

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 - Upcoming events
- 2 - President update
- 3 - Jan meeting; November MEG
- 4 - Holiday events; COVID; Thanks Caye!
- 5 - FFI virtual offerings; board meetings
- 6 - upcoming journeys; moment in club history
- 7 - Manitoba & Alberta journey
- 8 - **PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES**
- 9 - 2022 leadership; FFI "Fundraising"

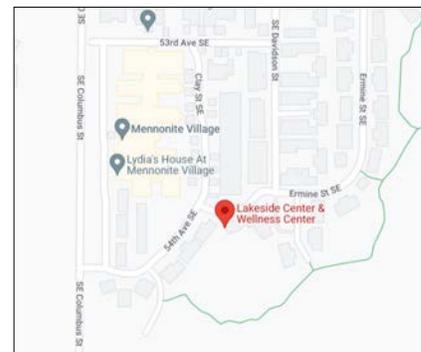
## CALENDAR

- Nov 12, 11 am - Columbia Cascade Anniversary (p 1)
- Nov 15, 1 pm - MEG - Laughing Planet, Corvallis (p3)
- Nov 20, 2 pm - **club annual meeting** - Lakeside Center, Mennonite Village, Albany (p 1)
- Dec/Jan —small group events - see page 4
- Jan 22 - club meeting in Salem - Pringle Creek Painters Hall Community Center (page 3)



## Upcoming FFOMWV Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held at the Lakeside Center in the Mennonite Village in Albany. Several club members live in the Village and hence have access to this facility. This meeting will begin at 2 pm. One of the key parts of this meeting will be election of officers for 2023. Other club business will be conducted as well.



## Columbia Cascades FF Club Celebrates 40 Years

The Columbia Cascades FF club is celebrating its 40th anniversary on November 12 with cake and ice cream at 11:00 am in Vancouver WA. Reservations for participation are due Nov 1. Marilyn Peterson will attend and is coordinating transportation. If you would like to attend, please contact Marilyn.



*This Issue of Connections, and more information about our club,  
can be found on our website: <http://www.fforegon.org>  
Contact us at: [fforegon@comcast.net](mailto:fforegon@comcast.net) or PO Box 1703, Albany, Oregon 97321*

## **President's Message - What About Journey Planning?** - *Dennis Murphy*

I have been asked if we will have an opportunity at our annual meeting, on November 20th, to express our choices for travel in 2024. The choices for 2023, both inbound and outbound, have already been made. This is our opportunity to express to FFI our desires on where we would like to meet new friends in the year 2024. It is also our opportunity to talk about when and how many ambassadors we can host in 2024.

This is how the process now works. In the coming days, the planning department of FFI will send out a survey on our Inbound hosting availability for the year 2024. This form will ask us when are the best times for us to host, how many journeys would we be willing to host, and very importantly, how many people can we host? Yes, we are talking about over one year in the future, but it is this information that FFI uses when they put out their 2024 Outbound Request Form in January of 2023.

We did a survey in 2021 on our hosting capacity and had the capacity for over 40 people if everyone was available and had no conflicts. We told FFI we could host 20. Now this year was certainly not a normal year. There were hosts who were unable to host because of very legitimate Covid fears, others because of health reasons, and others because of schedule conflicts. However, we struggled to handle Texas, so an important question this year is how many can we handle? Please give some thought to your hosting capabilities prior to the November general meeting and be prepared to give some input on 2024. It is good information for us to have and we totally understand that scheduling conflicts, your health, or other issues may prevent you from hosting particular journeys. It is informational for your board and FFI in the planning process, not a hard commitment on your part!

At our January meeting, we will review the outbound journey opportunities that are available to us in 2024. Based on the responses from all the FFI clubs worldwide to the survey that we will complete this November, FFI will provide a list of all available clubs and their hosting capacity for us to choose from. In the past we have given FFI three choices, and are always hopeful that we will get our first choice. I think our choices have been reasonable and we usually get one of our picks. It should be a fun meeting and we will try to get you the outbound availability form to you prior to the meeting so that you will have time to consider your choices.

Finally, remember to periodically visit the members only FFI website and review the Journey Catalog. There are many exciting and interesting journeys available that you can take as a member of Friendship Force. If a club does not have enough ambassadors to fill a journey, they advertise in the FFI Journey catalog how many open positions they have and a description of the journey. It is a great opportunity to travel and meet new friends, especially if you have already visited the place our club is traveling to, or you are unable to travel with our club due to scheduling conflicts.

Looking forward to seeing you at the November general meeting!

In friendship, Dennis



## January Club Meeting - Jan 22, 2 pm Pringle Creek Community- Painters Hall

Our January club meeting will be held on the 22nd at 2 pm in the Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall, 3911 Village Center Dr SE, Salem, OR 97302. Club members Jonathan and Lisa Schachter are members of the Pringle Creek Community. Jonathan is their Director of Development. If there is interest, Jonathan is willing to give a short community tour.

The Pringle Creek pitch - *Pringle Creek Community is a 32 acre, fully sustainable residential development located in the heart of Oregon's flourishing Willamette Valley. It is a place to live like no other; a vibrant, innovative community set in a [serene urban oasis](#) where living is simplified and woven into the rhythm of nature. The neighborhood is founded on [principles of sustainability](#). The community provides all the modern amenities of urban living and is filled with thoughtfully planned outdoor spaces, walking and biking paths, gardens and orchards, and community gathering places.*



Painter Hall—there is parking nearby. Lisa and Jonathan will provide guidance.

## Last MEG of 2022 (Meet, Eat and Get Acquainted) Laughing Planet Restaurant

127 NW 2<sup>nd</sup>

Corvallis

Tuesday, Nov. 15th

Meet for Lunch at 1:00

<https://laughingplanet.com/menu/>



## End of Year Holiday Gatherings - Hosts Needed

Your FFOMWV board has decided, given their resounding success last year, to again hold a number of small group gatherings in December or early January in lieu of a December club meeting. We need 6 to 8 members who are willing to host such events. Once we have hosts, we will send out an email listing the group events and asking members to select a first and second choice event.

***If you are willing to host an event, please contact Van Nichols.*** He will need to know the date and time of your event; how many people you can host (suggested 6 to 8 people); whether it will be potluck or not; and whether or not you would like to have a “white elephant” gift exchange at your event.

As COVID is still with us and affects each person differently, each host will set their expectations with regard to COVID vaccinations and testing given their personal preference.

Events have no limits. They can be breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner. They can be morning or afternoon “tea” or a happy hour. If you are interested in hosting, offer the type of event that best fits your interests. Events can be in December or early January. New year celebrations are wholly acceptable.

Thanks for your consideration and offering to be a host!



A few scenes from  
2021 holiday events



## COVID And Our Club

As we approach this holiday season, we find ourselves still dealing with a persistent and very dangerous virus. COVID is not the flu, and can do very serious and sometimes permanent damage to its victims. Members of our FF club are dealing with some of those long lasting effects. The board encourages all of the members of our community to get vaccinated if no other medical conditions prevent or make it dangerous. We encourage you to wear a mask indoors and in crowded situations. It is one of the best forms of protection available to all of us. Along with the face masks, washing your hands especially after having been in crowded situations with unknown people. While COVID home tests are not always accurate, especially in the early hours of COVID, please test yourself prior to attending FFOMWV events in the coming months, and please, even if you test negative, but do not feel well in even the slightest way, do not attend. We all need to do our very best to protect ourselves and each other in every way that we can.

## Thank You Caye!

For a variety of reasons, Caye Poe found it necessary to resign from her position as FFOMWV Secretary effective October 12. We sincerely thank Caye for her tireless support of FFOMWV over the years and this past year as secretary. We look forward to your future involvement in the Club. Caye's position will be filled by other Board members until a new secretary is elected for 2023.

Your FFOMWV Board Colleagues and Club Members

## FFI Virtual Experiences

With actual journeys now taking place, FFI's virtual offerings are fewer. FFI is offering "Friendraising" events as well as its book club and language training opportunities. To see a current listing, visit this website in your FFI portal - <https://blog.friendshipforce.org/virtual-experiences/>

### Friendraiser: Fundraising for clubs and Open World Programming Thursday, November 10, 7am

Host: Dana Jackson, FFI Staff

During this event ideas for local fundraising ventures, planned giving, fundraising for the international office, details for our Giving Tuesday fundraising event and club grants will be discussed. Register [here](#).



### FFI BOOK CLUB: "The Golden Hour" by Beatriz Williams

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 11 am

Host: Kerstin Hogan, FFI Staff

The Bahamas, 1941. Williams creates a dazzling epic of World War II-era Nassau—a hotbed of spies, traitors, and the most infamous couple of the age, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. The stories of two unforgettable women thread together in this extraordinary epic of sacrifice, human love and human courage, set against a shocking true crime... and the rise and fall of a legendary royal couple. Register [here](#).

**Friendship Force Virtual Experience Recordings can be found at the bottom of the FFI member portal website listed above including two FFOMWV offerings!**



#### Tell us your story

Host: FF Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley

Friendship Force of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. As a way of celebrating Friendship Force's impact, members of the club told the story of their most memorable Journey experience and how it changed their lives. Participants were invited to join and share stories as well. Friendship Force matters.

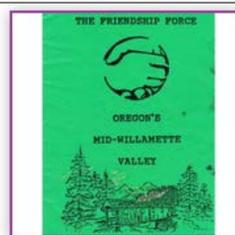


#### The Life of a Japanese School Student

Host: Kikumi Shiga, FF Oita

Are you curious about what school would be like in Japan? April is an exciting time for Japanese students as they move into the next grade, meet new friends and teachers, and have a ceremony to mark the new term.

An Oita club member and school teacher in Taiketsu City walks us through these and other aspects of school life for students, including school lunches, how students clean their school, and term exams.



#### FF Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley 30th Anniversary

Host: FF Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley

The Friendship Force of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley formally began with a meeting of twenty-two world-peace-thinking individuals. In this celebration event, you will learn about some of the club's history, hear from their first president, and enjoy stories from club members and friends from other clubs.

## Board Meetings

The next FFOMWV Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9 at 1 pm. All members are welcomed to participate. If interested, send Marilyn Peterson an email and she will send you the ZOOM link.



Zoom Board Meeting Screen Shot

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING JOURNEYS (Revised September, 2022)

<b>2023</b>	May 18-25	INBOUND INTERNATIONAL: Inbound from Leuven, Belgium (#23057) to be combined with their visit to Sacramento, California; Leuven JC - Greta Smeyers; Host JCs: Marilyn Peterson and Kathy Butler
	June 17-29	OUTBOUND INTERNATIONAL: Outbound to Edmonton Canada, June 17-23 (Sharon Schnell); combined with our outbound to Manitoba June 23-29 #20151, (Angela Seery and Elaine Kirschner); JCs: Chris Duval and Mary Ellen Lind.
	End of July/early Aug	INBOUND DOMESTIC: Inbound Denver, Colorado (Ilene Americus) #20403 to be combined with their visit to San Francisco, California; JCs: Dennis Murphy and Ted Powell.
	October 2-6	FFI World Conference: Dubrovnik, Croatia, with pre- and post-excursions to be announced.
	We may or may not participate in these two journeys in 2023	INBOUND DOMESTIC: 4-day Mini-Journey from Sacramento OUTBOUND DOMESTIC: 4-day Mini-Journey to Sacramento
<b>2024</b>	June TBD	INBOUND INTERNATIONAL: Inbound from Tokyo, Japan #22501 Host JCs: Marilyn Peterson and Eileen Minette
	Not Scheduled Yet	INBOUND DOMESTIC: Inbound from Charlotte, North Carolina, (Tommie Craig) #21116. <b>Host JC's needed.</b>



## A Moment in FFOMWV History - Snippets from Dec 2002 Newsletter

<p><b>December 2002</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Friendship Connection</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Page 3</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Calendar For Now</b></p> <p>Dec. 1, 1:30 pm—Meeting of the Board of Directors, Kathy Butler, hosting, 1703 Belmont Loop SW, Albany</p> <p>Dec. 8, 3:30 pm—Annual Holiday Gathering. See the story at right for more information.</p> <p>Jan. 3, 1:30 pm —Meeting of the Board of Directors Don and Betty Rea, hosting</p> <p>Jan. 12, 3 pm—General Meeting and Installation of Officers Regent Retirement Center, 440 NW Elks Dr Corvallis</p> <p><b>Folks Needing a Hug!!</b></p> <p>Harry Clawson is undergoing chemo treatment with Portland's Med School; Edna Lorenzen, facing hip surgery on December 3; Rita Powell is facing knee surgery on December 10; Doug Bashor is recovering from leg and hip surgery; and the good news is that Doris Woodfield.</p>	<p><b>Holiday Gathering on December 8th</b></p> <p>Our annual Holiday Gathering on December 8th gives us an opportunity to enjoy each others' company — no agenda, just visiting and catching up on each others' stories. Hosts Donna Loveland and Dick Grossnicklaus live at 5267 Landon St. SE, Salem.</p> <p>To get there: Beginning at I- 5 from north or south to exit 252 (Kuebler Exit)(south of Salem proper). Drive west (over freeway) to Battlecreek (a traffic light), about 1/2 mile. Left (south) onto Battlecreek for two blocks. Left (east) onto Foxhaven for 10 blocks. Left onto Landon. Second house on right: 5267 Landon Street SE (three step terrace front yard). 503.364.5736.</p> <p>Of course we'll snack a bit: if your name is between A &amp; H, bring a holiday goodie; if you are between I and Z, please bring a non-sweet (cheese and crackers,</p>	<p><b>January 2003 Gathering</b></p> <p>Marilyn Bervin has provided some information about the location of our January meeting location. We will gather at the Regent Retirement Residence at 440 NW Elks Drive in Corvallis. It is located near the Aumann Building of the Corvallis Clinic and hospital area. Please make a note of this on your January calendar and plan to join us on January 12 at 3:00pm. See you then. Find us there.</p> <p><b>Hungarian Adventures</b></p> <p>Next month we will share some of our stories about living with hosts in Hungary. This group of 19 ambassadors will open the doors to their adventures through some of their heart-felt memories of this recent exchange.</p>
--	---	--



*In Novgorod's School Nr. 26, Wanda Hamilton from Texas, Barb Cullner and Shirley Hooton learned about Russian harvest traditions.*

***In Friendship,***

## **AMBASSADOR OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT FF MANITOBA AND FF EDMONTON, ALBERTA CANADA**

Our Canadian outbound journeys planned for 2023 are to visit the Manitoba FF club from June 17 – 23 then travel to Edmonton on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and leave for home the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Manitoba JC says 16 ambassadors would be ideal. We haven't heard from Edmonton about their maximum number. The Manitoba JC described a long list of event choices which include going to a jazz festival, attending Aboriginal Peoples Day events, touring Canadian Museum for Human rights, visiting a Hutterite Colony - an Anabaptist group who live and work in a communal manner, and watching horse racing. In Edmonton, one event that is popular is the day spent at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village and a Ukrainian supper.

Edmonton ambassadors were our guests in 2019 and, for some of us, this may be a time to renew those friendships. Many of our club members have already indicated interest in this journey. If we don't fill the ambassador quota the FF of Lower Columbia club has members who would like to join our journey because they had to cancel due to COVID.

We look forward to providing you with more information in the new year.

Chris Duval  
Mary Ellen Lind  
Canadian Journey Coordinators

Edmonton, Alberta



Winnipeg, Manitoba

## Membership Application or Renewal for 2023

Annual dues cover the cost of the monthly newsletter and expenses for activities of the Friendship Force of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley, as well as membership in Friendship Force International. Memberships expire on December 31, 2022.

Annual Dues Rate for 2023 is \$40.00 per person (please print clearly). Please send form and payment by December 1 if at all possible.

New members who join after August 1st but before December 31 of this year (2022) will pay the \$40 fee but have their member dues **extend through** 2023.

This is a NEW \_\_\_\_\_ or a RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Dues enclosed: (\$40.00 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Mail To: Friendship Force, PO Box 1703, Albany, OR 97321

### Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With friendship as our mission, Family all are we.  
Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment  
now.  
With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment,  
And live each moment, In peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.

### Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace can be furthered.  
I can make a difference.

## Your 2022 Leadership Team

### **Board Members**

President	Dennis Murphy
Vice-President	Kathy Butler
Secretary	TBD
Treasurer	Van Nichols
Journey Coordinator	Chris Duval
Member At Large	Marilyn Peterson
Newsletter Editor/Archives	Russ Karow

### **Activity Leads**

30th Anniversary Committee	Ted Powell
Friendship Shared	Sue Stein
Internet Communications	Marilyn Peterson
Inventory & Merchandise	Rita Powell
MEG	Sharon Harr
Membership	Kathy Butler
Navigators	Barb Callner
Sunshine "Committee"	Sharon Harr

### **Journey Coordinators**

May 2023—Inbound from Leuven Belgium - Marilyn Peterson & Kathy Butler  
June 2023 - Outbound to Edmonton, Canada - Chris Duval & Mary Ellen Lind  
July or Aug 2023 - Inbound Denver, combined with visit to San Francisco - Dennis Murphy & Ted Powell  
June 2024 - Inbound from Tokyo - Marilyn Peterson & Eileen Minette  
2024 - Inbound from Charlotte, North Carolina - TBD

## **FFI Friendraising Events**

FFI is offering a series of programs titled "Friendraising" events. Most of these have taken place in the month of October but the last is scheduled for November 7. Recordings are available. At the start of each program week, FFI will send you an email containing themed videos on a subject of interest to members and clubs, as well as a Zoom link to a live Q&A session that Thursday. Q&A times vary and can also be found on the calendar in [my.friendshipforce.org](http://my.friendshipforce.org). In addition, the weekly email gives you access to interviews with club leaders and members from around the globe! Here is the schedule for our five-week Friendraiser:

Week 1, beginning October 10 - Recruitment

Week 2, beginning October 17 - Technology Tools

Week 3, beginning October 24 - Engagement

Week 4, beginning October 31 - Club Leadership

Week 5, beginning November 7 - Fundraising and Open World Programming

