

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA



DECEMBER 2016

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely... Broad, wholesome charitable views...cannot be acquired by vegetating in one's little corner of the earth."

---Mark Twain



Happy Holidays

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FFGA 2017 OUTBOUND EXCHANGE TO TANZANIA

The Tanzania Epic Exchange 2017 is fully booked with twenty five enthusiastic ambassadors throughout the USA. Twelve of the twenty five are from our club.

Five are from the Dallas Club where ED Bonnie Evans had joined them on the Azerbaijan-Republic of Georgia Exchange in May 2016. There are two from the Denver, Colorado Club. Two are from the Eastern Washington-Idaho Club and two from the Los Angeles club. One from each of the Sarasota Florida and Sacramento, California clubs. We have one female from Dallas Texas who would like a roommate. Otherwise any other ambassadors who ex-

press interest, would be put on a waiting list.

A 29 page booklet of information was created. If you would like a copy just email the Exchange Director, Bonnie Evans at kbemje@bellsouth.net or call her at [404.771.0010](tel:404.771.0010)

During the tour and exchange there will be several humanitarian projects. In Moshi, we will deliver several suitcases of books from Books for Africa to an Orphanage and a Primary School. Books for Africa is a five star rated charity.

At our five day home stay in Iringa we will be participating in

an educational enhancement project at a Primary School. Each ambassador will deliver school supplies for the school.

The Visiting Ambassadors will be making a group monetary donation towards digging for a deep well for clean water or toilet pits where there is a great need.

We encourage our members to make monetary donations so our farewell gift will be a sizeable amount to make a difference.

Please contact Bonnie Evans for further information at kbemje@bellsouth.net or call her at [404.771.0010](tel:404.771.0010).

EXCHANGE DIRECTOR NEEDED

We have accepted a domestic inbound exchange from the FF Club in Central Willamette, Oregon. They will visit us at the end of October 2017.

We will have an opportunity to visit Oregon with their club in 2019.

Wine Country!



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OPEN WORLD COMING FEBRUARY 2017 As a chapter of FFI, we adhere to the mission to promote world peace and understanding by creating an environment where individual friendships can be established across the barriers that separate people.

FFI contacted our club in regard to a delegation of visitors from Kazakhstan who specified an interest in learning in a US state capital site.

FFGA accepted an Open World Exchange February 3-11, 2017. A delegation of 5 plus 1 facilitator and 1 interpreter from Kazakhstan will be in our area.

The theme for this delegation is the role of local legislatures and staff. Recent legislation on local self-governance in Kazakhstan has been aimed at enhancing the role of the citizen in decisions that are made at the local level.

Home hospitality, the heart of a Friendship Force exchange, provides the opportunity for people of different countries and cultures to connect at a personal level.

We are still in need of volunteer day host and dinner hosts. Contact Anne Earle, Cynthia Williams, Sue Mills if you are available.

FFGA MEMBERSHIP DUES 2017

Dues for the upcoming year are payable by the end of December 2016.

Linda Foley is working with the Membership as of 2017 and dues are to be made payable to FFGA and sent to Linda at 1010 Freedom Lane, Roswell, GA 30075.

(Please note Linda's address in the directory is not correct. This is the address to use.)

Dues for the upcoming year are \$30 for an individual membership and \$45 for a family membership (maximum of 2).

International Friendship Day

2017 is a big year for Friendship Force. We turn 40 years old on World Friendship Day - March 1, 2017. We know many of you around the globe recognize FFI's founding day in different ways,

Our club will celebrate International Friendship Day on March 1 between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM by volunteering at the Books for Africa Warehouse located off of Bolton Rd. We will be sorting books into various age groups. Afterwards we will join together for lunch at the nearby Jack's New York Deli which has amazing sandwiches.

More details coming in a future newsletter. Mark your calendars.

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA FF SEEKS ADDITIONAL AMBASSADORS TO PERU

Here's your chance to get to Machu Picchu if you weren't on our own club's trip a few years ago!

The Western North Carolina Friendship Force Club is opening their Exchange to Peru. Here is a little information about the Exchange.

Dates for the Exchange are May 2-16, 2017 and will include a week of home hosted visit to Trujillo and 6 days visiting the sites surrounding Machu Picchu.

Cost for the trip is approximately \$3800. Ambassadors will need to be able to walk for extended periods of time.

Northern Peru is packed with unique treasures – cultural, archaeological and natural.

Blessed with fewer tourists and better coastal weather than either Lima or the south (particularly in the high season – May to September), the area encompasses city oases along the coast, secluded villages in the Andes– and is brimming over with imposing and important pre-Inca sites, some of them only discovered in the last decade or two. For many, the biggest attraction will be the beautiful and trendy

beaches. For others, it's the scenery, archaeology, and the opportunity to get off the beaten tourist trail.

I confirmed with the Exchange Director on 12/21 that there were 6 openings on this exchange which they want to fill.

Contact Jan for more info:

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SAVE THE DATES

- **February 3– 11, 2017**
Open World Delegation
- **March 1, 2017**
Volunteer Opportunity
Books for Africa