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# FFL Holiday Luncheon and Concert on December 4, 2022

### **BY JULIE SPLICHAL**

he holiday season is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars for the FFL Holiday Party on **Sunday, December 4, 2022,** which will be held at Doane University at 1014 Boswell Ave, Crete, NE.

Doane University will be the setting for a full afternoon of activities. We will start the celebration with a delicious luncheon of Cranberry Rosemary Chicken Breast with Wild rice and Vegetable and dessert at the Perry Campus Center in the Student Union. Notify Julie Splichal if you have special dietary needs. After the luncheon we will enjoy a special FFI Bingo Game with prizes. Then off to the Auditorium for a 3 pm concert. Students from the Doane Vocal and Instrumental Music Departments will present their 31st Annual Christmas Festival Performance.

**Cost** - \$25.00 per person. Feel free to bring a friend and/or possible new FFL member.

**Time** – Luncheon starts at 12:00 noon, and Concert starts at 3:00 pm

**RSVP** by Friday, November 25th, 2022 by sending your check to Julie Splichal at

215 East 9th Street, #2,

Crete, NE 68333.

Please, make check payable to Friendship Force of Lincoln.



Carpooling to Crete will be available. Please, watch for details coming to your Inbox closer to December 4. You will only need to park once at Doane University as the lot is close to the Student Union and the Auditorium.





Photo: Doane University, Crete NE https://www.doane.edu/

## FFL Holiday Luncheon and Concert on December 4, 2022

### BY NANCY COMER

The Service/Diversity Committee has found a way for FFL members to assist the Afghan refugee family we are helping with. Please bring one or more of the following items to the FFL Holiday Luncheon and Concert on Sunday, December 4, 2022:

- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Dish soap
- Hand soap
- Laundry detergent
- Toothpaste (kid)
- Paper towels
- Kitchen garbage bags

- Clorox wipes
- Kleenex
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo (not conditioner)
- Newborn diapers for 20 lbs baby
- Walmart Gift Card or Sam's club
- Godfathers Pizza gift certificate

• Diaper wipes

If you bring a Gift Card, Karen Wolken, the volunteer from Lutheran Family who helps our Afghan family, would spend this on the family's behalf and then happily drop you a note about what it was used for. The children enjoy Godfather's Pizza and the gift certificate would help the family have some fun.

*Special note:* If anyone has a **used vehicle** they would like to donate or sell, please contact Nancy Comer, Janet Walter or President Judy Keetle with that information.



## From the FFL President November 2022



### JUDY KEETLE, PRESIDENT

t has been a very good year! In 2022 many FFL activities went from Zoom to in-person. Friendship Force travel has been minimal, but is picking up. Several of our members have enjoyed virtual journeys and traveling with other clubs this year.

The FFI 2022 Festival at Sea was the first infusion of money to FFI, so they could start to find their way forward.

FFI announced in early October that they are going to postpone for a year the 2023 dues raise from \$25 to \$30 as planned in order for the local clubs to get a reprieve. Since several FFL people had already paid their 2023 dues when this was announced, the Board decided by acclimation that the 2023 FFL dues would stay at \$50 with \$25 going to FFI and \$25 staying with FFL.

It is important for each member to register on the new FFI website at https:// my.friendshipforce.org/. If you are having trouble doing this or if you don't have a computer, contact Arlene Rea at 402-432-4425 and she will help you.

Some important information regarding journeys of which you should be aware:

- 1. There is a new 2022 Ambassador Application and Agreement Form. This form can be found on the FFI website at Ambassador Application and Agreement. You will no longer be able to use the old form.
- 2. All Friendship Force ambassadors are required to secure adequate travel and medical insurance to cover emergencies during their journeys. This requirement can be fulfilled in one of the following ways: (a) through the ambassador's existing insurance policy if it

covers international travel and/or out of state travel, (b) through the policy offered by FFI on the website, or (c) by purchasing a separate travel insurance package.

3. If an ambassador cancels more than 60 days before departure, the FFI Fee and host club Program Fee will be refunded. There is no refund of any fees if an ambassador cancels less than 60 days before the start of the journey. Therefore, it is important to carry travel insurance.

The FFI motto is "A world of friends is a world of peace". We can each work to make this happen in our own community and in the U.S.A. and internationally by being a part of Friendship Force.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. I look forward to another fantastic year with FFL. Be sure to take time to enjoy your family and friends during the upcoming holiday season.

I wish you much happiness, peace, and friendship.





## **Happy Birthday**

our birthday is a day to celebrate you! Consider sending a card or an e-mail, or a text to someone who has a birthday coming up!

November birthdays were in the August Passport.

## December

- 7<sup>th</sup> Pamela Freidenberg
- 9<sup>th</sup> Barbara Rothenay
- 15<sup>th</sup> Joanne Brown
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Ridder
- 25<sup>th</sup> Maryjo Shibata
- 29<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Arth
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Zwiebel

## January

- 7<sup>th</sup> Kathy Spahr
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pat King
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Anderson
- 21<sup>st</sup> Susan Briggs
- 26<sup>th</sup> Maxine Moul
- 30<sup>th</sup> James Rea

## February

- 6<sup>th</sup> Larry Harnish
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tom Higley
- 9<sup>th</sup> Arlene Rea
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nikki Scott
- 26<sup>th</sup> Lois Katt
- 28<sup>th</sup> Kay Rockwell

# FFL 2022 Annual Meeting Report

## BY JUDY KEETLE

hirty some members of FFL gathered on August 14 in the Malone Community Center gym for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Chairs were spaced 3 feet apart and masks were worn by many due to covid

precautions. Members brought items to be donated to the Afghan family we are helping.



Tyrina Webster, Director of Operations told the group about the programs offered by the Malone Center such as the Maternal Wellness Program, Out of School Program, and Malone Health Initiative. The newly formed Malone STEP group were unable to perform because three out of the five group members were unavailable.

As the meeting proceeded, we had an 'unexpected guest' – Mathilda from Peculiar, MO. She was dressed in her robe, slippers, and curlers. Mathilda shared many of her thoughts about Friendship Force as she talked with Julie Splichal. She pointed out that FFL has been Club of the Year twice. Thank you to Laurie-Ann Scott for making this humorous presentation possible.



The meeting opened with the Friendship Force Pledge. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were approved. Treasurer, Milt Bayer, shared the 2021 Financial Audit Report and the current Treasurer's Report. De Tonak, on behalf of the nominating committee, brought a motion to elect the following nominees as 2023 officers – Judy Keetle, President; Wendy Horacek, Vice President; Ann Quinlan, Secretary; and Milt Bayer, Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.



Standing committee and Ad Hoc committee chairs gave oneminute reports of what their committee has been doing. At the close of the meeting everyone joined in singing the FF song, Let There Be Peace on Earth.

Individually wrapped snacks were served after the meeting as people had a chance to talk with and spend time with their FFL friends.

Please, scan the QR code with your phone for more photos or visit :

https://bit.ly/3hxu4nZ



# FFL Things to Know – November, 2022

## **Courtesy**

If an FFL member is ill, achieves something noteworthy, experiences the death of a loved one, etc., FFL Courtesy Chair, Gayle Bayer would like to send a card. Let her know at bayergayle@gmail.com.

## Dues

2023 FFL Membership Dues are due by December 31, 2022.

## Membership

Contact Membership Chair De Tonack at dtonack@neb.rr.com if you know of someone who wants to know more about FF and how to join FFL.

# **Opportunity**

The Asian Community and Cultural Center, 144 N. 44th St, STE A, Lincoln, NE invites you to join them from 2-5pm on November 12, 2022 and/or December 10, 2022 for a cultural exchange that comes with a chance to buy jewelry, traditional clothing, food, ornaments, and more! Source: https://www.lincolnasiancenter.org/



and Cultural Center





# FFL Members Enjoy the LEO at Napoli's

## BY BRUCE KEIM

he September LEO was held at Napoli's Italian Restaurant on Thursday, September 13. Owner Basim Shala spoke to 18 FFL members about his first restaurants in Grand Island and Hastings. Chef Besim started out his career working in restaurants in Europe before heading to Texas and then later moving up here to Nebraska.

Napoli's restaurant offers pizza made from scratch, pasta dishes such as Lasagna and Chicken or Veal Parmigiana. Carlene and Bruce divided the Dorian's Special, which was chicken breast sautéed mixed with broccoli, spinach and tomatoes in a garlic white wine served over tortellini pasta and it came as a huge portion that was more than enough for both of us.







The next LEO will meet on **Thursday, November 17 at 5:30pm** at Tiru Ethiopian Restaurant located at 2630 Orchard Street Suite #3, Lincoln, NE. LEO committee members Bruce and Carlene Keim and Sara Stephenson hope to see you there!



# FFI Festival at Sea 2022

## BY JUDY KEETLE

n August / September, several FFL members enjoyed the Friendship Force International Festival at Sea 2022. There were 21- and 14-day options to sail on the Holland America ship Rotterdam to Holland, Norway, Iceland. and Scotland.

My roommate Betty Starr and I went to Amsterdam two days early so we could acclimate before sailing. We spent a day touring the canals and did a hop-on-hop-off bus tour of the town. Spectacular!

When it was time to sail, we were bussed an hour to Rotterdam because of low water in Amsterdam. On the days at sea, there were four group sessions with Jeremy Snook and Debbie Powell of the FFI staff. Jason Walker, an FFI intern and an MFA student in poetry at the University of Florida, lead workshops to help us find our 'inner poet'. I really enjoyed meeting many of the 84 FF members on the ship.

Highlights for me included (1) sailing through the fjords around Bergen and Molde Norway, (2) in Akureyri, Iceland the Geyser Geothermal Area with its multitude of hot springs, (3) driving through the volcanic Reykjanes



Peninsula with dormant volcanos and lava fields, (4) walking across a bridge connecting the Eurasian tectonic plate with the American tectonic plate, (5) receiving an Arctic Circle Crossing certificate, (6) cruising Lock Ness, but Nessie was not spotted, (6) driving through Edinburgh, Scotland on the day Queen Elizabeth's body was being taken to Edinburgh Castle, so many things were blocked off, and (7) learning how windmills made it possible for people to live below sea level in Kinderdijk near Rotterdam.



All in all, it was a wonderful cruise! The food, especially the fresh fish, was delicious and served attractively! The weather was pleasant – sprinkles just one day. We saw the northern lights, beautiful water falls, quaint villages, great people.

## **Upcoming Journeys**

## BY WENDY HORACEK

ooking ahead to 2023, we're on the FFI calendar for a September 2023 theme journey, Farm to Table with an emphasis on the science of farming. A theme journey is open to any FFI members so the ambassadors can be a diverse group. The ambassadors on my recent journey to Washington, DC came from Guadeloupe,

Ottawa, Winnipeg, Uganda and 10 US clubs. It will be an opportunity to educate ambassadors on farming, experience big farm equipment, possibly see a dairy farm, and discover the Midwest. Planning for the journey will begin in January, 2023. Please contact me if you have any suggestions for the journey or if you would like to be part of the planning committee.



Photo: Connecticut State Capitol



We are scheduled for an outbound journey to Connecticut July 2023.

Many ambassadors are still reluctant to travel so openings are available to join other clubs.

Please, check the FFI website for openings.

## https://friendshipforce.org

I'm looking forward to a new year of hosting and travel!



## Sharre Jahde — A World Traveler

### **BY PHYLLIS ARTH**

long-time FFL member, Sharre Jahde is living the philosophy, "Travel as much as you can, for as far as you can, for as long as you can. Life is not meant to be lived in one place." Back in 1980, this adage was stumped by the lack of discretionary funds, developing careers and tending young children. Sharre was a stay-at-home mom with two young daughters. Ah-ha! Newly formed FFL club would bring the world to her.

Home hosting from Newcastle on Tyne was Sharre's initiation into Friendship Force and it has resulted in many lifetime international friendships. Their guests from Newcastle were a recently widowed lady called Dorothy and her young adult daughter. Dorothy and her three grown children live in the Netherlands now. When Sharre scheduled a Viking Cruise in 2014 (photo of the Viking cruise ship included), from



Amsterdam to Budapest, Dorothy urged Sharre to stay a few days with her before the cruise and she did. At that time, Sharre was retired from being a reading specialist and kindergarten teacher. Dorothy and Sharre found many commonalities in how their lives had changed over the years. They use Skype to visit at least a couple of times each year.

To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of FFL, and the 39th year of Sharre's involvement, Sharre told stories about some of her Ambassadors and travels, which were published in the November, 2021 edition of Passport:

### https://friendshipforcelincoln.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Passport1121.pdf

Sharre has shared her experience of being a home host for the third time in 1991. The Ambassadors, a family of four, came from East Germany from behind the Iron Curtain. Sharre was then a single mom with four kids and a student of Education at UNL. Sharre and the Ambassadors have kept in touch at Christmas since then. The father, Wolfi, died a few years ago and both girls are married with children now. During their 2018 reunion in Orlando FL, Sharre especially clicked with the daughter, Jana, who was just 13 when Sharre first hosted the family in Lincoln back in 1991. Last summer, 2022, Sharre visited Germany. The family met her in Berlin and took her to Weiswasser, where Doris still lives. Sharre stayed with Doris, now 68, in her home – a tiny apartment. With no elevator available, they frequently climbed the 87 steps to the non-air-conditioned home. Doris has completed 26 trips with FF and has hosted many Ambassadors over the years. She is an expert host and provided Sharre with many interesting experiences, including a canoe trip on the Spree River through the Spreewald (forest) and a "Gorliwood" tour of Gorlitz,

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### **BY PHYLLIS ARTH**

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where many movies have been made. Doris hosted a barbecue with extended family on the farm where Doris grew up. Sharre and Doris crossed the border into Poland to eat and shop and enjoyed the beautiful scenery and parks in the area. The "kids," now living in Bavaria, traveled to join the fun with Sharre.



### Photo: Gorlitz, Germany

In the fall of 1984, Sharre and her husband travelled on their first and only exchange to New Zealand. After the Exchange, Sharre celebrated their friendship by cross-stitching a sampler, "I came to your house as a stranger, I stayed in your house as a guest, I left your house as a friend." She and Coleen have maintained their friendship over many life changes. On a recent Zoom conversation, with Coleen newly moved into a retirement home, Sharre saw her handmade gift framed and proudly displayed.



Sharre's experiences with FFL have been a springboard for additional world travels. She has toured Australia, shopped in Jerusalem's crowded old market, fell in love with Africa. During her recent summer in Europe, Sharre organized many events. She spent a week at an Airbnb in the Lauterbrunnen Valley of Switzerland and now calls it one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Photo: Lauterbrunnen



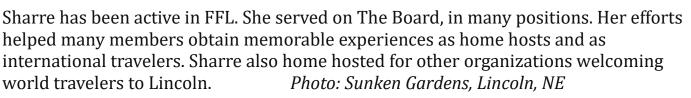
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Sharre saw the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. It has been running continuously since the 1600's.

Sharre has learned, "Wherever you go, it becomes a part of you. You get to know the people, the culture, the food, the history - and - you leave a piece of your heart. Most of all, you learn that despite differences in culture, politics religion, and lifestyle, people all over the world are very much alike in many ways. And the memories stay with you forever!"



Now, as an independent woman who will continue to travel, Sharre has found that traveling companions serendipitously surface. She enjoys visiting about traveling and destinations and it seems to recruit others interested in adventuring. Her companions will benefit from Sharre's earned flexibility, conversational ease, respect for people and world-wide travel experiences.



Photo: Oberammergau, Germany

# FFL Historian Report Year End 2022

### BY BETTY STARR

he Friendship Force of Lincoln board began meeting at the First Lutheran Church at 1551 S 70th street, Lincoln, NE in the latter part of the year, replacing the Zoom schedule. All were glad to be back in person. In June, 2022 the Treasurer's Report for 2021 was completed and filed for audit.

The *Passport* quarterly club newsletter was produced by Dorina Mahler, who assumed the role of editor of the quarterly Friendship Force Lincoln newsletter in 2022.

Our scheduled outbound Journey to North Carolina, and the inbound journey from New Jersey were cancelled due to low numbers.

An ALEX group came from Slovakia and Hungary in April/May, 2022. Eleven ALEX students from Kyrgyzstan visited from October 29 to November 6. They were welcomed with a party at Lee's Chicken on Saturday evening. Programs for both groups included: A History Day, An Education Day at Lincoln High, A Community Government Day, an Education Day at the Zoo School, an Entrepreneur Day, and a Volunteer Day. A soup supper and Archery were planned for the Farwell party.

The Diversity Dinners are still on hold. The people still are not ready to host in their homes due to the COVID virus. The resettlement of refugees is complicated and is coordinated by the Lutheran Family Services and Catholic Social Services. A list with items needed for the families was published for the club and the FFL members contributed these at the annual meeting in August. Suggested donations included cash, children's books, body wash and diapers etc.

The membership dues for 2023 were set by the board at \$50.00/person and the board eliminated the couple/family membership category. Arlene Rea, Nancy Comer, De Tonack and Lois Katt were selected and approved to select an officer slate at the FFL Annual Meeting, which was held on Sunday, August 14th at the Malone Center.



Breakfast and Conversation gatherings have continued during the last half of the year at Stauffer's. The LEO's were held at the Koen Japanese BBQ & Sushi, Napoli's Italian, and Tiru Ethiopian restaurants. A Czech restaurant in Abie, NE is planned for the future.

Photo: Breakfast fare at Stauffer's continued on page 13

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Journeys for 2023 were assigned: Outbound – Connecticut in June 2023 and Inbound - Farm to Table in September, 2023.

Ad Hoc committees this year included: (1) Virtual Journeys, (2) Day Trips, (3) Walking Group, (4) Online Birthday Greetings, and (5) Thursday Afternoon Club (TAC).

Several members of FFL attended the *"Festival at Sea"* in August and September, sponsored by FFI and coordinated by Total Travel Agency. The cruise line selected was Holland America and the cruise participants travelled on their new ship, Rotterdam. The cruise this year went from Amsterdam, Netherlands to Norway, Iceland, and Scotland. Approximately 85 FF members attending this gathering. During the FF shipboard sessions, CEO, Jeremi Snook indicated that FFI was ready to fold until they received a

Photo Left to right: Jason Walker, FFI intern; Martha Pettigrew, FFL guest; JoEllen Polzien; Jeremy Snook, FFI CEO; Betty Starr; Judy Keetle; Debbie Powell, FFI Conference Director



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large unsolicited donation from a member. The current FFI board and staff decided to work on soliciting funds for a rebuilding of the club. Japan FF members donated \$10/ member for continuing the support of FFI. Currently eight people are part of the FFI staff, with no brick and mortar office and all staff and board meetings are organized via Zoom. The FFI staff works from home. This "Festival at Sea" brought the first influx of dollars since Covid began.



Photo of one of the fjords in Norway taken during the 'Festival at Sea' FFI cruise.

At the "Festival at Sea", several members of the FFL club met with members of other clubs in an attempt to find other possible journeys for our club in 2023. The Region de la Capitale Canadienne (Ottawa) is interested in hosting us in 2023. This club is located in the French speaking part of Ottawa. The Fort Worth TX Club is also interested in coming to Lincoln, NE.

Members were encouraged to update they profiles on https://my.friendshipforce.org/.

The FFL Holiday party will be held at Doane College Union in Crete, NE where our members can listen to a Holiday Concert on December 4th. Members will be able to play Friendship Force Bingo with prizes during the party.

Members are encouraged to bring a friend and possible new members into the FFL club because of the declining membership over the past years.



## **Second ALEX Visit for The Friendship Force of Lincoln**

### BY ARLENE REA AND PAM FREUDENBERG, ALEX COORDINATORS

gain, this time from Central Asia, Friendship Force Lincoln was privileged to host students the first week of November, after hosting 5 Slovakians and 1 student from Hungary in May. Approximately 600 students, who were selected to be ex-

change students to the United States for 10 months, were not able to fulfill their wish because of the COVID pandemic. Therefore, ALEX (American Leadership Exchange Program) was formed by the American Councils and the Department of State, to give those students an opportunity to visit the United States. They spent a week in Washington, D.C., before spending another week in some American city.



### Picture: Flag of Kyrgyzstan

Our second round of guests came from Kyrgyzstan (Keer-guh-staan). Kyrgyzstan, about the size of Nebraska, is in central Asia and became independent after breaking away from the Soviet Union in 1991. It is bordered by Kazakhstan to the west and north, by Tajiki-stan on the south (beyond Tajikistan are Afghanistan and Pakistan), and finally China to the south and east.



Our guests were Salkynai Emilbekova (group leader), hosted by Judy Keetle; Begaim Akmatova and Aidina Kazymbek, hosted by De Tonack; Nursultan Kenzheev, hosted by Gwen Meister and Bill Behmer; Ulukmyrza Imanov and Bekzhan Kasymbekov, hosted by Duane and Betty Starr; Bekbolot Ergeshbaev, hosted Bruce and Carlene Keim; Bermet Darbisheva and Viktoriia Efimova, hosted by Phyllis Arth; Milagres Alymbekova and Aizada Berdibekova, hosted by Barb Ridder.

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Our guests were enthusiastic learners who wanted to learn as much as possible about America and democracy. It was a timely time to visit since it was the week before the November 8 election. Themes covered Nebraska history, government (Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, City Council, Civic Nebraska, legislature and lobbying); education (Lincoln High and Career Academy, Zoo School, Light House); entrepreneurship (Engler Agribusiness and Innovation Campus); and volunteerism (actual volunteering at City Mission Help Center and Center for People in need.)



The FFL members who attended the farewell dinner on Saturday, November 5th, 2022 enjoyed a wonderful evening learning about the history and customs of Kyrgyzstan. De Tonack and her house guests Begaim and Aidina recommend watching a good 2 hour movie about a woman leader of Kyrgyzstan from the late 1800s on YouTube: Kurmanjan Datka (with English subtitles).

Our ALEX guests arrived safely in their home country after two days of traveling from Lincoln to Chicago to Istanbul then back to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

The FFI motto was alive in Lincoln last week - "a world of friends is a world of peace".

Photo: ALEX visitors grilling hotdogs on an open fire at Roca Berry Farm

# Would you like to see more pictures?

Presentation about ALEX visit: https://bit.ly/3tggPuD Please, visit Google Photos using the link below or scan the QR code with your phone to see more pictures taken during the FFL Annual Meeting, the Festival at Sea, and the ALEX visit. https://bit.ly/3EkGw3F



## **Calendar - Friendship Force of Lincoln**

### November, 2022

- 5th—ALEX Farewell dinner, 6:15 at the Outdoor Nebraska Education Center, 4703 N 44th st, Lincoln, NE
- 7th FFL Board Meeting, 1:00 at <u>First Lutheran Church</u>, 1551 S 70th St, Lincoln, NE
- 10th Thursday Afternoon Club (TAC) via ZOOM, 4:30-5:30; topic: "What are you thankful for this year?"
- 12th —Breakfast and Conversation, 8:30am at Stauffer's Café , 5600 S 48th St.
- 17th—Let's Eat Out (LEO), 5:30pm at Tiru Ethiopian Restaurant, 2630 Orchard St #3, Lincoln, NE

### December, 2022

- 4th—FFL Holiday Luncheon and Program starting at 12:00 noon at Doane University in Crete, NE
- 5th FFL Board Meeting, 12:00 noon at Judy Keetle's house, 2132 Calvert Street
- 8th Thursday Afternoon Club (TAC) via ZOOM, 4:30-5:30; topic: "Let's talk about winter holidays and traditions!"
- 10th —Breakfast and Conversation, 8:30am at <u>Stauffer's Café</u>, 5600 S 48th St.
- 31st—2023 FFL Dues are due

### July, 2023

• Outbound Journey to Connecticut

### September, 2023

Inbound Special Journey —Farm to Table

### **October, 2023**

FFI 2023 World Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia



Photo: Dubrovnik. Croatia



## FFL Board Members 2022

### Contact information can be found in your 2022 Directory

Judy Keetle, President, Passports
Maxine Moul, Vice President
Ann Quinlan, Secretary
Milt Bayer, Treasurer
Arlene Rea, Past President, Directory, ALEX

# **Standing Committee Chairs**

Linda Kistler, Breakfast and Conversation
Betty Starr, Historian
Wendy Horacek, Journey Resource Coordinator
Carlene Keim, LEO (Let's Eat Out)
Bruce Keim, LEO (Let's Eat Out)
De Tonack, Membership Chair
Gayle Bayer, Membership Courtesy
JoEllen Polzien, Membership, Online Birthday Greetings
Nancy Comer, Service/Diversity
Julie Splichal, Social Co-chair
Sara Stephenson, Social Co-chair
Dorina Mahler, TAC, Newsletter, Website

# **Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs**

Gerald Poppe, Audit
Janice Jones, Audit
Lee Rockwell, Day Trips
Laurie-Ann Scott, FFI Liaison
Brian Ridenour, Review Policies & Bylaws
Sylvia Griffith, Virtual Journeys

Past editions of 'Passport': https://friendshipforcelincoln.org/newsletters/



The Friendship Force of Lincoln Membership Application 2023			
<b>\$50 per person</b> Covers Friendship Force International (\$30) and Friendship Force of Lincoln (\$20) 2023 dues			
As of early October 2022, FFI announced that are delaying their dues increase from \$25 to \$30 for one year. Since many people had already paid their 2023 dues, the board decided by acclimation that we would keep our 2022 dues at the announced \$50 with \$25 going to FFI and \$25 staying with FFL.			
Date No	ew Member Renewing member		
Name			
Address			
	State Zip		
Home Number	Mobile Number		
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New Members receive a complimentary name badge			
Check your choice: I prefer Pin Closure or Magnetic Closure			
Name on the badge			
If renewing members need a new name badge contact Membership Chair, De Tonack			
Make check payable to:	Friendship Force of Lincoln		
Mail application to:	Friendship Force of Lincoln,		
	PO Box 30334,		
	Lincoln, NE 68503		
Dues for FFI and FFL Jan-D	ec, 2023, are due by <b>December 31, 2022.</b>		