

The Friendship Force San Francisco Bay Area May 2022 News

Dear Friends,

I am sending the May news a little early because we have two events this coming week I want to be sure you know about: Zoom with Jeremi Snook, April 27, 4 pm and Zoom Get together with our African friends, April 29, 10:30 am.

Jeremi Snook – Wednesday, April 27th, 4 – 5:30 PM via Zoom

Jeremi Snook, CEO of Friendship Force International, speaks to us via Zoom April 27th. His topic is “Turning the Page”. You don’t want to miss Jeremi as he presents to us the latest on Friendship Force International. Please register on the ffsfba.org website (log in first). Date and time: Wednesday, April 27th, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm.

Zoom with our Nairobi/Iringa Ambassadors – Friday, April 29th, 10:30 – 11:30 am

We currently have 10 ambassadors who plan to visit us. They will visit Salt Lake City first, July 12th through the morning of July 19th and then visit us the afternoon of July 19th departing July 26th.

Our next online Zoom meeting with the ambassadors will be held Friday, April 29th, 10:30 – 11:30 AM. Please register on the ffsfba.org website (log in first).

Kiel, Germany Outbound Journey – We depart May 2nd

Our journey to Kiel and Munich is ALMOST HERE!! We depart May 2nd. When we fly from the U. S. we arrive in Hamburg and stay two nights in Hamburg before traveling to Kiel where we stay six nights. We then enjoy our optional Munich extension returning to the U.S. May 17th. For more information, please contact Carol Halbe or Stuart Yusem, journey coordinators.

Celebrate our club’s 38th Birthday – Sunday, May 29th at Prusch Park

This will be a combination work and birthday party. The party begins at 8:30 am or so at the Friendship Forest where we will do weeding and plaque cleaning. At 11 am we will dedicate a new plaque which honors Karen Rice and all FFSFBA

volunteers who have helped our Friendship Forest over the years. At Noon we will celebrate our club's 38th birthday with cupcakes/fruit at the Redwood Grove within Prusch Park (check the park's map for the Redwood Grove's location; it's easy to find)!! The club will be providing the cup cakes and water.

In Other News

Three Day Journey to the Southern Oregon Club

At our World Friendship Day celebration March 30th, our club voted to go on a three-day journey to the Southern Oregon Friendship Force club. We want to visit them at a time which coincides with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon which opens April 24th and runs through October 30th. Your president (Shirley) is getting in touch with the Southern Oregon club to find timing which will work for both clubs. Stay tuned!

Australia and New Zealand Outbound Journey

This journey has been resuscitated! We travel to New Zealand and Australia in the late October time frame. Eric Miller and Carol Halbe are journey coordinators. Please contact them if you are interested in this journey.

2023 Journeys

Our club requested two international journeys for 2023: the United Kingdom and Canada. We should learn before the end of May which international clubs we will visit.

We may want to go on a domestic journey in 2023. What destinations would you like to visit? Please send email to foreman.shirley@gmail.com

Please join the friendship force international member portal

If you have not already done so, please go to my.friendshipforce.org and create your membership. Be sure to select "San Francisco Bay Area" as your club. Once you have created your account, our club admin will approve it and you are on your way! It's important to do this because in the future we will sign-up to go on journeys via the member portal.

Please designate our club in your Amazon Smile account

This is something each of us can do now!! Steps:

- a. Enter smile.amazon.com in your browser and Log in
- b. To set FFSFBA as the charity, select the menu item “AmazonSmile”
- c. From the drop-down, select “Change” to change the charity.
- d. Enter “Friendship Force of the Bay Area” and press Search.
- e. When the name is found (Sunnyvale, CA) press Select and the charity is set.

Thank You for doing this because for everything you buy on smile.amazon.com FFSFBA will get .05% and this will help our club stay financially solvent.

Reminder: Please Welcome our club’s 2022 Board of Directors

These are our 2022 board members with their responsibilities:

Shirley Foreman (President and coordinator of 2022 Kenya/Tanzania inbound journey)

Karen McCready (Vice-President and head Forester)

Eric Miller (Treasurer)

Megan George (Secretary)

Carol Halbe (co-coordinator of 2022 Kiel/Munich outbound journey)

Darlene Boyanich (Merchandise/Sunshine)

RoseMarie Everett (Activities)

Louise Heiduk (Membership/Publicity)

Martha LeRoy (Journeys Manager)

Karen McCready (Friendship Forest)

Bunny Sprunger (Hospitality)

Stuart Yusem (Webmaster and co-coordinator 2022 Kiel/Munich outbound journey)

Our Mission and Vision

These are now posted on our ffsfba.org website, so check it out!!

Let’s remind ourselves of our club’s Mission and Vision:

Our Mission

The Mission of FFSFBA is to promote global peace, understanding, and friendship through homestays.

Our Values: Mutual Respect, Cultural Diversity, Cultural Exploration, Service

Our Vision

Our Vision: Each individual will make a contribution to global goodwill.
The Friendship Force worldwide network of clubs and individuals will overcome differences among people and nations.
By connecting the world one friend at a time we will create a world of friends that becomes a world of peace.

The Friendship Force Pledge

Also, let's remind ourselves of the 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 on this adventure
I know that others are watching me.
I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens
And people of other nations,
The cause of Friendship, Love and Peace can be furthered.
I can make a difference!

That's the news.

All the best in friendship,

-Shirley