitoba	5	9	6	11	8 Election	6	Tue
Wed	6	10 Outbound	9	6	11	8 Manitoba	6	10	7	12	9	7	Wed
Thu	7	11 Costa Rica	10	7 Lead Council	12	9 Manitoba	7 Lead Council	11	8	13	10	8	Thu
Fri	8	12 Costa Rica	11	8	13 Regional	10 Manitoba	8	12	9	14	11 Veterans' D.	9	Fri
Sat	9	13 Costa Rica	12	9	14 Conference	11 Manitoba	9	13	10	15	12	10	Sat
Sun	10	14 Costa Rica	13	10	15	12	10	14	11	16	13	11	Sun
Mon	11	15 Costa Rica	14 FF Meeting	11	16	13	11	15	12	17	14	12	Mon
Tue	12	16 Costa Rica	15	12	17	14	12	16 FF Meeting	13	18 FF Meeting	15	13 FF Meeting	Tue
Wed	13	17 Costa Rica	16	13	18	15	13 Inbound	17	14	19	16	14	Wed
Thu	14	18 Costa Rica	17	14	19	16	14 North Carolina	18	15	20	17	15	Thu
Fri	15	19 Costa Rica	18	15	20	17	15 North Carolina	19	16	21	18	16	Fri
Sat	16	20 Costa Rica	19	16	21	18	16 North Carolina	20	17	22	19	17	Sat
Sun	17	21 Costa Rica	20	17	22	19 Father's Day	17 North Carolina	21	18 Inbound	23	20	18	Sun
Mon	18 MLK Day	22 Costa Rica	21	18	23	20	18 North Carolina	22	19 Global	24	21	19	Mon
Tue	19	23 Costa Rica	22	19 FF Meeting	24	21 FF Meeting	19 North Carolina	23	20 Global	25	22	20	Tue
Wed	20	24 Costa Rica	23	20	25	22	20 North Carolina	24	21 Global	26	23	21	Wed
Thu	21	25	24	21	26	23	21	25	22	27	24 Thanksgiving	22	Thu
Fri	22	26	25	22	27	24	22	26	23	28	25	23	Fri
Sat	23	27	26	23	28	25	23	27	24	29	26	24	Sat
Sun	24	28	27 Easter	24	29	26	24	28	25	30	27	25 Christmas	Sun
Mon	25	29	28	25	30 Memorial Day	27	25	29	26	31 Halloween	28	26	Mon
Tue	26		29	26 Outbound	31	28	26	30	27		29	27	Tue
Wed	27		30	27 Cleveland		29	27	31	28		30	28	Wed
Thu	28		31	28 Cleveland		30	28		29			29	Thu
Fri	29			29 Cleveland			29		30			30	Fri
Sat	30			30 Cleveland			30					31 New Year's Ev	Sat
Sun	31						31						Sun